



# 2018 Inter-Regional Competition

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This document provides guidance on the Inter-Regional Qualification events (Phase 1) and the Inter-Regional Finals (Phase 2) that make up the Inter-Regional Competition.

### Inter-Regional Qualification (Phase 1)

#### **Introduction**

The Inter-Regional Qualification will take place under the policy direction of the Table Tennis England Competition & Events Department, but will be delivered by the Regional Committees. Each Regional Committee will organise their event over the weekend of 17<sup>th</sup> & 18<sup>th</sup> March 2018. Suitable venues and playing equipment will need to be booked and confirmed in writing. Each Regional Committee may apply for variation to this date and any changes are subject to the approval of the TAP.

#### **Events**

There will be six events:

Under-11 Boys' Singles (for players born in 2007 or later)

Under-11 Girls' Singles (for players born in 2007 or later)

Under-13 Boys' Singles (for players born in 2005 or later)

Under-13 Girls' Singles (for players born in 2005 or later)

Cadet Boys' Singles (for players born in 2003 or later)

Cadet Girls' Singles (for players born in 2003 or later)

\*Regions may wish to run additional events (doubles, Junior age group etc.) at their discretion, but the second phase will only include the above mentioned categories as well as team events in each of the age groups.

#### **Regions**

For this event the Regions are defined by the main residence of the entrant and are made up of the following Counties:

East Midlands	Derbyshire, Leicestershire, Lincolnshire, Northamptonshire and Nottinghamshire
Eastern	Bedfordshire, Cambridgeshire, Essex (including the London Boroughs of Barking & Dagenham, Havering, Newham, Redbridge and Waltham Forest), Hertfordshire (excluding London Borough of Barnet), Norfolk and Suffolk
London	Middlesex (including the City of London and the London Boroughs of Barnet, Brent, Camden, Ealing, Enfield, Hackney, Hammersmith & Fulham, Haringey, Harrow, Hillingdon, Hounslow, Islington, Kensington & Chelsea, Tower Hamlets and the City of Westminster)
North East	Cleveland, Durham and Northumberland
North West	Cheshire, Cumbria and Lancashire
South East	Kent (including the London Boroughs of Bexley, Bromley, Greenwich and Lewisham), Surrey (including the London Boroughs of Croydon, Kingston-



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	upon-Thames, Lambeth, Merton, Richmond-upon-Thames, Southwark, Sutton and Wandsworth) and Sussex
South West	Avon, Cornwall, Devon, Dorset, Gloucestershire, Somerset and Wiltshire
Southern	Berkshire, Buckinghamshire, Hampshire, Isle of Wight and Oxfordshire
West Midlands	Herefordshire, Shropshire, Staffordshire, Warwickshire and Worcestershire
Yorkshire	South Yorkshire and Yorkshire

### **Who can play?**

The Inter-Regional Qualification is open to all players in these age bands within the Region. All players must be affiliated as a Table Tennis England Player Member and can only enter into the Region in which they reside. Table Tennis England encourages Regional Committees to distribute entry forms via the Counties, Local Leagues, Clubs and Schools. Individuals may also enter the event directly as entry forms will be published on the Table Tennis England website. Table Tennis England will provide Regions with template entry forms so that details including personnel, venue etc. can be completed correctly.

**Only players who are eligible to represent England may participate in this event. It is the Referees responsibility to confirm eligibility. If you need any help with this, contact the Membership Department at Table Tennis England on 01908 208898 or [help@tabletennisengland.co.uk](mailto:help@tabletennisengland.co.uk)**

### **Referee**

Table Tennis England recommends that each Region appoints a qualified Referee who will be responsible for the draw and for the running of this competition. The draw for groups will take into account national rankings, and players from the same County should be kept apart so far as is practicable. Seeding for the draw will be taken from the most recent ranking list prior to the closing date for entries.

### **System of Play**

A matrix will be provided by the Table Tennis England Competitions & Events Department to give national uniformity to regional competitions. Each Regional Committee may apply to the Competition & Events Department to use a different system of play. The application should set out why this is required and provide an appropriate proposal. The Competition & Events Department will review this request and it may accept, reject or require additional information at its sole discretion.

The first stage will be played in groups, followed by a knockout system to determine the two finalists who automatically qualify. We encourage regions to run a consolation event alongside the main draw, to give players more matches.

### **Finance**

Each Region will be responsible for the collection of all the entry fees to their event. Ranking levies and any new Player Member fees will be sent to Table Tennis England (see Results & Inter-Regional Finals team entry form). Any profit made after this and the deduction of expenses will be retained by the Region. **A full account of the event should be submitted to Table Tennis England at the conclusion of the event** and all expenses claimed must be supported by official receipts. VAT numbers must be shown where appropriate.



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If a Region requires Table Tennis England to make payment for expenses on their behalf then this will be done only when Table Tennis England has received that Region's appropriate monies.

### **Entry Fees**

Each player will be required to pay an entry fee of £10.00 per event for the Inter-Regional Qualification. These fees include the £2.50 ranking levy.

Entries must not be accepted unless accompanied by the entry fees. There will be no refund for withdrawal or non-attendance.

If there are any financial difficulties, it is suggested that sources of minor funding could be sought from local table tennis bodies.

### **Notification**

Each region will provide the players with the following details:

- Date and venue of the Inter-Regional Qualification event
- Age and gender categories to be run
- Name and qualification of Referee
- Start times and competition format to be used
- Entry fees
- Computer Ranking points (Weighting x1.25 for Inter-Regional Qualification; x1.5 for Inter-Regional Finals, -0.5 for team event singles matches)
- Qualification for the Inter-Regional Finals (two finalists, and selected player(s))
- Rules on player clothing and racket covering

All players taking part should be properly notified of the above details. (All of the above is included on the template entry form).

### **Toolkit**

Each Region will receive the following from the Table Tennis England Competitions & Events Department to help assist them in the smooth running of their competition:

- Template Inter-Regional Qualification entry form (please edit highlighted sections only as appropriate)
- Competition matrix
- Eligibility questionnaire
- Ineligible player list
- Match sheets
- Results & Inter-Regional Finals team entry form
- Child protection and photography consent paperwork
- Balls
- Certificates (for qualified players)
- Inter-Regional Finals singles entry form (for qualified players)



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### ***Post Competition***

The following must be sent to the Table Tennis England office (for the attention of Alex Mercer, Competitions & Events Officer) within seven days of the completion of the Inter-Regional Qualification.

- a) Results of the Inter-Regional Qualification event including individual game scores, wins and losses. All results must be submitted on the match sheets provided or they will not be entered into the ranking system.
- b) Details of all players taking part – surname, forename, TT ID, date of birth, address, telephone number and email address – must be given for ranking purposes. We recommend that you send a copy of all entry forms received to cover these details.
- c) A list of all Inter-Regional Qualification qualifiers (two finalists and selected player(s) in each age group). Please complete Results & Inter-Regional Finals team entry form to provide this information.
- d) Payment of ranking levies, new Player Member fees and Inter-Regional Finals team entry fees. This information can be calculated using the Results & Inter-Regional Finals team entry form.
- e) Full account of event finances.

### **Inter-Regional Finals (Phase 2)**

#### ***Introduction***

The Inter-Regional Finals will be organised and delivered by the Table Tennis England Competition & Events Department. The event will be held on the weekend of 12<sup>th</sup> & 13<sup>th</sup> May 2018 at RAF Cosford, Wolverhampton WV7 3EX.

#### ***Events***

Under-11 Boys' Team & Singles (for players born in 2007 or later)  
Under-11 Girls' Team & Singles (for players born in 2007 or later)  
Under-13 Boys' Team & Singles (for players born in 2005 or later)  
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#### ***Regions' responsibilities***

Below is a list of the Regional Committees' responsibilities for the Inter-Regional Finals:

- Select a team of 2, 3 or 4 individuals to represent their region for each age group and gender. The two finalists of each category from the Inter-Regional Qualification will automatically qualify and must be selected. It is then up to the region to decide whether they will select 0, 1 or 2 more players to complete the team – all selected players must have entered and competed in the Inter-Regional Qualification at the selected age group.

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- Regions must supply all team members with a singles entry form for the Inter-Regional Finals. The two players who automatically qualify via the Inter-Regional Qualifiers will be guaranteed a place in the singles event. Other selected team members will have the option to enter the singles competition but entries will be limited on a first come, first served basis. Those that arrive too late to make the final cut of 32 places in the singles will make up the reserve list. The reserve list will be created in an order of first come, first served.
- Regions must complete an Inter-Regional Finals team entry form, and make payment for all team entries. Entry fees are £26.00 per team (+£5.00 admin fee, which covers all team entries). Individual players must complete an Inter-Regional Finals singles entry form (provided to them by the Region) and make payment for their entry. Entry fees are £13.50 (including the £2.50 ranking levy).
- Regions must select a coach or Non-Playing Captain (NPC) for each team playing at the Inter-Regional Finals. This information must be provided to Table Tennis England on the Results & Inter-Regional Finals team entry form. At the Inter-Regional Finals, only the coach or NPC may advise the team during matches. They will also be responsible for team selections before each match, signing of match sheets and any communication or matters arising at the event that involve their team.
- Regions must select a suitably qualified umpire and arrange for their travel and accommodation requirements so that they can assist in the officiating of the Inter-Regional Finals. (This information should be provided on the Results & Inter-Regional Finals team entry form). Once at the event the umpire will become the responsibility of the Referee. Should any Region struggle to provide an umpire, they should contact the Table Tennis England Competition & Events Department as soon as possible. Table Tennis England will then endeavor to find a replacement umpire at the Region's cost.
- Regions must communicate clearly with all their teams and players. Players must be provided with information such as dates & times, location, travel plans (if any), person responsible for them including contact details, who to contact if they have any queries and anything else you deem useful.