

## Mark Bates Ltd National Championships 2020

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### 1. Authority

The English Table Tennis Association shall organize the National Championships

President: Mrs. Jill Parker MBE

### 2. Table Tennis England Board

Mrs. Sandra DEATON, Chairman

Mrs. Susie HUGHES, Elected Deputy Chairman

Mr. Tony CATT, Elected Deputy Chairman

Mr. Keith CHILDS, Elected Deputy Chairman

Mrs. Sara SUTCLIFFE, Chief Executive

Mr. Simon GRIEW, Board Member

Mr. Steve KEMISH, Board Member

Mr. Doug LIVINGSTONE, Board Member

Mrs. Dee PATERSON, Board Member

Mr. Tom PURCELL, Board Member

Mr. Mark QUARTERMAINE, Board Member

Ms. Priya SAMUEL, Board Member

### 3. Tournament Director

Should you have any queries regarding this event please contact the **Tournament Director:** Mrs. Carol Miles

Email: [carol.miles@tabletennisengland.co.uk](mailto:carol.miles@tabletennisengland.co.uk)

### 4. Officials

**Referee:** Mr. Stuart Sherlock (IU) (ENG)

**Deputy Referee:** Mr. David Goulden (TR) (ENG)

**Assistant Referee:** Mrs. Kim Mudge (TR) (ENG)

**Umpires Manager:** Mrs. Karen Tonge MBE

**Field of Play Manager:** Mr. Jim Kenny (TO4)

**Field of Play Assistant:** Mr. Brian Jackson (TO4)

**Technical Operation:** Mr. Chris Newton

Umpires: TBC

### 5. Date and place

The Championships will be held from Friday 28<sup>th</sup> February - Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> March 2019 at David Ross Sports Village, University of Nottingham, University Park, Nottingham, NG7 2RD.

### 6. Events

The following Championship events will take place:

Men's Singles	Women's Singles	
Men's Doubles	Women's Doubles	Mixed Doubles
U21 Men's Singles (born in 1999 or later)	U21 Women's Singles (born in 1999 or later)	
Para Men's classes 7-10		Para Mixed classes 3-5

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### 7. Formats

The format of the Singles categories will be group stages (comprising of 8 groups of 3 players, with 1 player qualifying) played to the best of 5 games, followed by knock-out matches played to the best of 7 games, 11 up. The top 8 seeds will get a bye to the last 16 stage in the Singles categories.

In the U21 categories will be group stages (comprising of 4 groups of 3 players, with 1 Player qualifying) played to the best of 5 games, followed by knock-out matches played to the best of 7 games, 11 up. The top 4 seeds will get a bye to the quarter final stages.

Doubles matches will be played on a knockout basis, played to the best of 5 games, 11 up and will involve 16 pairs for each category.

The Para categories will play in 2 groups of 3 or 4 format for each competition followed by knockout matches played to the best of 5 games, 11 up. The top two from each group will go through to Semi-Finals, played to the best of 5 games, 11 up.

#### Para qualifications

**Classes 3-5** are for physical impairment (sitting), class 1 being the most severely affected and class 5 having the most physical functionality.

**Classes 7-10** are for physical impairment (standing), class 6 being the most severe and class 10 the least. These are set by the International Paralympic Committee.

Any variation of this policy will be published on the Table Tennis England website.

### 8. Weighting

These events carry a Table Tennis England ranking weighting of x2.25.

### 9. Eligibility

Table Tennis England will only invite athletes for the above event who:

- Are affiliated to Table Tennis England, holding a valid Table Tennis England Player Licence and in good standing.
- Are eligible to represent England in ITTF and ETTU approved competitions and have valid proof of British Citizenship.
- Are not currently under disqualification or suspension under the rules of Table Tennis England or ITTF & ETTU.
- Are not currently serving any sanction for an anti-doping rule violation under any relevant anti-doping rules.

### 10. Invitation

Table Tennis England will invite eligible ranked players, Senior rankings 1 to 22 Men and Women on the Table Tennis England 19/5 2020 ranking list, published 7th January 2020. A further 1-10 Men and Women who qualified at the Senior National Qualification event will be included. If places remain after all qualifying places have been offered (11-32), then remaining places will be offered to eligible players on the 19/5 ranking list (in order) from 23 up to and including place 50.

- Table Tennis England will invite Para players based on BPTT Domestic point order across Men's class 7-10 and for the mixed event invitation will be made in ranking order from the top 3-4 of each gender in classes 3-5.
- For the U21 categories 16 Men and 16 Women will gain an invitation. Should an U21 athlete decline their invitation, the next eligible player listed in order from the 19/5 Ranking List will be invited up to player number 35
- Athletes can only compete in the singles event which they have been invited.
- It will be at the discretion of the Table Tennis England panel to select further players if the maximum entry hasn't been reached

#### Doubles:

Entry in to the Doubles events will be **restricted to 16 pairs for Men, 16 pairs for Women and 16 pairs for Mixed Doubles**. Only players who have been invited to play in any of the Singles events (Men's, Women's or U21's) are eligible to enter the Doubles events. Eligible singles players will be invited to submit their partners' names on the entry form.

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Entries will only be accepted provided a correctly completed entry form is received from both partners with payment by the closing date. Entries will be determined by the date of entry submitted and payment made by both players. If any of the Doubles events are oversubscribed, pairs will be excluded on the basis of last entry in, first out, however:

In the Men's doubles - pairings which include a player in the top 8 of the Senior 19/5 ranking list will be given priority.  
In the Women's doubles – pairings which include a player in the top 8 of the Senior 19/5 ranking list will be given priority.  
In the Mixed Doubles – pairings which include either a male in the top 4 of the Senior 19/5 ranking list or a female in the top 4 of the Senior 19/5 ranking list will be given priority.

Players cancelling after the acceptance of their entry will forfeit their entry fee unless their withdrawal is due to a medical reason (a medical note may be required) or other exceptional circumstances at the discretion of the Tournament Director. In addition, Players withdrawing after the draw may also be subject to a ranking penalty. **What will the ranking penalty be?**

#### 11. Timing

Invitations are to be sent after the publication of the 19/5 January 2020 Table Tennis England Ranking List and will endeavor to complete invitations in a timely manner to allow athletes to enter the event, subject to them completing the relevant forms and payment.

#### 12. Withdrawal of invitation

Table Tennis England retains the right to withdraw an invitation from an athlete under any of the following circumstances:

- The athlete is no longer eligible for this event.
- Any exceptional circumstances, which in the reasonable opinion of Table Tennis England, justifies the withdrawal of the athlete concerned.

Any athlete who is withdrawn will immediately be notified of the decision and the reason.

#### 13. Equipment

Table: **Butterfly Europa 25mm top**

Nets & Posts: **Butterfly**

Balls: SANWEI ABS pro 40+ 3\* plastic ball (white)

Flooring: Trioflor

The tournament will be played on 6 tables on Friday and Saturday, reducing to one table on Sunday, courts minimum Size 12m x 6m, with 8 practice tables available back of house.

#### 14. Anti-doping

Anti-doping testing will be carried out through this event, randomly selected according to ITTF regulations.

#### 15. Racket testing

Racket tests will be implemented at this event, randomly selected according to UK anti-doping and ITTF World regulations.

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### 16. Fees

Event	Fees
Men's Singles	£34.00
Women's Singles	£34.00
Men's Doubles	£28.00
Women's Doubles	£28.00
Mixed Doubles	£28.00
Under 21 Men's Singles	£34.00
Under 21 Women's Singles	£34.00
Para Men's 7-10	£34.00
Para Mixed 3-5	£34.00
If applicable: Single Tournament Licence Fee Senior: £10 /Junior or Cadet: £5	

### 17. Closing Date:

Invited players, will have 10 working days to submit their entry from the date of their invitation was sent. In the event that the player does not submit their completed application on this time, the Tournament Director (or their representative) may offer their place to the next eligible player. **Closing date for entries: 26th January 2020.**