

Table Tennis Young Ambassador Programme



Introduction

Welcome to the new-look Table Tennis England Young Ambassador Programme (TYA). The programme is part of Table Tennis England's commitment to support our volunteer workforce and aims to increase the amount of young people (14-25 year olds) volunteering in clubs.

Our current Young Ambassadors have done an excellent job promoting table tennis in their communities with a vast range of activities and methods, be it by delivering fundraising competitions and events, conducting radio interviews and acting as the voice of young people within the sport.

We now wish to build on their success and empower more young people to actively shape the future of the sport by getting involved in volunteering at local clubs across the country. Volunteers are essential to our sport and we wish to help existing volunteers by bringing new skills to voluntary club committees and ensuring future generations can continue to access great table tennis experiences for years to come.

This is the latest programme to be released under the Be TT 'banner', the new Table Tennis England support programme, designed to build better experiences across our sport.

Why Get Involved?

The TYA programme aims to benefit both young people looking for great volunteering experiences and table tennis clubs looking for a few extra pairs of hands.

For a club:

Almost all grassroots clubs rely on volunteers to make sport happen, 7 out of 10 of those clubs identified that they currently need more people helping out. Clubs need to consider how, and who, the club will be supported by in the future. Engaging young volunteers can offer energy, a fresh perspective, and will often attract other young volunteers who will contribute to a positive club culture. Encouraging young volunteers to engage in all aspects of your club will provide an opportunity for:

- Other younger players to feedback their club views to someone closer to their own age, bridging any perceived age gap which may have a subsequent positive influence on youth participation and retention
- Provide a new outlook, voice and ideas to your existing committee

- Bring new skills to your club committee or workforce
- Lighten the workload of existing volunteers
- Help with succession planning for your club

To help you encourage young people to volunteer in your club, **incentives will be funded by Table Tennis England for up to three Young Ambassadors per club with Premier Club status***.

Young Ambassadors will be required to submit evidence to receive their incentives by registering for the TTYA programme on the Vinspired website. Incentives will be made available to Young Ambassadors who reach the following milestones:

- 10 hours: £95 bursary for a UKCC Level 1 Coaching Table Tennis course or full bursary for Level 1 Umpire course.**
- 30 hours: TTYA sport shirt
- 50 hours: TTYA hoodie, certificate and special recognition from Table Tennis England

For all levels, Young Ambassadors will receive a Vinspired certificate.



**Incentives for Young Ambassadors will be purchased by Table Tennis England for the first three Young Ambassadors enrolled on the scheme at Premier Clubs only subject to available funding on a first come first serve basis. There is no limit to the amount of Young Ambassadors per club, but clubs must commit to funding Young Ambassador incentives past the first three if a Premier Club, or all incentives if not a Premier Club. Young Ambassador kit will be available for purchase on the Table Tennis England website on the Young Ambassador page. For more information on how to become a Premier Club: <https://tabletennisengland.co.uk/clubs/clubs-guidance/club-affiliation/>*

*** Bursaries will be paid to clubs upon their Young Ambassador(s) completing their chosen course.*

How to Sign Up



Step 1: As a club, decide if you need more volunteers and want to be part of the TTYA programme.

Step 2: Decide what area of the club you require support with and what roles you may need filling by a Young Ambassador. Begin to think about potential existing members who may be suitable for roles you need or who would be interested in getting involved.

Step 3: Appoint a Volunteer Mentor. The Volunteer Mentor must be the first point of contact for both the Young Ambassadors in your club and Table Tennis England. This could be your current Junior Officer, Volunteer Coordinator or be a completely new person/role. We will support your Volunteer Mentor provide great experiences for your Young Ambassadors.

Step 4: Register your club for the TTYA programme on the Young Ambassadors page of Table Tennis England website.

Step 5: Table Tennis England will then send your Volunteer Mentor lots of helpful tips, resources, guidance and templates to help you encourage young people in your community or existing members to volunteer at your club, as well as how they log their hours and claim their incentives, which have been chosen based on feedback from current club young volunteers. Your Volunteer Mentor will play a pivotal part in ensuring your Young Ambassador has a great experience, and will be required to be available for guidance and support when required by Young Ambassadors at your club.

Step 6: Begin recruitment of Young Ambassadors and grow your workforce! Table Tennis England's Development and Volunteering department will be on hand to support you on your journey to recruit and retain your volunteers.

Please direct any enquires to:

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If you are aged between 14-25 and are interested in getting involved but don't currently belong to club please contact us and we will help find you a suitable opportunity.

