

PROSPECTUS

1. Authority

The English Table Tennis Association shall organise the National Championships

President: Mrs. Jill Parker MBE

2. TTE Board

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3. Tournament Director

Should you have any queries regarding this event please contact the Tournament Director:

Mrs. Carol Miles

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4. Officials

Individual Advisor: Stuart Sherlock ((IR) (ENG)

Referee: Steve Smith (NR) (ENG)

Deputy Referee: John Mackey (TR) (ENG)

5. Date and place

The PG Mutual Senior National Championships Qualifier will be held from Saturday 19th and Sunday 20th January 2019 at Sir Tom Finney Sports Centre, University of Central Lancashire, Preston, Lancashire, PR1 2HE.

Events

The following Qualifying events will take place:

Men's Singles	Women's Singles
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6. Qualifier invitation

Table Tennis England invites all eligible players to enter PG Mutual Senior National Championships Qualifier event to secure one of the top 10 places to go through to PG Mutual Senior National Championships in March. Those players who play in the qualifier and qualify in the top ten not need to pay the entry fee for the PG Mutual Senior National Championships.

PG Mutual Senior National Championships Qualifier entries will be accepted in order of receipt (time and date) up until the closing date or the competition is full.

Should less than 10 entries be received for a particular gender then these players will be directly invited to the PG Mutual Senior National Championship and a qualification competition will not be run. Event entries will be transferred to the PG Mutual Senior National Championships.

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7. The PG Mutual Senior National Championships

Automatic invitation will be made to top 20 ranked players, 10 players who have qualified through this qualification event and Table Tennis England may include up to 2 wildcards per gender, per competition, to allow a total of 32 Men and 32 Women eligible for each of the Singles categories. Top 20 players will be taken from the 18/5 Ranking list.

8. Formats

The format of the event will be group stages on Saturday (comprising of groups of 5 or 6 players, subject to entries received with 2 or 3 players qualifying) played to the best of 5 games. Progressive knock-out matches on Sunday will be the last 32 players and will be played to the best of 5 games. All players will play in groups, no byes through to knock-out. **Final format will be at the discretion of the Referee.**

The knockout will be played to a final list, for example players losing in the last 16 will play out for places 9-16 and so on, these matches will also be best of 5.

Seeding for this the PG Mutual Senior National Qualifier event will be determined from the 18/4 ranking list which will be published 11/12/18. Any variation of this policy will be published on the Table Tennis England website.

9. Withdrawal prior to the completion of the competition

Table Tennis England reserve the right to penalise any player not fulfilling the 1-32 progressive knockout stage. Any such player withdrawing from the competition prior to its conclusion, without exceptional mitigating circumstances, will be demoted to last place.

10. Weighting

This event carries a Table Tennis England ranking weighting of x 2

11. Eligibility

Table Tennis England will only accept 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.

12. The PG Mutual Senior National Championships Invitation

Players who have qualified in the top 10 from the PG Mutual Senior National Championships Qualifier will be invited to enter the PG Mutual Senior National Championships. If any qualified player appears in the top 20 on the published ranking list 18/5, published 08/01/19, the invitation will be offered to the next qualified player in the qualifier results until the place has been taken. **If you play in the Qualification event and qualify, you will not be required to pay an entry fee for the PG Mutual Senior National Championships.**

13. Withdrawal of invitation for PG Mutual Senior National Championships

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.

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14. Equipment

Table: Butterfly Europa 25 – Blue Table top

Nets & posts: Butterfly

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

Flooring: **Wooden Sprung Flooring**

The tournament will be played on minimum courts size 10m x 5m.

15. Anti-doping

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

16. Racket testing

Racket tests may be implemented at this event, randomly selected according to ITTF regulations.

17. Fees

Event	Fees
Men's Singles	£27.00
Women's Singles	£27.00
Administration fee	£5.00
Single Competition Licence Fee	£10.00

18. Prize Money

PG Mutual, sponsor of the National Championships, will provide the following prize fund for both Men and Women's events.

1st place £100

2nd place £50

19. Closing Date:

Entries will be received until the closing date, which is midnight, Sunday 16th December 2018.