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1. Authority

The English Table Tennis Association shall organize the National Championships
President: Mrs. Jill Parker MBE

2. TTE Board

Mrs. Sandra DEATON, Chairman
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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 Tel 01908 208873

4. Officials

Referee: Cliff Bell (NR) (ENG)
Deputy Referee: Brian Jackson (NR) (ENG)

5. Date and place

The Senior National Championships Qualifier will be held from Saturday 11th and Sunday 12th January 2020 at The University of Nottingham, David Ross Sports Village, University Park, Nottingham NG7 2RD.

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 the Senior National Championships Qualifier event to secure one of the top 10 places to go through to the Senior National Championships in March. Those players who play in the qualifier and qualify in the top ten will not need to pay the entry fee for the Senior National Championships.

The 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 Senior National Championship and a qualification competition will not be run. Event entries will be transferred to the Senior National Championships.

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7. The Senior National Championships

Automatic invitation will be made to the top 22 ranked players, plus 10 players who have qualified through this qualification event, to allow a total of 32 Men and 32 Women eligible for each of the Singles categories. Top 22 ranked players will be taken from the 19/5 Ranking list published 07/01/20.

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 Senior National Qualifier event will be determined from the 19/4 ranking list which will be published 10/12/19. 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 Senior National Championships Invitation

Players who have qualified in the top 10 from the Senior National Championships Qualifier will be invited to enter the Senior National Championships. If any player who has entered the Senior National Qualifying event appears in the top 22 on the published ranking list 19/5, published 07/01/20, they can withdraw from the Qualifier without incurring any penalties if they notify Table Tennis England on the same day. Should they still wish to compete, they can do so, there will be no additional entry fees for the **Senior National Championships**. **If you play in the Qualification event and qualify, you will not be required to pay an entry fee for the main event in March.**

13. Withdrawal of invitation for 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.

14. Equipment

Table: **Butterfly Europa 25 - ITTF approved**

Nets & Posts: **Butterfly**

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

Flooring: **Wooden Sprung Flooring**

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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 (includes admin & Ranking levy fees)	£34.00
Women's Singles (includes admin & Ranking levy fees)	£34.00
Single Tournament Licence Fee Senior £10 Junior £5 Cadet £5	

18. Closing Date:

Entries will be received until the closing date, which is midnight, Monday 16th December 2019, the draw will be published 3rd January 2020.