

FAQs

1. Who is being elected?

Three directors of Table Tennis England. They will serve from the 2019 AGM until the 2023 AGM.

There are 12 Directors in all. The remainder are appointed.

2. What has changed since the last election in 2015?

In 2015 the elected directors were the Chairman, Deputy Chairman and Treasurer. This year they will each be titled Elected Deputy Chairman.

(The Chairman is now appointed rather than elected.)

There have been various other changes in procedures following changes in the Articles and Election Regulations.

3. Who can nominate and vote?

Company members – that is the Directors, the National Councillors appointed by the counties and the League Representatives appointed by each local league.

4. Who are the Company Members for my county and league?

Your county and league secretaries will be able to tell you who are your company members. They will also be listed in the Electoral Register which is posted on the Table Tennis England website.

5. No company member or the wrong company member is shown on the Electoral Register for my league or county.

Email the Returning Officer at election@tabletennisengland.co.uk with details. Your league or county will need to complete the Appointment Form and the company member will need to complete and sign the Application Form and send both forms to Table Tennis England. These forms are available on the website.

6. Why are there different numbers of vote units shown in the Electoral Register?

The voting rights of the different types of company members is laid down in the Articles. The Directors and the National Councillors each have one vote unit. The Representative of a League with 30 or fewer teams has 2 vote units, with 31 to 100 teams has 4 vote units and with 101 or more teams has 6 vote units.

7. Why does the Electoral Register say my league has no vote units?

Either your league has not completed its annual return for 2018/19 or has stated that it has no teams.

If this is not correct please email the Returning Officer at election@tabletennisengland.co.uk with details.

8. I think I am the company member for my league or county, but I have heard nothing?

In the last election some servers diverted election emails from Table Tennis England into Junk. This sometimes happened even when other emails from Table Tennis England were received normally. So, check your Junk first.

Once you have ruled that out, check that you are listed as the company member on the Electoral Register. If you are not listed, see question 5 for action to take. If you are listed check that Table Tennis England have your correct email address and check that the annual return for the league or county you represent shows you as the company member. If not emails sent only to company members will not be sent to you.

Any further problem you should contact the Returning Officer by email to election@tabletennisengland.co.uk

9. How many vacancies are there?

Three

10. Who can be a candidate?

Anyone, whether or not a member, who does not hold a paid appointment with Table Tennis England and is not connected with the manufacture, sale or endorsement of table tennis equipment or consultation on such equipment.

11. How do I nominate?

Nomination forms will be published on the website. Each company member may nominate up to three candidates. If you are not a company member then you cannot nominate.

12. If I am thinking of standing as a candidate what should I do?

Table Tennis England are going to publish information about the role of the Elected Directors on the website.

You should also carefully read the Articles (in particular Article 20 Directors' Conflicts of Interest and Article 23 Elected Directors) and Regulations Part I (Electoral Register and Election of Directors). These are posted on the website.

If you do not understand anything you should contact the Returning Officer by email to election@tabletennisengland.co.uk .

13. How do I stand as a candidate?

If you decide to stand then you need to be nominated by two company members and you need to sign a consent to nomination form, which will also be published on the website. These forms must be returned before the close of nominations.

14. Do I need lots of nominations to stand as a candidate?

No, for official purposes you need just two company members to complete nomination forms. However, you may prefer to collect additional nominations to gain support for the ballot.

15. How do I find out who are the candidates?

The list of candidates will be published on the website shortly after nominations have closed.

16. Will the names of those who nominated candidates be published?

The Regulations do not require the Returning Officer to publicise them, but candidates may publish them in their election statement or other publicity material if they wish.

17. What about if there are only three candidates nominated?

If there are only three candidates nominated, then they will be declared elected and no ballot will take place.

(If only one or two are nominated, the remaining vacancy or vacancies would have to be filled at a later date by repeating the process.)

18. How can I find out about the candidates?

Candidates can write an election statement on a single side of A4 paper. This will be published on the Table Tennis England website and will be sent out with the ballot papers.

19. What information will be contained in the election statements?

This is entirely a matter for candidates. The only restriction is that they must be limited to a single side of A4 paper. It may include for example biographical details, a manifesto and the email address that members can use to contact them.

20. Can I contact candidates to ask their views on particular topics?

Candidates are recommended to give an email address on their election statement so that voters and any other interested parties can contact them directly.

21. Can candidates contact me?

Table Tennis England will not supply candidates with your contact details, as this is not allowed under GDPR rules.

22. Can candidates stand as a team?

There is nothing to stop candidates promoting themselves as a team, but the election is for three individual directors, and electors can choose to vote for some of them but not others.

23. How do I vote?

If you are a company member you will be sent a ballot paper through the post.

24. How many candidates can a company member vote for?

Up to three candidates.

25. If I am entitled to, say, 2 vote units, how is this allocated to the candidates I vote for?

You may vote for up to three candidates and each candidate you vote for will receive two units.



26. I may be away so can I appoint a proxy?

No. The Regulations do not allow for anyone to vote on your behalf in the Director Elections. (This is different to the procedure at the AGM where proxies are allowed.) The periods for nomination and for voting are both about two weeks long.

If you think that you might have a problem, you should contact the Returning Officer by email on election@tabletennisengland.co.uk as soon as possible.