

Regulations Part J: AFFILIATION & REGISTRATION

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The regulations set out below were made by the Board in accordance with the following Company Articles:

34 AFFILIATION

- 34.1 *There shall be affiliated to the Company: Organisations (“Affiliated Organisations”) and Individuals (“Affiliated Members”).*
- 34.2 *Affiliation shall not confer Membership of the Company.*
- 34.3 *Affiliation fees shall be set only at a General Meeting.*

35 COUNTY ASSOCIATIONS

- 35.4 *Unless exempted by the Board every Affiliated Organisation shall affiliate to the most geographically appropriate County Association and be subject to its jurisdiction.*

1 DEFINITIONS

In these regulations:

- 1.1 **Table Tennis Organisation** means an organisation (including a section of a wider organisation) whose primary purpose is table tennis.
- 1.2 **Independent Organisation** means an Affiliated Organisation which is not a County Association, Local League, a Directly Affiliated Club or a Schools County Association.
- 1.3 **Directly Affiliated Club** means an Affiliated Organisation which is a club affiliated directly to the Company, whether or not also a member of another Affiliated Organisation.
- 1.4 **Premier Club** means a Directly Affiliated Club which is registered as a member of the Premier Club Scheme.
- 1.5 **Associate Club** means a Directly Affiliated Club which is not a Premier Club.
- 1.6 **Indirectly Affiliated Club** means a group of Compete and/or Compete Plus Members forming one or more teams competing in a Local League which is recognised by the League as a club but is treated by the Company as part of the League in which it participates rather than as a separate entity.
- 1.7 **Schools County Association** means an Affiliated Organisation which generally promotes the sport in schools in the area of a Schools County.
- 1.8 **Membership Year** means the period from 1 August to the following 31 July.
- 1.9 **Home Country** refers to Guernsey, Jersey, Ireland, the Isle of Man, Scotland and Wales.

2 BASIS OF AFFILIATION

- 2.1 An organisation or individual, by affiliating, agrees to recognise the Company as the National Governing Body for table tennis in England and to comply with and act in accordance with the Articles and regulations.

3 AFFILIATION OF ORGANISATIONS

- 3.1 A Table Tennis Organisation which generally promotes the sport in England can apply to affiliate to the Company.
- 3.2 There shall be the following classes of Affiliated Organisation:
- 3.2.1 a County Association as defined in the Articles;
- 3.2.2 a Local League as defined in the Articles;
- 3.2.3 a Directly Affiliated Club;
- 3.2.4 a Schools County Association;
- 3.2.5 an Independent Organisation.
- 3.3 A Table Tennis Organisation whose activities extend beyond England can apply to affiliate in respect of its English activities.
- 3.4 Application for affiliation as an Affiliated Organisation must be made on the current application form and signed by a responsible official of the organisation.
- 3.5 An Affiliated Organisation will remain affiliated until affiliation is terminated by the Affiliated Organisation or by the Company.
- 3.6 A Local League which ceases to conduct a competition between teams from clubs as required by the Articles will cease to be affiliated as a Local League but may remain affiliated as an Independent Organisation or a Directly Affiliated Club.
- 3.7 An Affiliated Organisation must ensure that all its members and officials are Affiliated Members.

4 CLUBS

- 4.1 A club which generally promotes the sport can apply for affiliation as a Directly Affiliated Club.
- 4.2 There shall be two categories of Directly Affiliated Club:

- 4.2.1 Associate Club
- 4.2.2 Premier Club.
- 4.3 Every Directly Affiliated Club will have the privileges of an Associate Club as defined by the Board. A Directly Affiliated Club can apply to register as a member of the Premier Club scheme and, if it is accepted and pays the registration fee, will also have the privileges of a Premier Club as defined by the Board whilst it is a member of the scheme.
- 4.4 A Local League can permit a group of Compete and/or Compete Plus Members forming one or more teams to participate in its Regulated Competitions as an Indirectly Affiliated Club.

5 SCHOOLS COUNTY ASSOCIATIONS

- 5.1 For the purpose of organising schools table tennis, the Board will divide England into geographical areas to be known as 'Schools Counties'.
Note: A 'Schools County' may cover a different geographical area from that of a 'County' having the same name, as defined in Annex 1 to the County Administration Regulations..
- 5.2 An organisation which generally promotes the sport in schools in the area of a Schools County can apply to the Company for affiliation as a Schools County Association.

6 AFFILIATION OF INDIVIDUALS

- 6.1 There shall be the following classes of Affiliated Membership
 - 6.1.1 Compete Plus
 - 6.1.2 Compete
 - 6.1.3 Club Play
 - 6.1.4 Supporter
(For explanation of membership classes see TTE website)
- 6.2 In any Membership Year, an individual can apply to be an Affiliated Member in any class. The application shall be in the form specified by the Company with the requisite information and affiliation fee. An Affiliated Organisation can submit applications and fees to the Company on behalf of its members in bulk, but affiliation will take effect only when applications are received and accepted by the Company.
- 6.3 A member of another ITTF Association must obtain the permission of that Association before applying for affiliation.
- 6.4 Honorary appointment holders (the President, Honorary Past Presidents, Honorary Life Members and Vice Presidents), will automatically be affiliated in the Supporter class for the duration of their appointment but can affiliate in another class instead on payment of the requisite fee.
- 6.5 Except for honorary appointment holders, individual affiliation will take effect from the date on which the application, including any fee, is accepted by the Company and continue until the end of the Membership Year on 31 July; it can be renewed by application, including any fee, for the new Membership Year.
- 6.6 A period of up to two months grace will be allowed for renewal, during which an Affiliated Member will remain affiliated with the status of a Supporter. Affiliated Membership will lapse if not renewed by 30 September.
- 6.7 An Affiliated Member's affiliation will automatically terminate if he or she is convicted or cautioned for an offence concerning a person under 18 or is placed on any statutory list barring or restricting his or her work with persons under 18. An individual, whether or not previously affiliated, who has been so convicted, cautioned or listed, cannot affiliate or re-affiliate without first declaring full details to the Board and obtaining its express approval to do so.

7 ELIGIBILITY TO ENTER REGULATED COMPETITIONS

- 7.1 To enter a Regulated Competition which the Board designates as a Premium Competition an Affiliated Member must be affiliated in the Compete Plus class.
Note: As at July 2020 competitions that the Board has designated as Premium include English National Championships for any age group, Grand Prix tournaments and 2-star and above open tournaments.
- 7.2 To enter any other Regulated Competition an Affiliated Member must be affiliated in the Compete or Compete Plus class.

8 AFFILIATION FEES

- 8.1 An Affiliated Organisation must not register individuals as members unless they provide evidence that they are affiliated to the Company.
- 8.2 An Affiliated Organisation which collects applications and fees to submit to the Company in bulk must forward them to the Company by 30 September or (if received after that date) within 14 days of receipt.
- 8.3 An Affiliated Organisation which fails to forward any applications or fees to the Company by the date due will be liable to suspension from the privileges of affiliation and in any case will be liable to interest on the amount outstanding at 5% above NatWest Bank base rate calculated daily.

9 REGISTRATION

- 9.1 The following must register with Table Tennis England and pay such registration fee as the Board determines;
 - 9.1.1 Clubs under the Premier Club scheme;
 - 9.1.2 Coaches under the Coach Licence Scheme;
 - 9.1.3 Schools County Associations;
 - 9.1.4 Visiting Players.
- 9.2 A member of a Home Country or other ITTF Association who wishes to enter TTE competitions can apply to the Company to register as a Visiting Player. Applicants must provide proof of their ITTF Association membership, pay the appropriate fee and agree to be subject to Table Tennis England's jurisdiction in accordance with the ITTF Constitution.