

NATIONAL SCHOOLS INDIVIDUAL CHAMPIONSHIPS

- 1 The Championships will be organised on behalf of Table Tennis England (TTE) by a sub-committee of its Schools Committee.
 - 1.1 This Championships Sub-Committee shall consist of the National Schools Individual Championships Organiser (Chairman), the National Schools Team Championships Organiser, the Schools Internationals Organiser and the Chairman of the Schools Committee.
 - 1.2 The Committee will appoint a National Schools Individual Championships Organiser whose decision shall be final on all questions concerning the interpretation of these Regulations and on any Championships matter not provided for in these Regulations.

- 2 There will be eight separate events, for boys and girls aged Under 11, Under 13, Under 16 and Under 19 on 31st August preceding the Championships.
 - 2.1 Each Schools County Association shall be entitled to enter one player in each of the events.
 - 2.2 This player should be the champion arising from the Schools County Association's Individual Singles Championships of the current season played in the eight age categories above.

- 3 Schools County Associations may allow home-educated pupils who live in their Schools County to compete in their event and represent them in the National Schools Individual Championships Finals.
 - 3.1 The acceptance of an entrant other than the current champion as representative of a Schools County Association shall be at the discretion of the Organiser. The player's school, academy or college (hereafter referred to as a school) must be located within the appropriate Schools County Association.
 - 3.2 In the Girls Under 19 event, a second player may be entered to represent the appropriate Schools County Association; one of the two entrants must be 16 or over on the 31st August preceding the Championships.
 - 3.3 Pupils may be nominated who leave school at the end of the Spring Term but who were in full-time education for the Autumn and Spring Terms.

- 4 The Schools County Secretary should complete Form S1 and return it to the Organiser on or before the date specified on the entry form indicating in which events the Schools County Association will be represented. He or she shall ensure the submission of the entry fee per event entered as specified on the entry form. Each Schools County Association will be required to provide details of the name of each entrant on Form S1, with contact email/telephone number.
 - 4.1 Schools County Secretaries will also be asked to nominate on Form S1R the appropriate player who has played in their own Schools' County Individual Singles Championship (e.g. Championship Runner-up) and who in case of emergency, late illness or unavailability of the player nominated on Form S1 will take their place at the Organiser's discretion.
 - 4.2 The Schools County Secretary shall then forward on Form S2 to each of its representative players who shall return it to the Organiser on or before the date as specified on the entry form. Form S2 must give full details of the representative players and be signed by the entrant's Headteacher or Deputy Headteacher signifying their support and approval.

- 5 A player may play in only one age group event. A player may play only in the lowest age group event for which he or she is eligible, or in the next higher age group event.
 - 5.1 Normally, each player will be placed in a group of at least 5 players, with group winners and runners-up progressing to the knock-out stage, but the Organiser may modify the format of an event if the number of entries is small.
 - 5.2 Ranking order within groups shall conform to the Regulated Competitions Regulations - (see Annex B). For each match in a group, 2 match points will be awarded for a win, 1 match point for a loss in a played match and 0 match points for a loss in an unplayed or unfinished match. The ranking order shall be determined primarily by the number of match points gained. If two or more members of the group have gained the same number of match points their relative positions shall be determined by the results only of the matches played between those being equal taking successively the ratio of wins to losses in games and points.

- 6 The Organiser may require players to umpire as needed. A player shall be allowed to provide a competent umpire instead.

- 7 Clothing shall conform to those ITTF regulations currently adopted by TTE - see Annex A of the Regulated Competitions Tennis Regulations.

- 7.1 The back of a player's shirt must display clearly the number allocated to the player in the Championships programme.
- 8 Throughout the Championships all individual matches shall be the best of 5 games (up to 11 points).
- 8.1 All matches in the Championships shall be played under the Laws of Table Tennis and the National By-Laws.
- 9 Trophies will be awarded to the top four players in all eight events, and certificates will be given to all participants to certify that they represented their Schools County Association in the Championships.

Details of venues, dates, entry fees etc for the current season are available on the TTE website under Schools Competitions