

10 June, 2020

Dear Club Secretary,

British League – season 2020/21

Please find below the season details for 20/21.

Table Tennis England and the British League Committee are continuing to plan for a full season. We recognise that the situation will evolve and it is likely we will have to adapt our plans. We will continue to communicate with clubs, leagues and individual members as the current restrictions are eased and a way forward for sport becomes clearer. [You can see the detailed Table Tennis England return to play information here](#), which is being regularly updated.

However, we do need to prepare and put the foundations for competition in place. On this basis, we trust that providing advance notification of a refund policy if activity is cancelled or curtailed or otherwise altered will be helpful, and give members confidence to make arrangements moving forward.

A date will be established and published, which will represent a 'stop/ go' decision on whether a scheduled league round will take place. You can expect to receive a minimum 6 weeks notice for SBL rounds, and 8 weeks notice for JBL, VBL and WBL rounds.

If a particular round, or several rounds, are unable to take place as scheduled/ intended, then the league committee will consider how best to deliver league activity, and whether any change to format is required. It is anticipated that activity will be restricted to the remaining published league dates only.

A proportional refund of entry fees and player registration costs will be offered, relative to the proportion of activity able to take place (eg number of games). As an illustration: if 60% of fixtures are able to take place, then clubs will be offered a refund of 40% of entry fees and player registration costs; if 1 weekend event of 2 is able to take place, then clubs will be offered a refund of 50% of entry fees and player registration costs.

Due to this uncertainty, a change to *Regulation 5.5* will be adopted, such that only 50% payment is required as an entry deposit:

5.5 Each season each club shall pay (at the time of registration) Entry Fees [...] and Player Registration Fees and no entry will be valid without full cleared payment

The balance, discounted and recalculated if required, will be payable once any potential curtailment of activity and subsequent change of format is known, but prior to activity taking place.

Stop/Go dates – for events to end-March:

Date	Event	Confirmation date
03-04 Oct	VBL1	10-Aug
17-18 Oct	WBL1	24-Aug
07-08 Nov	JBL1	14-Sep
23-24 Jan	WBL2	30 Nov
20-21 Feb	VBL2	21 Dec
27-28 Feb	JBL2	

Date	Event	Confirmation date
19-Sep	SBL Prem	10-Aug
26-Sep	SBL 1	17-Aug
10-Oct	SBL Prem	31-Aug
31-Oct	SBL Prem 1	21-Sep or 5 Oct
14-Nov	SBL Prem 2	05-Oct or 19 Oct
05-Dec	SBL Prem 3	26-Oct or 09 Nov
12-Dec	SBL 2	02-Nov or 16 Nov
16-Jan	SBL Prem 4	07-Dec or 21 Dec
13-Feb	SBL 3 (Championship)	04-Jan or 18 Jan
20-Feb	SBL Prem 5	11 Jan or 25 Jan
06-Mar	SBL 4	25 Jan or 08 Feb
13-Mar	SBL Prem 6	01 Feb or 15 Feb
24-Mar	SBL Prem 7	15 Feb or 01 Mar

Entry paperwork:

Please find attached/ enclosed the following documents:

- a) Team Entry Form
- b) Player Registration Form
- c) Team/Club Ranking Form
- d) Final league tables 19/20
- e) SBL Premier Division Club Guidance (as applicable)

Please note that forms a) – c) must be completed *in full* and returned to the contact indicated no later than **30 June 2020**. Any incomplete/ incorrect forms and those without the entry deposit in full or with incorrect references will be rejected - so you are encouraged to please submit ASAP.

Please note that as of 01 August (new membership year), all Club details for each team will be validated and checked against the Table Tennis England membership database. Your entry will remain pending until this process is complete, and will be rejected if not completed as required.

Please also note for JBL that regulation 4.2 will be strictly enforced: *“If a player whose ranking points are used in the team's [aggregated rating] calculations is registered but does not play in any matches without an acceptable reason, the club will be fined £100 for each such player”*

Additionally, if you are an existing team within British League and have decided *not* to enter a team this season, please inform the relevant contact ASAP. Withdrawing teams from SBL will have their original entry deposit returned.

Season 20/21 dates – all subject to change due to COVID-19:

Entry & payment deadline:	30 June 2020
JBL and VBL accommodation details:	by end-June
SBL Premier team meeting (video conference):	19 July
SBL venues confirmed:	by end-July
Draft league populations published:	by end-July (end-August for JBL)
Club affiliation details validated:	as of 01 August
New season player ratings released:	August
League populations finalised:	by end-August (end-September for JBL)
Fixtures drawn on website:	by end-August (end-September for JBL) DELAYED DUE TO CANCELLATIONS
Prize money confirmed (where applicable):	by end-September

SBL Premier	SBL	WBL	JBL	VBL
1. Sat 19 Sept 2020 NOT USED	1. 26-27 Sept 2020 CANCELLED	1. 17-18 Oct 2020 CANCELLED	1. 07-08 Nov 2020 CANCELLED	1. 03-04 Oct 2020 CANCELLED
2. Sat 10 Oct NOT USED	2. Sat 12 Dec	2. 23-24 Jan 2021	2. 27-28 Feb 2021	2. 20-21 Feb 2021
1. Sat 31 Oct	3. 30-31 Jan 2021 RESCHEDULED	WV Aldersley Aldersley Road Wolverhampton WV6 9NW	Derby Arena, Derby Royal Way Pride Park Derby DE24 8JB	
2. Sat 14 Nov	3. 13-14 Feb**			
3. Sat 05 Dec	4. 06-07 March			
4. Sat 16 Jan 2021	5. 10-11 Apr			
5. Sat 20 Feb				
6. Sat 13 Mar				
7. Sat 27 Mar	** <i>Championship division only</i>			
8. Sat 17 Apr				
9. Sat 01 May				
10. Sat 22 May				

Entry costs:

	SBL Premier	SBL Champs	SBL Div A-C	WBL	JBL	VBL Premier, Div 1&2	VBL Div 3&4 ①
Deposit for new team	1 st team: £178/ additional teams: £122			-	-	-	-
Team entry	£504	£609	£425	£376	£340	£418	£376
Entry fee rebate ☉	-	£60	£60	-	-	-	-
Umpire rebate ⚡	-	-	-	-	£130	-	-
Player registration	£63/ per	£38/ per	£38/ per	£38/ per	£38/ per	£38/ per	£38/ per
Minimum players to be registered	4	4	4	3	3	3	3
Minimum payment with Entry	50% of £756 = £378 (+deposit if new entry)	50% of £701 = £350.50 (existing entry) <i>or</i> 50% of £761 = £380.50 (+deposit if new entry)	50% of £517 = £258.50 (existing entry) <i>or</i> 50% of £577 = £288.50 (+deposit if new entry)	50% of £490 = £245	50% of £454 = £227 <i>or</i> 50% of £324 = £162 (with rebate)	50% of £532 = £266	50% of £490 = £245

- ☉ Teams that competed in the SBL Championships & Divisions A-C in Season 19/20 receive a £60 rebate from this seasons entry fees, recognising that it was not possible for all fixtures to be completed
- ⚡ JBL Teams are eligible for a rebate of £130 by undertaking to appoint and meet the travelling costs/ arrangements of a (minimum) L1 Umpire for *both* weekends; this rebate is available to the first 20 teams to so confirm. TTE will arrange and meet the costs for Umpire accommodation and event catering as normal
- ① VBL Divisions 3 & 4 are self-officiated
- Payments are to be made by the deadline and by electronic bank transfer as follows:
 - Account name: *English Table Tennis Association Ltd.*
 - Account number: *60705078*
 - Sort code: *60-10-15*
 - Reference: <your league> + <your club> (eg. 'WBL Market Rasen') – this is absolutely imperative**
 - For teams out with England, you may need to make an international bank transfer, using the following additional details:
 - BIC: *NWBK GB 2L*
 - IBAN: *GB79 NWBK 6010 1560 7050 78*
 - Bank: *NatWest Bank PLC*
 - Bank Address: *Havelock Road, Hastings, East Sussex, TN34 1GW*
 - Once again, a payment reference in the above format must be given
 - Alternately, payments may be made by telephone using a credit/debit card by calling 01908 208860, option #5 ('Finance'). A payment reference in the above format must be given.
 - Only if unavoidable, payments may also be made by cheque payable to 'ETTA', referenced as above on the reverse of the cheque, and sent to: Finance Department, Table Tennis England, Bradwell Road, Loughton Lodge, Milton Keynes MK8 9LA
- Please note that separate payments should be made for entries to SBL, WBL, JBL and/or VBL, but multiple team entries in the same section can be combined (eg. if a club has 3 teams in SBL)
- If an entry is unsuccessful, then entry fees will be reimbursed

- If a team wishes to register an additional player(s) after their initial entry submission, then additional Player Registration Form(s) should be submitted to the relevant contact. For VBL, WBL & JBL, payment for the additional player(s) should be made at the same time; for SBL, and where necessary for VBL, WBL & JBL, costs for additional player registrations will be reconciled at season-end
- The SBL Committee will endeavour to place all teams in Divisions A-C in an appropriate geographical playing venue. Clearly, given the number of teams applying from certain areas, this is not always possible. Applications are therefore made in the knowledge that some travelling and possible overnight accommodation may be required. After receipt of application forms with full remittance, no team withdrawals will be accepted and no refunds made.

Player Licensing:

- Please note that **all** players will require a Table Tennis England Player *Compete Plus* membership (previously 'Player License') for season 20/21 **prior** to their first fixture
- If no *Compete Plus* -level competition is able to take place for the entirety of the 20/21 season due to ongoing implications of COVID-19, Table Tennis England will refund *Complete Plus* membership holders the difference between *Compete Plus* and *Compete* memberships. The difference that will be refunded is £22 for Seniors and £11 for Cadets and Juniors.
- Fixtures in which a team fields ineligible or non-registered players may be forfeit
- Club/ team ranking lists will be published regularly on the TTE website <https://tabletennisengland.co.uk/compete/competitions/british-league/>
- Home Countries players (those with season 20/21 affiliations with table tennis associations in Ireland, Scotland, Wales, Jersey, Guernsey or Isle of Man) will be issued a free-of-charge reciprocal Table Tennis England *Compete Plus* membership (previously 'Player License') *upon production of evidence to the TTE office*. This is the full responsibility of the player/ team concerned
- International Players (those with season 20/21 affiliations with table tennis associations outside the home countries) will be issued a free-of-charge reciprocal Table Tennis England *Compete* membership (previously 'Player Membership') *upon production of evidence to the TTE office*, and are also required to purchase an **upgrade** to the *Compete Plus* membership (previously 'Player License') for British League competitions. This is the full responsibility of the player/ team concerned
- Contact the Table Tennis England membership department membership@tabletennisengland.co.uk

Balls:

The *Table Tennis England Official Ball Supplier* and *Senior British League Official Ball Supplier* for season 20/21 is the **Butterfly R40+ by Tees Sport**

Up to 30 September 2020, clubs can redeem a 20% R40+ ball discount for additional stock – firstly, you will need to create a Tees Sport account (if you don't have one already), by clicking 'MY ACCOUNT' in the top-right corner of the [Tees Sport website](#); then add the Butterfly R40+ 3* Balls to your basket (available as a [box of 3](#) or [box of 12](#)); during checkout you can claim the 20% discount by entering the voucher code '**TTER40312**'

The ball supplier for JBL/ WBL/ VBL events will confirmed in the published event programme

Further Information:

British League website & regulations: <https://tabletennisengland.co.uk/compete/competitions/british-league/>

British League fixtures & results: <https://tte.tournamentsoftware.com/league/270A3C4E-1A4F-454C-AC7A-7A588F31DA50>

JBL/ WBL/ VBL event programmes archive: <http://tabletennisengland.uberflip.com/>

Contact details:

- Senior British League (SBL): SBL@tabletennisengland.co.uk
- Women's British League (WBL): WBL@tabletennisengland.co.uk
- Junior British League (JBL): JBL@tabletennisengland.co.uk
- Veterans British League (VBL): VBL@tabletennisengland.co.uk