

01 June, 2021

Dear Club Secretary,

### British League – season 2021/22

Please find below the season details for 21/22. Table Tennis England are planning for a full season 'as normal'. We hope the following info is helpful:

- the Junior age-group eligibility (for JBL) will change from U18 to U19. Please see here for info [Junior category extended to under-19— Table Tennis England](#)
- entry costs are unchanged from last season (20/21)
- as we are anticipating an uninterrupted season, full payment will be required with entry (as normal): *Reg 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*
- fixtures, leagues, results and stats for British League will use the [TT Leagues](#) platform
- we will remain responsive to evolving Government advice relating to COVID and update our approach as required

Many clubs chose to roll-over their fees from season 20/21 rather than take a refund due to COVID cancellation – if necessary, please check any credit you have for this season by contacting [VBL@](mailto:VBL@WBL@SBL@) [WBL@](mailto:WBL@) [SBL@](mailto:SBL@) or [JBL@tabletennisengland.co.uk](mailto:JBL@tabletennisengland.co.uk)

Please note that all players **must** be individually affiliated in *TT Memberships* to both 'British League' and to the Club they wish to represent (in the same way as for local leagues). Players will **not** be able to be selected for your club in the fixtures platform if this is not the case. Players can check and update their affiliations by [logging-in to their membership](#) and checking under 'Club & League Info'. Clubs admins can also check which players are already affiliated to their club in [TT Memberships](#)

Please also note that a **minor change** will be made to the Regulations when published for 21/22, as follows:

(WBL Reg. 10.2, VBL Reg. 8.2, JBL Reg. 8.2): *A club cannot register for any team more than one player who is not affiliated to the national Association of a Home Country **or of a member state of the European Union.***

We very much look forward to seeing you at a BL event this season!

Best wishes,



Neil Rogers  
Chairman  
On behalf of the British League Committee

Entry paperwork:

Please find attached/ enclosed the following documents:

- a) Team Entry Form
- b) Player Registration Form
- c) Team/Club Ranking Form
- d) British League divisions 20/21
- 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 2021**. Any incomplete/ incorrect forms, and those without the entry deposit (for SBL), 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 21/22 dates

Entry & payment deadline:	30 June 2021
JBL, WBL 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)  
 Prize money confirmed (where applicable): by end-September

SBL Premier	SBL	WBL	JBL	VBL
1. Sat 18 Sept 2021 2. Sat 02 Oct 3. Sat 30 Oct 4. Sat 04 Dec 5. Sat 29 Jan 2022 6. Sat 26 Feb Sat 19 Feb 7. Sat 12 Mar 8. Sun 03 Apr 9. Sat 16 Apr 10. Sat 07 May 11. Sat 21 May 12. Sat 04 June	1. 25-26 Sept 2021 2. Sat 11 Dec 3. 15-16 Jan 2022 4. 26-27 Feb** 5. 09-10 Apr  ** <i>Championship division only</i>	1. 16-17 Oct 2021 2. 22-23 Jan 2022  WV Aldersley Aldersley Road Wolverhampton WV6 9NW	1. 06-07 Nov 2021 2. 12-13 Feb 2022  Derby Arena, Derby Royal Way Pride Park Derby DE24 8JB	1. 02-03 Oct 2021 2. 19-20 Feb 2022

Entry costs:

	SBL Premier	SBL Champs	SBL Div A-C	WBL	JBL	VBL Premier, Div 1&2	VBL Div 3&4 ①
<b>Deposit for new team</b>	1 <sup>st</sup> team: £178/ additional teams: £122			-	-	-	-
<b>Team entry</b>	£504	£609	£425	£376	£340	£418	£376
<b>Entry fee rebate ☉</b>	-	£60	£60	-	-	-	-
<b>Umpire rebate ☼</b>	-	-	-	-	£130	-	-
<b>Player registration</b>	£63/ per	£38/ per	£38/ per	£38/ per	£38/ per	£38/ per	£38/ per
<b>Minimum players to be registered</b>	4	4	4	3	3	3	3
<b>Minimum payment with Entry</b>	£756 (+deposit if new entry) LESS any fees rolled-over from 20/21	£701 (for teams that entered in 19/20) <i>OR</i> £761 (+deposit if new entry) LESS any fees rolled-over from 20/21	£517 (for teams that entered in 19/20) <i>OR</i> £577 (+deposit if new entry) LESS any fees rolled-over from 20/21	£490 LESS any fees rolled-over from 20/21	£454 <i>or</i> £324 (with rebate) LESS any fees rolled-over from 20/21	£532 LESS any fees rolled-over from 20/21	£490 LESS any fees rolled-over from 20/21

- ☉ 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**

- Teams outside of England 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 for season 21/22 **prior** to their first fixture
- 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 21/22 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 *upon production of evidence to the TTE office*. This is the full responsibility of the player/ team concerned
- International Players (those with season 21/22 affiliations with table tennis associations outside the home countries) will be issued a free-of-charge reciprocal Table Tennis England *Compete* membership *upon production of evidence to the TTE office*, and are also required to purchase an **upgrade** to the *Compete Plus* membership 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](mailto:membership@tabletennisengland.co.uk)

Balls:

The *Table Tennis England Official Ball Supplier* for season 21/22, including Senior British League, is the **Sanwei ABS HD 3\*\*\*Ball supplied by Topspin Sports**

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

Further Information:

British League website inc. regulations and event programmes:

<https://tabletennisengland.co.uk/compete/competitions/british-league/>

British League fixtures & results: <https://british.ttleagues.com/>

Contact details:

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