



NATIONAL JUNIOR LEAGUE 2021/22

Please find below the season details for 2021/22. Table Tennis England are planning for a full season 'as normal' - we will remain responsive to evolving Government advice relating to Covid and update our approach as required.

The National Junior League (NJL) was first run in season 1997/8 to fill the gap between the Woolwich Junior British League and Woolwich Junior Leagues. The NJL was formed in response to demands for local competition by grass roots junior players and by the reluctance of many of them to play in evening leagues. Two seasons ago, 195 teams played in 16 centres all over the country on 4 days.

Competition this season is planned to take place on the following dates:

Saturdays – 16 October, 27 November, 22 January & 5 March

The following venues have variation(s), agreed by Tournament Approval Panel, as follows:

BRISTOL – Sundays 17 October, 28 November, 23 January and 6 March

MORPETH, NOTTINGHAM, ACKWORTH & PLYMOUTH - Sundays 21 November, 12 December, 9 January, 13 March (must be different players to NCL entrants)

PRESTON – Sundays 21 November, 30 January, 13 February, 13 March (must be different players to NCL entrants)

STOWMARKET – Sundays 21 November, 5 or 12 December, 9 January, 13 March (must be different players to NCL entrants)

NISHKAM HIGH SCHOOL – day 3 will be 8 January

Clubs apply to enter teams of three to play in venues closest to their club's location, thus saving travel and accommodation costs. The preferred option is graded divisions for boys and girls (minimum of 6 girls' teams). However, mixed teams and divisions are acceptable to all but the players will miss out on ranking points when playing the opposite sex if either player has 600 or more ratings points.



The schedule of play guarantees a full day's participation and was based on a six-team division playing on one or two tables with each team playing every other on each of the four days. Each team match would then consist of six singles sets, each the best of five games, with both teams listed in strict ranking order and A v Y, B v X, C v Z, A v X, C v Y, B v Z being the sets played.

This may be altered to nine singles and IS NOW THE PREFERRED OPTION WHENEVER POSSIBLE, but is dependent on the number of teams entered. **Each day's play must provide a minimum of NINE individual matches per player per three player team.** Medals to a total of 4 per team will be available to local organisers to the equivalent of two sets per six teams entered.

The ranking weighting is 1.0. The Winners of the top division at each centre may *apply* for promotion to the JBL. Players who are registered or play in the Junior British League in the current season will not be eligible to play.

To play in the NJL in 2021/22, players must hold a Table Tennis England Compete membership (previously known as 'Player Membership') or a Compete Plus membership (previously known as a 'Player Licence'). Compete membership (£8 per person per annum) can be obtained online at tabletennisengland.co.uk/membership (AFTER JULY 20th 2021) or from the Table Tennis England Head Office – Telephone: 01908 208898 (AFTER AUGUST 3rd 2021). Even though a Compete Plus membership is no longer necessary to play in NCL, if you are intending playing in more than two x 2 star (or higher) tournaments during the season then the best option is to upgrade to, or buy, a Compete Plus membership.

Should you be interested in entering a team(s), please complete the enclosed entry form, team player registration form/ ranking list and send them with the all-inclusive fee of **£82.00 per team** to the organiser (see below). **The Closing Date for entries is September 10th** for all venues, but early returns would be appreciated.

Please send completed forms with fees to:

Mike Atkinson

35 Poles Hill, Chesham, Bucks. HP5 2QR

Tel 01494 785609

LEAGUE MANAGEMENT

- The NJL will be run by the NJL Committee which is empowered to determine the conduct of the competition, resolve any disputes arising and implement any measures as it deems reasonable. Decisions of the Committee shall be final.
- The term junior shall mean players participating shall be born in 2003 or later. This reflects the change in Junior eligibility in 2021/22 and onwards from Under-18 to Under-19.
- Each day at each centre will be managed by an Organiser appointed by the Committee.

LAW, REGULATIONS, PLAYING CONDITIONS AND DRESS

- The Laws of Table Tennis as approved by Table Tennis England will apply.
- The playing area and lighting shall not be less than required for a 2* open tournament.
- Team clothing shall be of a recognisable table tennis type and of a colour other than white. Playing footwear shall be of a type that will not mark or damage the floor. ITTF clothing regulation 3.2.2.9 (clothing) will not apply.
- Notwithstanding the above the Organiser on the day in conjunction with team captains has the authority to change and accept differing conditions and standards.
- Regulation R will be fully enforced at all times during the competition.
- Racket testing may be conducted.
- Time-outs are not permitted in the NJL.

TEAM RANKING

- Clubs who have more than one team in the same division must register players separately.
- For identification, clubs who have more than one team must define each by name, number or letter.

REGISTRATION AND TRANSFER

- A team may only be represented by players who are registered on Team Ranking List/Reg. Form held by the local organiser (needs to be revised each time a new player is introduced).
- Players will be registered for their team in club/league ranking order and will play in that order. On registering further players, this ranking order is to be revised. Players playing up to a higher team twice will normally become registered for that team in which they have played their second match. No player can play against the same opposition team twice on the same day.
- Clubs may register three players and further as required. With either 5 x 2 opposition players or 3 x 3 opponents, or more, individual matches per day it may be prudent to register more for the first weekend. Players who have been registered and/or played in the Junior British League (JBL) this season are not eligible to play in the NJL.

SYSTEM OF PLAY

- The league shall be played over four Saturdays unless authorised by the Referee. If the teams in a division agree a change of date then all teams must accept any extra charges arising.

LEAGUE POSITIONS

- A point will be awarded for each individual match won within the team match.
- Positions in the division will be determined by the number of points won.
- If two or more teams are equal on points, then their relative positions shall be determined only by the results of the matches between them, by considering successively
 - 1) the number of points (individual matches) won
 - 2) the ratio of wins to losses in games
 - 3) the ratio of wins to losses in pointsas far as is necessary to resolve the order.





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Entry Form – Season 2021/22

Team Entry Fee £82.00					
Team Name:			Sex (Boys/Girls):		
Team Secretary (for all correspondence)			Team Captain		
Name:			Name:		
Address:			Address:		
Postcode:	Tel (h):		Postcode:	Tel (h):	
Tel (b):	Tel (m):		Tel (b):	Tel (m):	
e-mail:			e-mail:		
<p>On behalf of the above Team, we undertake to comply with the Regulations covering the National Junior League</p> <p>Table Tennis England uses the above information only for the purpose of administering the competition. To facilitate the running of the competition, the information will be shared with the appointed event committee/organisers in order that the event can be arranged and delivered. If you would like any further information please refer to the Table Tennis England's privacy policy which can be found at https://tabletennisengland.co.uk/home/website-privacy-policy/</p>					
Signature (Team Secretary):			Signature (Team Captain):		
PROBABLE VENUES ARE LISTED BELOW, PLEASE INDICATE YOUR PREFERRED CHOICE					
Venue	Area	Choice	Venue	Area	Choice
Greenhouse Centre	London		Nottingham Sycamore^ **	Notts	
Bristol **	Avon		Plymouth ^ **	Devon	
London Academy	West London		Tunbridge Wells	Kent	
Ellenborough	North London		Stowmarket ^ **	East	
Morpeth ^ **	East London		Westfield, Wellingborough	Northants	
UCLan Preston^ **	North West		Waterside, Southampton	Hampshire	
Ormesby, Middlesbrough	North East		Nishkam High School, Birmingham **	W Midlands	
Halton, Widnes	North West		Ackworth, Pontefract ^ **	Yorkshire	
Cippenham	Berks/Bucks.				
We welcome the use of other venues for next season – contact Mike Atkinson (01494 785609)					
This form MUST be sent with the required fees (payable to Table Tennis England) to the organiser (address below) by the closing date – 10th September 2021 for all venues					
Mike Atkinson, 35 Poles Hill, Chesham, Bucks HP5 2QR					
^Different players needed to NCL teams @ these 6 venues **These venues have agreed Saturday/Sunday date variations – see entry letter					

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TEAM RANKING LIST & REGISTRATION FORM Season 2021-22



Name of Team _____

**Regional Organisers in charge at each venue MUST confirm
that they have seen each player's current card**

Membership Number	Venue referee/ Regional Organiser's initial when current membership card is seen or paid for	Team Ranking	Name of Player & Date of Birth
		1	
		2	
		3	
		4	
		5	
		6	
		7	
		8	
		9	
		10	
		11	

_____ Date _____
Team Secretary

Please return to: Mike Atkinson, 35 Poles Hill, Chesham, HP5 2QR
By 10th September 2021