Table Tennis England are delighted to announce that we are now recruiting new women and girls ambassadors for 2021/22.

The purpose of this programme is to promote table tennis and encourage more women and girls to play the game and inspire them to take up other roles within the sport. We recognise the importance of amplifying the voice of women and girls in the table tennis community and ensure that decisions are informed by the people that it will impact. We believe that relaunching this project is important because it will allow us to provide meaningful opportunities for women and girls to develop themselves and make positive change within the sport.

The newly appointed team of leaders will help to build upon the already established women and girls ambassador project and help to achieve the women and girl’s objectives;

* Increase the visibility of women and girls in table tennis.
* Celebrate the diversity of women in the sport and the roles they do.
* Create a network of women and girls, to help to create more opportunities.

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| **Table Tennis England Women and Girls Ambassadors** |
| **Role** | **Key Characteristics**  |
| **ALL** | * Passion for developing yourself, others, and those in the table tennis community.
* Ambition to provide women and girls with meaningful opportunities within the game.
* Supporting the programme from your own social media channels, reposting, supporting posts and writing about your own experiences
* Desire to attend developmental opportunities that Table Tennis England provide and represent women and girls.
* Dedication to communicate effectively with the team of other women and girls ambassadors and Table Tennis England staff.
* Willingness to try new things and step outside your comfort zone as well as supporting others to do the same.
* Encourage and inspire coaches/ clubs and those in your local community to support female growth in Table Tennis.
* Willing to act as a role model for other women in the sport.
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Females can apply with the minimum age of 16 years, at the time of application. We recognise that the volunteer groups of table tennis should represent wider society therefore we especially welcome applications from diverse ethnic backgrounds and faith groups, people with disabilities, and people from the LGBTQ+ community (Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual and Transgender).

**Please fill out the questions below and return this form to Lauren Evans (****lauren.evans@tabletennisengland.co.uk****), equally if you have any questions regarding this programme, or need any additional support do not hesitate to get in touch.**

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| **Name:** |  | **City or region:**  |
| **Age:** |  |
| **Club:** |  |
| **Mobile number:** |  |
| **Email:** |  |
| **Twitter & Instagram handle (optional):** |  |

**We plan to use photos of our ambassadors on the website, please submit a photo or video along with your application. Alternatively if you don’t wish to submit a photo please state this in your email submission.**

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| **Why do you want to join the women and girls ambassador programme (Max 300 words)?** |
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| **What skills & experience will you bring to the women and girls ambassador programme? Please relate this to the specific requirements of the role. (Max 400 words).** |
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**Next steps**

**Applications close on the XXX**

Once applications have closed, all will be reviewed. For those who are short listed, we will want to organise a call to get to know a bit more about you and also answer any questions. Please note this is a voluntary role.

**FAQs**

**What will I do as an ambassador?**

* Attend meetings that can help to inform decisions around women and girls in table tennis.
* Regularly feedback to Table Tennis England and have the opportunity to discuss and share your work with other ambassadors.
* Promote women and girls table tennis in your local club/ community and look to provide more opportunities. Examples of this could include; setting up a women’s only bat and chat session, supporting the process of women achieving their coaching qualifications.
* Support with social media content for example completing case studies, taking photos or videos of your sessions.

**What is the length of the programme?**

The programme will run for 12 months, at the end of the programme if you want to continue you can reapply for the next year.

**How much time will I need to dedicate to this role?**

How much time you dedicate to this role is completely flexible. Any communications will be planned in advance and will be booked in for when the majority of ambassadors are available.

**What do we expect from you?**

We understand that everyone has lots of commitments and therefore this volunteering programme will be flexible to meet your needs.

* However, we do expect you to be committed and to try and make the most of the opportunities available.
* Be open with us, let us know if you have a particularly busy period or if you are finding something difficult.
* Be open to try new things and embrace any development opportunities. Be open to learn from other ambassadors.
* Share the work you are doing in your clubs with us.

**Why are Table Tennis England relaunching the female ambassador programme?**

We have created this programme based on the insight we have received from our members. For example, the research conducted by TASS ‘reasons for female player engagement and drop out in the 18-30 age group in English table tennis’ showed that when players start other activities (such as coaching) whilst they are still playing, this increases their longevity and connection to the sport.