

2021-2022 Mark Bates Ltd Senior National Championship

TOURNAMENT REGULATIONS & INFORMATION

It is important that all competitors read and understand these regulations. Please take time to do this. Competitors should also ensure that they retain this sheet for reference purposes.

1. The Mark Bates Ltd Senior National Championship is only open to those players who are eligible to play for England. If you are in any doubt about this, please telephone Table Tennis England on 01908 208871 or email mark.pinder@tabletennisengland.co.uk for clarification and advice.
2. Players must be eligible on the date entries close and must remain eligible up to the time of playing the tournament. If, after the completion of a Championships, it is found that a title winner was ineligible to play then their name will be expunged from the records.
3. Entrants must be affiliated as a Member of Table Tennis England and hold a current Table Tennis England 'Compete Plus' membership (formerly known as Player Licence) or hold an existing 'Compete' membership and also pay the single competition licence fee.
4. The Mark Bates Ltd Senior National Championships will be played under the Laws of Table Tennis and Table Tennis England Tournament Regulations. ITTF Regulations for International Competitions apply except those relating to matters covered by items marked (X) in these regulations.
5. Completion and submission of this entry form signifies agreement by the entrant to the conditions of the competition including the variations from the ITTF requirements.
6. Entrants in events 1-2, Table Tennis England will invite up to 16 Men and 16 Women eligible for each of the Singles categories and a further 14 Men and Women who qualified at the Mark Bates Ltd Senior National Qualification and 2 Wildcards per Men and Women's Singles event. Entrants in events 3-5, will involve 16 pairs for each category, Men, Women and Mixed; event entrants can invite their regular doubles partner, as this is not restricted to event entrants only – if oversubscribed, priority will be given to pairs with the highest aggregate Senior ranking. Entrants in 6-7, 14 Men and 14 Women and 2 wildcards.
7. Table Tennis England Tournament Director will invite eligible players, invited players must be ranked senior rankings 1 to 16 Men and Women on the Table Tennis England 22/6, 9th February 2022 ranking list. Should an athlete decline their invitation, the next eligible player listed in order, from the Mark Bates Ltd Senior National Qualifying event will be invited up to player number 32 (If places remain after all qualifying places have been used, then remaining places will be offered to eligible players on the 22/6 ranking list (in order) from 17 up to and including place 50.
8. Entrants in events 6 & 7 must be born after 31st December 2000 and be in the top 14 under-21 men / 14 under-21 women on the Table Tennis England ranking list published 9th February 2022 (22/6) and invited by Table Tennis England. If places remain after all qualifying places have been used for events 6 & 7, players will be invited up to player 35 from the 22/6 2022 Ranking List.
9. Entrants in events 8 & 9 will be submitted by BPTT, invited by Table Tennis England and will meet International classification set by the ITTF, in consultation with BPTT. Selection is at the sole discretion of BPTT, and Para players must also be current TTE members.
10. The tournament referee reserves the right to cancel any event for which fewer than 8 entries are received and to hold qualifying competitions or merge events if necessary. No entry will be accepted after the draw however Table Tennis England reserves the right in exceptional circumstances to invite additional players to fulfil vacant gaps in the groups. Fees sent for entries subsequently rejected will be refunded, but entry forms received without fees will be ignored.
11. Entries will be acknowledged automatically; a player not having received such an acknowledgement by 8th March 2022 should contact the Events department on 01908 208871.
12. The last date for receipt of entries is mid-night, Sunday 6th March 2022. Please note that **entries received without payment or signature will be declined.**
13. The live draw for Men's and Women's Singles event will take place at David Ross Sports Village at 10.30am on Thursday 24th March 2022. All other categories will be drawn in the week commencing Monday 14th March 2022.
14. The right is reserved to alter the schedule of playing times and/or table for any match. Entrants, if absent at any time when called upon to play, are liable to disqualification from the event.
15. Play throughout will be with Butterfly R40+ 3* plastic ball (white), Butterfly nets and posts and a minimum court size 12m x 6m. Tables will be Butterfly Europa 25 for Friday and Saturday, tables will be Butterfly Centrefold 25 for the Sunday. Triofloor flooring will be used over semi-sprung wooden flooring.
16. The Referee shall appoint an umpire for each match and may, at their discretion, appoint an assistant umpire. Decisions on point of fact by an umpire or assistant umpire appointed by the Referee shall be final. The Referee's decision shall be final on any points of law and in any disputes as to the interpretation of these regulations and on any matter not covered by them. Scoring machines will be used for all matches. **GROUP MATCHES IN THE MEN'S AND WOMEN'S SINGLES WILL BE PLAYED TO BEST OF 5 GAMES. ALL KNOCKOUT MATCHES IN THE MEN'S & WOMEN'S EVENTS WILL BE PLAYED TO BEST OF 7 GAMES. DOUBLES, U21 AND PARA EVENTS WILL BE PLAYED BEST OF 5 GAMES.**

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17. Rackets: The surface of one side of the racket can now be either pink, violet, green, blue or the normal bright red and the surface of the other side shall remain black, whether or not both sides are used for striking the ball and must conform to ITTF Regulations for International Competitions. Racket testing may take place during the event for all players, but will be compulsory for all semi-finals and finals. It is the player's responsibility that bats must be submitted 15-20 minutes prior to play. Voluntary testing will be available all weekend.
18. At all times when playing, competitors are required to display their name on the back of their playing shirts. Playing clothing shall consist of a shirt and shorts, trousers, leggings or skirt, or a one-part sports outfit, socks, and playing shoes. A sports hijab may also be worn. Other garments, shall not be worn during play except with the permission of the Referee.
19. No competitor or official shall engage in betting on players or matches.
20. Signing the entry form constitutes agreement by the competitor, under the Data Protection Act 1984, to the storing of his or her name, address and date of birth on a computer system.
21. Separate practice tables will be available throughout the event for PARTICIPANTS only, practice on the match tables once the competition starts will be at the discretion of the Referee.
22. Suitably engraved Medals will be presented to the finalists.
23. Competitors are required to sign an undertaking* as under: I undertake to (1) observe the regulations of the tournament (2) abide by the decision of the Referee and Championships Jury (3) fulfil the schedule of play arranged for me unless prevented by circumstances beyond my control and accepted as such by the Referee. *This undertaking may be signed on behalf of a junior competitor by a parent or legal guardian but not by a coach.
24. Doping shall not take place before or during play. Players competing in this tournament may be subject to drug testing from UK Anti-doping.
25. Changing facilities, (subject to current coronavirus conditions, showers may not be available) light meals and refreshments will be available at the venue. Parking is available at the venue, a parking ticket will need to be purchased on the Friday only, free parking on Saturday and Sunday. Limited disabled parking is also available.
26. All competitors must report to the reception for check-in on arrival for ALL days they are attending and must not leave the venue without first obtaining permission from the Referee.
27. Table Tennis England may authorise photographers and other media representatives to record the event.
28. For entrants aged 17 and under, no entry will be accepted unless the person having legal responsibility for the entrant has completed and signed the Anti-Doping Consent and Agreement form.
29. Admission – each competitor will receive one free accreditation for their coach, they must confirm the name of the coach, in advance, on the entry form, or this may not be provided. All other spectators will be required to buy a ticket. Accreditations will allow access to the venue throughout the event from 25th – 27th March 2022, in an accredited area ONLY (eg not the spectator area), and subject to available of seating each day. Accreditations must be worn at all times. Players/coaches must sit in the allocated seating.
30. Notification – entrants will be notified of the time of their first match on each day.
31. If players have taken part in the Mark Bates Ltd Senior National Championship Qualifier in Nottingham for either the Women's or Men's Singles event, they are not required to pay the entry fee for the Women or Men's singles event at the Senior National Championship, held at Nottingham in January. Players will however, be required to pay entry fees for any other event categories they have been invited to participate in.

PROVISIONAL PLAYING SCHEDULE WILL FOLLOW

Details for the playing schedule will be circulated to the players and will be posted on the Table Tennis England website. It may be subject to alteration by the Referee depending on the number of entries for each event and other extraneous factors. Completing and signing this form constitutes the player's acknowledgement of this.

Schedule Outline:

- Friday AM: Men's and Women's U21's to Final
Friday PM: Men's and Women's Singles – Group Stages
Friday Eve: Mixed Doubles to Final
- Saturday: Men's and Women's Doubles to Semi Finals
Men's and Women's Singles to Quarter Finals
- Sunday: Men's and Women's Singles Semi Final & Final
Men's and Women's Doubles Final
Para 3-5 Class Showcase Final
Para 6-10 Class Showcase Final