



2021/22 Inter-Regional Competition

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This document provides guidance on the Regional Qualification/ Selection events (Phase 1) and the Inter-Regional Finals (Phase 2) that make up the Inter-Regional Competition.

Regional Qualification/ Selection (Phase 1)

Introduction

The Inter-Regional Competition aligns with the performance structure ensuring that athletes earn the right to compete at higher tiers. Aimed at those just below the top level, players must qualify or be selected via a Regional event. Ten Regions across England will run an event to determine those who will qualify/ be selected to represent their Region at the Inter-Regional Finals. The Finals consist of both team and singles events which contribute points towards the overall trophy. The Region with the most points will be crowned overall champion.

The Regional event for qualification/ selection will take place under the policy direction of the Table Tennis England Competition & Events Department, and will be delivered by the Regional Committees. Each Regional Committee will organise their event over the weekend of 19 & 20 March 2022. Suitable venues and playing equipment will need to be booked and confirmed in writing. Each Regional Committee may apply for variation to this date and any changes are subject to the approval of the Table Tennis England Tournament Approval Panel.

Events

There will be six events at the Finals:

- Under-11 Boys' Singles (for players born in 2011 or later)
- Under-11 Girls' Singles (for players born in 2011 or later)
- Under-13 Boys' Singles (for players born in 2009 or later)
- Under-13 Girls' Singles (for players born in 2009 or later)
- Cadet Boys' Singles (for players born in 2007 or later)
- Cadet Girls' Singles (for players born in 2007 or later)
- Team events in each of the age groups, in the format AvX, BvY, Doubles, AvY, BvX

Each region has 2 guaranteed singles entries in each category, plus an additional 2 singles entries dependent on capacity and entry levels, on a first-come first-served basis. Team events are contested with between 2-4 players.



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Regions

For this event the Regions are defined by the main residence of the entrant and are made up of the following Counties:

East Midlands	Derbyshire, Leicestershire, Lincolnshire, Northamptonshire and Nottinghamshire
Eastern	Bedfordshire, Cambridgeshire, Essex (including the London Boroughs of Barking & Dagenham, Havering, Newham, Redbridge and Waltham Forest), Hertfordshire (excluding London Borough of Barnet), Norfolk and Suffolk
London	Middlesex (including the City of London and the London Boroughs of Barnet, Brent, Camden, Ealing, Enfield, Hackney, Hammersmith & Fulham, Haringey, Harrow, Hillingdon, Hounslow, Islington, Kensington & Chelsea, Tower Hamlets and the City of Westminster)
North East	Cleveland, Durham and Northumberland
North West	Cheshire, Cumbria and Lancashire
South East	Kent (including the London Boroughs of Bexley, Bromley, Greenwich and Lewisham), Surrey (including the London Boroughs of Croydon, Kingston-upon-Thames, Lambeth, Merton, Richmond-upon-Thames, Southwark, Sutton and Wandsworth) and Sussex
South West	Avon, Cornwall, Devon, Dorset, Gloucestershire, Somerset and Wiltshire
Southern	Berkshire, Buckinghamshire, Hampshire, Isle of Wight and Oxfordshire
West Midlands	Herefordshire, Shropshire, Staffordshire, Warwickshire and Worcestershire
Yorkshire	South Yorkshire and Yorkshire

Who can play?

The Inter-Regional Finals are open to **all players who are eligible to play for England**, in the stated age bands, who qualify/ are selected via the Region. Each region can chose 2, 3 or 4 players in each age group to represent them. All players must hold a Table Tennis England Compete Plus membership, and can only represent the Region in which they reside.

The following players are excluded from playing in the Inter Regional Finals 2021/22:

Any player who has received an invite to the Cadet National Cup (05-06 March 2022)

Any player ranked in the top 10 at U11 or U13 on February 9th (22/6 ranking run)

These exclusions are age group specific, so a player may be excluded on the basis of their U11 ranking but eligible for other age categories unless present on one of those exclusion lists.



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Table Tennis England encourages Regional Committees to promote their regional qualification/ selection event via their Counties, Local Leagues, Clubs and Schools. Table Tennis England will provide Regions with template entry forms that can be adapted for use by the Regional event

It is the Referees responsibility to confirm eligibility. If you need any help with this, contact the Membership Department at Table Tennis England on 01908 208898 or help@tabletennisengland.co.uk

Referee

Table Tennis England recommends that each Region appoints a qualified Referee who will be responsible for the draw and for the running of their Regional competition. The draw for groups should take into account national rankings, and players from the same County should be kept apart so far as is practicable. Seeding for the draw should be taken from the most recent ranking list prior to the closing date for entries.

System of Play

Each Region is responsible for devising and delivering an appropriate competition format for their Region. This might be a dedicated qualification/ selection event, or qualification/ selection might form part of another event, such as a Regional Championship (noting that the date is specifically determined). All selected players for the Inter-regional Finals must have entered and competed in the Regional Qualification/ Selection event at the selected age group. A player membership is required to compete at the qualification/ selection event. The Selection Committee members, and methodology for Qualification/ Selection must be clearly stated.

Finance

Each Region will be responsible for the collection of all the entry fees to their event. Ranking levies and any new Player Member/ License fees will be sent to Table Tennis England (see Results & Inter-Regional Finals team entry form). Any profit made after this and the deduction of expenses will be retained by the Region. **A full account of the event should be submitted to Table Tennis England at the conclusion of the event** and all expenses claimed must be supported by official receipts. VAT numbers must be shown where appropriate.

If a Region requires Table Tennis England to make payment for expenses on their behalf then this will be done only when Table Tennis England has received that Region's appropriate monies.

Regional Qualification/ Selection Entry Fees

Each player will be required to pay an entry fee of £12.00 per event, in the categories from which players are selected/ qualified for the Inter-Regional Finals. These fees will include the £3.00 ranking levy applicable to each player.

Entries should not be accepted unless accompanied by the entry fees. There should be no refund for withdrawal or non-attendance.

If there are any financial difficulties, it is suggested that sources of minor funding could be sought from local table tennis bodies.



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Notification

Each region will provide the players with the following details:

- Date and venue of the Regional Qualification/ Selection event
- Age and gender categories to be run
- Name and qualification of Referee
- Start times and competition format to be used
- Entry fees, including ranking fees and membership/ license requirements
- Computer Ranking points (Weighting x1.25 for Regional Qualification/ Selection (noting that Regional Tournament weighting for events not part of the qualification/ selection are Weighted at x1.0); x1.5 for Inter-Regional Finals, x1 for team event singles matches)
- Qualification/ Selection Committee members and Methodology for the Inter-Regional Finals
- Rules on player clothing and racket covering

All players taking part should be properly notified of the above details. (All of the above is included on the template entry form).

Toolkit

Each Region will receive the following from the Table Tennis England Competitions & Events Department to help assist them in the smooth running of their competition:

- Template Regional Qualification/ Selection entry form (please edit/ amend highlighted sections as appropriate, and add such details as are required if the qualification/ selection might form part of another event, such as a Regional Championship)
- Indicative competition matrix
- Eligibility questionnaire
- Ineligible player list
- Match sheets
- Results & Inter-Regional Finals team entry form
- Inter-regional Finals singles entry forms
- Safeguarding Officer poster and photography consent paperwork
- Certificates (for qualified players)

Post Competition

The following must be sent to the Table Tennis England office (for the attention of Mark Pinder, Competitions & Events Officer) within seven days of the completion of the Regional Qualification/ Selection event.



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- a) Results of the Regional Qualification/Selection event including individual game scores, wins and losses. All results must be submitted on the match sheets provided or they will not be entered into the ranking system.
- b) Details of all players taking part – surname, forename, TT ID, date of birth, address, telephone number and email address – must be given for ranking purposes. We recommend that you send a copy of all entry forms received to cover these details.
- c) A list of all players qualified/ selected from the region for the Inter-Regional Finals (two guaranteed singles entries in each age-group, plus up to two additional entries depending on capacity and entry levels, on a first-come first-served basis). Please complete Results & Inter-Regional Finals entry form to provide this information.
- d) Payment of ranking levies, new Player Members and/ or License fees and Inter-Regional Finals team entry fees. This information can be calculated using the Results & Inter-Regional Finals team entry form.
- e) Full account of event finances.

Inter-Regional Finals (Phase 2)

Introduction

The Inter-Regional Finals will be organised and delivered by the Table Tennis England Competition & Events Department. The event will be held on the weekend of 21st and 22nd May at Aldersley Leisure Village, Aldersley Stadium Aldersley Road, Wolverhampton WV6 9NW

Events

Under-11 Boys' Team & Singles (for players born in 2011 or later)

Under-11 Girls' Team & Singles (for players born in 2011 or later)

Under-13 Boys' Team & Singles (for players born in 2009 or later)

Under-13 Girls' Team & Singles (for players born in 2009 or later)

Cadet Boys' Team & Singles (for players born in 2007 or later)

Cadet Girls' Team & Singles (for players born in 2007 or later)

Juniors are not eligible for this event.

Regions' responsibilities

Below is a list of the Regional Committees' responsibilities for the Inter-Regional Finals:

- Select a team of 2, 3 or 4 individuals to represent their region for each age group and gender. All selected players must have entered and competed in the Regional Qualification/ Selection event at the selected age group.



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- Regions MUST supply all team members with a singles entry form for the Inter-Regional Finals. The first two players selected via the Regional Qualification/ Selection event will be guaranteed a place in the singles event. Other selected team members will have the option to enter the singles competition but entries will be limited on a first come, first served basis. Those that arrive too late to make the final cut of 32 places in the singles will make up the reserve list. The reserve list will be created in an order of first come, first served.
- Regions must complete an Inter-Regional Finals team entry form, and make payment for all team entries. Entry fees are £42.00 per team Individual players must complete an Inter-Regional Finals singles entry form (provided to them by the Region) and make payment for their entry. Entry fees are £16.00 (including the £3.00 ranking levy).
- Regions must select a coach or Non-Playing Captain (NPC) for each team playing at the Inter-Regional Finals. This information must be provided to Table Tennis England on the Results & Inter-Regional Finals team entry form. At the Inter-Regional Finals, only the coach or NPC may advise the team during matches. They will also be responsible for team selections before each match, signing of match sheets and any communication or matters arising at the event that involve their team.
- Table Tennis England will source and provide umpires for the Inter Regional Finals.
- Regions are asked to contribute to this in one of the following ways:
 - 1) Provide an umpire, covering their costs directly.
 - 2) If you are unable to provide an umpire, Table Tennis England will recharge the average cost of providing the additional umpires required. (This will be up to a maximum of £150, which will be charged only to Regions that cannot provide an umpire).
- In the eventuality that we are unable to provide sufficient qualified umpires, at the discretion of the Referee, they may appoint Table Managers as an alternative source of management.
- Regions must communicate clearly with all their teams and players. Players must be provided with information such as dates & times, location, travel and accommodation plans (if any), arrangements for playing kit, person responsible for them including contact details, who to contact if they have any queries, and anything else you deem useful.
- Closing Date will be **24th April 2022**
- Entries may not be accepted after the closing date as this may impinge on the delivery of the event
- Draw Date for the Inter Regional Finals will be **30th April 2022**
- At the discretion of the Referee, teams may be requested to play on two or more tables, if the competition is running behind schedule.
- There will only be a Team playoff for position 1-2. Points will then be allocated to all remaining teams to conclude the final Regional placing from 1-10.



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Points score

1st 10 points + bonus of 10 for winning an age group
2 9 + bonus of 5 for runner an age group
3 7 Joint 3rd place points for each team
5 5 joint 5th place points for each team

If a Region does not field a team in an age group they receive 0 points.

Individual Event

At Group Stage with 4 players per group Group

winner	4 pts
2 nd	3 pts
3 rd	2 pts
4 th if played	1 pt

At knockout stage

1st round winner receives 1pt
2nd round winner add another 2 pts
Semifinal winner add 3pts
Winner overall 4 pts + BONUS + 4
Runner Up 3 pts + BONUS + 2

Therefore every player taking part is part of the Regional Overall Score for the TONGE TROPHY

Each Region should have one male and one female player nominated as joint captains and these players will be jointly asked to go up to receive the Winners Overall Trophy on behalf of the Winning Region.