

## 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. If you have any questions please ring the Table Tennis England Events Department on 01908 208871.**

The following Championship events will take place:

1. U11 Boys Singles	2. U11 Girls Singles
3. U13 Boys Singles	4. U13 Girls Singles
5. U13 Boys Doubles	6. U13 Girls Doubles

- The English National Championships are only open to those players who are eligible to play for England. If you are in any doubt about this, please telephone the Events Department on 01908 208871 for clarification and advice. Also see below eligibility criteria.
- 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.
- Entrants must hold a current Table Tennis England Compete Plus membership, or a current Table Tennis England Compete membership. If a Compete member, the appropriate Single Tournament Licence Fee must be paid with their entry.
- The 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.
- 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.
- Entrants in events 1 & 2 must have been born in 2011 or later. In events 3, 4, 5 & 6 entrants must have been born in 2009 or later.
- In events 5 & 6 **"Partner Wanted" entries will not be accepted.** Any entrant whose nominated doubles partner does not enter, will be withdrawn from that event.
- Doubles:** Doubles will be restricted to 24 pairs for boy's doubles and 24 pairs for girl's doubles. Entries will be accepted on a first received basis with the exception of entries from the first eight seeds in the U13 boy's and U13 girl's singles events whose entries will be accepted provided a correctly completed entry form is received from both partners with payment by the closing date.
- Entries will be acknowledged automatically; a player not having received such acknowledgement by 11<sup>th</sup> May 2022 should contact Mark Pinder [mark.pinder@tabletennisengland.co.uk](mailto:mark.pinder@tabletennisengland.co.uk).
- The last date and time for receipt of entries is Midnight Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> May 2022.
- The draw will take place Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> May 2022.
- The right is reserved to alter the schedule of playing times and/or table for any match. Entrants, if absent at any time when scheduled upon to play, are liable to disqualification from the event.
- Play throughout will be with the following equipment:
  - Tables: Butterfly Europa 25
  - Nets & posts: Butterfly
  - Balls: SANWEI ABS pro 40+ 3\* plastic ball (white)
  - Flooring: Rubber Polyurethane Floor
- Singles categories will be group stages, followed by knockout matches, with all matches played to the best of 5 games, 11 up.
- The final order in a group shall be determined in accordance with ITTF Regulation 3.7.5 for group competitions. Each match will be controlled by an umpire, whose decision will be final on matters of fact. No competitor will be obliged to umpire. The Referee's decision shall be final on points of law in any dispute as to the interpretation of these regulations and on any matter not covered by them. Scoring machines will be used for all matches.
- Table Tennis England reserves the right for changes to format should numbers not be suitable, including if below 8 players.  
**There will be no consolation event.**
- The format of the Doubles categories will be straight knockout matches played to the best of 5 games, 11 up.
- Events 3, 4, 5 & 6 will be played on Saturday 11th June 2022 with play starting at 9am. Events 1 & 2 will be played in their entirety on Sunday 12th June 2022, with play starting at 9am.
- 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.
- At all times when playing, competitors are required to display their name on the back of their playing shirts** Players must wear rubber soled shoes and clothing which complies with Table Tennis England Tournament Regulations.. ITTF Regulation 3.2.2.9 applies for finals only (X).
- No competitor or official shall engage in betting on players or matches.
- 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.
- There will be separate practice tables available throughout the competition but competitors only will be permitted to practice on any free match table at the discretion of the Referee BUT will be required to be suitably attired with one ball allowed at a time.

24. Suitably engraved medallions will be awarded to the finalists and losing semi-finalists.
25. 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 Championship Jury (3) fulfill 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.**
26. Doping shall not take place before or during play. This tournament may be subject to drug testing.
27. Changing facilities, including showers, are available at the venue.
28. Car parking is available at the venue.
29. All competitors must report to the control table on arrival and must not leave the venue without first obtaining permission from the Referee.
30. Table Tennis England may authorise photographers and other media representatives to record the event.
31. 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.
32. Notification – Entrants will be notified of the time of their first match on each day by e-mail.

**If you are unable to attend the event or need to contact the Referee, then please telephone Brian Jackson on 07973 851407 or Mark Pinder, Table Tennis England, on 07828 179949.**

### **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.**

#### **Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> May 2022**

U13's Singles and Doubles

Played in their entirety

#### **Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> May 2022**

U11's Singles

Played in their entirety

Further schedule information will be available in due course and will be circulated to players.