

## Women and Girls' Ambassador Application Information

Table Tennis England are delighted to announce that we are now recruiting new Women and Girls' Ambassadors for 2022/23

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 what they do
- To support and connect women & girls to opportunities to develop the sport

Table Tennis England Women and Girls' Ambassadors	
Role	Key Characteristics
ALL	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Passion for developing yourself, others, and those in the table tennis community.</li><li>• Ambition to provide women and girls with meaningful opportunities within the game.</li><li>• Supporting the programme from your own social media channels, reposting, supporting posts and writing about your own experiences</li><li>• Desire to attend developmental opportunities that Table Tennis England provide and represent women and girls.</li><li>• Dedication to communicate effectively with the team of other women and girls' ambassadors and Table Tennis England staff.</li><li>• Willingness to try new things and step outside your comfort zone as well as supporting others to do the same.</li><li>• Encourage and inspire coaches/ clubs and those in your local community to support female growth in Table Tennis.</li><li>• Willing to act as a role model for other women in the sport.</li></ul>

Women 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).

If you need alternative methods to complete this application form then please send an email to [lauren.evans@tabletennisengland.co.uk](mailto:lauren.evans@tabletennisengland.co.uk)

### **Next steps**

#### **Applications close at the beginning of September**

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 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 and 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 however you will be required to attend four quarterly meetings in one year. Any communications will be planned in advance.

**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.