

## Table Tennis England – Grand Prix Tournament Regulations 2022/23



1. Every entrant must be affiliated as a 'Compete Plus' member to Table Tennis England or be a member of another national association in membership of the ITTF. If you are a member of another national association, you must contact the TTE Membership department to get a TTID number. If you have an existing Compete membership, you should upgrade this to 'Compete Plus' or pay the appropriate Single Competition Licence fee. A Single Competition Licence serves as a one-off upgrade to the Compete membership and entitles a person to participate for that weekend only in the Compete Plus -level Tournament for which the application is made.
2. Table Tennis England Tournament Regulations apply to this tournament. ITTF Regulations for International Competition apply except those relating to matters covered by items marked (x) in the entry form.
3. Completion and submission of this entry form along with payment signifies agreement by the entrant to the conditions of the competition including the variations from the ITTF requirements.
4. All competitors will be required to umpire.
5. All matches will be the best of 5 games. Play throughout will be in groups of four for men and women (At the Referee's discretion, banded singles events may be played in groups of three) with the first two players qualifying. The final order in a group shall be determined as per ITTF regulation 3.7.5 for group competitions except that where a player concedes a match, he/she shall receive -3 group points (x).
6. Competitors in Veteran events must have been born before 1<sup>st</sup> January 1982, competitors in Under 21 events born after 31<sup>st</sup> December 2002.
7. Players must not wear shirts that are predominantly white.
8. Competitors will be permitted to practice on tables not in use at the discretion of the Referee.
9. No competitor or official shall engage in betting on players or matches.
10. Doping shall not take place either before or during play.
11. All competitors must report to the control table and register on arrival and must not leave the venue without first obtaining permission from the Referee.
12. Entry to banded events are restricted by player's ratings, according to the Table Tennis England Ratings List current at the closing date for entries. Restrictions are as follows:

Men's	Men's	Women's
Band 1: 1501 - 1800	Band 4: 551 - 900	Band 1: 1201 - 1600
Band 2: 1101 - 1500	Band 5: 351 - 550	Band 2: 901 - 1200
Band 3: 901 - 1100	Band 6: 0 - 350	Band 3: 701 - 900
		Band 4: 0 - 700

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Players may enter their own band and/or the one above. The organising committee reserves the right to give dummy ratings to any entrant. (Dummy ratings are for tournament purposes only, players will have zero points on the ratings list unless they are in the top 30% of the ITTF World Ranking List. Players with an existing rating can also be given a dummy rating to be more reflective of ability).

Banded Events – If you do not have a Table Tennis England Rating, in most cases you will qualify for Band 6 (Men) Band 4 (Women).

IMPORTANT: the level of the event at which a player gains their initial rating may constrain the potential value of that initial rating. If an unrated player is experienced and capable, as opposed to a beginner, it is important to a) ensure the event is the correct level in order that the initial rating is gained against opponents of an appropriate rating, and b) actively liaise with the Referee of the event to ensure that the unrated players' event seeding/ banding/ grouping is appropriate. If an event entry form does not include the ability to state this information, it is recommended that an unrated player contact the Referee directly prior to the event draw. Failure to do so may result in an undervalued initial rating, although this will normalise with further competition.

13. Should there be insufficient entries in any event, the Referee reserves the right to cancel/merge such event and/or place the entrants in a similar event. Table Tennis England reserves the right to reduce the prize money in the Men's and Women's singles should entries fall below 16 per specific event and would be proportional to the entry size.
14. The use of rackets prepared with glue containing VOCs will not be allowed.
15. The Referee's decision shall be final on points of law on any question arising not provided for in these regulations or in any dispute as to the interpretation thereof. Decisions on points of fact by an umpire or assistant umpire appointed by the Referee shall be final.
16. Any UK earnings/ tax implications, and/ or UK visa implications, arising from prize winnings at this event are **strictly the responsibility of the participant**.

### Prize Fund

Placing	1	2	3	4	Total
<b>MS (entries below 84)</b>	320	130	65	65	£580
<i>MS (entries at 84 or over)</i>	500	250	100	100	£950
<b>WS (entries below 24)</b>	320	130	65	65	£580
<i>WS (entries at 24 or over)</i>	500	250	100	100	£950
Men's Band 1	130	60			£190
Women's Band 1	130	60			£190
Men's Band 2 – 6	65	30			£95
Women's Band 2 – 4	65	30			£95
Men's Under 21's	65	30			£95
Women's Under 21's	65	30			£95
Veterans Mixed Singles	65	30			£95
Mixed Restricted group	65	30			£95

Please refer any entry queries to the Referee, as detailed in the Event Reference Document.