

## Reference Document

### General Information

**Date:** Saturday 29<sup>th</sup> April – Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> April 2023

**Venue:** David Ross Sports Village, University of Nottingham, Beeston Ln, Nottingham, NG7 2RD

**Entry Date:** Midnight on Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> April 2023

**Draw Date:** Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> April

**Queries to Mark Pinder at [mark.pinder@tabletennisengland.co.uk](mailto:mark.pinder@tabletennisengland.co.uk) or 01908 208871**

#### 1. Authority

The English Table Tennis Association shall organize the Cadet, U17 & Junior National Championships  
President: Mrs. Jill Parker MBE

#### 2. Table Tennis England Board

Mrs. Sandra DEATON, Chairman  
Mrs. Susie VENNER, Elected Director  
Mr. Don PARKER, Elected Director  
Mr. Ritchie VENNER, Elected Director  
Mr. Adrian CHRISTY, Table Tennis England CEO  
Mr. Kwadjo ADJEPONG, Appointed Director  
Mr. Richard AYERS, Appointed Director  
Mr. Ray JAMES, Appointed Director  
Mr. Steve KEMISH, Appointed Director  
Ms. Priya SAMUEL, Appointed Director  
Dr. Emma VICKERS, Appointed Director

#### 3. Championship Jury

The Championship Jury will be made up of the following positions:

- Competition Referee
- Tournament Director

#### 4. Tournament Director

Should you have any queries regarding this event, please contact:

**Tournament Director:** Mr. Mark Pinder [mark.pinder@tabletennisengland.co.uk](mailto:mark.pinder@tabletennisengland.co.uk)

#### 5. Officials

Referee: Dave Goulden (NR)  
Deputy Referee: Brian Jackson (NR)  
Referees Assistant: Jim Kenny (TO4)  
Umpires' Manager - TBC

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### 6. Events

The following Championship events will take place:

Cadet Boys Singles (those born in 2008 or later)	Cadet Girls Singles (those born in 2008 or later)
Cadet Boys Doubles (those born in 2008 or later)	Cadet Girls Doubles (those born in 2008 or later)
U17 Boys Singles (those born in 2006 or later)	U17 Girls Singles (those born in 2006 or later)
U17 Boys Doubles (those born in 2006 or later)	U17 Girls Doubles (those born in 2006 or later)
Junior Boys Singles (those born in 2004 or later)	Junior Girls Singles (those born in 2004 or later)
Junior Boys Doubles (those born in 2004 or later)	Junior Girls doubles (those born in 2004 or later)
Mixed Doubles (Those born in 2004 or later)	
Para Cadet Singles (those born in 2008 or later)	
Para Junior Singles (those born in 2004 or later)	

### 7.

#### Criteria for invitation

Table Tennis England will invite eligible players ranked 1 to 30 in the boys and girls on the Under 17's Table Tennis England 22/07 March snapshot ranking list, plus 2 wildcards. Table Tennis England will invite eligible players ranked 1 to 20 in the boys and girls on the relevant Cadet and Junior Table Tennis England 22/07 March snapshot ranking lists, plus 10 qualifiers from 4\* events in 22/23, plus 2 wildcards.

- Should an athlete decline their invitation, the next eligible player listed on the 22/07, March snapshot ranking list will be invited up to player number 50
- Athletes can only compete in the singles event which they have been invited.

#### Doubles:

Entry in **the Doubles events will be restricted to 16 pairs**. Players are only eligible to play in the single-gender Doubles category in the age group which they have been invited to play in the Singles event e.g. if invited for Cadet Boys singles only they can only play in Cadet Boys Doubles. Players eligible to enter for Cadet and U17's, can only be entered into either Cadet **OR** U17 Doubles, but not both.

All invited Singles players are eligible to play in the Mixed Doubles event. Eligible singles players will be invited to submit their partners' names on the entry form. Entries will only be accepted provided a correctly completed entry form is received from both partners with payment by the closing date.

In the single-gender Doubles category - pairings which include a player in the top 8 of the Cadet, U17s and Junior 22/07 ranking list will be given priority in the respective age category.

In the Mixed Doubles – If these events are oversubscribed, pairings will be prioritized to those which include either a male or a female in the top 8 of the Junior within the 22/07 March ranking list. Any places that are still available will be then accepted on a last entry in first out policy, in order of Juniors, U17's and then Cadets, based on the date of payment made by both players. Should a player withdraw from the doubles after the closing date, their doubles partner will have an agreed time to find a replacement, of lower ranking to the withdrawn player before the next pairing are accepted.

Table Tennis England will invite Para players based on BPTT selection policy for this event. BPTT are responsible for the selection and criteria.

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### 8. Eligibility

Table Tennis England will only invite athletes for the above event who:

- a) Are affiliated to Table Tennis England, holding a valid Table Tennis England Compete Plus membership and in good standing.
- b) Are eligible to represent England in ITTF and ETTU approved competitions and have valid proof of British Citizenship.
- c) Are not currently under disqualification or suspension under the rules of Table Tennis England or ITTF & ETTU.
- d) Are not currently serving any sanction for an anti-doping rule violation under any relevant anti-doping rules.
- e) Have competed in the following competitions during the 12 months prior to the closing date for each competition:
- f) For Cadet and Junior categories, have competed in 2 x 4\* event in the current season, competing in the age group in which invitation is sought

Athletes may apply for mitigating circumstances, in the event that they are unable to complete the above requirement (f). Athletes should apply to the Tournament Director as soon as possible after the 22/07 March Ranking list is published. Injury and international representation are reasons that will be looked on favourably.

### 9. Timing & Ranking Lists

Invites will be based on the 22/07 snapshot ranking list published on 8th March. Invites will be sent out by Table Tennis England within 14 days of these being published.

Please note that rankings remain live until the end of the season, and published places in a given ranking list may change slightly following subsequent month's ranking runs – for this reason, invitations are done on a fixed 'snapshot' basis, and will not themselves change if the live list changes retrospectively.

The closing date for entries is midnight on Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> April, please ensure that you complete your registration fully and make full payment promptly, for your entry to be accepted. If a player does not submit their completed application on time, the Tournament Director (or their representative) may offer their place to the next eligible player.

Seeding will be based on the 22/08 Ranking List publication date 12th April 2023, at the discretion of the Referee. The draw will take place on Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> April, following the publication of the Ranking List, if any players drop out, then the replacement players will take their position in the draw.

### 10. Withdrawal of invitation

Table Tennis England retains the right to withdraw an invitation from an athlete under any of the following circumstances:

- The athlete is no longer eligible for this event.
- Any exceptional circumstances, which in the reasonable opinion of Table Tennis England, justifies the withdrawal of the athlete concerned.

Any athlete who is withdrawn will immediately be notified of the decision, and the reason, and will have a right of review in accordance with the Right of review process.

## 11. Fees & Membership

Each player will be required to pay an entry fee. Payment must be paid via Sport:80. Instructions for payment will be detailed within the entry system.

All entrants must have a Table Tennis England Compete Plus Membership.

Category	Fees
1. Junior Boys Singles	£33.00
2. Junior Girls Singles	£33.00
3. Junior Boys Doubles	£28.00
4. Junior Girls Doubles	£28.00
5. Mixed Doubles	£28.00
6. U17 Boys Singles	£31.00
7. U17 Girls Singles	£31.00
8. U17 Boys Doubles *	£27.00
9. U17 Girls Doubles *	£27.00
10. Cadet Boys Singles	£29.00
11. Cadet Girls Singles	£29.00
12. Cadet Boys Doubles *	£26.00
13. Cadet Girls Doubles *	£26.00
14. Junior Para Singles	£33.00
15. Cadet Para Singles	£29.00
* eligible players can enter either Cadet <b>OR</b> U17 Doubles, but not both	

Refunds for entries will only be issued to players who have withdrawn in the below timescale:

- Prior to the deadline date – Full refund minus a £5 admin charge.
- After the deadline date and prior to the draw date – Full refund minus a £10 admin charge.
- After the draw there will be no refunds available.

## 12. Formats

*The format of the Singles categories will be group stages followed by knockout matches.* All group and knockout matches played to the best of 5 games, 11 up.

***There will be no consolation event.***

*Doubles matches will be played on a knockout basis, played to the best of 5 games, 11 up.*

## 13. Weighting

These events carry a Table Tennis England ranking weighting of x2.

## 14. Racket testing

Racket tests may be implemented at this event, randomly selected according to ITTF regulations.

**15. Equipment**

<b>Tables:</b>	Butterfly Europa 25
<b>Nets &amp; posts:</b>	Butterfly
<b>Balls:</b>	SANWEI ABS pro 40+ 3* plastic ball (white)
<b>Flooring:</b>	Wooden Sprung Floor

The tournament will be played on 16 tables in minimum court size 10m x 5m, there will also be a number of practice tables available in the hall.

**16. Anti-Doping**

Anti-doping testing may be carried out through this event, randomly selected accordingly to ITTF regulations.

**17. Clothing**

Competitors are required to display their name on the back of their playing shirt at all times when playing. Therefore, please ensure that you are prepared for the event by having your name displayed on the back of any shirts you intend playing in.

**18. Mobile Phones**

Mobile phones are not permitted to be used within the match court area and should remain somewhere safe within your bag or with a parent or coach attending the event. Any player caught using their phone during time out, change of ends or during matches will forfeit the match.

**19. Covid Restrictions**

All entries and event details are subject to COVID-related restrictions, or protocols that Table Tennis England may deem necessary. Please note that venues used for events may impose COVID restrictions that go beyond government guidance.

**20. Photography and Streaming**

Table Tennis England will be taking photos and live streaming matches during this event which may include (but not limited to), using them in our printed and online platforms, social media, press releases and funding applications. If you do not give permission to take photographs and/or video of you (or individuals for whom you are legally responsible), please contact [competitions@tabletennisengland.co.uk](mailto:competitions@tabletennisengland.co.uk).

For further details please see the Table Tennis England Photo and live streaming Policy:  
<https://www.tabletennisengland.co.uk/about-us/safeguarding/photography-guidelines/>

**21. Code of Conduct**

All participants and attendees at Table Tennis England events are subject to Table Tennis England Codes of Conduct <https://www.tabletennisengland.co.uk/about-us/safeguarding/safeguarding-codes-of-conduct-and-terms-of-reference/>

We will not tolerate swearing or verbal abuse of volunteers, officials, staff or venue staff, nor a failure to follow the operational directions of stewards and event staff. We will treat all such instances extremely seriously and will rigorously pursue disciplinary sanctions if necessary. For further details, please see the Table Tennis England Workforce Protection Policy <https://www.tabletennisengland.co.uk/about-us/policies-and-procedures/>

## NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS ELIGIBILITY QUESTIONNAIRE

Whether or not the player is eligible under regulation 4 can be established by answering the following questions, stopping as soon as “ELIGIBLE” or “NOT ELIGIBLE” has been reached.

1	Is the player affiliated to Table Tennis England	YES NO	Go to question 2 NOT ELIGIBLE
2	Has the player represented an Association other than England in the past 3 years?	YES NO	NOT ELIGIBLE Go to question 3
3	Does the player have British nationality?	YES NO	Go to question 4 Go to question 5
4	Was the player born in, or have his or her main residence in, England?	YES NO	ELIGIBLE Go to question 5
5	Has the player previously represented England?	YES NO	Go to question 6 NOT ELIGIBLE
6	Has the player represented an Association other than England since last representing England?	YES NO	NOT ELIGIBLE ELIGIBLE

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**Extract from ITTF Eligibility Regulations (for information only - not part of Schedule)**

**3.8.3** A player is eligible to represent an Association only if he is a national of the country in which that Association has jurisdiction, except that a player who has already represented an Association of which he or she was not a national in accordance with previous rules may retain that eligibility.

**3.8.3.1** Where the players of more than one Association have the same nationality, a player may represent one of these Associations only if he or she was born in or has his or her main residence, in the territory controlled by that Association.

**3.8.3.2** A player who is eligible to represent more than 1 Association shall have the right to choose which of the relevant Associations he will represent.

**3.8.5** A player shall not represent different Associations within a period of 3 years.