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General Information

Date: Saturday 10th and Sunday 11th June 2023
Venue: Aldersley Leisure Centre, Aldersley Rd, Wolverhampton WV6 9NW
Entry Date: Midnight on Wednesday 10th May
Draw Date: Sunday 14th May

Queries to Mark Pinder at mark.pinder@tabletennisengland.co.uk or 01908 208871

1. Authority

The English Table Tennis Association shall organize the National Championships
President: Mrs. Jill Parker MBE.

2. Table Tennis England Board

Mrs. Sandra DEATON
Mrs. Susie VENNERS, Elected Director
Mr. Don PARKER, Elected Director
Mr. Ritchie VENNERS, Elected Director
Mr. Jos KELLY, 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 the Tournament Director: Mr. Mark Pinder.
mark.pinder@tabletennisengland.co.uk

5. Officials

Referee – Cliff Bell (NR)
Deputy Referee – John Mackey (TR)
Referee's Assistant – Jason Ramage (TR)
Field of Play Manager – Jim Kenny (TO4)
Umpire Manager – Margaret Welch (TO3)

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6. Events

The following Championship events will take place:

1. U11 Boys Singles (those born in 2012 or later)	2. U11 Girls Singles (those born in 2012 or later)
3. U13 Boys Singles (those born in 2010 or later)	4. U13 Girls Singles (those born in 2010 or later)
5. U13 Boys Doubles (those born in 2010 or later)	6. U13 Girls Doubles (Those born in 2010 or later)

7. Criteria for invitation

Table Tennis England will invite eligible players from 1 to 22 (for boys and girls in the U11 age groups), plus 2 wildcards, and 1 to 46 (for boys and girls in the U13 age groups), plus two wildcards, on the Table Tennis England 22/8 April 2023 snapshot Ranking list. (It is the players' responsibility to ensure they do not drop off the ranking list due to inactivity, which happens after 5 inactive periods). Should an athlete decline their invitation, the next eligible player listed on the 22/8 April 2023 snapshot Ranking list will be invited up to 40 for the U11 events and 64 for the U13 event.

Athletes can only compete in the singles event which they have been invited.

If the minimum entries have not been met for the U11 age group categories, for both boys and girls, entry applications are invited for consideration. Serious applications only will be considered; video footage against a specific skills matrix, as well as a written testimonial from a qualified and licenced Table Tennis England coach, will be required for an objective assessment to be made. Please do not make a speculative enquiry unless you are confident in the appropriate ability of the applicant. TTE are under no obligation to extend invitations beyond the ranking eligibility stated above. If you wish to make an application, please contact mark.pinder@tabletennisengland.co.uk ASAP.

The deadline for submission of video evidence and testimonials will be Monday 22nd April 2023.

Doubles:

Entry in to the U13 Doubles events will be restricted to 24 pairs for boys' doubles and 24 pairs for girls' doubles. Entries will be accepted on a first received basis except for entries from any of the first eight seeds in the U13 boys' singles and any of the first eight seeds in the U13 girls' singles events, whose entries will be accepted provided a correctly completed entry form is received from both partners with payment before the closing date. 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. Only players who have been invited to play in the Singles events are eligible to enter the Doubles events.

8. Eligibility

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

- Are affiliated to Table Tennis England, holding a valid Table Tennis England Complete Plus membership and in good standing.
- Are eligible to represent England in ITTF and ETTU approved competitions and have valid proof of British Citizenship.
- Are not currently under disqualification or suspension under the rules of Table Tennis England or ITTF & ETTU.
- Are not currently serving any sanction for an anti-doping rule violation under any relevant anti-doping rules.

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9. Timing & Ranking Lists

Invites will be based on the 22/08 snapshot ranking list published on 12th April. Invites will be sent out by Table Tennis England within 14 days of these being published.

The closing date for entries is midnight on Wednesday 3rd May, please ensure that you complete your registration fully and make full payment promptly, for your entry to be accepted. In the event that 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 22/09 Ranking List publication date 10th May 2023, at the discretion of the Referee. The draw will take place on Sunday 14th May, 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, which includes administration and Ranking Levy fees. Payment must be paid via Sport:80. Instructions for payment will be detailed within the entry system.

All entrants must have a current Table Tennis England Compete Plus membership.

Category	Fees
1. U11 Boys Singles	£26:00
2. U11 Girls Singles	£26:00
3. U13 Boys Singles	£26:00
4. U13 Girls Singles	£26:00
5. U13 Boys Doubles	£23:00
6. U13 Girls Doubles	£23:00
Single Tournament License Fee (if required; player must already have Compete membership)	£5.00

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.

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12. Formats

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

Table Tennis England reserves the right for changes to format should numbers not be suitable, or to cancel the competition if there are less than 8 entries. There is no consolation event.

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

Tables: Blue Butterfly Europa 25

Nets & posts: Butterfly

Balls: SANWEI - ABS pro 40+ 3* plastic ball (white)

Flooring: Wooden Sprung Flooring

The tournament will be played on 16 tables in courts 10m x 5m, practice tables will also be 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.

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

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

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.