



## **Election Statement for CHRIS PRICE - Candidate for Member Elected Director, May 2023**

I have been involved with Table Tennis for much of my life. An avid sports fan, I have played Table Tennis since the age of 8. From playing with my brother in our basement to supporting the Juniors and Cadets at International events, I have seen the full spectrum of what's on offer from our wonderful sport. I am still a committed player from captaining a team in the Bristol Premier Division to playing Senior British League for various clubs over recent years. I'm spending more time now coaching and helping the next generation and always at hand to offer support and advice at events up and down the country.

I am a strong advocate for the membership, I'm not shy to air my views. I've truly seen the good, bad and the ugly of being a committed player as well as a Table Tennis parent of a high performing Junior.

Throughout the last decade I've become a very familiar face on the tournament circuit, traveling nationwide, attending every type of tournament from one star to National Championships. This exposure has given me excellent visibility of the sport and a good understanding of what goes on and the challenges, and frustrations, of making this sport flourish. It has enhanced my personal passion for, and commitment to, seeing Table Tennis grow.

My son started playing aged 9 and quickly progressed from the home table to playing 1\* and 2\* star tournaments with mixed results early on. Through his commitment to playing as many tournaments as possible, he's managed to top the rankings at Under 15, Under 19 & Under 21's. Throughout his journey, there have been some very positive actions and decisions being made but also some issues that can easily be improved for the better.

My involvement in the organisational aspect started after a company sale and I spent a lot more time with my son on his table tennis journey here and abroad. With Covid impacting many of us, I've been keen to get more involved with Table Tennis from an organisational and strategic perspective and have recently added the **South West Regional Chair** to my responsibilities. I have also been appointed to the **Competition Advisory Committee** which is an area I'm pretty passionate about.

Outside of my involvement with Table Tennis, I have a long and successful professional business career that equips me with a wide range of skills and experience to complement those already possessed by the board.

With the combination of my passion for table tennis (as a committed player, long-time volunteer & TT parent) and business experience, I believe I have the necessary skills and personality to be a great asset to the board.

I believe in the value of personal relationships, business partnerships and commercial alliances. I'm known to be highly motivated, high energy, passionate and enthusiastic and now have the flexibility & time to expand my involvement with Table Tennis at a time when there are so many positive things happening in the sport here and abroad.

If members want someone on the board who will ensure their interests and views remain key to the decisions being made, then please ask your company members, for both your county and your league, to back me in the upcoming ballot. My objective in standing for this position is to be the bridge that gets the membership and TTE working much more closely together.

**For more information, feel free to call me or email on the details below:**

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