

# CARDIFF GRAND PRIX 2023

A Table Tennis England Satellite Grand Prix Tournament



**Venue:** Sport Wales National Centre, Sophia Close, Cardiff, CF11 9SW

**Referee:** Steve Smith (IR)

**Deputy Referee:** Peter Higgins (TR)

**Referee's Assistant (T02):** Simon Oyler

**Tournament Organiser:** Simon Oyler

**Organising Committee:** TTW Competitions Committee

## Dates

**Event Dates:** 16<sup>th</sup> & 17<sup>th</sup> December 2023

**Closing Date:** Midnight on Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> November 2023

**Draw Date:** Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> November 2023

**Programme Release Date:** Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> December 2023

**Ranking List:** November 2023 Issue

## Tournament Information

1. All entries must be sent and received by the Tournament Organiser by the closing date.
2. **Entries can only be submitted with full payment of entry fees. Entries will not be acknowledged until both entry form and payment have been received.**
3. **There will be a practical limit for entrants and entries to specific events. It may not be possible to accept all entries. This will be determined by when your entry is submitted and paid for and by the category in which you have entered. All entries should be considered provisional until confirmed by the referee, and any unsuccessful entries will be contacted at the soonest possibility and entry fees will be refunded.**  
If it becomes necessary to restrict entries, priority will be given in order of receipt.
4. Playing Conditions – Play throughout will be on 18 x Butterfly Europa 25 tables, Butterfly nets and posts, the match ball will be Butterfly R40 3\* plastic ball (white). Individual court size 10m x 5m minimum enclosed by surrounds. Scoring machines will be used for all matches. The hall dimensions are 36metres x 37metres. The arena surface is a wooden sprung floor, Lighting is 10 metres from the floor LED lighting 500 LUX.
5. Changing – Facilities are available at the playing venue.
6. Practice – There are no separate practice facilities. Unused tables may be allocated to practice.
7. The tournament is included in the Computer Ranking Scheme.
8. This competition is approved by Table Tennis England, with Table Tennis Wales being the promoting and delivering body.
9. All entries and event details are subject to COVID-related restrictions, or protocols that Table Tennis England may deem necessary. Venues used for events may impose COVID restrictions that go beyond government guidance.
10. Doping – Doping control tests may take place. The UK Anti-Doping Rules apply to all participants of the sport, including Minors, and they make all participants subject to drug Testing. For the purposes of those rules, consent of a parent or guardian to the Testing of a Minor is deemed to follow automatically from the fact that the Minor has been permitted by their parent or guardian to participate in Table Tennis. Therefore, any Minors participating in the sport may be subject to drug Testing.  
Retirement from competitions – all records relating to an athlete's retirement will be kept by Table Tennis Wales and shared with UKAD when requested.
11. Notification – Entrants will be notified of the time of their first match on each day by e-mail.
12. There is no admission charge to enter the playing venue.
13. Car parking is available at the sports centre.
14. Catering is available at the sports centre.

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15. P.A. System – All matches will be announced on the P.A. system. Players must not leave the centre without permission of the Referee. Repeat calls for a player will be limited to three per day.
16. Player Number – A £10 deposit is included on the entry form. This will be refunded when the referee is satisfied that the player has carried out any umpiring duties required under regulation 4. Please note players will be required to complete a short refund form to gain their refund. Players must complete this on the day of competition to gain their player deposit refund.
17. Refunds for entries will only be issued to players who have withdrawn in the below time scale.
  - Prior to the deadline date – Full refund minus £5 admin Charge
  - After the deadline date and prior to the draw date – Full refund minus £10 admin charge
  - After the draw there will be no refunds available.

## **Categories and Entry Fees**

Players can compete in the below categories across the weekend. The first event that you enter will cost £40, of which £10 of this is a deposit which is refundable (outlined in Tournament Information #12). Each additional category that you enter will cost £12 each.

Ranking levy is included in the cost of the event, *Current levy: (£2.00, per person plus £1 per each event)*

**1 Category - £40 / 2 Categories – £52 / 3 Categories - £64 / 4 Categories - £76**

## **Provisional Playing Schedule**

Saturday		Sunday	
8.45	Men's Bands 2, 4 & 6 groups Women's Band 2 & 4 groups	8.45	Men's singles groups Women's singles groups
11.15	KO rounds of above to finals	11.15	KO rounds of above to finals
14.00	Men's Bands 1, 3 & 5 groups Women's Bands 1 & 3 groups	14.00	Under 21 Men's & Women's groups Mixed Restricted groups (Aged 21-39) Mixed Veteran groups
17.00	KO rounds of above to finals	16.30	17:00 KO rounds of above to finals
20.45	Finish	20.00	20:00 Finish

## **Photo & Live Streaming**

Photo/livestreaming (Organisation name) may 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 (organisation email) Please be aware that we follow the Table Tennis England's Photo and live streaming Policy: <https://www.tabletennisengland.co.uk/about-us/safeguarding/photography-guidelines/>

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For further details please see the Table Tennis Wales Policy [TTW-Photography-Video-Policy.pdf \(tabletennis.wales\)](#)

## **Code Of Conducts**

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

Due to this event being held in Wales, all participants and attendees are subject to Table Tennis Wales Code Of Conduct. Please see [Safeguarding - Table Tennis Wales](#)

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Table Tennis England and Table Tennis Wales, the Organisers and the Referee will not tolerate bad language 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 take disciplinary action if necessary.

For further details, please see the Table Tennis England Workforce Protection Policy [Policies and procedures - Table Tennis England](#) or [Governance and Policies - Table Tennis Wales](#) for players registered in Wales.

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## Tournament Regulations

1. Every entrant must be affiliated as a 'Compete Plus Member' or provide proof of being a member of another National Association affiliated to the ITTF and is not affiliated to TTE. An entrant only affiliated as a Compete Member may enter the tournament upon payment of the appropriate Single Competition Licence fee with their entry form.
2. TTE Regulations Part A (Regulated Competitions) and Part B (Tournament Regulations) apply to the tournament
3. ITTF Regulations for International Competitions apply to the tournament except where otherwise specified in TTE Regulations Parts A or B, or in this form
4. Completion and submission of this Entry Form signifies agreement by the entrant to the conditions of the competition, including any variations of ITTF regulations
5. All competitors may be required to umpire at least one match in each event entered
6. 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).
7. Competitors in Veteran events must have been born before 1<sup>st</sup> January 1984, competitors in Under 21 events must be born after 31<sup>st</sup> December 2002.
8. Player's clothing as specified in TTE Regulations Part A
9. Competitors will be permitted to practice on tables not in use at the discretion of the Referee.
10. No competitor or official shall engage in betting on players or matches.
11. The UK Anti-Doping Rules apply to all persons entering an event or competition, for whichever is the longer of a) the length of their membership or licence period; or b) 12 months from the date of their participation, whether or not the entrant or licence holder is a citizen of, or resident in, the UK
12. All competitors must report to the control table on arrival and must not leave the venue without first obtaining permission from the Referee.
13. 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 Band 1: 1351 - 1600 Band 2: 951 - 1350 Band 3: 801 - 950	Men's Band 4: 501 - 800 Band 5: 376 - 500 Band 6: 0 - 375	Women's Band 1: 1101 - 1400 Band 2: 801 - 1100 Band 3: 651 - 800 Band 4: 0 - 650
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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 who does not appear on the current Table Tennis England Ratings list. (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). Remember, you are entitled to play in your own Band and/or the one above.

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**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.

14. 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 Wales 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.
15. The use of rackets prepared with glue containing VOCs will not be allowed.
16. 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.
17. 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

	Winner	Runner-Up	Semi-Finalists	Total
Men's Singles	£260	£120	£60 each	£500
Women's Singles	£260	£120	£60 each	£500
<b>Total Prize Fund</b>				<b>£1000</b>

For all other events, trophies will be presented to the winner and runner up of each category.