



NATIONAL CADET LEAGUE 2023/24

Welcome to the National Cadet League's 19th season which I hope will interest your support whether you are a club, league or "group". Last season, 198 teams played at 12 centres on 4 days. This league is designed for the younger player in her/his developing years, with many of the centres with a minimum of 8 teams having two or more divisions, especially on days 3 and 4. Any player who either is registered or plays in the Junior British League in the current season will not be eligible to play in the 2023/24 NCL.

Any player entering "Cadet" events this season must have been born in 2009 or later. Leagues and/or Clubs may apply to enter teams of three players (although it is advisable to register more) to play in venues closest to their location and the preferred option is graded divisions for boys and girls. Mixed teams are acceptable to all organisers **except Morpeth** but the players will miss out on ranking points when playing the opposite sex if either player has 600 or more ratings points. If both players have less than 600 points then matches between players of the opposite sex will be for rating points. The weighting for ranking is 1.0.



The schedule of play guarantees a full day's participation and was originally based on a six-team division playing on one or two tables with each team playing every other on each of the four days. Each team

match would then consist of six singles sets, each the best of five games, with both teams listed in strict ranking order and A v Y, B v X, C v Z, A v X, C v Y, B v Z being the sets played. **This may be altered to nine singles and IS NOW THE PREFERRED OPTION WHENEVER POSSIBLE**, but this is dependent on the number of teams entered. **Each day's play MUST provide a minimum of NINE individual matches per player in a three-player team**, unless the local organiser has the permission of the national organiser to offer less than nine on any one day. Any player who wins three matches in one day in this competition, even against unranked players, is guaranteed to appear in the next Table Tennis England Ranking/Rating List after the results have been submitted.

Medals to a total of four per team will be available to local organisers to the equivalent of two sets per six teams entered. **The dates scheduled for this season's competition are:**

Sundays 5 November, 10 December, 7 January & 10 March.

With the permission of the Tournament Approval Panel, however, the following venues have variations from the scheduled dates:

BRISTOL – 14 January, 4 February, 3 March, 17 March

HALTON – day 1 will be 22 October.

LONDON ACADEMY – 5 November, 19 November, 10 December, 10 March

STOWMARKET – 26 November, 17 December, 4 February, 10 March (must be different players to NCL entrants)

WELLINGBOROUGH (Highfield TTC) – 10 December, 7 January, 4 February, 10 March

WORKSOP (Blitz TTC) – day 2 will be 26 November.

Please also note ALL the various venues at which competition will take place and choose accordingly. It is advisable to nominate a second choice in case your first choice cannot function. We would welcome new venues if enough support is available. Each day at each venue will be managed by an organiser appointed by the NCL Committee, which is empowered to determine the conduct of the competition, resolve any disputes arising and implement any measures as it deems reasonable.

Should you be interested in entering a team(s) please complete the entry form and send it together with the all-inclusive fee of **£90.00 per team** to Mike Atkinson, 35 Poles Hill, Chesham, Bucks. HP5 2QR (phone 01494 785609) **by 20 September for all venues**, even if you are not sure of the final composition of your team(s). As from 21 September, I have to rationalise which centres have enough definite (ie "paid-for") teams to operate and which centres are uneconomic and thus will not run. If a ranking list can also be completed by 20 September 2023, please send this at the same time. If not, please complete and forward this to me by 2 October, 2023.

To play in the NCL in 2023-24, youngsters must hold a Table Tennis England Compete membership (previously known as 'Player Membership') or a Compete Plus membership (previously known as a 'Player Licence'). Compete membership (£9 per person per annum) can be obtained online at tabletennisengland.co.uk/membership (AFTER 17 JULY, 2023) or from the Table Tennis England Head Office – Telephone: 01908 208898 (AFTER 1 AUGUST, 2023). Even though a Compete Plus membership is no longer necessary to play in NCL, if you are intending playing in more than two x 2 star (or higher) tournaments during the season then the best option is to upgrade to, or buy, a Compete Plus membership.

Best wishes to you all – Thank you for your support.

Mike Atkinson

NCL Organiser

LAWS, REGULATIONS, PLAYING CONDITIONS AND DRESS

- The Laws of Table Tennis as approved by Table Tennis England will apply.
- The playing area and lighting shall not be less than required for a 2* open tournament.
- Team clothing shall be of a recognisable table tennis type and of a colour other than white. Playing footwear shall be of a type that will not mark or damage the floor. ITTF clothing regulation 3.2.2.9 (clothing) will not apply.
- Notwithstanding the above the Organiser on the day in conjunction with team captains has the authority to change and accept differing conditions and standards.
- Regulation R will be fully enforced at all times during the competition.
- Racket testing may be conducted.
- If a team has only two players present on any day, they must play in ranking order at Nos 1 & 2.
- Time-outs are not permitted in the NCL.



REGISTRATION AND TRANSFER

- A team may only be represented by players who are registered on the ranking list held by the local organiser (needs to be revised each time a new player is introduced).
- Players playing up to a higher team twice will become registered for that team in which they have played their second match as a norm. No player can play against the same opposition team twice on the same day.
- After the second scheduled day of matches, only players equal or less equal to those already registered will be admissible as new or replacement signings.
- No transfer to another club allowed after playing for the initial first choice club.

LEAGUE POSITIONS

- A point will be awarded for each individual match won within the team match.
- Positions in the division will be determined by the number of points won.
- If two or more teams are equal on points, then their relative positions shall be determined only by the results of the matches between them, by considering successively:
 - 1) the number of points (individual matches) won
 - 2) the ratio of wins to losses in games
 - 3) the ratio of wins to losses in pointsas far as is necessary to resolve the order.

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Entry Form – Season 2023/24



Team Entry Fee £90.00					
Team Name:			Sex (Boys/Girls/Mixed):		
Team Secretary (for all correspondence)			Team Captain		
Name:			Name:		
Address:			Address:		
Postcode:	Tel (h):	Postcode:	Tel (h):		
Tel (b):	Tel (m):	Tel (b):	Tel (m):		
e-mail:			e-mail:		
<p>On behalf of the above Team, we undertake to comply with the Regulations covering the National Cadet League</p> <p>Table Tennis England uses the above information only for the purpose of administering the competition. To facilitate the running of the competition, the information will be shared with the appointed event committee/organisers in order that the event can be arranged and delivered. If you would like any further information please refer to the Table Tennis England's privacy policy which can be found at https://tabletennisengland.co.uk/home/website-privacy-policy/</p>					
Signature (Team Secretary):			Signature (Team Captain):		
PROBABLE VENUES ARE LISTED BELOW, PLEASE INDICATE YOUR PREFERRED CHOICE					
Venue	Area	Choice	Venue	Area	Choice
			London Academy **	West London	
Bristol**	Glos.		Stowmarket ^ **	East	
Morpeth ^	East London		Blitz TTC Worksop**	East Mids	
Ellenborough	North London		Highfield TTC**	East	
Horsham	Sussex		Wellingborough		
Ormesby	North East		Nishkam HS Birmingham	W Midlands	
Halton, Widnes **	Cheshire/ Lancs		Huddersfield	Yorkshire	
Cippenham	Bucks/Berks				
We could be interested in using other venues for next season – contact Mike Atkinson (01494 785609)					
This form MUST be sent with the required fees (payable to Table Tennis England) to the organiser (address below) by the closing date – 20th September 2023 for all venues					
Mike Atkinson, 35 Poles Hill, Chesham, Bucks HP5 2QR					
**These venues have agreed date variations – see entry letter ^ Different players to NJL teams needed at these venues					

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TEAM RANKING LIST & REGISTRATION FORM
Season 2023/24



Name of Team _____

Regional Organisers MUST confirm that they have seen each player's current Membership card

Membership Number	Venue Referee/ Organiser's initial when current membership card is seen or paid for	Team Ranking	Name of Player & Date of Birth
		1	
		2	
		3	
		4	
		5	
		6	
		7	
		8	
		9	
		10	
		11	

----- Date _____
Team Secretary

Please return to:
Mike Atkinson, 35 Poles Hill, Chesham, HP5 2QR
by 20th September or 2nd October 2023