

**WORLD TEAM  
TABLE TENNIS  
CHAMPIONSHIPS**

**2026 LONDON**

**CELEBRATING  
100 YEARS  
OF TABLE TENNIS**



RECRUITMENT PACK

**INDEPENDENT CHAIR  
STAKEHOLDER BOARD**



# BACKGROUND

Table Tennis England has secured the rights to host the ITTF World Team Table Tennis Championships 2026 (WTTTC26).

The WTTTC26 will celebrate 100 years of international table tennis which was born in London in 1926 and we cannot wait to bring the global game together at the OVO Arena, Wembley in April 2026 to celebrate this momentous time in our sports history.

Our vision for the WTTTC26 is to:

- Create lasting **community impact** and **social change**.
- **Deliver** an inspirational, accessible, and inclusive championships.
- **Increase awareness and visibility** – more eyeballs, more broadcast, more people talking about table tennis.
- **Inspire** a new generation of players, workforce, and fans.
- **Secure** partnerships and investment

The WTTTC26 Stakeholder Board will operate under the governance of a newly established company, TT International Events Ltd (TTIE), to assume strategic oversight of the championships. In turn, TTIE has established the WTTTC26 Stakeholder Board to ensure the championships is delivered under the terms of the awarding of the WTTTC26 by the delegates at the ITTF AGM on 24 August 2023.

This document sets out the principal responsibilities of the Chair of the WTTTC26 Stakeholder Board and the Board's principal responsibilities.

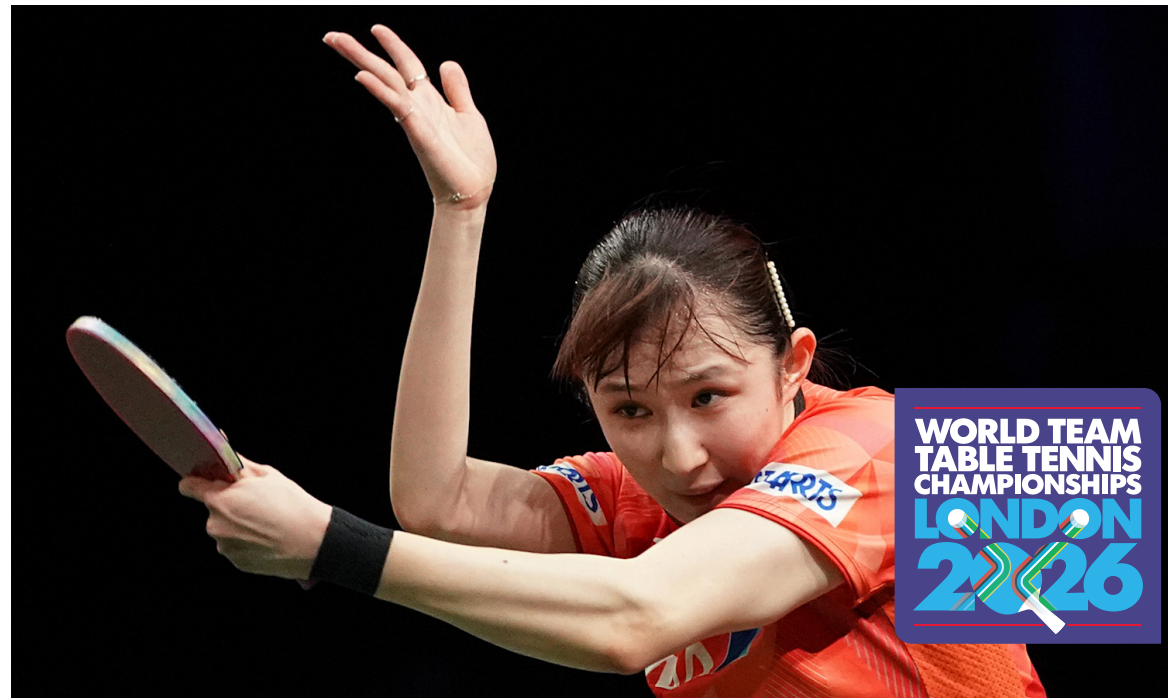
## Authority

The Chair of the WTTTC26 Stakeholder Board shall be independent, as defined by the UK Code for Sports Governance – see below (hereafter referred to as the Chair) and is accountable to the Board of TT International Events Ltd.

A person is independent if they are free from any close connection to the organisation and if, from the perspective of an objective outsider, they would be viewed as independent. A person may still be deemed independent even if they are a member of the organisation and/or play the sport.

Examples of a 'close connection' include:

- They are or have within the last four years been actively involved in the organisation's affairs, for example as a representative of a specific interest group within the organisation such as a sporting discipline, a region, or a home country.
- They are or have within the last four years been an employee of the organisation.
- They have close family ties with any of the organisation's directors or senior employees.





# ABOUT THE OPPORTUNITY

## Principle Chair Responsibilities:

- Ensure the Board is effective in delivering against the wider strategy for major events.
- Lead the Stakeholder Board using the championships vision as a driver for discussion and decisions.
- Promote and nurture a culture of openness, debate, and constructive challenge within the Stakeholder Board.
- Promote collaboration, creativity and excellence in planning and delivery.
- Ensure the Board and the delivery of the championships is consistent with the highest standards of governance.
- Ensure the TTIE Ltd Board and key partners, including UK Sport and the Greater London Authority, are provided with regular reports which in particular highlight progress, and provide updated financial and risk management information.
- In conjunction with the Director of Events and Finance Director, set the financial and procurement management processes.
- Ensure the skills, experience and network of members are maximised for the benefit of the championships and all partners.
- Identify and manage any conflicts of interest that may arise within the Board and partners. In the championships that equal votes are registered for a board motion, the Chair is charged with the casting vote.
- Agree and set the Board's agenda ensuring members receive clear, accurate and timely information.
- Ensure the Board has a balance of skills appropriate to discharge its responsibilities.
- Ensure Board members are fully briefed and understand the terms of their appointment, duties, rights, and responsibilities.
- Act as an ambassador for the championships representing the Board as required.

## Key Relationships:

- Stakeholder Board members
- Table Tennis England Chief Executive
- Director of Events
- LOC Senior Management Team
- International Table Tennis Federation (ITTF)
- UK Sport
- Greater London Authority
- Table Tennis England



# PERSON SPECIFICATION

## Essential:

- A strong understanding, and track record of leadership, delivering results while managing multiple stakeholders.
- Good knowledge of corporate and sports governance board-level responsibilities, and accustomed to the principles of public sector propriety, regularity, and accountability.
- Chair or Board experience in overseeing the delivery of major events.
- A strategic and collaborative approach to objective setting and decision-taking with the ability to facilitate focussed and relevant discussions.
- A track record of management of personnel.
- Stakeholder management experience.
- Able to “lead from the front” in terms of demonstrating the highest standards of integrity.
- Tenacious and diplomatic, with the ability to identify and critically assess opportunities and threats in order to develop effective strategies and solutions.
- Evidence of success in your chosen career.

## Desirable

- Financial management experience.
- A good understanding of major events.
- Knowledge of the British sporting system, particularly major events.
- Experience and expertise in Commercial, Marketing or Ticketing.



# HOW TO APPLY

## If this exciting position appeals to you, you should submit:

1. An up-to-date CV which shows your full career history – we recommend that this is no longer than two pages, however, please ensure you represent your skills, experiences, and achievements;
2. A covering letter of no more than two pages of A4 demonstrating how you will bring your experience, skills, and knowledge to be successful in the role.

Please send your CV and covering letter to [emma.sutherland@tabletennisengland.co.uk](mailto:emma.sutherland@tabletennisengland.co.uk).

For an informal chat about the opportunity, please contact Adrian Christy, Chief Executive, Table Tennis England, via [sue.wressell@tabletennisengland.co.uk](mailto:sue.wressell@tabletennisengland.co.uk)

Closing date – applications should be received by **Friday 23 February 2024**. Provisional interview date **Monday 11 March 2024**.

## Annual Commitment:

Circa 10 days per annum to include Board meetings. Additional time may be required on occasions such as attending LOC meetings if required or taking part in PR activities in the run up

to London 2026.

## Contractual Status:

Fixed term until three months after the conclusion of the championships (circa August 2026).

## Remuneration:

This is a voluntary position. Reasonable travel expenses will be paid in accordance with Table Tennis England's expense policy.

## Location:

Board meetings will usually take place in Milton Keynes, or virtually, on average four times per year although the schedule may be adjusted to allow for more meetings the closer we get to the Championships.

*We are committed to being a more diverse and inclusive organisation to bring new and different perspectives to our work. So that we can more closely reflect UK society, we particularly encourage applications from individuals within groups which are currently underrepresented within our organisation.*



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