

GLOUCESTER GRAND PRIX 25TH & 26TH MAY 2024



Venue: Oxstall, Plock Court, Tewkesbury Road, Gloucester, GL2 9DW

Referee: TBC

Deputy Referee: Cliff Bell

Referee's Assistant (TO2): Kim Mudge

Tournament Organisers: Martin Haxton

Organising Committee: Martin Haxton, Referee, Mark Pinder

Dates

Event Date: 25th & 26th May 2024

Closing Date: Midnight on Wednesday 1st May 2024

Draw Date: Tuesday 15th May 2024

Ranking List: Ranking list 23/8 published 10th April 2024

Tournament Information

1. All entries must be completed 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 on 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.**
4. Playing conditions – Play throughout will be Butterfly Europa 25 Tables and Butterfly Nets & Posts, the match ball will be Butterfly R40 3* balls (white). Individual court size 10m x 5m minimum enclosed by surrounds. Scoring machines will be used for all matches.
5. Parking is available free of charge
6. Changing – Facilities maybe restricted in the centre.
7. Practice – There are no separate practice facilities.
8. Grand Prix ranking weighting is set at x1.75
9. Doping – Doping control tests may take place.
10. Notification – Entrants will be notified of the time of their first match on each day by email.
11. P.A. system – All groups and knockout 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.
12. Player number – A £10 deposit is included on the entry form. This will be refunded when the player returns the number, signed by the Referee to indicate that the Referee is satisfied that the player has carried out any umpiring duties required, which requires all players to umpire at least one knock-out match. **Note that player number deposits will be refunded via Sport:80 after the event, this may take 3-5 working days**
13. Refunds for entries will only be issued to players who have withdrawn in the below timescale: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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If you find you are unable to attend the event or need to contact the organisers, please call Martin Haxton 07895 174983 or Email: competitions@tabletennisengland.co.uk

Categories and Entry Fees

Players can compete in the below categories across the weekend. The first event that you enter will cost £51, 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.

1 Category - £51.00 / 2 Categories - £63.00 / 3 Categories - £75.00 / 4 Categories - £87.00

Saturday		Sunday	
Morning	Afternoon	Morning	Afternoon
Men's bands 2, 4 & 6 Women's band 2 & 4	Men's bands 1, 3 & 5 Women's band 1 & 3	Men's Open Singles Women's Open Singles	Men's & Women's U21's Restricted Mixed Singles Veterans Mixed Singles

*Players entering 'both bands' is classed as 2 categories

Photo & Living 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/>

Code of Conducts

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/>

Tournament Regulations

1. Every entrant must be affiliated as a 'Compete Plus' member to Table Tennis England or be a member of another national association in membership of the ITTF. If you are a member of another national association, you must contact the TTE Membership department to get a TTID number. If you have an existing Compete membership, you should upgrade this to 'Compete Plus' or pay the appropriate Single Competition Licence fee. A Single Competition Licence serves as a one-off upgrade to the Compete membership and entitles a person to participate for that weekend only in the Compete Plus -level Tournament for which the application is made.
2. Table Tennis England Tournament Regulations apply to this tournament, which can be found at: <https://www.tabletennisengland.co.uk/about-us/articles-and-regulations/> (Download A: Regulated competition). ITTF Regulations for International Competition apply except those relating to matters covered by items marked (x) in this document.
3. Completion and submission of this entry form along with payment signifies agreement by the entrant to the conditions of the competition including the variations from the ITTF requirements.
4. All competitors will be required to umpire group matches and at least one knockout match.
5. 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).
6. Competitors in Veteran events must have been born before 1st January 1984, competitors in Under 21 events born after 31st December 2002.
7. Players must not wear shirts that are predominantly white.
8. Competitors will be permitted to practice on tables not in use at the discretion of the Referee.
9. No competitor or official shall engage in betting on players or matches.
10. Doping shall not take place either before or during play.
11. All competitors must report to the control table and register on arrival and must not leave the venue without first obtaining permission from the Referee.
12. 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. (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).

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.

13. 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 England 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.

14. The use of rackets prepared with glue containing VOCs will not be allowed.

15. 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.

16. 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

Placing	1	2	3	4	Total
MS (entries below 84)	320	130	65	65	£580
<i>MS (entries at 84 or over)</i>	500	250	100	100	£950
WS (entries below 24)	320	130	65	65	£580
<i>WS (entries at 24 or over)</i>	500	250	100	100	£950
Men's Band 1	130	60			£190
Women's Band 1	130	60			£190
Men's Band 2 – 6	65	30			£95
Women's Band 2 – 4	65	30			£95
Men's Under 21's	65	30			£95
Women's Under 21's	65	30			£95
Veterans Mixed Singles	65	30			£95
Mixed Restricted group	65	30			£95