

Table Tennis England

National Competition Review

Phase III – Part A



Part A provides an outline of the developed event formats with an explanation of the key detail and the role that each serves in the programme. Items in **blue** show new events or significant new detail in relation to the current programme.

Event	Age-Groups	Genders	Level	Format	Player Eligibility	Frequency	Delivery	Key Detail & Process	Rationale
National Championships	All-Ages	M & F	National	Singles & Doubles	England only	Once per season	TTE	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Top 32 from ranking/ qual/ wildcards • Inc Para singles categories • Prize money event 	The series of National Championships in each age-group
	Junior & U21s							<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Top 24/32 from ranking/ qual/ wildcards • Inc Jnr Para singles categories • Gender doubles + U21 mixed 	
	Cadet & U17		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Top 32 from ranking/ qual/ wildcards • Inc Cadet Para singles categories • Gender doubles + U17 mixed 						
	U10, U11, U12 & U13s National Open Championships		National/ Intermediate					<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • OPEN event, no longer invitational only • 1st come/ 1st served, with protected places for (eg) top 16 ranked players (seeded into later rounds) in 32 minimum capacity events • All players must have played Local Open Tournament or NCL/ NJL for eligibility – Area Managers to actively support and advocate pathway • Gender doubles in older age-group each day • Players can enter two age-groups max (eg one per day) 	
National Series	U13	M & F	National	Singles	Home Countries only	4 national rounds per season	TTE	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • One-day/ small-group/ round-robin format, with promotion/ relegation between groups after each round • Restricted to the top12-30 eligible players (eg 2 to 5 tiers depending on cohort) • Rotates around 3 host Club venues • Depth of field for each gender/ age-group + invitational replacements for absentees determined in conjunction with Talent & Performance 	A regular high-quality competitive opportunity for the top cohort in each youth age-group
	U15								
	U19								

National Cups	U11 & U13 Area Cup	M & F	Intermediate	Team	England only	Once per season	TTE	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 7 area teams in small team format PDCs to be responsible agent at Area level If required, ranking selection can be supplemented by 'local leaderboard' from Local Opens Best players may already be playing in other events 	A targeted team competition opportunity for priority age-groups at area level where critical mass does not exist at club or county level. A springboard to National Leagues	
	U21 Cup		National	Singles				<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Top10 ranked 2-day round-robin U21 is a new National age-group squad - T&P will make this a squad criteria for these players 	To aid retention and provide valuable competition opportunity to priority cohort	
	National Club Cup	Open	National	Team	Closed – clubs in National Club League			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Introduced in 2022/23 (SBL Cup) Progressive Team KO format For the 8 top teams in the National Club League Hosted by one of the entrant Clubs 	A KO cup for the top national league clubs. Pinnacle event for the very best teams as season finale and showcase	
	Local League Representative KO Cup <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Junior All-Ages 	M & F	Intermediate		Closed – players from local leagues		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> No change (ELCC) 2-stage Team KO event for local league representative teams The oldest event on the Table Tennis England calendar 	A national event for the best players from local league		
National Club League	All-Ages	Open	All levels	Team (Singles & Doubles)	Open	10 rounds or up to 5 weekends per season @ local/ regional/ national hosts	TTE	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Streamlined player registration process (unlimited numbers; no individual costs) Premier/ Associate/ Registered club status reflected in tiered financial approach, plus tiered priority in entry waiting list, and factor in divisions formed by aggregated ranking Previous season 'promotion/ relegation' position + 1st team entry + returning entry + player retention also factors in divisions formed by aggregated ranking 	The national merit league structure open to all clubs, counties and teams from across GB	
	Women's	F only	All levels	Team (Singles)	Open					2 national weekends per season
	Veterans	M & F	All levels	Team (Singles)	Open					2 national weekends per season
	Junior		National	Team (Singles)	Open					2 national weekends per season
	Cadet & Junior	Open	Entry to Intermediate	Team (Singles)	Open	4 days per season @ c.15 local hosts	TTE	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> No change (NCL/ NJL) Flexible formats Divisions reconstituted annually Greater overall alignment – inc. branding, TTE support and processes in order to increase efficiency and effectiveness, and to provide an improved experience to hosts and entrants 	Regular, flexible, entry-level, locally-delivered team events for clubs in Eng	

									<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Advocacy via Area Managers 	
County Representative League	U15	M + F	Intermediate to National	Team (Singles & Doubles)	Closed – affiliated to counties in Home Countries	Move towards defined slimline fixture footprint; regional below Premier level	Volunteer Committee w/ TTE support	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No change (County Championships) • Ongoing viability of Girls Youth categories to be addressed by Committee 	A county representative league programme; provides alternative and mixed-gender team units to supplement club structure; a representative honour below national team level	
	U19									
	All-Ages									
	Veterans									
	O60s									
Tiered Open Tournaments	Local <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <=Cadet • <=Junior • <=All-Ages • >=Veteran 	M & F	Entry	Wholly flexible - playing formats, singles/ doubles/ teams, age-group sub-categories and pricing determined by Organiser	Open	c.10 designated dates in c.10 local locations + case-by-case approval on non-designated dates (100+ opportunities per age-group)	Local and Area Volunteers & Organisers	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Simplified flat-rate levy • Reduced venue & officiating requirements • Can choose to be ranking or not • Entry not geographically restricted • Highest-rated players not eligible • Quarterly attribution process based on preferred formats & age-categories, and ensures optimal geographical spread • Specific events will be designated for U11, U13 and W&G to not 'over-dilute' • Advocacy/ support via Area Managers 	Frequent, tiered pathway of open tournaments, accessible to all – the bread and butter of tournament play	
	Zonal <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <=Cadet • <=Junior • <=All-Ages • >=Veteran 									Intermediate
	National <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <=Cadet • <=Junior • <=All-Ages • >=Veteran 									National

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