

# Sussex Senior 4\* Open

Organised by Sussex County TTA and approved by Table Tennis England

**Date:** 13-14<sup>th</sup> September 2025

**Location:** K2, Pease Pottage Hill, Crawley RH11 9BQ

**Closing Date:** Midnight Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> August 2025 **Date of Draw:** Sunday 31<sup>st</sup> August 2025

<b>Referee:</b> Dan Bullen (NR)	<b>Deputy Referee:</b> John Mackey (TR)
<b>Referees Assistant:</b> Margaret Welch	<b>Tournament Organiser:</b> Carol Miles (TO4)

**Organising Committee:** Dan Bullen (NR), Carol Miles (TO4), Maureen Hazell (TO2, and Entries Secretary) and Dennis Hayden (TO2)

## Provisional Schedule

The below is a guide only and may vary according to the size of the entry.

Doors open at 8am and close at 8pm

Saturday 13 <sup>th</sup> September	Sunday 14 <sup>th</sup> September
8:45 Men's Banded 2, 4 & 6	8:45 Men's Open
11:00 Women's Banded 2 & 4	Women's Open
14:00 Men's Banded 1, 3 & 5	13:30 Men's Under 21
15:30 Women's Banded 1 & 3	Women's Under 21
	Mixed Veterans
	Mixed Restricted

**Band Information** Entry is restricted by player's ratings, in line with the TTE rating list on the closing date.

<b><u>Men's</u></b> Band 1: 1351 - 1600 Band 2: 951 - 1350 Band 3: 801 - 950	<b><u>Men's</u></b> Band 4: 501 - 800 Band 5: 376 - 500 Band 6: 0 - 375	<b><u>Women's</u></b> 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. If you do not have a Table Tennis England rating, in most cases you will qualify for Band 6 (Men) or Band 4 (Women). The referee 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.

## Prize Fund for Men's and Women's Singles

Men's and Women's Singles	Winner	Runner up	Semi- Finalist
52 or more competitors	£400	£150	£75 each
Under 52 competitors	£260	£120	£60 each

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

## 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. An entrant only affiliated as a Compete member may enter the tournament upon payment of the appropriate One-Time Tournament Top-Up (OTTT) fee via <https://tabletennisengland.sport80.com/>. It is not possible to obtain the OTTT at the tournament.
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 regulations of the competition including any variations of ITTF regulations and must be sent to [maureen.bladesttc@gmail.com](mailto:maureen.bladesttc@gmail.com). Full payment at point of entry will be required to secure your entry. Entries received with no payment will not be entered.
- 5. There will be no refunds after the closing date.**
6. All matches shall be the best of five games to eleven points. Play throughout will be on a knockout basis except for preliminary rounds which, at the discretion of the Referee, will be on a group basis. The final order in a group shall be determined as per ITTF regulation 3.7.5 for group competitions. Players will be expected to umpire group matches.
7. Entrants for the Under 21 event must have been born in **2005 or later**, entrants for the Veterans event must have been born in **1985 or earlier**, and entrants for the Seniors Restricted event must have been born between the 1st January 1986 and the 31st December 2004 inclusive
8. Playing clothing shall consist of a shirt and shorts, trousers, leggings or skirt, or a one-part sports outfit, socks and playing shoes; a sports hijab may also be worn. Other garments shall not be worn during play except with the permission of the referee. ITTF 3.2.2.1 amended. The main colour of a shirt, shorts, trousers or skirt, other than sleeves and collar of a shirt, shall be clearly different from that of the ball in use. ITTF 3.2.2.2 amended. Markings or trimming on the front or side of a playing garment and objects such as jewellery worn by a player shall not be so conspicuous or brightly reflecting as to blind an opponent. ITTF 3.2.2.
9. No competitor or official shall engage in betting on players or matches.
10. Doping shall not take place either before or during play and doping control tests may take place.
11. All competitors must report to the Control Desk on arrival and must not leave the centre without first notifying the Referee. Players absent when called upon to play are liable to be scratched from their next match.
12. Entry to banded events is governed by a player's rating, in line with the Table Tennis England Ratings List current at the entry closing date. (See Band information)
13. Should there be insufficient entries in any event the Referee reserves the right to cancel that event/merge such event and/or place the entrant in a similar event.
14. The Referee's decision shall be final on points of law, and 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.
15. Racket testing may take place.
16. 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.
17. 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/>.
18. TTE, 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 <https://www.tabletennisengland.co.uk/about-us/policies-and-procedures/>.

## Tournament Information

1. The draw will take place on 31st August 2025 at 11 Ward Drive St. Neots PE19 0AP. Once completed, and before the date of the tournament, the draw and schedule will be circulated to entrants, no later than the 6th September 2025, and published on the TTE website.
2. Playing Conditions - Play throughout will be on 30 tables: Stag Global Roma 24 (Blue) and Butterfly Centrefold 25 (Green). Nets and posts will be Tibhar Smash. We will be using Double Fish V40, 3\* White plastic balls. The venue has a wooden sprung floor and general LED 700 lux (min) with lighting 15m (min) above the floor. Court size will be 10m x 5m and 15m (min) from the floor to the ceiling enclosed by surrounds. Scoring machines will be used for all matches.
3. Admission - There will be no charge for admission.
4. Practice - There will be no separate practice facilities. Competitors will be permitted to practice on tables not in use at the discretion of the referee.
5. Car parking is available free of charge.
6. Refreshments will be on sale throughout, with a café serving hot food and drinks on site.
7. Changing facilities including showers for disabled are available on-site.
8. Medals will be given to winners and runners up in every event and prize money will be given in the men's and women's singles event, as seen in the Prize fund information above.
9. If there are any withdrawals, there may be an opportunity for a scratch entry at the referee's discretion.
10. Photo/livestreaming - Sussex County TTA may be taking photos and live streaming matches during this event, which may include (but is 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 have photographs and/or videos taken of you (or individuals for whom you are legally responsible), please contact Maureen Hazell, email: [maureen.bladesttc@gmail.com](mailto:maureen.bladesttc@gmail.com). Please be aware that we follow Table Tennis England's Photo and live streaming Policy: <https://www.tabletennisengland.co.uk/about-%20us/safeguarding/photography-guidelines/>.
11. Players will pay a £10 deposit which will be refunded after they umpire one or more knockout matches.
12. If it becomes necessary to restrict entries, priority will be given in order of receipt, except that all valid entries from players ranked 1-30 in the Rating List and 1-10 in the Junior Ranking List current at the closing date, must be accepted.
13. The tournament is included in the Computer Ranking Scheme, ranking weighting x 2.
14. In conjunction with the TTE Child Protection Policy, persons wishing to take photographs or video images must register with the event organiser, producing their professional identification, TTE authorisation or a completed TTE authorisation form.

If you're new to playing in tournaments, you may find Table Tennis England's video for new players helpful. To find and view the video please click on the following link: <https://www.tabletennisengland.co.uk/compete/>.

## Entry Form

A separate entry form (pages 4 and 5 of this document) must be completed in BLOCK CAPITALS for each player and sent by email as a document and not a picture to [maureen.bladesttc@gmail.com](mailto:maureen.bladesttc@gmail.com) to arrive no later than the closing date, **Tuesday 12th August**.

<b>Player's Name</b>			
<b>Address</b>			
<b>Postcode</b>			
<b>Mobile Number</b>			
<b>Email Address</b>			
<b>Date of Birth</b>		<b>Male/Female</b>	
<b>TTE Compete &amp; Membership No.</b>			
<b>County of Affiliation</b>		<b>National Association (if not affiliated to TTE)</b>	
<b>Club</b>			

If you have a disability or health issue we should be aware of, please inform the Entries Secretary when submitting this form.

The entry cost for one event is **£50**, including a **refundable £10 deposit** which will be returned after you umpire one or more knockout matches. Subsequent events cost **£20** each.

**1) Select which events you are entering by placing an X in the relevant box(es):**

Saturday 13 <sup>th</sup> September				Sunday 14 <sup>th</sup> September	
Men's Band 1		Women's Band 1		Men's Open	
Men's Band 2		Women's Band 2		Women's Open	
Men's Band 3		Women's Band 3		Men's Under 21	
Men's Band 4		Women's Band 4		Women's Under 21	
Men's Band 5				Mixed Veterans	
Men's Band 6				Mixed Restricted	
<b>Total to pay</b>	<b>£</b>				

**2) Pay your entry fee to:**

<b>Payment by Bank Transfer Date:</b>		<b>Total Paid:</b>	
<b>Account Name:</b> Sussex County Table Tennis Association			
<b>Account Number:</b> 11358302			
<b>Sort Code:</b> 09-01-51			
<b>Reference:</b> Players name and TTE number (e.g., D. Smith 12345)			

**All players must have their family name on the back of their shirt throughout the event whilst playing. No numbers will be provided.**

**Entries will not be accepted unless the following undertaken is signed:**

I undertake to observe the regulations of the tournament, to abide by the decisions of the Referee, and to fulfil the schedule of play arranged for me unless prevented from doing so by circumstances beyond my control and accepted as such by the Referee.

Table Tennis England require consent to the use of personal data in the administration of this competition, in accordance with the TTE Privacy Policy; the information will be shared where necessary with the organisers and event committee. For a player under sixteen this consent must be given by a parent or guardian, who must also confirm agreement to the player's participation in the competition. The TTE Privacy Policy is at <https://www.tabletennisengland.co.uk/privacy-policy/>.

**If player is 16 or over:**

Data Protection: I am the player named above, and I consent to the use by TTE of my personal data in the administration of this competition.

Signed by player: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**If player is under 16:**

Data Protection & Activity Consent: I have legal responsibility for the player named above and I consent to his/her participation in the competition, and to the use by TTE of his/her personal data in its administration.

Player name: (block capitals) \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Parent or Guardian: (block capitals) \_\_\_\_\_

Relationship to player: \_\_\_\_\_

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**If player is under 18:**

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

A player under 18 may not participate in a Table Tennis England event or competition unless a parent or guardian of that player has consented to testing of that player in the following form:

Anti-Doping Acknowledgment: I have legal responsibility for the player named above and I confirm that I have read the TTE Anti-Doping Regulations (Appendix P) and that I hereby acknowledge that the player is bound by these Regulations.

Name of Parent or Guardian: (block capitals) \_\_\_\_\_

Relationship to player: \_\_\_\_\_

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**If you are unable to attend the event or need to contact the organisers over the weekend, please ring Carol Miles on 07774852048, or email [carolmlestt@yahoo.com](mailto:carolmlestt@yahoo.com).**