

U11 & U13 Pathway Development Cup 2025/26



General Info

Date: Saturday 30th & Sunday 31st May 2026

Venue: Highfield TTC, 148 Highfield Road, Wellingborough, NN8 1PL

Entry Deadline: Wednesday 6th May 2026

Draw Date: by Wednesday 20th May 2026

Queries to Mark Pinder on 07828 179949 or mark.pinder@tabletennisengland.co.uk.

1. Authority

The English Table Tennis Association shall organize the National Cup

President: Mrs. Jill Parker

2. TTE Board

Ms. Clare BRIEGAL, Table Tennis England Chair

Ms. Sally LOCKYER, Table Tennis England CEO

Mr. Richard AYERS, Appointed Director

Mr. Paul BISHOP, Appointed Director

Ms. Kath CURRAN, Appointed Director

Ms. Sally HUGHES, Elected Director

Mr. Jos KELLY, Elected Director

Mr. Liam McTIERNAN, Elected Director

Mr. Don PARKER, Elected Director

Mr. Ritchie VENNER, Elected Director

Ms. Anna WHOWELL, Appointed Director

3. Tournament Director

Should you have any queries regarding this event, please contact

Tournament Director: Mr. Mark Pinder

4. Officials

Referee: Paul Nichols

Deputy: Dan Bullen

5. Events

The following events will take place:

Saturday	1. Under 11 Boys Team (Born in 2015 or later)	2. Under 11 Girls Team (Born in 2015 or later)
Sunday	3. Under 13 Boys Team (Born in 2013 or later)	4. Under 13 Boys Team (Born in 2013 or later)

Players may be eligible for both U11 and U13 events if they meet the age requirements.



6. Criteria for Invitations

Table Tennis England will require the TTE Pathway Development Centres (PDCs) to each enter a team in each event.

7. Eligibility

Table Tennis England will only accept registrations for athletes who meet all the following criteria:

- Be a current Compete Plus member of Table Tennis England
- Be a British national and be born in or have their main residence in England AND have indicated 'England' nationality in their membership profile, and hence be eligible to appear on the Table Tennis England 'rankings' list
OR be deemed by the TTE Talent & Performance Team as 'actively transitioning' to British Nationality
- Not be currently under disqualification or suspension under the rules of Table Tennis England or ITTF & ETTU
- Not be currently serving any sanction for an anti-doping rule violation under any relevant anti-doping rules

8. Timings & Ranking Lists

Team entries and all player registrations from the PDCs will open in April 2026.

Teams will be seeded in the round-robin based on aggregated player rankings as at Ratings 25/09 published on 06 May 2026. Players will be required to compete in ranking order, or at the discretion of the Referee.

9. Withdrawal of invitation

Table Tennis England retains the right to withdraw a registration from an athlete under any of the following circumstances:

- The athlete is no longer eligible for this event
- Any exceptional circumstances, which in the reasonable opinion of Table Tennis England, justifies the withdrawal of the athlete concerned.

Any athlete who is withdrawn will immediately be notified of the decision, and the reason, and will have a right of review in accordance with the Right of review process.

10. Fees

An entry fee of £50 per team is required. Instructions for payment will be detailed within the entry system.

All registered players must have a Table Tennis England Compete Plus Membership, and all player selections must be ratified pre-entry by the TTE Talent & Performance Team.

11. Formats

The event will use the Corbillon Cup format, 4 singles and 1 doubles. The order of play will be: A v X, B v Y, Doubles, A v Y, B v X. A team shall consist of 2, 3 or 4 players.

A round robin format will be implemented, where all play all. All matches will be played over 3 games, 11 up. All individual matches will be played. A league table will be published throughout to determine the final 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 matches won. If two or more teams are equal on matches won, then their relative positions shall be determined by considering successively:

1. the ratio of wins/ losses in games
2. the ratio of for/ against in points

12. Weighting

These events carry a Table Tennis England ranking weighting of 1.75.

13. Racket Testing

Racket tests may be implemented at this event, randomly selected according to ITTF regulations.

14. Equipment

Tables: Butterfly Centrefold 25
Nets & posts: Butterfly Europa II
Balls: Butterfly R40+ 3* Balls (White)
Flooring: SSUK Pulastic Classic 110

The tournament will be played on 12 tables with minimum court size 10m x 5m

15. Anti-Doping

Anti-doping testing may be carried out through this event, randomly selected accordingly to ITTF regulations.

16. Clothing

Competitors are required to have their individual name and/or team name printed on the back of their playing shirt at all times when playing. Therefore, please ensure that you are prepared for the event by having your name displayed on the back of any shirts you intend playing in.

17. U18's participants at the competition

Teams with U18 participants should be accompanied at all times by a responsible adult. Officials and Organisers of a competition do not take responsibility for or stand in loco parentis for any U18s.

18. Mobile Phones

Mobile phones are not permitted to be used within the match court area and should remain somewhere safe within your bag or with a parent or coach attending the event. Any player caught using their phone during time out, change of ends or during matches will forfeit the match.

19. Photography and 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/>

20. Codes of Conduct

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/>