

# Cleveland Senior 4\* Open

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**Event Date:** 30<sup>th</sup> – 31<sup>st</sup> May 2026

**Location:** Middlesbrough Sports Village, Alan Peacock Way,  
Middlesbrough. TS4 3AE.

Tel : 01642300777

**Closing Date:** Midnight Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> May 2026 **Date of Draw:** Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> May 2026

<b>Tournament Organiser:</b> Alan Ransome OBE (TO4)	<b>Referee:</b> Dave Cochrane (NR)
<b>Entries Secretary:</b> Brenda Stephenson <a href="mailto:brenda_stephenson@hotmail.com">brenda_stephenson@hotmail.com</a>	<b>Deputy Referee:</b> Karen Aitkenhead (TR)

**Organising Committee:** Alan Ransome OBE (Chairman), Dave Cochrane, Dave Hutchinson (Treasurer), Brenda Stephenson (Entries Secretary), Gary Whyman (Umpire Manager), Karen Aitkenhead, Kevin Middleton.

## 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 30 <sup>th</sup> May 2026	Sunday 31 <sup>st</sup> May 2026
8:45 Men's Banded 2, 4 & 6 followed by KO	8:45 Men's Open Followed by KO
11:00 Women's Banded 2 & 4 followed by KO	Women's Open Followed by KO
14:00 Men's Banded 1, 3 & 5 Followed by KO	13:30 Men's Under 21 Followed by KO
15:30 Women's Banded 1 & 3 Followed by KO	Women's Under 21 Followed by KO
	Mixed Veterans Followed by KO
	Mixed Restricted Followed by KO

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

<u>Men's</u>	<u>Men's</u>	<u>Women's</u>
<b>Band 1:</b> 1351 - 1600	<b>Band 4:</b> 501 - 800	<b>Band 1:</b> 1101 - 1400
<b>Band 2:</b> 951 - 1350	<b>Band 5:</b> 376 - 500	<b>Band 2:</b> 801 - 1100
<b>Band 3:</b> 801 - 950	<b>Band 6:</b> 0 - 375	<b>Band 3:</b> 651 - 800
		<b>Band 4:</b> 0 - 650

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. Please look up your ratings to see what bands you can enter – **If you have dropped off the ratings list, please advise the referee of the bands you wish to play in as per your previous ratings/standard.**

### Prize Fund for Events

Event	Winner	Runner up	Semi- Finalists
<b>Men's and Women's Singles (see below)</b>	£300	£125	£50 each
<b>If Under 36 competitors</b>	£200	£100	£30 each
<b>All Men's &amp; Women's Banded Events</b>	£50	£25	N/A
<b>Men's &amp; Women's Under 21 Singles</b>	£50	£25	N/A
<b>Veteran Mixed &amp; Restricted Singles</b>	£50	£25	N/A

### 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 and pay the appropriate fee in order to gain a reciprocal membership. An entrant who is not a TTE member or is affiliated as a Supporter or Club Play Member may alternately purchase a One-Off Tournament Pass at the time of entry via <https://tabletennisengland.sport80.com/> once this product is launched. An entrant only affiliated as a Compete member may enter the tournament upon payment of the appropriate One- Time Tournament Top-Up fee via <https://tabletennisengland.sport80.com/> It is not possible to obtain the OTTP or 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 conditions of the competition, including any variations of ITTF regulations. 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. 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. 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.
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. All participants and attendees at Table Tennis England events are subject to Table Tennis England Codes of Conduct. See [here](#).
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](#)

### **Tournament Information**

1. The draw will take place on 16<sup>th</sup> May 2026 at 105 Clough Close, Middlesbrough. TS5 5ET. Once completed, and before the date of the tournament, the draw and schedule will be circulated to entrants, no later than Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> May 2026, and published on the TTE website.
2. Playing Conditions - Play throughout will be on 16 x Butterfly Europa Blue ITTF approved tables, Butterfly ITTF nets & posts. We will be using Butterfly R40+ 3\* White plastic balls. The venue has a wooden sprung floor and general LED lighting 13m (min) above the floor. Court size will be 10m x 5m enclosed by surrounds with Minimum height 13m. 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, at owners' risk is available at Middlesbrough Sports Village Free of Charge
6. Refreshments will be on sale, with the Sports Village Café serving hot food and drinks on site.
7. Changing facilities including showers for disabled are available on-site.
8. Doping Control Tests may take place.
9. Players will be notified by email of their matches (group stages) shown in the draw.
10. Cash Prizes only are given to winner & runner up for each event.
11. If there are any withdrawals, there may be an opportunity for a scratch entry at the referee's discretion.
12. Programme – The programme will be online only and will be also emailed to competitors.
13. Photo/livestreaming Cleveland County TTA may 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 [ar@alanransome.info](mailto:ar@alanransome.info) Please be aware that we follow the Table Tennis England's [Photo and live streaming Policy](#).
14. Players will be required to umpire a match in the knockouts after being knocked out of either groups or knockout stages. Please help us to keep the tournament moving by assisting when called upon.
15. If it becomes necessary to restrict entries, priority will be given in order of receipt, except that all valid entries from the top 50 TTE ranked males and top 30 TTE ranked females in the event age-group will be accepted.
16. The tournament is included in the Computer Ranking Scheme, ranking weighting x 2.
17. 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/>.

# **ONLINE ENTRY FORM**

**(CHECK WHAT BANDS YOU ARE ELIGIBLE FOR BY CHECKING YOUR RATINGS POINTS ON THE TABLE TENNIS ENGLAND WEBSITE USING LINK BELOW)**

<https://www.tabletennisengland.co.uk/compete/player-rankings-and-ratings/>

**PLEASE CLICK ON THE LINK BELOW TO ENTER THE TOURNAMENT**

<https://forms.gle/W1eQtk7FRA6BpwQe8>