

# Table Tennis England Junior Umpire Award TEST PAPER



## Introduction

The Junior Umpire Award is open to all young people. It is designed to improve knowledge and test basic practical skills in the umpiring of table tennis.

We recommend this award to be used for young people of 14 years and below.

There is no minimum age restriction and playing experience is not required. Umpiring can be a most rewarding and enjoyable experience and England has some of the most highly respected umpires in the world. Opportunities to use umpiring skills are available in clubs, leagues and in many competitions across England. The ambitious can umpire abroad at International matches, World Championships and even at the Olympic Games.

## Assessment

The award may be assessed by any teacher, sports leader, TT Networker, coach or adult who has an understanding of the laws of table tennis. Candidates should be given a copy of the ITTF Laws of Table Tennis to help them identify the answers. A copy of the ITTF Handbook, including the Laws and Regulations, is available to download from the ITTF website: [www.ittf.com](http://www.ittf.com)

The assessment is in two parts:

### Multiple Choice Question Paper

- Candidates must achieve 16 out of a maximum 22 marks

### Practical

- In the opinion of the assessor, candidates must satisfactorily demonstrate umpire skills detailed in the practical test.

## Certificates and further information

Successful candidates will receive:

- A Table Tennis England Junior Umpire Award certificate
- Ideas and contacts on how to progress in umpiring

Certificates can be obtained by completing the online spreadsheet, providing candidate details and providing appropriate payment details.



## Resources (available free from Table Tennis England)

- JUA test paper answer sheets, and guidance notes for the practical assessment.
- ITTF Laws of Table Tennis (also available to download from [www.ittf.com](http://www.ittf.com) - regulations menu)

## Next Steps

Table Tennis England would like to encourage and support Junior Umpires to progress up the umpiring ladder. There are opportunities for Junior Umpires to receive support to develop their skills and qualifications through the Young Officials Programme.

## Umpire Qualifications



A mentoring experience could consist of:

- being assigned to a qualified umpire who would advise, support and help with the practical and
- technical aspects of umpiring.
- attending local and national events.

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## TEST PAPER



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(To pass candidates must achieve 16 out of a maximum 22 marks in the written/oral section, and satisfactorily demonstrate umpire skills detailed in the practical test.)

Please circle the letter next to each correct answer:

**1. What is the lowest number of points a player needs to score to win a game of table tennis?**

- a) 10    b) 11    c) 15    d) 21

**2. What happens if the score reaches 10-10?**

- a) Next point wins                      c) A player must win by two clear points  
b) The game is declared a draw                      d) The game is restarted

**3. What two colours must each side of the racket be?**

- a) Both sides red                      d) Of any two clearly different colours  
b) Both sides black  
c) One side black and one side either red, blue, violet, pink or green

**4. Which FIVE of the following statements are correct concerning the duties of an umpire? (Question worth 5 points)**

- a) Check the height of the net                      e) Choose who will serve first  
b) Provide rackets for the players                      f) Decide the result of each rally  
c) Check that the rackets being used are legal                      g) Give coaching advice to the players  
d) Toss a coin to see who has first choice                      h) Call the score

**5. The player who wins the toss at the start of the match can choose**

- a) To serve first                      d) any of a), b) and c) above  
b) To receive first  
c) To start play at a particular end

**6. What happens when the ball in service clips the net before landing correctly on the receiver's court?**

- a) The umpire calls a let and the rally is replayed                      c) The server calls a let and the rally is replayed  
b) The receiver calls a let and the rally is replayed                      d) The players must continue playing

**7. Up until the score reaches 10-10, how many successive services does each player have?**

- a) 1    b) 2    c) 3    d) 5

**8. If the score reaches 10-10, how many successive services does each player then have?**

- a) 1    b) 2    c) 3    d) 5

**9. From the following list, which SIX statements are correct with regard to a legal service in a game of singles? (Question worth 6 points)**

- a) A player must serve backhand                      g) The ball must be thrown upwards above head height  
b) The ball must be stationary on the open palm of the server's hand                      h) The ball must not be hidden from the receiver  
c) The ball must be served diagonally from the right hand court                      i) The ball must be hit when on the way up from the server's hand  
d) The server must at all times be behind his or her end line                      j) The ball must be struck when falling  
e) The ball must be above the table level and behind his or her end line                      k) The ball must bounce once on the server's court and then onto the receiver's court  
f) The ball must be thrown upwards at least 16cm

**10. From the following list, which FOUR statements are correct? (Question worth 4 points)  
A player wins a point if his or her opponent:**

- a) Fails to make a good return                      e) Accidentally touches the playing surface with his or her free hand  
b) Deliberately strikes the ball with the back of his or her racket hand                      f) Accidentally touches the playing surface with his or her racket  
c) Fails to make a good service  
d) In doubles, strikes the ball out of turn

**Practical Test**

**Umpire two best of three matches, showing overall control and accuracy when announcing the score**

**Assessor Name (IN BLOCK CAPITALS):**

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The above named candidate has achieved the Junior Umpire Award

**Assessor Signature:**

.....Date:.....

**WHEN YOUR STUDENTS HAVE SUCCESSFULLY COMPLETED THE TEST PAPER AND PRACTICAL, PLEASE ENTER THEIR DETAILS AND ORDER THEIR CERTIFICATES ONLINE AT:**

[www.tabletennisengland.co.uk/news/junior-umpire-upload/](http://www.tabletennisengland.co.uk/news/junior-umpire-upload/)

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