

Table Tennis Diploma in Sporting Excellence

DiSE



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What is the Table Tennis Diploma in Sporting Excellence?

The Diploma in Sporting Excellence is a government-funded programme designed for young talented athletes.

In partnership with Table Tennis England, the two-year DiSE programme is managed by SGS College in Bristol and will be delivered in conjunction with various Table Tennis England Performance squad activities.

This unique programme aims to support athlete development by enhancing the athlete's knowledge, skills, and competency in their sport, whilst gaining a prestigious recognised qualification, either preparing athletes to continue competing in table tennis at a performance level or on an alternative career pathway (e.g. a career in the sports industry).

Who is the Table Tennis Diploma in Sporting Excellence for?

Athletes must meet all of the following criteria:

- Age 16-18 (19-24 if you have an EHCP)
- Studying Further Education (FE) in England on a two-year course (e.g. A-Level or BTEC) from the September of enrolment
- Have a valid British Passport
- Is eligible to represent England, or other Home Nation and Great Britain in International Competitions

Please see the DiSE policy on the Table Tennis England website for a detailed overview of the criteria and code of conduct.

The panel will then select players that meet several of the following points:

- Home nation players who have represented their country at European Youth level (who will be living in England)
- Current national U19 ranking
- Recent competition results
- Engagement in the pathway at an earlier stage e.g. former Hopes/PDC squad player
- Players who are part of academy programmes (e.g., Grantham College)
- Academic level and commitment
- Future goals to remain within the TTE/GB pathway
- Players in the GBPTT pathway squad

How is the programme delivered and what does it cover?

The programme is delivered through a combination of:

- DiSE training camps (camp locations are likely to be at the English Institute of Sport, Sheffield and Grantham College but could be other locations) - approx. 4 per year.
- In person and online workshops with specialist practitioners and guest speakers
- One to one sessions and reviews with the DiSE Table Tennis Lead

Players must be prepared to sign up to the two-year course and demonstrate commitment to complete the learning programme.

Players will complete a series of units working towards a 1st 4 Sport Level 3 Diploma in Sporting Excellence.

Some examples of units include: Technical and tactical skills, nutrition, psychology, lifestyle, cultures, values and behaviours and career.

Why choose DiSE?

Benefits of being on the DiSE programme include:

- Mentoring and support
- A programme which aims to equip athletes with the necessary skill and behaviours to progress their level within table tennis
- Enhanced knowledge and skills that could transfer to a variety of careers within the sports industry (and wider roles)
- The opportunity to attend camps and train in a high-performance environment with elite coaches
- Objective feedback on technical and physical development
- Personalised learning plans



What will learners achieve?

Upon completion of DiSE, learners will gain 64 UCAS points (Currently equivalent to BTEC extended Dip at Merit, Pass, Pass and 2x A levels at C's), wider CPD opportunities and certification.

How do you apply?

- Sign and return the selection policy by the deadline provided
- Complete the application form by the deadline provided

When does the programme start?



Each September, a new cohort will be enrolled.



Find the policy and application form on the [DiSE section of the Table Tennis England website](#)

If you have any questions, please email DiSE@tabletennisengland.co.uk

