



Pathway Development Cup Venue Tender Season '26/27

We are seeking club venues to host the Pathway Development Cup competition on the below dates.

1. 22-23 May 2027

No variations to dates are permitted.

This one-day annual U11 & U13 boys' and girls' Team Cup competition is supported locally by the Pathway Development Centres, as a springboard to National Leagues. This provides a targeted team competition opportunity for these priority age-groups at area level where critical mass does not exist at club or county level.

This is a competitive process, and will be assessed on cost, geography, facilities and any other relevant considerations. Please see p.32 of 'Tournaments Explained' [Tournament organiser - Table Tennis England](#) for 'added-value' factors.

Please contact competitions@tabletennisengland.co.uk to discuss further.

Organiser Requirements

The host must appoint a dedicated match-day Organiser who cannot also be a coach, referee or umpire.

The host will support in recruiting a L1 qualified Referee and L1 umpires, who cannot also be a coach or Tournament Organiser, in collaboration with Table Tennis England. Volunteer expenses shall be managed and paid by Table Tennis England as per the volunteer expenses policy.

The host should produce their own risk assessments and implement appropriate controls as required. These should be specific to the venue, its equipment and facilities, the activity taking place, the age and standard of the participants, and also take into account any processes and requirements stipulated by the venue

The host should hold such insurances as may be appropriate for the event, such as public liability.

Venue Requirements

Venues under consideration must be able to hold a minimum of 12 tables.

All hosts must conform to the standards detailed in [Annex A to the Regulations for Regulated Competitions](#) including minimum 9x4.5m courts (preferred 10x5m) and consistent minimum 500lux lighting (preferred 1,000lux) at a minimum 3m height. Each host must confirm, with the use of a light meter, that the lux levels meet the requirements

All hosts must provide [ITTF approved equipment](#) (table, net) for all matches, and meet Playing Conditions as specified in the [National Series Regulations](#) including a 50-person minimum seating capacity for spectators

All hosts must have internet connectivity of appropriate strength and bandwidth

Please see Pathway Development Cup event documentation [Pathway Development Cup - Table Tennis England](#)

Please contact competitions@tabletennisengland.co.uk with any queries



Hosting Information

If your venue is interested in hosting the Pathway Development Cup, please advise your intention to tender and subsequently send a completed submission form to competitions@tabletennisengland.co.uk

Deadline: 15 June 2026

Tenders will be assessed by the Competitions team during June 2026; Clubs will be notified of the decision as soon as possible thereafter, and no later than 29 June 2026.

- All venues must be able to accommodate a minimum of 12 tables.
- Please see Pathway Development Cup event documentation [Pathway Development Cup - Table Tennis England](#)
- By submitting a response, organisers are confirming that they are able to commit to all relevant requirements (TTE will appoint and manage all officials and expenses).
- All response fields must be completed

Detail required		Response
Host Name		
Venue Address		
Website		
Host contact name		
Contact email		
Contact telephone number		
TTE Club affiliation		
How many tables can your venue accommodate?		
Competition Courts / Area	Length	
	Width	
	Height	
	Lighting	
	Flooring	
Equipment		
Do you have ITTF wheelchair compliant tables?		
Seating		
PA system		
Changing		
Toilets		
Catering/ Café		
Parking		
Accessibility		
Connectivity		
Any other key info		

Summary of Costs	£/ per day	£/ per weekend
Venue hire (inc. keyholder and/ or alarm contact if relevant)		
Catering/ refreshments		
Incidentals costs etc.		
Total		
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Any other key info		

Host Signature:	
Role/Position	
Date:	

Please note:

- *Variations to tender costings are not permissible once agreed and host appointments are confirmed*

Notes & Guidance for Organisers

1. *Each host venue should provide Table Tennis England with pre-event info, including directions, details of the organiser/ referee/ umpires (if applicable), venue access time, venue floorplan and facilities, availability of catering/ refreshments, parking, and any other relevant details.*
2. *The playing schedule will generally be 09:30 on each day with a minimum of 60 minutes practice time before the first matches of each day. However final entries will determine these timings.*
3. *The playing area shall be delineated by dark-coloured screens or surrounds, about 75cm high, along each end and with at least one screen at right angles to the end screens to indicate each corner of the playing area*
4. *The background shall be generally dark and shall not contain bright light sources nor daylight through uncovered windows. Sponsors banners and surrounds, if provided, shall be displayed*
5. *The floor shall be of hard, non-slippery wood or thermoplastic and shall not be white nor brightly reflecting*
6. *Each match table will require an umpire table, chair, scoreboard, clipboard and pen*
7. *A table (or two) will also be required in a prominent position for the Referees control area, and for score input*
8. *Individual table numbers must be displayed and visible*
9. *Matchcards will be provided by Table Tennis England via e-mail or alternately can be printed and mailed from the TTE office on request*
10. *Following each match, matchcards should be thoroughly checked to ensure all relevant details are completed, including the players names, coach (if applicable), and player ID#s, and are signed by the umpire.*
11. *Immediately after the event, all completed matchcards must be scanned and emailed to the Table Tennis England National Series Lead in case of query or protest.*
12. *Match balls will be sent to the host by Table Tennis England in advance of the start of the competition*
13. *Once appointed, Organisers will receive a Purchase Order for the agreed tender cost of each weekend. Organisers are required to provide an invoice on headed paper following each weekend, detailing the relevant costs. All Officials expenses must follow the TTE volunteers' policy guidelines, but we do not require the claim forms themselves (please do not send them!)
Your invoice should be submitted to TTE Finance finance@tabletennisengland.co.uk AND competitions@tabletennisengland.co.uk within 2 weeks of the event.*