

Under 21 National Cup Venue Tender Season '26/27



We are seeking club venues to host the Under 21 National Cup competition on the below dates.

1. 24-25 October 2026

No variations to dates are permitted.

The U21 National Cup, will be entering its 3rd season, and was launched to aid retention and provide valuable competition opportunity to this priority cohort in England. The U21 National Cup follows a standardised format – the top 10-ranked, England-eligible, men and women will be invited and will play a full round-robin over the course of two competition days of competition.

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.

Host Requirements

The host must appoint a dedicated contact who cannot also be a coach, referee or umpire.

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 5 tables.

All hosts must conform to the standards detailed in [Annex A to the Regulations for Regulated Competitions](#) including minimum 10x5m courts (preferred 12x6m) 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 Under 21 National Cup event documentation - [U21 National Cup - Table Tennis England](#)

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



Hosting Information

If your venue is interested in hosting the U21 National 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 5 tables.
- Please see U21 National Cup event documentation here: [U21 National 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?		
Are there specific age groups that you would prefer to host?		
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		
Incidental cost etc.		
Total		
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 10:00 on Saturdays, and 09:00 on Sunday, with a minimum of 60 minutes practice time before the first matches of each day
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. Match balls will be provided by Table Tennis England in advance of the competition
10. Once appointed, hosts will receive a Purchase Order for the agreed tender cost of the weekend. Hosts are required to provide an invoice on headed paper following the weekend, detailing the relevant costs.

Your invoice should be submitted to TTE Finance finance@tabletennisengland.co.uk AND competitions@tabletennisengland.co.uk within 2 weeks of the event.