

Ordinary Resolution:	No
Special Resolution:	Yes
Change to:	Directions to the Board to reinstate the good standing arrangements which would permit organisations such as the VETTS Society and the BUCS Universities to restore their status within TTE as well as being available for other organisations who would be eligible for this.
Company Member Proposer:	Alex Murdoch
League / County:	Bedfordshire
TT ID / Membership Number: (required)	995
<p>Rationale: (not more than 250 words)</p> <p>For decades, all the table tennis family were united under one umbrella. The vehicle for this was the status of ‘In Good Standing’ which joined non-affiliated groups to the National Governing Body in a lose mutually beneficial arrangement without requiring them to affiliated. More than 60 organisations, such as the VETTS, BUCS, the Forces, Institutions, professions etc enjoyed this status and table tennis thrived through it.</p> <p>It allowed a framework for organisations to work together so that we had a co-ordinated competition calendar, unified rankings and shared ambitions. A few years ago, TTE abolished In Good Standing for the non-affiliated organisations without consultation or explanation.</p> <p>As a result, these organisations now work outside TTE rather than give up their independents – and as a result, TTE and the sport in general is weakened and the competition programme, in particular, is fragmented.</p> <p>TTE’s decision to over-turn something which was part of the structure of our organisation for generations and which worked well, was ill-advised and wrong. As a National Governing Body, TTE should be striving to work with all organisations which promote table tennis, not pushing them away.</p> <p><u>BOARD RESPONSE</u></p> <p><i>In the context of membership bodies, “good standing” has a fairly well-understood, practical meaning rather than a vague or purely reputational one.</i></p> <p><i>It generally refers to a member (individual or affiliated organization) who:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Has met all financial obligations (e.g. subscriptions, fees are paid and up to date) • Is compliant with the rules or constitution of the body (no breaches, sanctions, or disciplinary findings) 	

- *Is not subject to suspension or restriction of rights*
- *Retains full membership privileges (such as voting, participating, or holding office)*

*So, when someone is described as being “in good standing,” it typically means they are **fully compliant, current, and eligible to exercise all the rights of membership.***

Within TTE Good standing is defined in our regulations Part 3 (e) as:

Good Standing means the standard of conduct and behaviour required of an Affiliated Member or Affiliated Organisation, where they display suitable integrity and good character and do nothing which could in any way negatively impact on the sport of table tennis or TTE; or bring the sport of table tennis or TTE into disrepute.

VETTs and BUCS are not affiliated organisations therefore a Memorandum of Understanding is a more relevant agreement.

BUCS, TT Wales and TT Jersey have all recently signed an MOU’s with TTE.

TTE is also currently in discussions with VETTS over the development of a similar agreement as reached with the other three organisations that are not affiliated to TTE.

Signed: *A. Murdoch*

Dated: 12/4/2026