

Under 21 National Cup 2026/27



General Info

Date: Saturday 24th & Sunday 25th October 2026

Venue: Highfields TTC, 148 Highfield Rd, Wellingborough NN8 1PL

Entry Deadline: Midnight on Wednesday 7th October 2026

Draw Date: Wednesday 14th October 2026

Queries to Mark Pinder on 07828 179949 or mark.pinder@tabletennisengland.co.uk.

1. Authority

The English Table Tennis Association shall organize the National Cup
President: Mrs. Jill Parker

2. TTE Board

Ms. Clare Briegal, Table Tennis England Chair

Ms. Sally Lockyer, Table Tennis England CEO

Mr. Richard Ayers, Appointed Director

Mr. Paul Bishop, Appointed Director

Ms. Kath Curran, Appointed Director

Ms. Sally Hughes, Elected Director

Mr. Jos Kelly, Elected Director

Mr. Liam McTiernan, Elected Director

Ms. Leanne O'Leary, Appointed Director

Mr. Don Parker, Elected Director

Mr. Ritchie Venner, Elected Director

Ms. Anna Whowell, Appointed Director

3. Tournament Director

Should you have any queries regarding this event, please contact

Tournament Director: Mr. Mark Pinder

4. Officials

Referee: TBC

Deputy: TBC

5. Events

The following Championship events will take place:

1. Under 21 Men's Open Singles (Born in 2006 or later)	2. Under 21 Women's Open Singles (Born in 2006 or later)
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6. Criteria for Invitations

Table Tennis England will invite the top 10 athletes to compete in each Under 21 age groups and gender eligibility. Ranking invitations will be based on the 26/01 Rankings published on 09 September 2026.

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Should an athlete decline their invitation, the next eligible player listed on the appropriate ranking list will be invited, up to position 16.

7. Eligibility

Table Tennis England will only invite athletes for the above event who meet all the following criteria:

- Be a current Compete or Compete Plus member of Table Tennis England.
- Be a British national and be born in or have their main residence in England.
- Have indicated 'England' nationality in their membership profile, and hence be eligible to appear on the Table Tennis England 'rankings' list.
- Not be currently under disqualification or suspension under the rules of Table Tennis England or ITTF & ETTU.
- Not be currently serving any sanction for an anti-doping rule violation under any relevant anti-doping rules.

And additionally in the case of players transitioning from eligibility for another federation:

*Athletes may apply for mitigating circumstances, in the event that they are unable to complete the above requirement. Athletes should apply to the Tournament Director as soon as possible after the 26/01 Rankings are published. Injury and international representation are reasons that will be looked on favourably.

8. Timings & Ranking Lists

Invites will be based on the 26/01 Rankings published on 09 September 2026. Invites will be sent out by Table Tennis England within 14 days of these being published.

Please note that rankings remain live until the end of the season, and published places in a given ranking list may change slightly following subsequent month's ranking runs – for this reason, invitations are done on a fixed 'snapshot' basis, and will not themselves change if the live list changes retrospectively

The closing date for entries is midnight on Wednesday 7th October 2026, please ensure that you complete your registration fully and make full payment promptly, in order for your entry to be accepted. In the event that a player does not submit their completed application on time, the Tournament Director (or their representative) may offer their place to the next eligible player.

Seeding will be based on the 26/02 Ranking List publication date 7th October 2026, at the discretion of the Referee. The draw will take place on Wednesday 14th October 2026 following the publication of the Ranking List, if any players drop out, then the replacement players will take their position in the draw.

9. Withdrawal of invitation

Table Tennis England retains the right to withdraw an invitation from an athlete under any of the following circumstances:

- The athlete is no longer eligible for this event.
- Any exceptional circumstances, which in the reasonable opinion of Table Tennis England, justifies the withdrawal of the athlete concerned.

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Any athlete who is withdrawn will immediately be notified of the decision, and the reason, and will have a right of review in accordance with the Right of review process.

10. Fees

Each player will be required to pay an entry fee, which includes administration and Ranking Levy fees. Payment must be paid via Table Tennis England's entry process. Instructions for payment will be detailed within the entry system. All entrants must have a Table Tennis England Compete Plus Membership.

Category	Fees
1. Under 21 Men's Open Singles	£54.00
2. Under 21 Women's Singles	£54.00

Refunds for entries will only be issued to players who have withdrawn in the below timescale:

- Prior to the deadline date – Full refund minus a £5 admin charge.
- After the deadline date and prior to the draw date – Full refund minus a £10 admin charge.
- After the draw there will be no refunds available.

11. Formats

A round robin format will be implemented, where all play all. All matches will be played to the best of 5 games, 11 up. A league table will be published throughout to determine the final positions.

Players will gain 2 match points for a win, 1 for a loss in a played match and 0 for a loss in an unplayed or unfinished match. The group ranking order shall be determined by the number of match points gained.

Standings shall be calculated as per Annex B to Regulations Part A: Regulated Competitions: Group Competitions which can be found in the below link: [Articles and regulations - Table Tennis England](#)

12. Weighting

These events carry a Table Tennis England ranking weighting of 1.75.

13. Racket Testing

Racket tests may be implemented at this event, randomly selected according to ITTF regulations.

14. Equipment

Tables: TBC
Nets & posts: TBC
Balls: TBC
Flooring: TBC

The tournament will be played on 5 tables with minimum court size 10m x 5m

15. Anti-Doping

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Anti-doping testing may be carried out through this event, randomly selected accordingly to ITTF regulations.

16. Clothing

Competitors are required to have their name printed on the back of their playing shirt at all times when playing. Therefore, please ensure that you are prepared for the event by having your name displayed on the back of any shirts you intend playing in.

17. Mobile Phones

Mobile phones are not permitted to be used within the match court area and should remain somewhere safe within your bag or with a parent or coach attending the event. Any player caught using their phone during time out, change of ends or during matches will forfeit the match.

18. U18's participants at the competition

All U18 participants should be accompanied at all times by a responsible adult. Officials and Organisers of a competition do not take responsibility for or stand in loco parentis for any U18s.

19. Photography and Streaming

Table Tennis England will be taking photos and live streaming matches during this event which may include (but not limited to), using them in our printed and online platforms, social media, press releases and funding applications. If you do not give permission to take photographs and/or video of you (or individuals for whom you are legally responsible), please contact competitions@tabletennisengland.co.uk.

For further details please see the Table Tennis England Photo and live streaming Policy: <https://www.tabletennisengland.co.uk/about-us/safeguarding/photography-guidelines/>

20. Codes of Conduct

All participants and attendees at Table Tennis England events are subject to Table Tennis England Codes of Conduct <https://www.tabletennisengland.co.uk/about-us/safeguarding/safeguarding-codes-of-conduct-and-terms-of-reference/>

We will not tolerate swearing or verbal abuse of volunteers, officials, staff or venue staff, nor a failure to follow the operational directions of stewards and event staff. We will treat all such instances extremely seriously and will rigorously pursue disciplinary sanctions if necessary. For further details, please see the Table Tennis England Workforce Protection Policy <https://www.tabletennisengland.co.uk/about-us/policies-and-procedures/>

Schedule Outline:

Saturday: Start time 10:00 (Warm up from 09:00)

Sunday: Start time 09:00 (Warm up from 08:00)