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Event A	WILMOTT CUP (Men's <u>Open</u>)	Event C	CARTER CUP (Boys' <u>Open</u>)
Event B	J M ROSE BOWL (Women)	Event D	BROMFIELD TROPHY (Girls)

Note: While the current competition review is in progress it may be necessary for the Board to use its power to amend these regulations during the playing season.

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1 ALTERATIONS TO REGULATIONS

- 1.1 Alterations to these Regulations will take effect from the date of issue of Entry Forms for the next succeeding competition.

2 TROPHIES

- 2.1 The winners of each competition will be the holders, until the final round of the competition in the following season, of the following trophies:

Event A	Men's <u>Open</u>	- The cup presented by the late A J Wilmott*
Event B	Women	- The J M Rose Bowl presented by the late J M Rose
Event C	Junior Boys' <u>Open</u>	- The J Carter Cup
Event D	Junior Girls	- The L M Bromfield Trophy

**Note: The original Wilmott Cup was lost in the bombing of the ETTA Office in 1940 and the Cup now used is a substitute.*

3 MANAGEMENT OF COMPETITIONS

- 3.1 The competitions will be managed by a committee (referred to in these regulations as "the Committee") determined by Terms of Reference for the ELCC Committee as published on the Table Tennis England website
- 3.2 The Committee will designate one of its number as the Organiser, to be responsible for the administration of the competition; the Organiser must hold at least the Tournament Organiser Level 2 qualification.
- 3.3 On all matters arising from these Regulations and relating to these competitions, a decision of the Committee made in accordance with the provisions of these Regulations is final.
- 3.4 Unless there are at least 8 teams for an event the Committee may, at its discretion, decide not to run that event.

4 ELIGIBILITY TO ENTER

- 4.1 Entries can be submitted only by Local Leagues.
- 4.2 Each Local League can enter one or more teams in each Competition.
- 4.3 Gender Eligibility for ELCC competition is as per the Table Tennis England Gender Equality Policy, and a player's eligibility may differ from that in their Local league

5 TEAM COMPOSITION

- 5.1 In each match a team will consist of up to four players. Two players will play two singles each and up to two different players may play the doubles.

6 PLAYERS' ELIGIBILITY

- 6.1 Each player must have played in at least three matches in the League Competition of the League represented during the season in which the competition started.
- 6.2 All players must be affiliated as Compete or Compete Plus Members.
- 6.3 A junior player having represented a League in Event C or D will be eligible to represent another League in Event A or B providing they meet regulation 6.1.
- 6.4 A player cannot play for more than one team within each category – i.e. a player who plays in Team A cannot then play in Team B in either the zonal rounds or the finals.
- 6.5 Any match played by an ineligible player will be awarded to the opposing player 3-0.

7 ENTRY FORMS & FEES

- 7.1 Entry Forms will be distributed to Secretaries of Local Leagues.
- 7.2 The entry fee for each competition must be stated on the Entry Form.
- 7.3 Properly completed Entry Forms, together with the appropriate entry fees, must be received by the Organiser by the closing date specified on the Entry Form and must be signed by an authorised person on behalf of the League.
- 7.4 A £5.00 penalty fee will be charged for late payment.
- 7.5 A League withdrawing a team after the entry deadline will not be entitled to a refund of the entry fees for that team, and may be liable for their share of the venue costs.

8 ZONAL GROUPS

- 8.1 There will be 8 zones, unless the Committee decides otherwise, and teams will be allocated to a zone on a geographical basis; zones may be amalgamated at the discretion of the Committee.
- 8.2 One round only will be played on a zonal basis. This round will be in groups or held as a knock-out round dependent upon number of entries for each zone and at the discretion of the Committee.
- 8.3 If the competition is held in 8 zones, the winner of each zone will progress to the final; if zones are amalgamated the number of teams eligible in each zone for the finals will vary according to the number of zones, at the discretion of the committee – e.g. if there are 4 zones the top 2 teams in each will go through to the finals.
- 8.4 If a zonal qualifier withdraws, its place in the finals may be taken by a team from that zone or if not possible, by one from another zone, at the discretion of the Committee.
- 8.5 The Committee will appoint a referee or local coordinator for each zone.

8.6 Teams will provide umpires for each match.

9 DATES FOR ZONAL ROUNDS

- 9.1 The dates of the Zonal Rounds and Finals will be published in the TTE Calendar and will also be notified to all Local League Secretaries with the Entry Forms.
- 9.2 All matches will be played on a Saturday or Sunday. Zonal groups will normally start at 10.00 but the start time may be varied by agreement of all teams and the Organiser.

10 DRAW

- 10.1 The draw will be made by persons nominated by the Committee.

11 ZONAL GROUP PLAY

- 11.1 Zonal venues will be fixed by the Committee and the teams will be designated as Teams A, B, C, D etc.

12 COSTS FOR ZONAL GROUP PLAY

- 12.1 In all zonal rounds, the venue and administrative costs incurred by the local organiser, will be shared equally amongst all teams in that venue. All venue and administrative costs will be agreed on the day and settled within a week of the competition.
- 12.2 Teams playing in the zonal rounds shall meet their own costs for travel and accommodation.
- 12.3 Any team withdrawing after the closing date or failing to attend the venue will be liable for their share of the venue and administrative costs. The local organiser shall notify the relevant League and ELCC Administrator of the share of venue and administrative costs due from the absent team.

13 FINALS - DATE, VENUE & FORMAT

- 13.1 The finals of each competition will be played on dates and at venues to be specified.
- 13.2 All teams participating in the finals will be responsible for meeting all their own expenses.
- 13.3 The finals may be played in groups or as knock-out rounds at the discretion of the Committee.

14 REPORTING RESULTS

- 14.1 It is the responsibility of the referee or local coordinator at each event to send electronic copies of the score sheets, signed by a representative of each team, to the Organiser within 48 hours.
- 14.2 The results of all matches in each round will be sent to all Leagues taking part in that round with the draw for the finals.

15 APPLICABILITY OF OTHER REGULATIONS

- 15.1 The matches governed by these regulations are subject also to TTE Regulations Part A: Regulated Competitions and to the ITTF Regulations specified therein.

16 GROUP ORDER

- 16.1 The final order in a group will be determined in accordance with ITTF Regulation 3.7.5 for group competitions.

17 MATCH FORMAT

- 17.1 Each team match will consist of five individual matches, each of which will be the best of five games.
- 17.2 The order of play will be A v X, B v Y, doubles, A v Y, B v X.
- 17.3 Before each team match the two captains will decide by lot the right to be A, B, or X, Y and each captain must then name his team to the referee or local coordinator, allotting a letter to each of his players, not necessarily in order of strength. The captain must also name the two doubles players to the referee if different.
- 17.4 The first matches in the group must begin at the stipulated time as laid down in regulation 9.2.
- 17.5 Any player not present when called upon by the referee or local coordinator to play will forfeit the match for which he is called.
- 17.6 A player who, owing to the operation of regulation 17.2. is required to play two consecutive individual matches is entitled to claim a 5 minutes rest period.
- 17.7 All matches are to be played.

18 THE PLAYING AREA

- 18.1 The following individuals are authorised to be at the playing area and to give advice:
- 18.1.1 all players named on the match card
- 18.1.2 all players on the league's registration list for teams at the event
- 18.1.3 up to four coaches and/or non-playing captains

19 RANKING POINTS

- 19.1 Ranking points will apply for all singles matches, with a weighting of 1X for matches in zonal rounds and 1.5X for matches in the finals weekend.