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1. Name, Revocation and Replacement

1.1. These Regulations are known as the Affiliation and Registration Regulations having been enacted and come into force on 11 November 2026.

1.2. These Regulations replace and revoke the Regulations Part J: Affiliation and Registration Regulations dated 12 November 2025.

2. Application

2.1. These Regulations apply to an Affiliated Member and an Affiliated Organisation of Table Tennis England (TTE)[1].

3. Interpretation

3.1. The following terms as defined apply to these Regulations, unless stated otherwise:

(a) Affiliated Member means an individual affiliated to TTE.
(b) Affiliated Organisation means a County Association, Local League, club or other organisation that is affiliated to TTE.
(c) Articles means the Articles of Association of the English Table Tennis Association Limited known as Table Tennis England[2].
(d) Board means the English Table Tennis Association Limited Board of Directors (TTE Board), and any reference to person holding a Board position will be in relation to this Board of Directors.
(e) 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[3].
(f) Home Country refers to Guernsey, Jersey, Ireland, the Isle of Man, Scotland and Wales.
(g) Home Country Reciprocal Member means a player who is seeking TTE affiliation based on the country or territory that they are entitled to represent under the eligibility rules of the ITTF and the relevant ITTF Member Association.
(h) ITTF means the International Table Tennis Federation.
(i) ITTF Constitution means the International Table Tennis Federation Constitution.

[1] The Regulations set out below were made by the Board in accordance with TTE's Articles of Association and articles 34.1 and .2 and 35.4 in particular.
[2] https://www.tabletennisengland.co.uk/content/uploads/2024/07/Articles-25.7.24-Final.pdf
[3] Breaching the Code of Conduct is an example of an Affiliated Member or Affiliated Organisation failing to meet the required standard of conduct – as outlined in the Code Of Conduct

(j) ITTF-registered individual means any player who has competed in an international event sanctioned, recognised, or organised by the ITTF, a Continental Federation, or an ITTF Member Association while representing their home country or territory.
(k) Membership Year means the period from 1 August of one year to the 31 July of the following year.
(l) Regulations means these Affiliation and Registration Regulations.
(m) TTE means the English Table Tennis Association Limited also known as Table Tennis England.
(n) Tournament Official includes a tournament organiser, umpires, referees and any other categorisation determined by TTE from time to time.

Associate Club means a Directly Affiliated Club which is not a Premier Club.

Directly Affiliated Club means an Affiliated Organisation which is a club affiliated directly to the Company, whether or not also a member of another Affiliated Organisation.

Independent Organisation means an Affiliated Organisation which is not a County Association, Local League, a Directly Affiliated Club or a Schools County Association.

Premier Club means a Directly Affiliated Club which is registered as a member of the Premier Club Scheme.

Registered Club or **Registered Team** means a group of Compete and/or Compete Plus Members who are registered by the Company or an Affiliated Organisation to compete together in a local league or other regulated competition but are treated by the Company as part of that league or competition rather than as a separate entity.

Unspent conviction means a conviction or caution which is not "spent" under the Rehabilitation of Offenders Act 1974

4. Affiliation and Registration

4.1. An organisation or individual can apply to TTE for membership as either an Affiliated Member or an Affiliated Organisation using the form prescribed by TTE.

4.2. The TTE Board, applying its absolute discretion will decide in accordance with its application criterion, as to whether or not to accept any application and whether or not the acceptance of any application should be subject to any specific conditions.

4.3. An applicant in applying to TTE for any affiliation membership confirms that it meets and will continue to meet all required requirements as imposed or adopted by TTE from time to time,

both at the time of application and thereafter once an Affiliated Member or Affiliated Organisation.

4.4. Certain criminal offences involving unspent convictions or cautions may, following consideration by TTE's Case Management Group including risk assessment, be deemed sufficiently serious and result in automatic refusal/termination of membership.

4.5. An Affiliated Member and / or an Affiliated Organisation agrees and recognises TTE as the National Governing Body for table tennis in England and undertakes to comply with and act in accordance with its Articles and any regulations or other governing document produced or adopted by TTE.

5. Affiliation of Organisations

5.1. An organisation whose sole primary purpose is to promote the sport of Table Tennis in England may apply to be an Affiliated Organisation; other organisations can only affiliate in relation to the element which relates to promoting table tennis in England.

5.2. An Affiliated Organisation comprises the following categories of membership:

(a) a County Association as defined in the Articles;
(b) a Local League as defined in the Articles;
(c) a Directly Affiliated Club;
(d) a Schools County Association as defined in Part S (Schools Table Tennis) of the Regulations;
(e) an Affiliated School as defined in Part S (Schools Table Tennis) of the Regulations;
(f) an Independent Organisation.

5.3. An Affiliated Organisation shall remain affiliated until the affiliation is terminated by the Affiliated Organisation of its own accord, or by TTE.

5.4. A Local League which ceases to conduct a competition between teams from clubs as required by TTE's Articles shall cease to be affiliated as a Local League but may remain affiliated as an Independent Organisation or a Directly Affiliated Club.

5.5. An Affiliated Organisation shall ensure that all its members and officials are Affiliated Members.

5.6. An Affiliated Organisation may change its membership category at any time, and subject to the change being accepted by TTE, will only take effect once the relevant fees have been paid and the membership has been confirmed in writing by TTE.

5.7. An Affiliated Organisation takes effect from the date stated by TTE and will continue until the forthcoming 31 July, subject to the payment of any relevant fees.

5.8. Once an Affiliated Organisation status has been notified by TTE, any annual Affiliated Organisation fees must be paid by no later than 1 August each year for membership of the following year; with an annual membership year being 1 August to 31 July of the following year.

5.9. TTE can, exercising its discretion, terminate an Affiliated Organisation's membership and / or suspend its privileges if the relevant fees have not been paid in a timely manner. The late payment of any fees shall be liable, at TTE's discretion, to a penalty payment as prescribed by TTE.

5.10. Fees paid to TTE in association with any Affiliated Organisation process are non-recoverable.

5.11. For the purposes of this Regulation, a Directly Affiliated Club is a club whose main purpose is to promote the sport of Table Tennis in England and is either:

(a) Associate Club; or
(b) Premier Club.

5.12. The criterion for both an Associate Club and a Premier Club will be decided by the TTE Board from time to time.

6. Affiliation of Individuals

6.1. An Affiliated Member comprises the following categories of membership:

(a) Compete Plus;
(b) Compete;
(c) Club Play;
(d) Supporter; and
(e) Coach Membership (which is only open to those who satisfy the requirements of Part H (Coaching) of the Regulations)

6.2. Any person who is a certified Technical Official (such as Umpire, Referee, Tournament Organiser) with requisite qualifications that are being used to administer competitions for or on behalf of TTE must be an Affiliated Member and are bound by these Regulations.

6.3. An Affiliated Member may change their membership category at any time, and subject to the change being accepted by TTE, will only take effect once the relevant fees have been paid and the membership has been confirmed in writing by TTE[4].

6.4. An Affiliated Member takes effect from the date stated by TTE and will continue until the forthcoming 31 July, subject to the payment of any relevant fees.

6.5. Once an Affiliated Member status has been notified by TTE, annual Affiliated Member fees must be paid by no later than 1 August each year for membership of the following year; with an annual membership year being 1 August to 31 July of the following year.

6.6. The President, Honorary Past Presidents and Honorary Life Members shall automatically be affiliated in the Compete Plus class for the duration of their appointment.

6.7. The Vice Presidents shall automatically be affiliated in the Supporter class for the duration of their appointment but may affiliate in another class instead on payment of the requisite fee.

6.8. TTE can, exercising its discretion, terminate an Affiliated Member's membership if the relevant fees have not been paid as stated; the payment of any late fees is liable, at TTE's discretion, to a penalty payment as prescribed by TTE.

6.9. An Affiliated Member who is affiliated to another organisation affiliated to the ITTF , must obtain authorisation and confirm such authorisation to TTE when applying or at any material point thereafter; membership of another organisation affiliated to the ITTF does not enable automatic membership as each application will be considered in accordance with the requirements of these Regulations.

6.10. Fees paid to TTE in association with any Affiliated Member process are non-recoverable.

6.11. Subject to consideration by TTE's Case Management Group, including risk assessment, and subject to TTE's absolute discretion to consider the matter alternatively under the Disciplinary Regulations, an Affiliated Member's membership may be refused or terminated if the Affiliated Member:

(a) has one or more unspent convictions or cautions for any violent or sexual offence(s);
(b) is on any statutory list barring or restricting his or her work with any persons; or
(c) is on the sex offenders register.

[4] A supporter might want for example to become a coach.

6.12. Affiliated Members competing in Regulated Competitions must be able to meet the required categorisation for the regulated competition.

7. Affiliated Individual Fees Submission By Affiliated Organisation

7.1. An Affiliated Organisation can submit membership fees on behalf of its Affiliated Members.

7.2. An Affiliated Organisation shall not seek to renew its Affiliated Members TTE membership on the form prescribed by TTE if it is unable to provide written substantiation of the individual's current TTE membership.

7.3. An Affiliated Organisation which collects applications and fees to submit to the TTE on behalf of Affiliated Members must forward them to TTE by 1 August or within 14 days of affiliation notification.

7.4. An Affiliated Organisation which fails to forward any applications or fees to the TTE by the date due shall be liable to suspension from the privileges of affiliation and in respect of the late payment of fees, at TTE's discretion, liable to interest on the amount outstanding at 5% above NatWest Bank base rate calculated daily.

8. Other Affiliated Parties

8.1. An applicant in applying to TTE for an affiliation membership as a Home Country Reciprocal Member or ITTF-registered individual confirms that they meet and will continue to meet all required requirements as imposed or adopted by TTE from time to time, both at the time of application and thereafter once an Affiliated Member or Affiliated Organisation.

9. Suspending or Terminating Membership

9.1. Notwithstanding any other provision in any regulation or governing document produced or adopted by TTE; an Affiliated Member or Affiliated Organisation's membership may be suspended or terminated by TTE at any time, and for any reason (such decision-making to be exercised reasonably); if TTE decides to do so[5].

9.2. Where TTE takes a decision to refuse, suspend or terminate an Affiliated Member or Affiliated Organisation's membership under these Affiliation and Registration Regulations, the Case Management Group must:

[5] A person coaching will no longer be able to coach if the Affiliated Member status is suspended or terminated as the ability to coach is based on their being an Affiliated Member.

(a) notify the Affiliated Member or Affiliated Organisation in writing of the grounds on which refusal, suspension or termination is proposed and provide any relevant evidence;
(b) afford the Affiliated Member or Affiliated Organisation a reasonable opportunity (of not less than 14 days) to submit written representations and any mitigation; and
(c) consider in good faith any representations received.

9.3. The Case Management Group's decision, together with written reasons, shall be communicated to the Affiliated Member within 14 days of its determination.

9.4. An Affiliated Member or Affiliated Organisation's suspension or termination under these Regulations will take effect upon the Affiliated Member and / or Affiliated Organisation being notified of the Case Management Group's decision.

9.5. TTE's discretion to refuse, suspend or terminate membership under these Regulations applies equally to any organisation or individual who applies by virtue of being a member of an equivalent table tennis governing organisation in one of the Home Countries or the ITTF.

9.6. Any membership fees paid are not recoverable by any person or organisation if their membership is terminated or suspended by virtue of this Regulation 9.