



TABLE TENNIS ENGLAND
ENGLISH SCHOOLS' TABLE TENNIS



Individual Championship Rules - 2018/19

** Subject to review, correct as at 29.08.18*

1. These Championships will be played on Saturday 27th April 2019 at Aldersley Village Centre, Wolverhampton.
2. There will be eight singles events as follows:

Event Number 1	Boys' Under-19
Event Number 2	Girls' Under-19 (See Note 7)
Event Number 3	Boys' Under-16
Event Number 4	Girls' Under-16
Event Number 5	Boys' Under-13
Event Number 6	Girls' Under-13
Event Number 7	Boys' Under-11
Event Number 8	Girls' Under-11
3. Ages shall be reckoned as at midnight on 31st August/1st September 2018 i.e. a pupil born on or after 1st September 1999 will be eligible for the Under 19 event.
- 4A. Each County Association shall be entitled to enter one player in each of the events. This player should be the champion arising from the County Association's Individual Singles Championships of the current season played in the eight age categories above. The player's school, academy or college (hereafter referred to as a school) must be affiliated to the appropriate County Schools' Association. The Table Tennis England Schools' Committee is agreeable for counties to allow 'home educated pupils' to compete in their event and furthermore, represent their county, if appropriate, in the English Schools' Table Tennis Individual Championship Finals.
- 4B. The acceptance of an entrant other than the current champion as representative of a County Association shall be solely at the discretion of the Championships Committee. These Championships shall be administered by a Sub Group of the Table Tennis England Schools' Committee. The decision of this Committee shall be final on all matters (see Rule 5).
- 4C. Pupils may be nominated who leave school at Easter 2019, but who were in full-time education for the Autumn Term of 2018 and the Spring Term of 2019.
- 4D. Entry shall be effected by the completion of Form S1 by the County Secretary for return to the National Individual Competition Organiser on or before 18th February 2019 indicating in which events the County Association shall be represented and submitting the entry fee of £25.00 per event entered. Each County Association will be required to provide details of the name of each entrant on Form S1 with contact email/telephone number. (NB: Changes in method of payment pending)
- 4E. County Secretaries will also be asked to nominate the appropriate player (i.e. County Championship Runner-up) who in case of emergency, late illness or unavailability of the player nominated on Form S1 will take their place. Only the Championship Committee, if fully satisfied, will be empowered to accept a substitute who must have played in their own County Individual Championship. *Form S1/R has been amended to seek this information.*

- 4F. Each County Association shall then forward on Form S2, due for return to the National Individual Competition Organiser on or before 3rd March 2019, full details of each of its representatives in the events previously entered. Form S2 must give full details of the representatives and be signed by the entrant's Headteacher or Deputy Headteacher signifying their support and approval.
- 4G. A player may only play in the youngest event for which he or she is eligible, or in the next higher event.
- 4H. Each player will be placed in a group of a minimum of 5 players, giving at least 4 sets per player at group level, except where another member of the group defaults on the actual day of play.
- 4I. For each match in a group 2 match points will be awarded for a win, 1 match point for a loss in a played match and 0 match points for a loss in an unplayed or unfinished match. The ranking order shall be determined primarily by the number of match points gained. If two or more members of the group have gained the same number of match points their relative positions shall be determined by the results only of the matches played between those being equal taking successively the ratio of wins to losses in games and points.
- 4J. The group winners and runners-up will then proceed to determine the championships on a knock-out basis.
- 4K. Notwithstanding Rules 4H, I and J, depending on the number of entries received the Championships Committee is empowered to employ a straight "knock-out" and consolation system of play.
- 4L. The Championship Committee may require players to umpire as it thinks fit. A player shall be allowed to provide a competent umpire in lieu.
- 4M. Clothing shall conform to current ITTF regulations, as adopted by Table Tennis England.
- 4N. The back of a player's shirt must display clearly the number allocated to the player in the Championship programme.
- 4O. Throughout the Championships all sets shall be the best of five games (up to eleven). All play shall be played under the Laws of Table Tennis as adopted by Table Tennis England.
- 4P. Trophies will be awarded to the first four entrants in all eight events, and certificates will be given to all participants to certify that they represented their county in the Championships.
5. In the event of any disputes to the interpretation of Rules 1 to 4 above or any matter arising which is not provided for in these Rules, the decision of the Championships Committee shall be final.
6. All proposed alterations to the Championships Rules must be notified in writing to the Table Tennis England Schools' Administrator by 31st March or at least 28 days before a Special General Meeting.
7. A county may enter two girls in the Under-19 National Finals. At least one of the two girls must fall within the Under-19 age group. The current regulations will apply to the second player and/or for a single entrant. (More details will be given on the appropriate entry forms)

NB: It is recommended that for both the School Team and Individual Championships the Championship Committee will consist of: The TTE Schools' Committee Chair; The National School Team Championship Organiser and the National School Individual Championship Organiser (or their representatives).