



TABLE TENNIS ENGLAND
ENGLISH SCHOOLS' TABLE TENNIS



National School Team Championship Rules - 2018/19

** Subject to review, correct as at 29.08.18*

1. There shall be eight events as follows:

Event Number 1	Boys' Under-19
Event Number 2	Girls' Under-19 (See Note 14)
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

2. The Championships are open to teams from all schools in England whether or not part of the State System. Teams comprising pupils who are undergoing Full-time Education in a college are also eligible. (See Rule 4.1.5 in the Constitution and General Rules).

3. 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 12)

4. Ages shall be reckoned as at midnight on 31st August/1st September 2018 - i.e. any pupil born on or after 1st September 1999 will be eligible for the Under 19 event.

- 5A. A school, academy or college (*hereafter referred to as a school*) may represent only one County under whose aegis is the County Schools' Association.
- 5B. Under no circumstances may a player represent more than one school during the season.
- 5C. Players representing a school must be pupils at that school except that a player transferring to another school may continue to play for his/her former school provided that the pupil was on the school roll when form T3 was received by the Team Competition Organiser.
- 5D. The Table Tennis England Schools' Committee recognises that from the point of view of players' eligibility, district and county rounds constitute official stages in the National School Team Championships.

- 6A. A team shall consist of 4 players who must play in order of merit but see Note 14.
- 6B. A match shall consist of 8 sets (all of which must be played) with each set being the best of five games (eleven up, but see Rule 8D).
- 6C. The order of play shall be: 1 v 2, 2 v 1, 3 v 4, 4 v 3, 1 v 1, 3 v 2, 2 v 3, 4 v 4.
Two or more sets may be played at the same time at the discretion of the Organiser even though this may mean a player playing 2 sets in succession.
- 6D. "Organiser" in Rule 6C shall mean the Organiser appointed by the Championship Committee in accordance with Rules 7H and 7J. The Organiser of the National Finals shall be deemed to be the Team Competition Organiser.

- 7A. For the purpose of this competition the Country shall be divided into eight zones at stage one of the competition and four regions at stage two. There will be no absolute direct link between the zones and the regions. The winner and runner-up of each zone shall move forward to one of the four regional finals.

All to be confirmed

Zone 1 – Kirkby Stephen Grammar School

Zone 2 – Bradford Grammar School

Zone 3 – St Bede’s RC Sports College, Blackburn

Zone 4 – Grantham Table Tennis Centre, Mere’s Leisure Centre

Zone 5 – Wood Green Academy - Wednesbury

Zone 6 – SportsDock, University of East London

Zone 7 – Morpeth School, Tower Hamlets

Zone 8 – Eggbuckland School, Plymouth

The composition of Zones may be amended by the Team Competition Organiser according to the entries received in an attempt to improve the competition.

- 7B. In each event, not more than one team from each County shall take part in the Zone Finals (except by the invitation of the Team Competition Organiser).
- 7C. Each County Association shall be required to nominate on Form T1 by 20th November 2018 the events for which it will be represented. Each form shall be sent to the Team Competition Organiser and shall be accompanied by the entry fee of £26.00 per team.
- 7D. Each County Association shall be required to submit on Form T2, to the Team Competition Organiser, by 8th December 2018, the names of the schools representing that County in the Zone Finals. All schools must be affiliated as per procedure laid down in the General Rules (*to be re-written*).
- 7E. Each school involved in the Championships as per Rule 7D, shall be required to complete Form T3 (giving full details of school and teacher i/c and names of eligible players with dates of birth in ranked order) and send it to the Team Competition Organiser to be received by 8th December 2018.
This Form must be signed by the Head Teacher or Deputy Head Teacher signifying their support and approval.
A school may submit a revised list of eligible players, after the staging of the Zone/Regional event. A form should be requested from the appropriate Regional/National Organiser. The revised list should be received by the Team Competition Organiser not less than fourteen days before the Regional/National event takes place.
- 7F. At each stage of the Championships each school team must hand to the appropriate organiser at least 30 minutes before each match is due to start a card (T5) listing their team in order of merit.
Note: It has been ruled that if a team is engaged in successive matches it will be allowed 5 minutes after the end of the first match in which to submit its team in order of merit for the following match.
- 7G. In each event of two teams from each Zone shall go forward to the Regional Finals.
- 7H. For each Zone the Table Tennis England Schools' Committee shall appoint an organiser whose duties include obtaining and furnishing a venue and supplying the Team Competition Organiser and the appropriate Regional Organiser with the details of the teams qualifying for the Regional Finals.
Zone finals will be played on 19th and 20th January 2019 except the Zone 6 (Jack Petchey London Schools' Championships which will be held on 12th January 2019).
- 7I. In each event not more than one team from each Region shall go forward to the National Finals.

- 7J. For each Region the Table Tennis England Schools' Committee shall appoint an Organiser whose duties will include obtaining and furnishing a venue and supplying the Team Competition Organiser with details of the teams qualifying for the National Finals. Regional Finals will be played on 9th or 10th February 2019.
- 7K. The National Finals will be played at Hinckley Leisure Centre, Leicestershire on Saturday, 23rd March 2019.
- 7L. At each Zone and Regional Finals the Organiser shall act as Referee unless he/she is involved in any way with one or more of the competing teams, in which case a neutral Referee shall be appointed by the Championship Committee. The duties of the Referee shall not include adjudication on the Table Tennis England Schools' Competition Rules, but only settling any dispute on the laws of the game.
- 8A. Play in the Zone, Regional and National Finals will be played in a group system where possible.
- 8B. In the group system, 2 match points shall be awarded to the winning team, and 1 match point to each team for a draw (4-4 in sets regardless of games). The group position shall be decided primarily by the match points gained.
- 8C. If 2 or more teams 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 match points, sets ratio, games ratio, and, if necessary, points ratio.
- 8D. If an equality still exists between the two teams tying for first or second place, the match result shall be decided by a doubles set between any two players from each team. Where an equality exists between teams tying for places other than first, they shall be placed equal second or third as appropriate.
- 9A. No player registered on Form T3 may play in more than one age group in the same season.
- 9B. At each stage of the Championships at least one playing member of each team must be competing in the youngest event for which he or she is eligible.
10. Every school team competing in the National Finals must be accompanied by a member of the teaching staff of their school or a nominated adult.
- 11A. All matches in the Championships shall be played under the Laws of Table Tennis as adopted by Table Tennis England.
- 11B. Clothing shall conform to current ITTF regulations, as adopted by Table Tennis England.
12. In the event of any dispute as to the interpretation of Rules 1 to 11 above or any matter arising which is not provided for in these Rules, the decision of the Championship Committee shall be final.
13. All proposed alterations to the Championship 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.
14. In the 2018/19 season, the Under 19 Girls' team will consist of only two players (not four). The Order of Play shall be A v X, B v Y, Doubles (AB v XY), A v Y, B v X - each match being the best of five games to eleven points. (All other regulations remain the same including 9A and 9B)