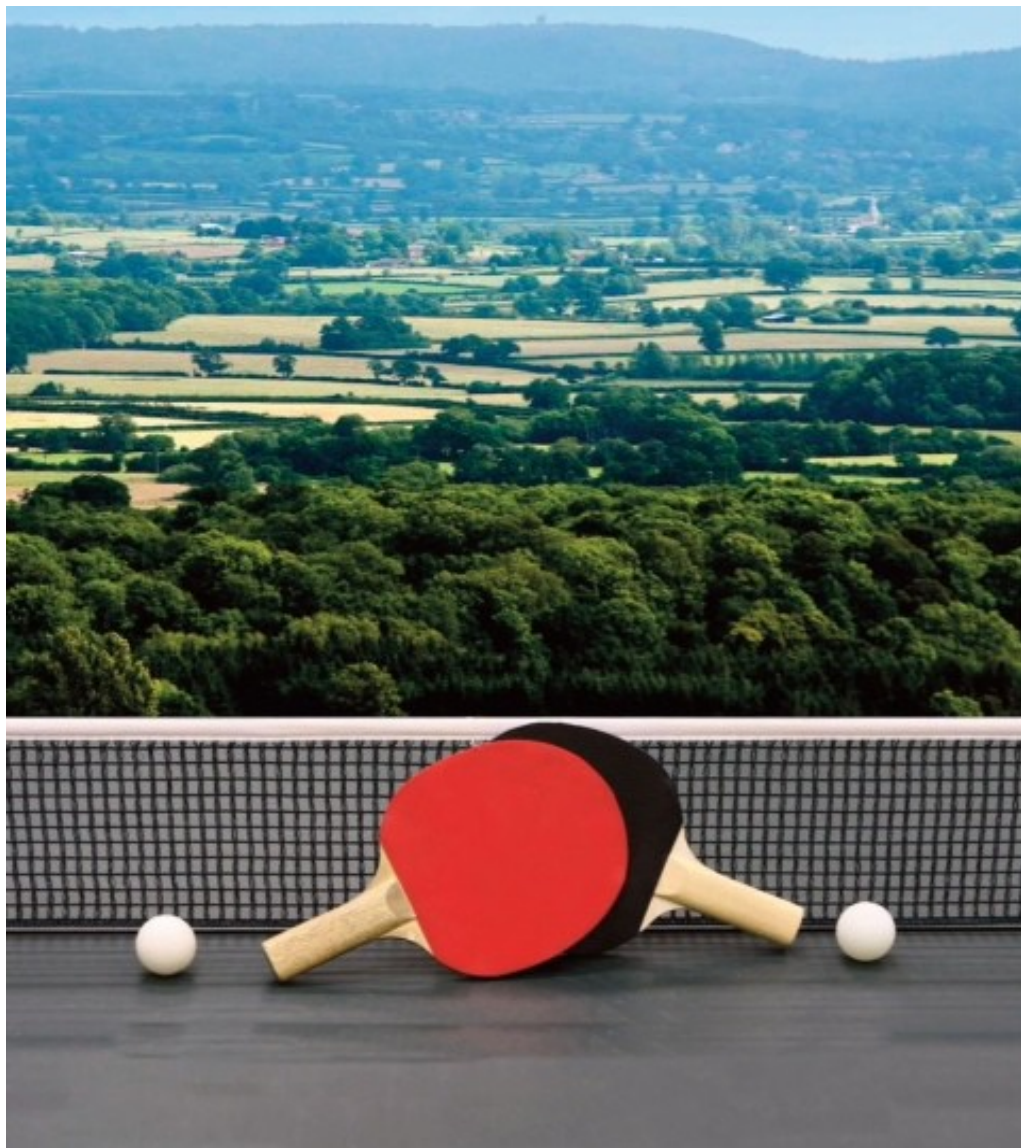


# **BLACKMORE VALE TABLE TENNIS LEAGUE**

## **HANDBOOK 2022 - 2023**





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## **1. CHAIRMANS MESSAGE**

I think a lot about our Blackmore Vale League and I am pleased to say that it is such a friendly league, the atmosphere always good & great fun to take part in.

I am very pleased to welcome several new players who have joined the league and a couple of players who have come back. We are always looking to increase our playing community and keep our club numbers up.

Great that we have two teams of youngsters playing at Stalbridge & with Chris and Stuart's coaching I am sure they will soon be beating the old boys, so let's just make it another enjoyable season.

Keith.

## 2. OFFICERS

### **PRESIDENT**

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REX PARFITT	PAUL CUTLER	DAVE FORBES
MALCOLM PENNEY	ERIC WILLIAMS	TONY MARSH
NIGEL POPE	PETER ROLFE	ROY FORSHAW
JOHN GREEN	ALAN HISLOP	MARK ORTON
LES WHITTAKER	DAVE FLOOD	

### 4. ARTHUR CLARKE YOUNG PERSONALITY OF THE YEAR

2004-05	Jessica Haddon	2005-06	Mark Rendall
2006-07	Ben Drake	2007-08	Simon Ible
2008-09	Simon Ible	2009-10	Sam Buckland
2010-11	Tate Young	2011-12	Tate Young
2012-13	Dan Fisher-Pearson	2013-14	Tom Scard
2014-15	Dan Fisher-Pearson	2019-20	ElijahPragnell
2021-22	Benji Maxwell		

### 5. MARGARETS MARSH TTC – CHAIRMANS CUP

2001-02	Nick Cowell	2002-03	Chalke Valley Club
2003-04	Mark Orton	2004-05	Peter Rolfe
2005-06	Gary Gray	2006-07	Rod Fry
2007-08	Malcolm Penney	2008-09	Anthony Hibben
2009-10	D Hughes	2010-11	Simon Cutler
2011-12	S Park	2012-13	Tournament Comm.
2013-14	Keith Anthony	2014-15	Barrie Waterman
2015-16	East Stour TTC	2016-17	Simon Cutler
2017-18	CV Robins Team	2018-19	Rod Fry
2019-20	Sue Boddington	2021-22	Anthony Hibben

## 6. 2021-2022 LEAGUE POSITIONS

### Division 1

	Team	P	W	D	L	GF	GA	Points
1	Stalbridge A	18	17	0	1	461	172	461
2	Compton SAS A	18	15	0	3	457	181	457
3	Chalk Valley Falcons A	18	11	1	6	349	285	349
4	Child Okeford A	18	10	0	8	345	296	345
5	Compton B	18	6	1	11	293	369	293
6	Child Okeford B	18	1	0	17	176	466	176
7	Compton C	18	2	0	16	157	469	157

### Player Averages – Top 10

Player	Team	Won	Lost	Avg
Benji Maxwell	CV Falcons A	53	49	92.45%
Chris Watkins	Stalbridge A	53	48	90.57%
Dave Beare	Child Okeford A	21	19	90.48%
Karl King	Compton SAS A	40	36	90.00%
Tom Carr	Compton SAS A	49	41	83.67%
Stuart Angell	Stalbridge A	53	44	83.02%
Terry Austin	Child Okeford A	42	30	71.43%
Simon Crichton	Stalbridge A	47	31	65.96%
James Robinson	Compton SAS A	45	26	57.78%
Tom Scard	CV Falcons A	50	28	56.00%

Note – minimum of 6 matches played

## Division 2

	Team	P	W	D	L	GF	GA	Points
1	CV Nightjars B	16	16	0	0	391	146	391
2	Child Okeford D	16	11	2	3	389	181	389
3	East Stour A	16	10	1	5	317	250	317
4	East Stour B	16	10	0	6	305	265	305
5	Compton D	16	9	1	6	299	287	299
6	Child Okeford C	16	8	0	8	249	318	249
7	CV Robins C	16	3	0	13	220	330	220
8	Compton E	16	2	0	14	215	334	215
9	Stalbridge Juniors	16	1	0	15	136	410	136

## Player Averages – Top 10

Player	Team	Won	Lost	Avg
Brett Sanders	Child Okeford D	35	33	94.29%
John Hutton	CV Robins C	33	31	93.94%
Wang Ping Feng	Child Okeford D	44	38	86.36%
Greg Clarke	CV Nightjars B	28	24	85.71%
Peter Street	CV Nightjars B	35	28	80.00%
Lee Upshall	CV Nightjars B	25	20	80.00%
Russell Haddon	East Stour A	54	41	75.93%
Nicolae Dipconu	Child Okeford D	47	35	74.47%
Peter Jones	Compton E	35	24	68.57%
Steve Ible	East Stour A	48	32	66.67%

Note – minimum of 6 matches played.



## 7. 2021-2022 TOURNAMENT RESULTS

	Winner	Runner Up
<b>DIVISION 1 SINGLES</b>	Stuart Angell	Chris Watkins
<b>DIVISION 2 SINGLES</b>	Russell Haddon	Kay Proctor
<b>OPEN SINGLES</b>	Chris Watkins	Brett Sanders
<b>LADIES SINGLES</b>	Not Played	
<b>VETERAN SINGLES</b>	Alan Henwood	Chris Watkins
<b>OPEN DOUBLES</b>	Bridget Vallance & Matt Pickford	Tom Scard & Toby Jeanes
<b>MIXED DOUBLES</b>	Not Played	
<b>JUNIOR SINGLES</b>	Fraser Angell	Oscar Moore
<b>TEAM HANDICAP</b>	Stalbridge Juniors	Compton E
<b>MASTERS SINGLES</b>	Russell Haddon	Keith Anthony
<b>HANDICAP SINGLES</b>	Oscar Moore	Russell Haddon
<b>HANDICAP DOUBLES</b>	Matt Pickford & Matt Webster	Nicolae Dipconu & Wang Ping Feng

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East Stour Wessex	Adam Dewey	E : <a href="mailto:adam@designmodel.co.uk">adam@designmodel.co.uk</a> M : 07791 564873

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	Stalbridge B	Chris Watkins	E : <a href="mailto:chriswatkins318@gmail.com">chriswatkins318@gmail.com</a> M : 07522 697411
	Stalbridge C Juniors	Stuart Angell	E : <a href="mailto:stuartangell1308@gmail.com">stuartangell1308@gmail.com</a> M : 07970 979432
	Stalbridge D Juniors	Stuart Angell	E : <a href="mailto:stuartangell1308@gmail.com">stuartangell1308@gmail.com</a> M : 07970 979432

## **9. COACHING AND OPEN PRACTICE**

Available at Child Okeford

- Wednesday from 7.30pm
- Sundays from 10am to 12 noon
- Contact – Keith Anthony 01258 860094

Available at Chalke Valley

- Sunday evening from 6.30pm
- Contact – Tom Scard 07717 249499

## 10. FIXTURE CHART 2022/2023

Division	Home Night	Wk beginning
1	Tue	Stalbridge A
2	Mon	Child Okeford A
3	Wed	Compton A
4	Mon	Compton B
5	Fri	Stalbridge B
6	Mon	Child Okeford B
7	Thu	East Stour West

### Summary of non-league weeks

Wk 3	w/b 26th Sep	Team Handicap Cup R16
Wk 9	w/b 7th Nov	Team Divisional Cup Q-F
Wk 10	w/b 14th Nov	19:00 at Stalbridge Handicap singles and doubles
Wk 12	w/b 28th Nov	Team Handicap Cup Q-F
Wk 14	Mon 12th Dec	19:30 at Child Okeford Vets Singles
Wk 17	Tue 3rd Jan	19:00 at Stalbridge Ladies Singles, Mixed doubles and Masters Singles
Wk 20	Mon 23rd Jan	19:30 at Child Okeford Vets Singles
Wk 22	w/b 6th Feb	Team Divisional Cup S-F
Wk 24	Mon 20th Feb	19:30 at Child Okeford Open singles and doubles
Wk 26	w/b 26th Mar	Team Handicap Cup S-F
Wk 28	Tue 28th Mar	19:00 at Stalbridge Junior singles
Wk 30	w/b 3rd Apr	Team Cup Finals

Division 2	Home Night	Wk beginning																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																												
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11. TEAM RECORD

	WEEK	W L D	SCORE	FOR	AGAINST	POINTS
W/c 12 <sup>th</sup> Sep	1					
W/c 19 <sup>th</sup> Sep	2					
W/c 26 <sup>th</sup> Sep	3					
W/c 3 <sup>rd</sup> Oct	4					
W/c 10 <sup>th</sup> Oct	5					
W/c 17 <sup>th</sup> Oct	6					
W/c 24 <sup>th</sup> Oct	7					
W/c 31 <sup>st</sup> Oct	8					
W/c 7 <sup>th</sup> Nov	9					
W/c 14 <sup>th</sup> Nov	10					
W/c 21 <sup>st</sup> Nov	11					
W/c 28 <sup>th</sup> Nov	12					
W/c 5 <sup>th</sup> Dec	13					
W/c 12 <sup>th</sup> Dec	14					

W/c 2 <sup>nd</sup> Jan	17					
W/c 9 <sup>th</sup> Jan	18					
W/c 16 <sup>th</sup> Jan	19					
W/c 23 <sup>rd</sup> Jan	20					
W/c 30 <sup>th</sup> Jan	21					
W/c 6 <sup>th</sup> Feb	22					
W/c 13 <sup>th</sup> Feb	23					
W/c 20 <sup>th</sup> Feb	24					
W/c 27 <sup>th</sup> Feb	25					
W/c 6 <sup>th</sup> Mar	26					
W/c 13 <sup>th</sup> Mar	27					
W/c 20 <sup>th</sup> Mar	28					
W/c 27 <sup>th</sup> Mar	29					
W/c 3 <sup>rd</sup> Apr	30					

## **12.CONSTITUTION OF THE LEAGUE**

The league shall be call “The Blackmore Vale Table Tennis League” and will be affiliated with Table Tennis England (TTE).

### **1. AIMS AND OBJECTIVES**

- 1.1 The League shall be responsible for promoting Table Tennis within the Blackmore Vale area.
- 1.2 The League shall offer coaching and competitive opportunities to all players who wish to play Table Tennis in the Blackmore Vale area.
- 1.3 The League shall ensure a duty of care to all individual members and member clubs who are registered to the League.
- 1.4 The league shall ensure that all present and future members are treated as equals and will be regulated in a fair and equal manner.

### **2. OFFICERS OF THE LEAGUE**

- 2.1 The Officers of the League shall be the following : Chairman, Vice-Chairman, Honorary Secretary, Honorary Treasurer, Match & Press Secretary, Tournament Secretary, Table Tennis England Representative.
- 2.2 The Honorary Secretary shall be responsible for convening and taking minutes at all General meetings and meetings of the Executive Committee as well as conducting all correspondence on behalf of the League.
- 2.3 The Honorary Treasurer shall administer the funds of the League and shall keep these funds as approved by the Committee.
- 2.4 The Honorary Treasurer shall be responsible for maintaining the accounts and preparing an audited statement of accounts for submission to the Annual General Meeting.
- 2.5 The duties of the other Officers shall be decided from time to time by the Committee.
- 2.6 On the retirement from office, an Officer shall hand over to the Committee all papers, books and information applicable to that office.
- 2.7 All Officers shall be elected at the Annual General Meeting.

### **3. THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE**

- 3.1 The League shall be managed through an Executive Committee consisting of the Officers and any Executive Members duly elected at the Annual General Meeting.
- 3.2 Only these posts with exception of the Chairman shall have the right to vote at a meeting of the Executive Committee. The Chairman shall only have the casting vote.



- 3.3 Four members of the Executive Committee shall form a Quorum providing that the Chairman or Vice-Chairman plus one other Officer are present.
- 3.4 The Executive Committee may co-opt other members of the League as the business of the League may require, and may also delegate their powers to such Sub-Committees as it may be necessary to form.
- 3.5 One non-voting member of any B.V.T.T.L. club can attend the committee meetings.
- 3.6 The Executive Committee shall be responsible for adopting new policy, codes of conduct and the regulations affecting the organisation and running of the League.
- 3.7 The Executive Committee shall be responsible for disciplinary hearings of individual members, teams or clubs who infringe the Regulations and/or the Constitution of the League.
- 3.8 The Executive Committee shall hear all appeals made by individual members, teams or clubs where implementation of the Regulations and/or the Constitution of the League has caused some difficulty.
- 3.9 The Executive Committee shall convene as business requires during the playing season and at an agreed frequency in the close season.
- 3.10 All teams or clubs are required to either post team and registration forms to the Registration Secretary by the due date or send a representative to the pre-season meeting to pay their team and player's registrations and to collect scorecards for the coming season. Failure to do so will mean the team is not included in the new season.

#### **4. GENERAL MEETINGS**

- 4.1 The Honorary Secretary shall give notice of the Annual General Meeting (AGM) not less than 21 days prior to the meeting.
- 4.2 Officers, Members of the Executive Committee, League Members and any other interested parties may attend the Annual General Meeting.
- 4.3 All teams are required to send a representative for their team to the AGM.
- 4.4 The Officers and Executive Committee candidates shall be proposed and seconded at the Annual General Meeting.
- 4.5 Where two or more candidates are proposed and seconded for one post, a ballot of the League Members present at the meeting shall be held.
- 4.6 Only registered League Members have the right to vote at the Annual General Meeting. The Chairman shall have the casting vote.
- 4.7 The Annual General Meeting shall receive annual reports from each of the Officers and a statement of the audited accounts.
- 4.8 The annual individual and team registration fees shall be set at the Annual General Meeting.

- 4.9 Any other matters to be discussed at the Annual General Meeting including changes to the Playing Regulations shall reach the Honorary Secretary no later than 14 days before the meeting.
- 4.10 An Extraordinary General Meeting may be called by the Executive Committee, or any League Member upon request in writing to the Honorary Secretary and signed by at least 25 members or 20% of the membership whichever is the least.
- 4.11 20% of the membership shall form a quorum at an Extraordinary General Meeting.
- 4.12 Only registered League Members have the right to vote at an Extraordinary General Meeting. The Chairman shall have the casting vote.

## **5. FINANCE**

- 5.1. All League funds shall be held in a bank account in the name of the Blackmore Vale Table Tennis League.
- 5.2 There shall always be two signatories for every cheque raised against the bank account, consisting of two from the Chairman, Vice-Chairman, Secretary or Treasurer.
- 5.3 The Honour Treasurer shall be responsible for the finances of the League and will present a report to the Executive Committee at each meeting.
- 5.4 The financial year for the League shall end on the 30<sup>th</sup> April each year.
- 5.5 The Honorary Treasurer shall present a fully audited statement of accounts to the Annual General Meeting.

## **6. DISSOLUTION OF THE LEAGUE**

- 6.1 The League shall not be wound up except by resolution at an Annual General Meeting or an Extraordinary General Meeting of the League Members.
- 6.2 In the event, the funds of the League shall either be distributed amongst the League Members or donated to an organisation with a similar objective to the League as the meeting shall decide.

## **7. AMENDMENTS TO THE CONSTITUTION**

- 7.1 The Constitution shall only be changed through agreement by majority vote at an Annual General Meeting or Extraordinary General Meeting.

## **8. DISSOLUTION OF THE LEAGUE**

- 8.1 The League shall publish the Playing Regulations annually prior too the start of the season.
- 8.2 Changes to the Playing Regulations can only be made in accordance with clause 4.9 above.
- 8.3 The League shall publish any amendments to the national and international playing regulations when issued by Table Tennis England and ITTF as and when.

## 13. EQUALITY & DIVERSITY POLICY STATEMENT

- 1.1 The Blackmore Vale Table Tennis League is committed to ensuring that equality and diversity is incorporated across all aspects of its development. In doing so, the League acknowledges and adopts the following Sport England definition in sports equity.

*Sports equity is about fairness in sport, equality in access, recognising inequalities and taking steps to address them. It is about changing the culture and structure of sport to ensure it becomes equally accessible to everyone in society.*

- 1.2 The League respects the rights, dignity and worth of every person and will treat everyone equally within the context of their sport, regardless of age, ability, gender, race, ethnicity, religious belief, sexuality or social and economic status.
- 1.3 The aim of this policy is to promote good practice by ensuring that all League members will :
- Be fully aware of their responsibilities with regard to safeguarding adults and children.
  - Safeguard and promote the interests and well-being of the young people and adults with whom they are working.
  - Respond appropriately to all concerns.
  - Respect and promote the rights, wishes, and feelings of all young people and adults and take all reasonable and practical steps to protect them from harm, discrimination and abuse.
- 1.4 The League is also committed to everyone having the right to enjoy their sport in an environment free from the threat of intimidation, harassment, and abuse.
- 1.5 All League clubs, teams and individual members have a responsibility to oppose discriminatory behaviour, promote equality of opportunity and to uphold the League as a 'friendly league'.
- 1.6 The League will deal with any incidence of discriminatory behaviour seriously and in accordance with the League disciplinary procedures.
- 1.7 The League shall adopt the principles and values of the Safeguarding Policy written by Table Tennis England, a copy of which is available on request.

## **14. PLAYING REGULATIONS**

### **1. LEAGUE MEMBERSHIP AND REGULATIONS**

- 1.1 All Clubs will be required to submit an official registration form showing the Club Secretary, Home Venue and Captain of each team entered by that Club. The membership fees shall be set at the AGM. All entries will be considered at the discretion of the committee.
- 1.2 Each club must nominate teams in descending order of strength, i.e. the strongest team will be the “A” team, second strongest the “B” team, and so on. The Committee reserve the right to re-order the teams as nominated by the club if it is clear that the nominated order is not in descending order of strength.
- 1.3 Players from another team within the club can play as a substitute up to a maximum of six (6) occasions (see 1.7 below). Note - Players in Division 1 can only play up to a maximum of 6 occasions. All players must be registered with Table Tennis England before playing in the BVTTL.
- 1.4 Each club must initially register three players for each team. The individual registration fee must be paid, plus the current Table Tennis England registration fee or number if acquired directly via another league. There will be no Table Tennis England fee nor League fee for players under 19 year of age.
- 1.5 Further registration may be made up to the end of February, on application to the Match & Press Secretary.
- 1.6 Such late registration can be for a full team member up to 31 December and then £5 up to the end of February. In all cases Table Tennis England membership fee/number must be paid/produced along with the new players full address, date of birth and home telephone number before play.
- 1.7 A player must not play as a substitute for another team within his or her club on no more than six occasions. If the limit is exceeded then the player is given 'No Player' status and the opposing player will will 3-0.
- 1.8 Each team must comprise of at least two of its registered players; in the event of both teams being incomplete, the match shall be decided on the basis of games played. Any substitute player used must not play in the doubles set where the team has two if its registered players available. If a team has only one registered

team player and one reserve, the reserve can play in the doubles and the score will count.

- 1.9 All player transfers need to be authorised by the committee.
- 1.10 No unregistered player may play in a league match or any other event organised by the league, with the exception of the Junior and Cadet Tournament, for which special rules apply.
- 1.11 All new teams will be vetted by the Committee as to which Division they are to enter.

## **2. PROMOTION AND RELEGATION**

- 2.1 In the event of the League points being the same at the end of the season, the team winning the most matches will be deemed the higher team.
- 2.2 If they are equal, that team having drawn the most matches will be deemed the higher team.
- 2.3 If they are equal, a play-off will ensue (no doubles), the winners being deemed the higher team.
- 2.4 Promotion to Division One or relegation from that division will be at the discretion of the Executive Committee before the new season commences, based on strength of the team or teams concerned.

## **3. MATCH ORGANISATION**

- 3.1 Teams are to consist of three players, two of whom may play in the doubles. Additional player(s) may be brought in for the doubles except where that player is a substitute from another team within the club (see 1.8 above)
- 3.2 All pre-match preparation to be completed to enable matches to start at 7.30pm, unless an alternative start time has been specifically requested and agreed.
- 3.3 Only best quality 40+ Plastic Table Tennis England approved balls to be used. The use of a new ball for each match is encouraged.
- 3.4 Matches to be played according to the full ITTF laws. Team Captains should ensure that team members are conversant with these (Law booklets are available from the League Secretary if required).

- 3.5 All results should be posted or emailed within 24 hours.
- 3.6 All matches should be played to a finish.
- 3.7 A point will be awarded for each leg won during a game allowing a potential 30 points to be won in the match.
- 3.8 All matches to be played on the date scheduled in the handbook. In the absence of regular players, reserves should be played or the team play with one or two players.
- 3.9 Matches may be played prior to the scheduled date. A match may only be postponed to a later date with the prior consent of the Match Secretary. However, in exceptional circumstances the Match and Press Secretary can approve an alternative date, agreed between the two teams. This must be played within during the next Catch-Up week in the fixtures schedule and all outstanding games must be played within a week of the season ending.
- 3.10 If a match is not played on or by the scheduled or agreed revised date, the team unable to fulfil the fixture will receive 0 points and the opponents will be awarded 30 points.
- 3.11 It is the home team's responsibility to ensure a venue is available for the scheduled date. If the venue is not available, then it becomes a cancelled game by the home team.
- 3.12 Opponents should be given 48 hour's notice of a change of fixture date. Failure to do so will result in an extra penalty of 10 points, the Match and Press Secretary must also be made aware of the change.
- 3.13. All teams should play Home and Away excepting the youth team unless agreed on an individual basis.

#### **4. PUNCTUALITY**

- 4.1 In the event of a final (third) player not being available to play by 8.45pm, his or her games shall be forfeit except at the discretion of the opposing team captain.

## **5. CONDUCT**

- 5.1 Any bad language, misconduct or unfair practice (such as excessive gamesmanship) should be reported in writing to the Executive Committee via the League Chairman or Honorary Secretary.

## **6. APPEALS**

- 6.1 The Executive Committee recognises that in exceptional circumstances difficulties may be caused by the implementation of the above League Regulations. In cases of dispute, the final arbitration rests with the B.V.T.T.L Committee.

15. TEAM HANDICAP CUP RULES

- 1. Each fixture shall be the best of 9 matches.
- 2. Each match will simply count as 1 point, whether the result is 3-0, 3-1 or 3-2.
- 3. The first team to 5 points is the winner.
- 4. Each match shall be the best of 5 games, with the first player to win 3 games being the winner (and gaining the point for their team).
- 5. Every player will be allocated a ranking letter by the organiser which determines the relative strength of the players. The two players in each match shall refer to the handicapping chart to see what handicap applies to their particular match.
- 6. The handicap is applied separately to each game between the two players and is added to the weaker player’s score before the start of each game. For example, if the handicap is “4” then the weaker player starts each game in that match at a score of 4-0.
- 7. The first player to 11 points wins the game – there are no “deuces”. 11-10 wins.
- 8. Substitutes are not permitted in the handicap cup.

The handicapping chart is below:

Higher ranked player letter	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I
A	0	4	6	7	7	8	8	9	9
B		0	4	5	6	7	7	8	9
C			0	3	5	6	7	8	9
D				0	2	3	5	7	8
E					0	2	4	6	8
F						0	2	4	7
G							0	3	6
H								0	4
I									0

As an example, a player ranked “B” plays a player ranked “F”. Reading along row “B” until you reach column “F” gives a handicap of “7”, so the player ranked “F” will begin each game against this opponent with a 7-0 start. As their second match, the player ranked “B” plays someone else in the opposing team, ranked “E”, so they begin each game against this opponent at with a 6-0 start. Etc.



## 16. TOURNAMENT RULES

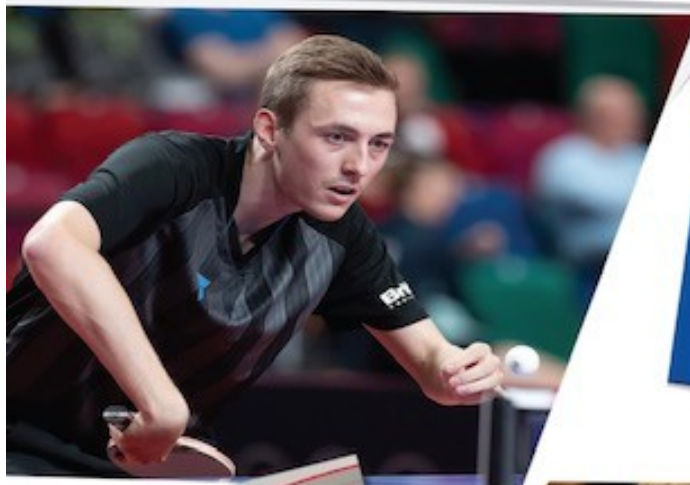
1. To qualify for any tournament, team or individual, a player must have played at least one-third of the scheduled league fixtures by 31<sup>st</sup> December. Exceptions will be at the Committee's discretion. In a handicap event any player not so qualifying must play off scratch, unless a handicap can be established from previous participation in the League.
2. In the team handicap cup, only players qualified by 31<sup>st</sup> December will be eligible to play. Exceptions will be at the Committee's discretion.
3. To qualify for tournaments :
  - (a) Cadets must be under 15 years on 1<sup>st</sup> January 2023.
  - (b) Juniors must be under 19 years on 1<sup>st</sup> January 2023.
  - (c) Veterans must be 40 years on 1<sup>st</sup> January 2023.
  - (d) Super Vets must be 50 years on 1<sup>st</sup> January 2023.
  - (e) Over 60's players must be 60 years on 1<sup>st</sup> January 2023.
4. In an individual tournament, play shall commence at the time stated. The Committee shall be empowered to scratch any player(s) whose absence delays the tournaments progress. The Committee's discretion in the matter shall be limited to the extent that players arriving late by thirty minutes or more must be scratched by prior arrangements.
5. Round Robin: where two player(s) have equal points at the end of a round, the winner(s) of their game played during the round will take precedence; where more than two player(s) have equal points at the end of the round, then aggregate points scored during the round shall decide the winner(s).
6. In handicapped competitions, the service shall be decided by the toss of a coin, The winner of the toss may elect to either serve, or receive an extra half-point on the total points scored in the match.
7. The calculation of a handicap for doubles pairings shall be half the combined individual handicaps for each player, rounded down where the mean is a fraction.

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