

## NATIONAL JUNIOR LEAGUE SEASON 2013-14 INTRODUCTION

### LEAGUE MANAGEMENT

- The NJL will be run by the NJL Committee which is empowered to determine the conduct of the competition, resolve any disputes arising and implement any measures as it deems reasonable. Decisions of the Committee shall be final.
- The term junior shall mean players participating shall be born in 1996 or later.
- Each day at each centre will be managed by an Organizer appointed by the Committee.

### LAWS, REGULATIONS, PLAYING CONDITIONS AND DRESS

- The Laws of Table Tennis as approved by the ETTA will apply.
- The playing area and lighting shall not be less than required for a 2\* open tournament.
- Team clothing shall be of a recognizable table tennis type and of a colour other than white. Playing footwear shall be of a type that will not mark or damage the floor. ITTF clothing regulation 3.2.2.9 (clothing) will not apply.
- Notwithstanding the above the Organizer on the day in conjunction with team captains has the authority to change and accept differing conditions and standards.
- Regulation R will be fully enforced at all times during the competition.
- Racket testing may be conducted.
- Time-outs are not permitted in the NJL.



### TEAM RANKING

- Clubs who have more than one team in the same division must register players separately.
- For identification, clubs who have more than one team must define each by name, number or letter.

### REGISTRATION AND TRANSFER

- A team may only be represented by players who are registered on Team Ranking List/ Reg. Form held by the local organizer (needs to be revised each time a new player is introduced).
- Players will be registered for their team in club/league ranking order and will play in that order. On registering further players, this ranking order is to be revised. Players playing up to a higher team twice will normally become registered for that team in which they have played their second match. No player can play against the same opposition team twice on the same day.
- Clubs may register three players and further as required. With either 5 x 2 opposition players or 3 x 3 opponents, or more, individual matches per day it may be prudent to register more for the first weekend. Players who have been registered and/or played in the Junior British League (JBL) this season are not eligible to play in the NJL.

### SYSTEM OF PLAY

- The league shall be played over four Saturdays unless authorized by the Referee. If the teams in a division agree a change of date then all teams must accept any extra charges arising.

### LEAGUE POSITIONS

- A point will be awarded for each individual match won within the team match.
- Positions in the division will be determined by the number of points won.
- If two or more teams are equal on points, then their relative positions shall be determined only by the results of the matches between them, by considering successively
  - 1 the number of points (individual matches) won
  - 2 the ratio of wins to losses in games
  - 3 the ratio of wins to losses in points
 as far as is necessary to resolve the order.

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The National Junior League (NJL) was first run in season 1997/8 to fill the gap between the Woolwich Junior British League and Woolwich Junior Leagues. The NJL was formed in response to demands for local competition by grass roots junior players and by the reluctance of many of them to play in evening leagues. Last season 215 teams played in 16 centres all over the country on 4 days.

Competition this season is planned to take place on the following dates:  
Saturdays – 16 November, 7 December, 25 January & 1 March



The following venues have variation(s), agreed by CWP, as follows –

- **BLITZ, GAINSBOROUGH** – day 4 will be 29 March
- **HALTON** – day 4 will be 29 March
- **LONDON ACADEMY** – will play on 28 September, 30 November, 1 March, 29 March
- **OKEHAMPTON** – day 1 will be 9 November
- **ROTHERHAM/HALIFAX AND MORPETH** – SUNDAYS 13 October, 1 December, 2 February & 23 March (must be different players to NCL entrants at all these venues)
- **STOWMARKET** - will play on 12 October, 7 December, 25 January, 29 March
- **WESTFIELD** – will play on 16 November, 7 December, 1 March, 29 March

Clubs apply to enter teams of 3 to play in venues closest to their club's location, thus saving travel and accommodation costs. The preferred option is graded divisions for boys and girls (minimum of 6 girls teams). However mixed teams and divisions are acceptable to all except Cippenham but the players will miss out on ranking points when playing the opposite sex if either player has 600 or more ratings points. Full girls teams are preferred at Cippenham who for many seasons have run an all girls division(s), but any girl interested in playing who does not have teammates should contact me on 01494 785609 just asap and I will endeavour to find you a place in a team.

The schedule of play guarantees a full day's participation and was based on a six team division playing on one or two tables with each team playing every other on each of the four days. Each team match would then consist of six singles sets, each the best of five games, with both teams listed in strict ranking order and A v Y, B v X, C v Z, A v X, C v Y, B v Z being the sets played. This may be altered to nine singles and is now recommended where practical - dependent on the number of teams entered. Each day's play must provide a minimum of NINE individual matches per player per three player team. Medals to a total of 4 per team will be available to local organisers to the equivalent of 2 sets per 6 teams entered.

The ranking weighting is 1.0. The Winners of the top division at each centre may apply for promotion to the JBL. Admission to the JBL will be via Play-offs.

Players who are registered or play in the Junior British League in the current season will not be eligible to play.

To play in the NJL in 2013-14, players will just need to be Player Members (£3 or £4 per person per annum – amount will be decided at ETTA AGM on 13th July 2013) and membership can be obtained online at [tabletennis365.com/etta/membership](http://tabletennis365.com/etta/membership) or from the ETTA Head Office – Telephone: 0845 0500 388 or 01424 722525. Even though a player licence is no longer necessary to play in NJL if you are intending playing in more than two 2 star (or higher) tournaments during the season then the best option is to upgrade to, or buy, a player licence.

Should you be interested in entering a team(s), please complete the enclosed entry form, team player registration form/ranking list and send them with the all inclusive fee of £70.65 per team to the organiser (see below). The Closing Date for entries is September 10th for London Academy, Stowmarket, Rotherham/Halifax and Morpeth and September 25th for all other venues, but early returns would be appreciated.

Please send completed forms with fees to:-

**Mike Atkinson**

**35 Poles Hill, Chesham, Bucks. HP5 2QR**

**T: 01494 785609**

## NATIONAL JUNIOR LEAGUE SEASON 2013-14 ENTRY FORM

Total Team Entry Fee (includes computer levy) £70.65

Team Name:	Sex (Boys/Girls):
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Team Secretary (for all correspondence)	Team Captain
Name:	Name:
Address:	Address:
Postcode:	Postcode:
Tel (h):	Tel (h):
Tel (b):	Tel (b):
Tel (m):	Tel (m):
e-mail:	e-mail:

On behalf of the above Team, we undertake to comply with the regulations covering the National Junior League

Signature (Team Secretary):	Signature (Team Captain):
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PROBABLE VENUES ARE LISTED BELOW, PLEASE INDICATE YOUR PREFERRED CHOICE

Venue	Area	Choice	Venue	Area	Choice
Garstang	N.Lancs/Cumbria		Ilfracombe	Devon	
Bristol (new venue)	Avon		Okehampton**	Devon	
London Academy**	West London		Byng Hall, Tunbridge Wells*	Kent	
Ellenborough	North London		Stowmarket**	East	
Morpeth School* ** (new organiser)	East London		Westfield, Wellingborough**	Northants	
Blitz, Gainsborough**	East Mids		Gen 2 Fareham	Hampshire	
Ormesby, Middlesborough	North East		Wood Green, Wednesbury	W Midlands	
Halton, Widnes**	Cheshire/S.Lancs		Rotherham/Halifax* **	Yorkshire	
Cippenham	Berks/Bucks.				

We welcome the use of other venues –contact Mike Atkinson (01494 785609)

**This form MUST be sent with the required fees (payable to ETTA) to the organiser (address below) by the closing date - 10th September 2013 for London Academy, Stowmarket, Morpeth & Rotherham/Halifax and 25th September for all others.**

**ALL forms to Mike Atkinson, 35 Poles Hill, Chesham HP5 2QR**

\* Different players needed to NCL teams @ these three venues

\*\* These venues also have agreed Saturday/Sunday date variations – see entry letter



**NATIONAL JUNIOR LEAGUE**  
**TEAM RANKING LIST & REGISTRATION FORM 2013-14**

Name of Team:.....

Regional Organisers MUST confirm that they have seen each Player's current Membership card

Membership Number	Regional Organiser's initial (when current membership card is seen or paid for)	Team Ranking	Name of Player & Date of Birth
		1	
		2	
		3	
		4	
		5	
		6	
		7	
		8	
		9	
		10	
		11	

Team Secretary:.....Date:.....

Please return to:

**Mike Atkinson**  
 35 Poles Hill, Chesham, HP5 2QR  
 by 10th or 25th September 2013