***Haywards Heath & District Table Tennis League***

*63rd Annual Closed Tournament*

*(including handicapped singles)*

*Sunday, 29March 2020*

*at*

*Warden Park Academy*

* All singles events + open doubles will initially be played in groups
* Entries close Sun 15 March 2020 (to be received by)
* There are maximum numbers for each event - please apply early-since entry will be on a first come first served basis
* The day commences at 9am with the handicapped singles event

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Entry forms and payment should preferably be sent electronically to

**colintcooper@hotmail.com**

with payments electronically to Account: HHDTTL

 Sort code: 40-15-16

 Ac #: 01050613

Ref: Player name

Address for paper entry forms & Cheques

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**Regulations**

The tournament will be conducted in accordance with the present Laws of Table Tennis and the rules and regulations of Table Tennis England, including the regulations for dress.

The organising committee reserves the right to refuse any entry, to cancel any event for which insufficient entries are received and to make any alteration which it may deem necessary.

Each match in the tournament including the final, shall be decided on the best of five sets, with sets being played up to 11 points or by 2 points if the score reaches 10-10.

**All competitors must have played four league matches by the date of the tournament. Any player who does not meet this requirement will only be allowed to enter at the discretion of the organising committee.**

Individual trophies will be awarded to winners and runners up.

All events are seeded. The seeding of competitors and the draw will take place prior to the tournament and will be carried out by the organising committee.

**Competitors must arrive at least 15 minutes before their first event, earlier if they wish to warm up before commencing their event.**

Any competitor failing to report when required to play will be liable to disqualification. Please help by being punctual at all times throughout the day when called to play.

Competitors must be available to play at the time required and must not leave the playing venue whilst still involved in a competition without the prior approval of the referee. Timings for events and rounds may be subject to last minute changes during the day. Matches will be brought forward if possible to help maintain the overall timetable. A maximum of 5 minutes resting timewill be given to a player between knockout rounds.

The expedite time limit rule will apply throughout the Championships.

**It is essential for the smooth running of the Championships that the losing players umpire the following match and all players must accept this responsibility.**

There will be no official lunch break.

It is hoped that most finals and semi-finals can be played as feature matches, with everyone else watching.

No food or drink will be available. Please bring your own

*Sunday, 29March 2020*

**HANDICAP SINGLES competition**  (9am start)

This gives a chance to EVERY league player. Handicaps are decided on by ranking participating players using player averages as a guide in their respective divisions. This event will be played in groups of four as far as possible. The top two players in each group will then progress to a knockout draw. Entry will be restricted to the first 32 entries received with payment.

**JUNIOR SINGLES completion** (approx 12pm start)

This event will be played in groups. Depending on the entry, the top seeds may be excluded from the groups, only entering the knockout stage.

**VETERAN SINGLES completion** (approx 1pm start)

This event will initially be played in groups.

**CHAMPIONSHIP SINGLES competitions** (approx 2.15pm start)

The **Premier Singles Competition** - open to all league players.

The **Divisional Singles Championship** - primarily open to Div 1 and Div 2 players

Both competitions will start with a group stage and evolve into a knockout. The decision as to whether a consolation competition will be played will be made at a later date as it is dependent on the number of entries.

Entry numbers will be restricted so places will be allocated on first-come first-served basis (including entry fee).

**OPEN DOUBLES competition** (approx 5.40pm start)

This will be played in groups of three or four. All entrants will therefore get at least two games. The top two progress to the knockout stage.

You can still enter the Doubles, even if do not have a partner. Simply write *“Partner Wanted”* on the entry form and include the £2 in your entry fee. If the organisers are unable to find you a partner, your £2 will be refunded.

Entry will be restricted to the first 12 pairs whose entry is received with payment.

 **Entry form**

Please ensure that you complete your entry form in capital letters and return to Colin Cooper preferably by E-mail, Or to the postal address shown. The **closing date is Sunday 15th March (to be received by)**

Payments should be made direct into the HTTDTTL bank account

HHDTTL, Sort Code 40-15-16, Account 01050613, Ref: Player Name

Or a cheque made payable to HHDTTL can be sent with any posted entry forms.

Once all entries have been received and the draw made, the groups will be formed and a printed copy will also be on display on the day.

All timings are approximate and dependant on entries. They are given purely as a guide and subject to change on the day.

Please delete the events you are not entering.

**Start time Event Criteria Fee Enclosed**

 9.00am **Handicapped Singles**  £4.00 £ ..….…

 12.00pm **Junior Singles** Born on or after 1/9/01 £2.50 £ ..….…

 1.00pm **Veteran Singles**  Born on or before 31/3/80 £2.00 £ ..….…

 2.20pm **Championship Singles - Premier** £4.00 £ ..….…

 2.20pm **Championship Singles - Divisional** £4.00 £ ..….…

 5.40pm **Open Doubles** \* £2.00 £ ..….…

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Total fee £ ..………

Name ………………………………………….………………….

Team …………..…………………………………….…

Tel No(s) …………………..…….……………………………….

Email address …..……………………………………………………

If payment has been made direct - Please tick

\* This event is open to any pairing, i.e. men, ladies, mixed, juniors. This event cannot start before the conclusion of the Championship Singles, hence its late start.