

IOMTTA Regional Super 6's 2019

Regional Super 6's was a new event, launched 2 years ago to enhance our table tennis programme and provide a format which is different from our normal Wednesday night. It has been received positively with a good level of participation and several favourable comments.

The Committee has agreed that this year's format will be the same as last year's, as follows:

- All league clubs are part of the competition, which takes place over 5 weeks.
- It follows a round-robin format with 5 Regional Clubs each fielding 2 teams to play against their opponents simultaneously and the results being combined into an overall score.
- Where possible the Regional Clubs are focused on a single league club, but where necessary smaller clubs are bundled together to create Regions that fit together well and are broadly of comparable strength.
- The Club Secretary of the main club within the Region will organise their Region or delegate the organisation to someone else within their Regional Club.
- Concept is to give people to play competitively in teams with other club colleagues and alongside players of differing ability levels – whilst actually playing against people at broadly their level.
- The Regional Clubs and the proposed nominated club secretaries are:
 - Northern Lights (Ramsey + JD North) – Tim Baker
 - Douglas Dynamo's (CopyShop) – Gwen Watterson
 - Eastern Eagles (Travellers + Play It Forward) – Paul Matheson-Nelson
 - Western Vikings (Peel, Strathallan & JD) - Maggie Mulhern
 - Southern Storm (Tower & Arbory + Desmonds Douglas) – Steve Curtis
- Each Regional Club will field 2 Regional Teams (A&B). Each Regional Team:
 - Consists of 6 players, including a captain to organise them on the match night
 - Can have no more than 3 players from D1 and 2 combined
 - Can have no more than 2 players from the same division (unless 1 is effectively substituting for a player from a higher division or the club has no players from the division below)
 - Players within each team must play in ranked order
- The hall will be available from 6-40pm. Each match will start promptly at 7pm and will use 3 tables per match (4 matches, 12 in total).
- The matches will complete comfortably in the available time. Tables will then be available for open practice until the usual 10pm finish time

- Positions will be determined by the combined results of both A&B teams (up to 15 points/match) and there will be an award for the winning Regional Club

Fixtures

- All matches will take place on Wednesday nights
- 2 rounds will take place before Easter (27/3 and 3/4) then we will continue after the Easter break on 24/4 and 1/5 before concluding on 15/5 as we cannot have the NSC on 8/5)
- The programme will follow exactly the same order as last year

<u>Date</u>	<u>Round</u>	<u>Tables 1-4</u>	<u>Tables 5-8</u>	<u>Free Team</u>
27-3-19	1	D v E	W v S	N
3-4-19	2	N v D	E v W	S
24-4-19	3	S v N	D v W	E
1-05-19	4	N v E	S v D	W
15-05-19	5	W v N	E v S	D

Note: the matches on 15/5 will need to be finished by 9pm due to hall availability

- The match format is unchanged from last season:
 - every player plays 2 singles and a doubles set, giving 15 sets in total, each being the best of 5 games
 - each player will play singles against the equivalent ranked players from the opposing team
 - doubles combinations are totally flexible.
- Team selection may vary from week-to-week, according to player availability – as long as the rules outlined above are adhered to. There is nothing to stop a player playing one week for the A team and another week for the B team.
- Players may not double up and play for more than one team on the same evening
- The IOMTTA Match Secretary will determine any dispute or matter not covered above. In my absence (in particular I will not be present on 27th March) another member of the Association Committee will cover.