



Oldham & District Table Tennis League

LEAGUE RULES

1. The League shall be known as the Oldham and District Table Tennis League and shall be run for the advancement of Table Tennis in Oldham and District.
2. The League shall consist of President, Vice President, Chairman, Secretary, Treasurer, Match Secretary and affiliated clubs.
3. The League shall be managed by a Management Committee consisting of ex-officio members, (i.e. Chairman, Hon. General Secretary, Hon. Treasurer and Hon. Match Secretary), and up to nine other members elected annually by the General Committee.
4. The Chairman, Hon. General Secretary, Hon. Treasurer and Hon. Match Secretary shall act as an Emergency Committee. Any matter dealt with being reported at the next Management Committee meeting for confirmation.
5. The General Committee shall consist of ex-officio members along with one representative from each affiliated club and the elected members of the Management Committee.
6. All officers shall be elected annually and nominations will be accepted on the night of the General Meeting.
7. The Annual General Meeting shall be held not later than 31st July each year and at least fourteen days' notice must be given to all member clubs.
8. At the Annual General Meeting clubs will be allowed one vote per team.

9. Notice of any proposed alterations to League, Match or Handicap Rules must be given to the General Secretary at least 14 days prior to the Annual General Meeting.
10. Any matter not provided for in the Rules shall be left to the Management Committee.
11. **SUBSCRIPTIONS:**

Guarantee Fee (returnable) per club.	£ 5.00
Annual Subscriptions per team.	£ 7.50
National ETTA Fee per Senior player.	£10.00
National ETTA Fee per Junior player.	£5.00
LT TA Fees per team.	£12.50
Player League Registration Fee – Senior.	£ 5.00
Player League Registration Fee – Junior. (Under 18 on 31 st Dec during season).	£ 3.00
Championship Levy per team.	£12.00

12. (i) Applications for **new teams** to enter the league should be made at least 14 days before the AGM and include the players names. Applications received later will be given consideration if the committee feel the team can be accommodated. A club must have a playing room before being allowed entry into the League. However, the Management Committee may observe discretion concerning clubs experiencing temporary difficulties.
- (ii) An existing club as at 12th March 1979, whose playing room is outside the boundaries of the Oldham Metropolitan Borough, will not be allowed to move venue if, as a result, the new venue remains outside the Borough boundaries and is beyond a 6 mile radius of the Town Centre.

(iii) A new club must have its venue either within the boundaries of the Oldham Metropolitan Borough or within a 6-mile radius of the Town Centre.

(iv) The Management Committee may waive League Rules 12(ii) or 12(iii) in favour of a club whose membership of the League is considered to be of general benefit to the development of Table Tennis in Oldham.

(v) Clubs who change the match night or playing venue after the publication of the Handbook must notify all teams in the appropriate Division(s) individually and in writing.

13. Clubs wishing to resign from the League must do so in writing to the General Secretary and Match Secretary. Any team failing to fulfil fixtures shall forfeit guarantee.
14. League matches may be brought forward by mutual arrangement but cannot be postponed, except in the following circumstances:
 - a) Adverse weather conditions.
 - b) One or more players selected to play for this town, county or country.
 - c) Inability of the home team to provide a venue.
 - d) If a match coincides with a religious festival or bank holiday, either team may opt to postpone the match. Ideally, since these are known in advance, the match should be brought forward.
 - e) If both captains agree to a postponement.

Where a match is postponed as allowed by (a), (b), (c), or (d) above, the following applies: -

- (i) The Match Secretary must be notified within 72 hours of the original match date,
- (ii) Such matches should be played within 28 days of the fixture date, subject to rule 14(iii) otherwise the team responsible for the INITIAL postponement shall forfeit the point, (according to Match Rule 11(ii)).

(iii) Re-arranged matches must be played by the end of the season or by a date set by the Committee.

15. To be eligible to play in the individual Championships a player must have played in a minimum of **3** League matches by the closing date for entries. The Committee has the power to vary this rule under extenuating circumstances.

16. (i) All clubs shall submit a list, in duplicate, of their players in strict order of merit, to be approved by the Management Committee before the season starts.

(ii) Amended merit lists, in duplicate, may be submitted if desired, but such amended lists shall not come into operation until written notification of approval by the Management Committee has been received. The MC has the power to adjust ranking lists where necessary e.g. players placed on ranking list and do not play in any matches.

(iii) Players CANNOT move down the merit order. Where a club has more than one team in the League, a player may play for a higher ranked team, however on the occasion the player wins seven singles sets for that team, he/she is then restricted to that team or higher. In special circumstances appeals can be made to the Management Committee for exemption.

If a player is eligible to play for a team, he/she may play in any position on the scorecard.

When teams from the same club meet, the teams must be selected in strict ranking order unless approved by the match secretary prior.

A player is not allowed to play for two different teams in the ODTTL on the same night.

Players may play more than once a week, but the total number of League matches (excluding Handicap matches) played per player shall be limited to the following table;

<u>Teams in Division</u>	<u>Max Matches per Player</u>
8	18
9	20
10	22
11	24
15	32
16	34

16. (iv) A player's registration will not be accepted unless accompanied by the due registration fee and proposed position in the ranking list. A player will not be eligible to play until the registration form, fee and correct position in the merit order are in the hands of the Match Secretary.
- (v) After the halfway point of the league fixture list, new registrations must have the approval of the Management Committee.
- (vi) Players who have not played in three matches by the half way point of the league fixture list **must apply in writing** for the approval of the Management Committee, to play in the second half. Players who fail to do this will be automatically deleted from their club's ranking list and all other rankings will be adjusted accordingly. Any games played by such players without Committee approval will be struck from the records.
17. The penalty for clubs not adhering to League Rule 16 shall be decided by the Management Committee.

18. FINES

Non-attendance at the Annual General Meeting	£5.00
Playing unregistered player, per player	£5.00
Player short, per player	£3.00
Late scorecard	£2.00
Failure to arrive on agreed night, Or for conceding a match.	£10.00 Per Team
Team falsifying Scorecard / Team in collusion.	£10 / £2

Other fines and penalties will be imposed at the discretion of the Management Committee.

19. Any player who is in dispute with his previously registered club will not be allowed to play for any other club until his former club has given approval. This is to take effect at all times (not only during the playing season). Players and clubs have the right of appeal.
20. If a club leaves the League without fulfilling its financial obligations, it shall not re-enter the League in any subsequent season until the outstanding fees and fines have been paid. Players from defaulting clubs will be suspended from playing in the League until the Management Committee lifts their suspension.
21. **Annual Presentation**
The presentation of prizes will be held after the completion of the season. All team trophy winners will be levied three tickets and every other team two tickets for the dinner.
22. Clubs entering teams into the League for the current season must pay at the time of entry, a non-returnable deposit of £10.00 per team. This sum of money will be discounted against the final account.

23. Any Club not settling accounts in full at the Enrolment Evening will be charged an administrative fee of £5.00 per team.
24. **Promotion and relegation will normally be on the two up, two down basis, but the Management Committee reserves the right to alter this on occasions, in order to maintain the numerical balance of the divisions.**
25. **Veterans**: A player over the age of 40 on the 1st January within the season.
26. **Junior**: A player under the age of 18 on the 31st December within the season.
27. **Bank/Cheque Mandate**: All League cheques are to be countersigned by any two of the three specified Officers. The specified Officers shall consist of the Chairman, the Secretary and the Treasurer.
28. **Dissolution**
After discharging all debts and liabilities of the league, the remaining assets shall not be distributed amongst the full members of the league but shall be given or transferred to some other voluntary organisation having objectives similar to those of the league.
29. **Expulsion of Members**
Members of the League whose conduct is inappropriate, or decline to abide by any of the Rules or Bylaws may be expelled or suspended by a resolution passed at a meeting of the management committee or a disciplinary subcommittee, where their registration fee and subscriptions may be forfeited. Members shall have the right to appeal in person to the management committee with regards to any decision affecting themselves, provided that notice of such appeal be submitted to the Leagues Secretary, in writing, within seven days of notification of the decision.