



Oldham & District Table Tennis League

MATCH RULES

1. All games to be played under existing ETTA Approved Laws of Table Tennis.
2. A team may consist of up to four players. Three players from each team shall contest the singles, but one other eligible player may compete in the doubles.
3. Only official ETTA approved balls are allowed. A new ball of XXX (Three Stars) or equivalent standard, shall be provided by the home team at the commencement of each match.
4. League points shall be awarded as follows:

One Point will be awarded for each set won.

In the event of two or more teams obtaining the same number of points at the end of the season, final places shall be decided in the following precedence: Most matches won – Most matches drawn - Most sets won between the teams involved - Most games won between the teams involved. Most points won between the teams involved.

5. The centreline shall be used in doubles games.
6. Doubles partners may be paired in any way.
7. League matches must be played on the match night of the Home Team in the week scheduled, except where League Rule 14 applies.

8. (i) Matches must commence no later than 7:30pm unless indicated in the team details section of the handbook.
- (ii) With a 7:30pm start, exception up to 9:00pm is allowed for one named player per team. With a match starting no later than 7:00pm, exception up to 8:30pm is allowed for one named player per team.
9. (i) The captain of the Home team shall place the names of his team on the scorecard and the captain of the opposing team shall then do likewise.
- (ii) Provided there will not be an infringement of Match Rule 8(ii) a reserve may be nominated to take the place of a named player to 9.00 pm.
- (iii) Under normal circumstances the match should proceed in the order set out on the score card, but the order of play may be altered by mutual agreement of the two captains or their appointed deputies.
- (iv) Except where Match Rule 8(ii) or 9(ii) apply, play shall be continuous throughout and any player not available when due shall forfeit the set.
- (v) A team may include a guest player to deputise for a missing player. This must be indicated on the scorecard and no fine will be imposed. However, the results will not be included in the match score and the sets conceded.
10. Where a team fails to make an appearance, the committee will award the points according to Match Rule 11, unless the Match Secretary receives suitable explanation within seven days. The Management Committee will then deal with the matter and their decision shall be final.

11. When matches are not played, the Committee have the power to make the following decisions:-
 - (i) In all cases, make every effort to have the match played.
 - (ii) If it is not played, the Committee will decide how to award the points and when, taking into consideration the circumstances of why the match was not played and the possible effect on promotion and relegation.
12. The match scores shall be entered onto the League website by the home team within 72 hours of the game being played.
13. Matches shall be played in accordance with the prevailing laws and by-laws of table tennis as published by Table Tennis England (TTE) on their website.

Note: particular attention is drawn to law 2.4.9 which says “the racket covering shall be of a brand and type currently authorised by the ITTF”. If a player suspects that an opponent is using, or intending to use, an unauthorised racket covering, they have the right to inspect and photograph the racket in question, to enable verification checks to be carried out. If a player is found to have been in breach of law 2.4.9, the Management Committee will investigate the evidence and have the power to impose what it considers to be appropriate sanctions on the player and the team.

14. The Management Committee shall decide the penalty for clubs not adhering to Match Rules.