Each team on the night will consist of 2 players.

The format of each match will be on the basis of 2 reverse singles and a doubles.

Each set shall be best of 5 games up to 11.

Matches shall be played on the date set out in the schedule. No postponements are allowed but it may be possible to play a match early, if both captains agree, with the prior permission of the secretary

Players will be handicapped. This is mainly based on their performance during the winter season 2018-2019. The secretary will adjust the handicap if it is judged that a player played lower than their ability merited.

Doubles handicaps will be determined by adding the 2 individuals handicaps together, and dividing by 2, when the result is positive it will be rounded down (i.e. plus 0.5 will play off zero) and when it is negative it will be rounded up (i.e. minus 1.5 will play off minus 2).

If both players in singles have a plus handicap i.e. plus 3 and plus 1 the match will start at plus 2 and zero If both players in singles have minus handicap i.e. minus 3 and minus 5 the match will start at zero and minus 2 If one player is minus and one plus i.e. minus 6 and plus 4 then that is the starting score. In doubles a plus 5 and a minus 3 player added together becomes plus 2 divided by 2 they would play off plus 1, a minus 5 and minus 4 would total minus 9, halved & rounded up, plays off minus 5. Plus 3 and plus 2 would total plus 5 halved and rounded down plays off plus 2

The same rule as singles would then apply for the doubles, i.e. minus 4 playing minus 2, would start off minus 2 and zero.

When to change ends in the fifth game is covered by a separate information sheet.

A point will be awarded for each set won. So if the match score is 4-1 then the winning team will have 4 points and the losing team 1 point. The winner of the competition will be the team with the most points at the end of the Summer League.

In the case of a tie, winter league rule 32 shall apply.

Because it is a handicap league there is no requirement for better players to be registered in the higher teams. Where there is more than 1 team from a club, players are expected to remain in the team in which they were initially registered. If a club is struggling to field a team it may be possible for a player to be re-assigned or to step up (or down) with the permission of the secretary. Captains must contact the summer league secretary beforehand to check. A good player or a player with a favourable handicap will not be allowed to switch teams to play in an important match or to a team in contention.

Matches will be played at Whitefriars on a Monday. All players need to arrive at 7:25 to help set up the tables, barriers etc. Matches must start promptly as play ceases at 10:20 and all equipment put away by 10:30 pm. If a match is running late both sides are responsible for switching to two tables to play the 3rd & 4th singles simultaneously. If matches cannot be completed they will be adjudicated taking into consideration the arrival times, work done in helping set up and any delays during or between matches.

There is no extra obligation on the home side since the league arranges the venue for all matches. Whether you are home or away is solely to determine the order of the sets within the match and to provide the ball.

Any dispute that may arise shall be referred to the Summer League Secretary, and/or the Wembley & Harrow TT League Committee.

All normal table tennis laws shall apply.

**The George Walsh Trophy will be presented to the winners.**