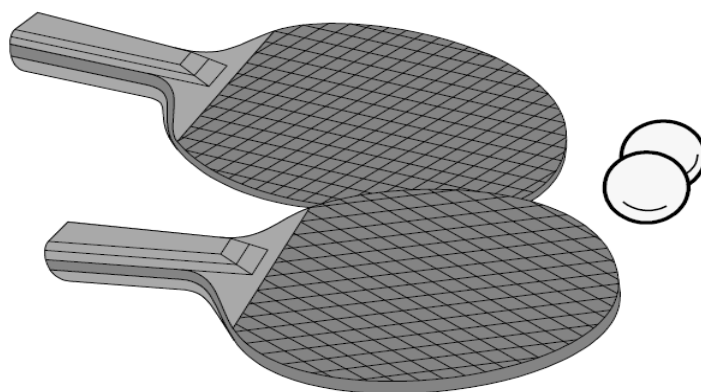


# **WORTHING AND DISTRICT TABLE TENNIS ASSOCIATION**



## ***2018-2019 HANDBOOK***



**Founded 1949**

NAME.....

HANDICAP NO.....

**Please note the following important dates**

**PRESIDENT'S CUP HANDICAP FINAL  
DATE AND VENUE TO BE ADVISED**

**INVITATION CUP & PRESENTATION EVENING  
DATE AND VENUE TO BE ADVISED**

**DATA PROTECTION ACT COMPLIANCE**

Worthing League members' details are held by Worthing League on a contact database. They are accessible by the Executive Committee Members for supplying you with information regarding the running and the affairs of the League. None of your details will be passed to any other body for marketing or other purposes (except to the Sussex County Table Tennis Association where appropriate). If you have any questions about how your data is being used, these should be addressed to the League's Hon. General Secretary.

## LEAGUE WINNERS 2018

DIVISION 1	WINNERS RUNNERS UP TOP AVERAGE	PAVILION A WOODLANDS B UMAR HAROON (Pavilion)
DIVISION 2	WINNERS RUNNERS UP TOP AVERAGE	WEST CHILTINGTON A WOODLANDS C STUART LI-TREMBLE (West Chiltington)
DIVISION 3	WINNERS RUNNERS UP TOP AVERAGE	WEST WORTHING WOODLANDS F ANDREW KERKHOVE (West Worthing)
DIVISION 4	WINNERS RUNNERS UP TOP AVERAGE	LANCING F WOODLANDS J PAUL DUKES (Woodlands)

JIM HOLDEN TROPHY – Most Improved Junior – JAYDEN SLATTER (Pavilion)

### PRESIDENT'S HANDICAP CUP

WINNERS	WOODLANDS I Julie Long, David MacMillan, Mike Boocock and Les Nicols
RUNNERS UP	WOODLANDS H James Pettigrew, Anne Rozario, Luda Hedger and Xiao Li Sun

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 Sussex County Table Tennis Association  
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 W.D.T.T.A. Website: <http://www.worthingtt.co.uk>

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## **CLUB DIRECTORY**

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- (2) Match Secretaries, if different from (1)
- (3) Club Premises

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Email: LancingD@WorthingTT.co.uk  
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- (3) North Lancing School, Mill Road, Lancing BN15 0PT  
Go to Miller & Carter (ex Sussex Potter) in Manor Road, go North up Mill Road, take next left into Browning Road, School car park at end of road go on foot South to School Hall. Prompt start essential - NO SMOKING ON GROUNDS.

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- (3) Lancing Manor Leisure Centre, Main Hall.

### **STEYNING**

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- (3) The Old Gymnasium, Steyning Grammar School, Church St., Steyning .BN44 3LB  
No parking at School. Use car park (Fletchers Croft) opposite St.Andrew's Church. Head right along footpath in front of Steyning Centre for 60 yards and then turn left into playground area. School entrance is in right hand corner. Once inside bear round to the left. Prompt start essential.

### **WEST CHILTINGTON**

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B Team Stuart Tofts (as above)  
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- (3) The Cricket Pavilion, Mill Road, West Chiltington RH20 2PZ.  
The path to the Cricket Pavilion is directly opposite the entrance to the West Chiltington Village Hall car park. Please see map on westchiltingtonvillagehall.com

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J Team Sue West, Tel: 01903 244104, Mob: 07969 695476  
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- (3) Woodlands Centre, Woodlands Avenue, Rustington, BN16 3HB  
Woodlands Avenue is off Rustington High Street between Lighting Shop and Restaurant.  
Woodlands Centre is approx.400 yards on the left.

DIVISION ONE FIXTURES			Week Commencing											
		First Period	17/09	24/09	01/10	08/10	15/10	22/10	29/10	05/11	12/11			
		Second Period	19/11	26/11	03/12	07/01	14/01	21/01	28/01	04/02	11/02			
		Third Period	18/02	25/02	04/03	11/03	18/03	25/03		01/04	08/04			
<b>No</b>	<b>Teams</b>	<b>Home Night</b>												
1	Lancing A	Monday	8		7a	6	5a	4		3a	2			
2	West Worth A	Monday	7	Hand	6a	5	4a	3	Hand	8	1a			
3	Woodlands A	Thursday	6		5a	4	8	2a		1	7a			
4	Woodlands B	Tuesday	5	icap	8a	3a	2	1a	icap	7	6a			
5	Lancing B	Monday	4a		3	2a	1	7a		6	8a			
6	Pavilion	Tuesday	3a	Cup	2	1a	7	8a	Cup	5a	4			
7	West Chilts A	Thursday	2a		1	8a	6a	5		4a	3			
8	Woodlands C	Tuesday	1a		4	7	3a	6		2a	5			

First and third periods away matches are marked "a"

Second period home matches are marked "a"

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**Weeks commencing December 10<sup>th</sup> and April 15<sup>th</sup> are catch up weeks.**

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Worthing, BN11 5EF  
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DIVISION TWO FIXTURES			Week Commencing											
		First Period	17/09	24/09	01/10	08/10	15/10	22/10	29/10	05/11	12/11			
		Second Period	19/11	26/11	03/12	07/01	14/01	21/01	28/01	04/02	11/02			
		Third Period	18/02	25/02	04/03	11/03	18/03	25/03		01/04	08/04			
No	Teams	Home Night												
1	Steyning A	Monday	8		7a	6	5a	4		3a	2			
2	Steyning B	Monday	7	Hand	6a	5	4a	3	Hand	8	1a			
3	West Chilts B	Thursday	6		5a	4	8	2a		1	7a			
4	Woodlands D	Tuesday	5	icap	8a	3a	2	1a	icap	7	6a			
5	Lancing C	Monday	4a		3	2a	1	7a		6	8a			
6	Steyning C	Monday	3a	Cup	2	1a	7	8a	Cup	5a	4			
7	Woodlands E	Thursday	2a		1	8a	6a	5		4a	3			
8	Woodlands F	Tuesday	1a		4	7	3a	6		2a	5			

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DIVISION THREE FIXTURES				Week Commencing									
		First Period	17/09	24/09	01/10	08/10	15/10	22/10	29/10	05/11	12/11		
		Second Period	19/11	26/11	03/12	07/01	14/01	21/01	28/01	04/02	11/02		
		Third Period	18/02	25/02	04/03	11/03	18/03	25/03		01/04	08/04		
No	Teams	Home Night											
1	Lancing D	Monday	8		7a	6	5a	4		3a	2		
2	Lancing E	Monday	7	Hand	6a	5	4a	3	Hand	8	1a		
3	Woodlands I	Thursday	6		5a	4	8	2a		1	7a		
4	Woodlands H	Tuesday	5	icap	8a	3a	2	1a	icap	7	6a		
5	Steyning D	Monday	4a		3	2a	1	7a		6	8a		
6	West Worth B	Monday	3a	Cup	2	1a	7	8a	Cup	5a	4		
7	Woodlands G	Thursday	2a		1	8a	6a	5		4a	3		
8	Woodlands J	Tuesday	1a		4	7	3a	6		2a	5		

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# PRESIDENT'S CUP HANDICAP COMPETITION 2017/2018

Home team fixtures in **bold** lettering. (Check Groups 3 (24/09) and 5(26/11))

Group	W/C 24/09	W/C 29/10	W/C 26/11	QUARTER FINALS	W/C 28/01/19	SEMI-FINALS	W/C 25/02/19	FINAL W/C tbc	Winner
1	AvB; CvD	BvD; AvC	CvB; DvA						
2	AvB; CvD	BvD; AvC	CvB; DvA						
3	AvB; CvD	BvD; AvC	BvC; DvA						
4	AvB; CvD	BvD; AvC	CvB; DvA						
5	AvB; DvC	BvD; AvC	CvB; DvA						
6	AvB; CvD	BvD; AvC	CvB; DvA						

In the group matches 2 points will be awarded for a win. The Net Score is the difference in points from your opponent either plus or minus. The total Net Score will be used if there is not a clear winner on points. If there is still not a clear winner the winning team when the two teams met during the group stages will go forward to the knockout stages.

**THE SIX GROUP WINNERS WILL QUALIFY FOR THE QUARTER FINALS PLUS THE TWO RUNNERS –UP WITH THE HIGHEST NET POINTS.**

Score Cards and rules of play can be downloaded from the website and immediately after the match the completed score card should be emailed by the winning team to [PresidentCup@WorthingTT.co.uk](mailto:PresidentCup@WorthingTT.co.uk) or posted to D S Parr at 30 West Parade, Worthing, BN11 5EF. (Telephone No 01903 243110)

## Group 1

## Group 2

## Group 3

## Group 4

Team	Pts.	Net Score	Team	Pts.	Net Score	Team	Pts.	Net Score	Team	Pts.	Net Score
A West Chilts B			A Woodlands J			A Woodlands I			A Lancing B		
B Woodlands A			B Lancing C			B Lancing D			B Woodlands E		
C Woodlands G			C Lancing A			C Steyning A			C Woodlands D		
D Woodlands F			D West Chilts A			D Woodlands C			D Steyning D		

## Group 5

## Group 6

## Group 7

Team	Pts.	Net Score	Team	Pts.	Net Score
A Woodlands H			A Steyning C		
B Pavilion			B West Worth A		
C Steyning B			C Woodlands B		
D West Worth B			D Lancing E		

## REGISTERED PLAYERS AS AT 1ST SEPTEMBER 2018

Lancing A	Ray Forder 13, Marcus Bracey 3, Tom Tobias 7, Juri Hiltunen 9, Andy Cooper 15.
Lancing B	Les Hopkins 16, Mike Yung-Hok 7, Peter Hall 10, George Mariner 12, Bob Hoare 15.
Lancing C	Martin Gregory 20, Peter King 20, Dave Churcher 17, John Hearn 20, Mark Berwick 27.
Lancing D	Don Pollard 31, Quan Lieu 32, Simon Streeter 33, Eddie Pullen 29, Hugo Okado 30, Ollie Smith 32.
Lancing E	David Sykes 39, John Atkins 37, Ben Packer 39, Louie Packer 39, Steve Stanock 39, Chris Laker 39.
Pavilion	Stuart Burdock 1, Neil Bromham 10, River Candela 5, Mehrdad Amini 6, Charlie Usher 10, Umar Haroon 3, Terry Dean 10.
Steypning A	Alan Barwick 23, Graham Woolacott 18, Dave Chan 28 Peter Hunt 24.
Steypning B	David Culmer 16, Christian Jarrett 23, John Kemp-Potter 28, Don Moore 30.
Steypning C	Steve Parnell 27, Brian White 22, Matthew Shorter 30. Mark Newman 30, David Weir 30.
Steypning D	Pam Jackson 43, Dick Wood 41, Colin Lammie 41, David Lammie 44, Ian Clarke 39.
West Chiltington A	Bronek Budka 12, James Li-Tremble 15, Stuart Li-Tremble 12.
West Chiltington B	Stuart Tofts 21, Peter Deng 28, Kirk Reed 29, Jim Gee 30, Keith Davies 30, Jacob Tofts 33.
West Worthing A	Andrew Kerkhove 22, Andrew Gifford 23, Asa Lawler 10, Brenton Rogers 10.
West Worthing B	Roger Furbear 39, Nick Burden 36, Steve Davis 37, Jon Buckland 39, Peter Vincent 39.
Woodlands A	Chris Newberry 8, Ken Trill 9, Glyn Hydes 4, Chris Baker 7.
Woodlands B	Ian Burgess 11, Kris Pokorowski 10, Alan Gess 8, Phil Aylward 15.
Woodlands C	Phil Keene 20, Joanne Hanson 20, Laurie Fountain 12, Andy Hunt 20.
Woodlands D	Paul Prior 24, Peter Boyd-Leslie 18, Ken Line 22,

	Barbara Bayford 17, Jon Roberts 22.
Woodlands E	Lawry Skews 24, John Rowlands 26, Keith Champion 29, David Barnes 23, David Pepper 24.
Woodlands F	Simon Long 23, Julia Cornish 27, Spencer Wells 30, Chris Barrett 18, Julie Long 30, John Cornelius 23.
Woodlands G	James Pettigrew 26, Simon McAlister 35, John Kealey 37, Anne Rozario 30, James Hanson 30.
Woodlands H	Phil Merritt 36, Jerry Fow 32, Paul Dukes 29, Dave Richardson 29, Luda Hedger 37.
Woodlands I	David Parr 38, David MacMillan 38, Mike Boocock 41, Les Nichols 38.
Woodlands J	Sue West 45, Richard Clifford 40, Jake Freeman 41, Dave Buckmore 46, Derick Woods 39. Val Bacon 44, Bev Field 46, Martin Nash 39.

## **RULES AND REGULATIONS**

**1. NAME:** The Association shall be called 'The Worthing and District Table Tennis Association'

**2. OBJECTIVES:** The objectives of the Association shall be to:

- (a) Control and administer the game throughout the area covered by the Association.
- (b) Organise annually a League Competition and Singles and Doubles Tournament.
- (c) Promote, and to participate in the game of table tennis in such a way as the Association or its Executive Committee shall deem proper.

**3. AREA:** The area over which the Association shall exercise control shall normally be taken to include the whole of the Worthing Borough, Adur District (but not Southwick), those parishes within the Arun District all or part of which are east of the River Arun, and in addition the parishes of Clymping, Ford, Findon, Tortington, Binstead, South Stoke, Houghton, Amberley, Parham, Steyning, Storrington, Sullington, Washington, Ashington, Thakeham, and West Chiltington.

Teams outside the area may be included at the discretion of the Executive Committee.

**4. MEMBERSHIP:** Membership of the Association shall be open to all clubs and organisations within the area controlled by the Association, subject to:

- (a) The payment of the affiliation fee currently in force, and
- (b) The approval of the Executive Committee.

Application for membership from clubs or organisations outside the area controlled by the Association may be accepted subject to the unanimous vote of the Executive Committee, or the majority vote at a General Meeting. The Association shall be affiliated to the Sussex County Table Tennis Association, and the English Table Tennis Association. All competitions and tournaments shall be played in accordance with the rules, regulations, and laws of the game, as adopted by the English Table Tennis Association. All clubs and organisations when accepted shall play in accordance with the laws of the game as adopted by the English Table Tennis Association, and shall not play with or against any club, person, or other body, not affiliated to the English Table Tennis Association.

**5. AFFILIATION AND REGISTRATION FEES:** Players' registration fees payable to the League shall be decided annually at the A.G.M., and shall be in addition to the English Table Tennis Association and Sussex County affiliation fees. Clubs or organisations shall pay League registration fees, Sussex County fees, and English Table Tennis Association fees, before the commencement of the season. In the event that any fees are outstanding after the commencement of the season the Executive Committee reserves the right to suspend the offending club or organisation, or individual player(s), until such time as the relevant fees are paid.

A player shall be classed as a junior if they are under 18 years of age on the 1<sup>st</sup> January during the season for which they are being registered.

**6. OFFICERS:** The Honorary Officers of the Association shall be: President, Vice-Presidents, Chairman, Vice-Chairman, General Secretary, Treasurer, Records Secretaries, Match Secretary, Trophies Secretary, Minutes Secretary, Development Officer, and Webmaster. All officers shall retire annually but shall be eligible for re-election at the Annual General Meeting. Nominations for President and Vice Presidents shall be made to, and by, the Executive Committee only.

**7. EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE:** The affairs of the Association shall be managed by an Executive Committee in accordance with the policy and directions of the Annual General Meeting. The Executive Committee shall consist of the Chairman, Vice-Chairman, General Secretary, Treasurer, Records Secretaries, Match Secretary, Trophies Secretary, Minutes Secretary, Development Officer and Webmaster together with six other members elected at the Annual General Meeting. A quorum of the Executive Committee shall be five members, including at least one officer, and voting shall be one vote per member present, the Chairman

shall have a second or casting vote. The Executive Committee will hold periodic meetings during the season. The Executive Committee shall have the power to appoint sub-committees.

**8. ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING:** The Annual General Meeting shall be held during June or July when the annual reports and an audited statement of accounts for the year ended 30<sup>th</sup> April shall be presented, and the Honorary Officers elected. At least fourteen days notice of the place and the time of the Annual General Meeting shall be given to all duly affiliated clubs and organisations. All members of such clubs and organisations shall have the right to attend the meeting, but voting on all matters affecting the rules and general welfare of the Association, including the election of the Officers and Executive Committee, shall be restricted to one vote per duly affiliated club or organisation represented at the meeting, plus one additional vote for each team entered in the League competition during the previous season. All other matters shall be decided on a show of hands, except at the discretion of the Chairman. Clubs failing to send at least one representative to the Annual General Meeting may be fined a sum to be decided annually by the A.G.M.

**9. SPECIAL GENERAL MEETING:** A Special General Meeting shall be called by the General Secretary at the request of the Executive Committee, or within 28 days of the receipt of a letter requesting it signed by representatives of at least 25 per cent of the affiliated clubs and organisations. Clubs failing to send at least one representative to the meeting may be fined a sum to be decided annually by the A.G.M.

**10. FIXTURES MEETING:** The Fixtures Meeting shall normally be held in August, and at least fourteen days notice of the place and time of the meeting shall be given to all affiliated clubs and organisations. The meeting shall decide upon the allocation of teams to divisions for the coming season, players' handicap numbers, commencement date for the league season and President's Handicap Cup tournament, and other relevant issues concerning tournaments etc. promoted by the League. The voting procedure at the meeting shall be the same as set out for an A.G.M.

**11. HONORARY LIFE MEMBERSHIP:** The distinction of Honorary Life Member may be conferred for special or long service in connection with the game of table tennis locally. The distinction shall be conferred only at an Annual General Meeting. Candidates shall be nominated only by the Executive Committee.

**12. ALTERATION TO RULES:** Alteration to these rules can only be made at an Annual General Meeting or Special General Meeting convened for this purpose. Proposals for alteration of these rules can only be submitted by (a) the Executive Committee, or (b) clubs or organisations who are members of the Association. Proposals for alteration of these rules from clubs or organisations in membership must be submitted in writing to reach the General Secretary by the 30<sup>th</sup> April for an Annual General Meeting, or together with the request for a Special General Meeting. All proposals for alteration of these rules must be circulated to all clubs and organisations in membership together with the Notice of Meeting.

**13. MAKE OF BALL:** The balls used in all events organised by the Association shall be of a make officially approved by the English Table Tennis Association during the current season.

**14. PLAYING CONDITIONS:** The Executive Committee shall appoint a Sub-Committee, and give it authority to examine conditions of play in clubs and organisations applying for affiliation to the Association. In the event of such examination revealing inadequate lighting, equipment or playing space, or contravention of laws of the game, the matter shall be reported immediately to the Executive Committee who shall have authority to suspend a club from competitive play within their premises until the offending conditions have been remedied.

**15. REPRESENTATIVE MATCHES:** Members who have been selected to play for the Association in representative matches shall be expected to participate unless sufficient reason is given for refusal. Members who are also registered with other leagues shall be entitled to nominate the league which they wish to represent.

**16. TROPHIES:** All trophies should be returned to the Trophies Secretary by the holders within 14 days from the date of the letter requesting their return. Non adherence to this regulation shall render holders, whether they be clubs or individuals, liable to prohibition from participating in any event in the ensuing season's competitions, or fined at the discretion of the Executive Committee.

**17. MATTERS NOT COVERED BY THESE RULES:** The Executive Committee shall have power to take action in all matters not covered by these rules.

**18. ADJUSTMENTS AND AMENDMENTS TO THESE RULES:** The Executive Committee shall have power to further adjust rule numbers and cancel out any rules that conflict with any amendments passed at the Annual General Meeting.

## **LEAGUE COMPETITION RULES**

### **1. QUALIFICATION**

The League shall be confined to teams entered by clubs and organisations affiliated to the Worthing & District Table Tennis Association. Applications to compete in the League shall be made on the prescribed form, and submitted with the appropriate fee to the Hon. General Secretary by the date specified at the Annual General Meeting. Failure to complete the form in full or late arrival of the form will leave the club liable to having their application refused. The Executive Committee shall have the final say on whether an application is accepted or refused.

### **2. DIVISIONS**

Clubs shall allocate players into divisions suited to their playing ability as defined by their handicap number. Players being registered for Div.1 shall have handicap numbers between 1-20, Div.2 11-30, Div.3 21-40 & Div.4 30-46. An exception to this rule may be made where a club is only entering one team in the League. Only in exceptional circumstances, and at the approval of the Executive Committee, will a player be allowed to be reallocated to another team between the application being made and the start of the season. The final allocation of teams into divisions shall be approved at the Fixtures Meeting, and be binding on all teams entering the League.

The League shall be divided into divisions of as near as possible equal numbers of teams, or at the discretion of the Executive Committee. Teams shall be allocated into divisions taking the previous season's placings into account. New teams shall be placed into a division according to their strength, subject to the approval of the Executive Committee. The teams winning divisions from the previous season may apply for promotion irrespective of the players handicap numbers, and the teams finishing bottom of the divisions are liable to be relegated, but under certain circumstances, where a different number of teams apply to enter the League from the previous season, it may be necessary for the Executive Committee to waive promotion/relegation, or to promote or relegate more than one team.

Only in exceptional circumstances, and at the discretion of the Executive Committee, may additional teams be added after the closing date for entry to the League.

### **3. CHANGES OF VENUE OR MATCH NIGHTS**

When a club has to change the venue for its matches or the match night, after the details have appeared in the handbook the Team Secretary of the affected team shall contact the opposing Team Secretary to confirm details at least seven days before each home match.

### **4. COMPOSITION OF TEAMS**

Teams' squads, at the time of registering, shall be composed of a minimum of three players. For any one match a team may nominate up to five of the players, of whom only three may compete in the singles, but any of the five may play in the doubles.

For a match a team shall comprise a minimum of two players. If only one player turns out for a team the match if played will be declared void. The non-offending team has the choice of either rearranging the match or claiming the points as set out in Rule 12.

### **5. METHOD OF PLAY**

(a) Each team shall play all other teams in the same division both home and away (once or more than once).

(b) Each match shall consist of nine singles and one doubles game, each being the best of five sets. The singles shall be played by the three preselected players of each team; each singles' player of one team playing each singles' player of the other team. The singles' players of the home team shall be called A, B and C, and those of the visiting team X, Y and Z. No set order of play is necessary.

(c) The match may start with only one player present from each side. Play must be continuous throughout the evening. Umpiring shall be carried out by the teams alternately.



- (d) One point shall be awarded to the winner of each game, so that the maximum points attainable by any team in a league match shall be ten.
- (e) Matches must commence not later than 7.30 p.m. If no player has arrived by 7.45 p.m. the first game shall be claimed, and successive games claimed after each succeeding ten minutes. If no player has arrived by 8.30 p.m. the match may be claimed by the non-offending team. The points awarded to the non-offending team are set out in Rule 12.
- (f) Knock-ups between games shall be a maximum of two minutes duration.
- (g) The team with the most points at the end of the season shall be deemed the winner of the division. In the event of a tie on points the teams concerned shall play a deciding match (or matches in the case of more than two teams) at a neutral venue. The matches shall comprise nine singles games only.

## **6. PLAYERS' REGISTRATIONS**

All players to be registered must have a TTE players' licence and be registered on the Application Form for Membership which has to be sent to the Honorary General Secretary prior to the start of the Season. Applications for registration once the Season has begun must be sent in writing to the Honorary General Secretary and will be subject to the approval of the Executive Committee. No player will be permitted to play for a team until their application has been approved. However applications to register a player after January 31st of the current Season may only be made in exceptional circumstances and have to be detailed in writing to the Honorary General Secretary for a decision by the Executive Committee. The playing of an unregistered player by a team will result in the award of any points won by the player in singles, or as part of a doubles team, being awarded to the opposing team. "Double Headers" will not be played under any circumstances. Each registered player shall receive a copy of the Association's Handbook.

## **7. PLAYING FOR OTHER TEAMS**

A player unable to play for his/her team may be replaced by any other player from his/her club providing that the replacing player is not registered for a higher division, and their handicap number is the same or higher than that of the player he /she is replacing. There is no limit to the number of occasions on which an eligible player may replace another.

## **8. HANDICAP NUMBERS**

Handicap numbers are advised in the Handbook and are based on individual averages of the previous season. New players will be given a number relating to 50% average in their respective divisions i.e. Division one 10, Div. two 20, Div. three 30, and Div. four 39. Players returning to the League after an absence will be given the number on which they left unless it is apparent that a different number is more appropriate. Handicap numbers will be revised, and amended where necessary, at the end of December each year provided the player has played nine games or more. They may also be changed earlier where it is clear that a player's ability has changed significantly and that it be each Captain or his/her substitute's responsibility to ensure that all players are eligible to play in the Team, any breach of the League's Rules would result in the points fraudulently gained being deducted. Where a player has played nine games or more for two teams in different divisions the lower of the two handicap numbers shall be used when adjustments are made at the end of December.

## **9. TRANSFERS**

Each application for transfer of a registered player from one team to another in a club or organisation, or from club to club, must be made in writing to the Hon. General Secretary. The decision of the Executive Committee shall be made known within seven days of the application being received by the Hon. General Secretary. A transfer fee decided at the discretion of the Committee shall be paid when re-registering a player from one club to another.

## **10. FIXTURES & REARRANGED MATCHES**

Clubs shall state the home night (Monday to Friday) for each of its teams, which will be advised in the handbook. Matches must be played on the specified dates unless the home club premises are not available or if exceptional circumstances arise and the postponement is mutually agreed by both captains and the Records Secretary is first informed. The Records Secretary shall then be informed by both team captains of the agreed alternative date for the fixture. If for any reason, the fixture does not take place on the alternative date the non-offending team may either agree on another alternative date or claim the points as set out in Rule 12. "Double Headers" will not be played under any circumstances.

#### **11. MATCH RESULTS**

All score cards must be received by the Records Secretary, by email or post, within five days of the fixture. If sent by post the card, or envelope containing the card, must bear a postmark of the day following the fixture otherwise the home team will have all points gained in the match deducted.

#### **12. FAILURE TO KEEP A FIXTURE**

A team failing to keep a fixture, without giving notice as set out in Rule 10, or arriving with only one player shall be fined an amount decided by the Association at the Annual General Meeting. Home teams, where the opposition does not arrive, may also claim expenses for the hall hire etc., but claims must be made via the Executive Committee. The Record Secretary must be informed in writing by both team captains of the reason for the non-fulfilment of the fixture not later than five days after the fixture date. If a team fails to keep a fixture the non-offending team has the choice of rearranging the fixture or claiming the points. If the points are claimed the team will be awarded their average points score for all matches played in the particular third, half or quarter of the season (depending on how often teams meet during the season) in which the match was to be played. The average points score calculated shall be rounded up or down to the nearest whole number, and awarded to the non-offending team only.

#### **13. THE EXPEDITE SYSTEM**

The expedite system shall come into operation if a game is unfinished after ten minutes unless both players or pairs have scored at least eighteen points in total, or at any earlier time at the request of both players or pairs. If the ball is in play when the time limit is reached play shall be interrupted by the umpire and the game shall resume with service by the player who served in the rally which was interrupted. If the ball is not in play when the time limit is reached play shall resume with service by the player who received in the immediately preceding rally of the game. Thereafter, each player shall serve 1 point in turn till the end of the game. If the receiving player or pair makes 13 good returns the receiver shall score 1 point. Once introduced in a game the expedite system shall remain in operation until the end of that best of five games.

#### **14. MATTERS NOT COVERED BY THESE RULES**

The Executive Committee shall have power to take action in all matters not covered by these rules.

#### **15. ADJUSTMENTS AND AMENDMENTS TO THESE RULES**

The Executive Committee shall have power to further adjust rule numbers and cancel out any rules that conflict with any amendments passed at the Annual General Meeting.

## **RULES FOR THE PRESIDENT'S CUP HANDICAP COMPETITION**

1. Only players with handicap numbers are eligible to play in the competition. The handicap numbers awarded at the start of the season shall apply for matches scheduled to be played up until the 31<sup>st</sup> December. Matches scheduled to be played from the 1<sup>st</sup> January shall use the revised handicap numbers. All players handicaps are to be reviewed before the Handicap Final and to be eligible to play in the Final, players need to have played a minimum of nine league singles.
2. A club may play any of its registered players in any team, but having so played that player is not permitted to play in any other team for the remainder of the competition.
3. A match may be played with a team comprising two players, but if this occurs the opposing team receives 16 points for each of the three walkovers.
4. The captain of the home team shall confirm the date of the fixture with the away team captain, or if they are not contactable the Club Secretary, at least 48 hours before the match.
5. The winning team shall be responsible for sending, or emailing, the Results Form to the competition organiser. This must be received within five days of the match being played (or bear a postmark of the day following the match if sent by post), otherwise the tie will be awarded to the losing team.
6. League Competition Rules apply regarding rearranged matches, failure to keep the fixture, etc. If a postponement is agreed between team captains the match must be rescheduled to be played before the week of the next round of the competition.
7. Whenever possible the final should be played at a neutral venue. One of the finalists will be awarded an additional 0.5 point, to be decided at the toss of a coin. If the final is not played at a neutral venue the visiting team will be awarded an additional 3.5 points.
8. The Executive Committee shall have power to take action in all matters not covered by these rules.

