

BRACKNELL WOKINGHAM AND DISTRICT TABLE TENNIS ASSOCIATION

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BRACKNELL WOKINGHAM AND DISTRICT

TABLE TENNIS ASSOCIATION 2023-24

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Venue: Braybrooke Communittee Centre
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Bracknell RG42 2HG

Directions: From Town Centre

From Town Centre Bypass A329 off roundabout turn onto Binfield Road B3018. Directly after traffic lights turn right into Shepherds Lane.

Third turning left onto Braybrooke Road. Then right into Makepiece road. Car park on right outside centre.

Please note that due to the conditions applied to the hiring of the hall.

All matches must start at 19-15

AFFILIATED CLUBS

Kingfisher T.T.C.

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Venue: Kingfisher Table Tennis Clubhouse,
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0743 4586 247 (Club House)

Directions: From A329(M)

Follow the A329M until the outskirts of Reading and take the A4 towards London. At the 2nd roundabout (a large island with a BP garage in centre of island) take right hand lane and 3rd exit into Pitts Lane. At the 1st mini-roundabout turn left into Church Lane, at the 2nd mini-roundabout, turn left into Woodlands Avenue. At the 3rd mini-roundabout you will arrive at the entrance (turn left). The club is approximately 100 metres ahead of you, adjacent to the Goals Soccer Centre.

Car Parking: in the Goals/Bulmershe School car park on the right or, one of the nearby spaces.

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Venue: Pinewood Hall,
Pinewood Leisure Centre,
Old Wokingham Road,
Wokingham.

Directions: From Bracknell, take A3095 towards
Crowthorne. Before Crowthorne turn right into Nine Mile Ride, then
right at Pinewood round-about. The Leisure Centre entrance is a short
way down on the left. At the end of the entrance road turn right and
take 4th parking bay on left. The hall is at the end of the block on
right.

AFFILIATED CLUBS

Wokingham T.T.C.

Secretary: Tim Challender
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Venue: Pinewood Hall,
Pinewood Leisure Centre,
Old Wokingham Road,
Wokingham.

Directions: From Bracknell, take A3095 towards

Crowthorne. Before Crowthorne turn right into Nine Mile Ride, then right at Pinewood round-about. The Leisure Centre entrance is a short way down on the left. At the end of the entrance road turn right and take 4th parking bay on left. The hall is at the end of the block on right.

AFFILIATED CLUBS

Wokingham Methodist Church T.T.C.

Secretary: Gordon Fell
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Venue: Wokingham Methodist Church,
Bradbury Centre, Rose Street,
Wokingham,
Berkshire, RG40 1XS.

Directions: Wokingham Methodist Church Bradbury

From the East, (Bracknell) enter Peach Street just beyond All Saints' Church (on the right) taking up the right hand lane. Almost immediately turn right into Cross Street then left onto Rose Street the Church is on the left.

From the West, (Reading) go through the centre of the town to the compulsory left turn into Rose Street. The Church is on the right.

Please note that due to the conditions applied to the hiring of the hall, matches must be completed by 22:00.

The club advises that 2 tables are available and may need to be used to ensure a timely finish.

TROPHY AND AWARD WINNERS 2022-23

Premier Winners	Kingfisher A
Runner-up	Wokingham B
Division 1 Winners	Nomads B
Runner-up	Wokingham C
Division 2 Winners	Braybrooke C
Runner-up	Wokingham MC A
Howard Shield Winners	Kingfisher B
Howard Plate Winners	OLOP
John Stickland Trophy	Gordon Fell
William Hill Trophy	Len Graham
Ken Fellingham Grouping Tournament	Did not run
Audrey Hardy Hard Bat Tournament	Did not run
Sylvia Bruton Premier Division	Thirumala Vignesh Urey Cheung and Yizhong Wei
Division One	Sebastin Juszcuk
Division Two	Thirumala Vignesh

All Division Dates and Fixtures for 2023-2024

Date	Week No	League Fixtures			
11-Sep	1	5 v 4	6 v 3	7 v 2	8 v 1
18-Sep	2	1 v 7	2 v 6	3 v 5	4 v 8
25-Sep	3	3 v 4	5 v 2	6 v 1	8 v 7
02-Oct	4	1 v 5	2 v 4	7 v 6	8 v 3
09-Oct	5	Howard Shield Group Phase 1 Round 1			
16-Oct	6	3 v 2	4 v 1	5 v 7	6 v 8
23-Oct	7	1 v 3	6 v 5	7 v 4	8 v 2
30-Oct	8	2 v 1	3 v 7	4 v 6	5 v 8
06-Nov	9	Howard Shield Group Phase 1 Round 2			
13-Nov	10	1 v 8	2 v 7	3 v 6	4 v 5
20-Nov	11	5 v 3	6 v 2	7 v 1	8 v 4
27-Nov	12	1 v 6	2 v 5	4 v 3	7 v 8
04-Dec	13	3 v 8	4 v 2	5 v 1	6 v 7
11-Dec	14	Howard Shield Group Phase 1 Round 3			
18-Dec	15	1 v 4	2 v 3	7 v 5	8 v 6
08-Jan	18	2 v 8	3 v 1	4 v 7	5 v 6
19-Jan	19	1 v 2	6 v 4	7 v 3	8 v 5
22-Jan	20	5 v 4	6 v 3	7 v 2	8 v 1
29-Jan	21	Howard Shield Phase 2 & Plate Round 1			
05-Feb	22	1 v 7	2 v 6	3 v 5	4 v 8
12-Feb	23	3 v 4	5 v 2	6 v 1	8 v 7
19-Feb	24	1 v 5	2 v 4	7 v 6	8 v 3
26-Feb	25	3 v 2	4 v 1	5 v 7	6 v 8
04-Mar	26	Howard Shield Phase 2 & Plate Qtr Finals			
11-Mar	27	1 v 3	6 v 5	7 v 4	8 v 2
18-Mar	28	2 v 1	3 v 7	4 v 6	5 v 8
25-Mar	29	Howard Shield Phase 2 & Plate Semi Final			
01-Apr	30	Last Week of Season			
08-Apr	31	Howard Shield & Plate Final			

Week 16 to 17 Christmas & New Year Break

Your individual team fixture list is available from the league [TT365 website](#).

Premier Division Team Details 2023-2024

Team No.	Team	Home Night	Captain (incl. contact details)
1	Kingfisher B	Thursday	Andrew Adair J: 07891734689 (M) ✉: andrewadairhome@aol.com
2	Kingfisher C	Thursday	Qing Wu J: 07460361242 (M) ✉: qingxue.wu@gmail.com
3	Wokingham A	Monday	Ben Richardson J: 07584410451 (M) ✉: benrich90@hotmail.com
4	Wokingham B	Wednesday	Tim Challender J: 07748321225 (M) ✉: tchallen66@gmail.com
5	Braybrooke A	Monday	Tony Gabriel J: 07916223969 (A) ✉: tony-gabriel@hotmail.com
6	Kingfisher A	Friday	Stephen Leggett J: 07842254519 (M) J: 0118 9341467 (H) ✉: slhl4@outlook.com
7	Spare		
8	Nomads A	Wednesday	Sebastian Juszcuk J: 07586572868 (M) ✉: sjuszcuk@gmail.com

Premier Division Final League Table 2022-2023

Team Name	Play ed	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Kingfisher A	18	10	5	3	108	72	108
Wokingham B	18	11	3	4	107	73	107
Kingfisher B	18	11	3	4	104	76	104
Nomads A	18	6	5	7	97	83	97
Wokingham A	18	8	3	7	94	86	94
Braybrooke A	18	4	4	10	75	105	75
Kingfisher C	18	1	1	16	45	135	45

Premier Division Player Averages 2022-2023

Player	Team	P	W	Player Average
Nigel Bliss	Wokingham B	3	3	100
Theo Knief	Kingfisher A	12	11	91.6
Urey Cheung	Wokingham B	54	49	90.7
Yizhong Wei	Braybrooke A	51	46	90.2
Daniel Buckle	Wokingham A	44	38	86.3
Gary Crick	Nomads A	12	10	83.3
Nigel Keedy	Kingfisher B	35	28	80.0
Phillip Mead	Kingfisher A	48	37	77.0
Urey Cheung (S)	Wokingham A	6	4	66.6
Nigel Bliss (S)	Wokingham A	3	2	66.6
Alan Cummings	Kingfisher B	36	22	61.1
Ben Richardson	Wokingham A	47	28	59.7
Martin Pugh	Wokingham B	54	31	57.4
Emanuel Sandu	Nomads A	42	24	57.1
Matt Isherwood	Kingfisher B	41	23	56.1
Paul Savage	Kingfisher B	9	5	55.5
Shreesh Gupta	Kingfisher A	48	26	54.1
Roger Pritchard	Kingfisher A	30	16	53.3
Adrian Cretu	Nomads A	51	26	50.9

Player	Team	P	W	Player Average
Martin Pugh (S)	Wokingham A	6	3	50.0
Vladut Cretu	Nomads A	51	25	49.0
Satej Jaywant	Kingfisher C	33	16	47.4
Savva Christodoulou	Kingfisher C	27	13	48.4
Luca Bianchi	Kingfisher B	18	7	38.8
Tony Gabriel	Braybrooke A	54	20	37.0
Stephen Leggett	Kingfisher B	18	6	33.3
Sebastian Juszczuk (S)	Nomads A	3	1	33.3
Richard Neville	Wokingham A	44	11	25.0
Jeffrey Huggins	Kingfisher A	24	6	25.0
Tim Challender	Wokingham B	48	10	20.8
Nigel Care	Wokingham A	6	1	16.6
Abhay Gore	Kingfisher C	27	4	14.8
Andrew Adair	Kingfisher C	36	5	13.8
Neil Dellar	Kingfisher C	39	4	10.2
Pradip Pithiya (S)	Kingfisher B	2	0	0.0
Peter Blyth (S)	Nomads A	3	0	0.0
Weiguang Hu	Braybrooke A	3	0	0.0
James Spencer	Wokingham B	3	0	0.0
Michael Rumbold (S)	Braybrooke A	3	0	0.0
Len Graham	Braybrooke A	48	0	0.0

Division One Team Details 2023-2024

Team No.	Team	Home Night	Captain (incl. contact details)
1	Braybrooke B	Monday	Mick Rumbold ☎: 01344-466046 (H) ☎: 07866230127 (M) ✉: balki@sky.com
2	Kingfisher E	Friday	Vihaan Thakur ☎: 07788942573 (M) ✉: thakurvi-haan11@gmail.com
3	Wokingham C	Monday	Brett Hastings ☎: 07956423197 (M) ✉: hastingsbd@hotmail.com
4	Spare		
5	Braybrooke C	Monday	Roger Westall ☎: 01344-762526 (H) ✉: rogaw@btinternet.com
6	Kingfisher D	Thursday	Huzeyfe Borazan ☎: 07582338443 (M) ✉: huzeyfeborazan@gmail.com
7	Nomads C	Monday	Aidan Killian ☎: 07712002329 (M) ✉: aidan@xmlworks.co.uk
8	Nomads B	Wednesday	Simon Clark ☎: 07976852279 (M) ✉: simon@theclark.co.uk

Division One Final League Table 2022-2023

Team Name	Played	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Nomads B	18	12	4	2	115	65	115
Wokingham C	18	10	0	8	101	79	101
Braybrooke B	18	12	1	5	98	82	98
Kingfisher E	18	7	3	8	89	91	89
Kingfisher D	18	6	1	11	79	101	79
Nomads C	18	5	2	11	79	101	79
OLOP A	18	5	1	12	69	111	69

Division One Player Averages 2022 -2023

Player	Team	P	W	Player Average
Sabastian Juszczuk	Nomads B	51	45	88.2
Peter Blyth	Nomads B	42	35	83.3
Parvin Baishkiyar	OLOP A	47	38	80.5
Hamid Mohseni	Kingfisher D	39	29	74.3
Ruben Hernandez	Kingfisher E	27	19	70.3
Huzeyfe Borazan (S)	Kingfisher D	3	2	66.6
Akeel Mir	Kingfisher E	32	21	65.6
Michael Rumbold	Braybrooke B	48	31	64.5
Grant Baartman	Wokingham C	47	30	63.8
Shadip Gurung	Braybrooke B	8	5	62.5
Pradip Pithiya	Kingfisher D	48	29	60.4
Ian Fletcher	Wokingham C	39	23	58.9
Lucie Bouron	Nomads B	24	14	58.3
Denise Rolfe	Nomads C	38	22	57.8
Carol Byers	Nomads C	33	19	57.5
Huzeyfe Borazan	Kingfisher E	35	20	57.1
Aidan Killian	Nomads C	44	23	52.2
Mark Armstrong	Braybrooke B	48	25	52.0

Player	Team	P	W	Player Average
Qing Wu	OLOP A	39	17	43.5
Nick Saunders	Wokingham C	28	12	42.8
Roger Westall (S)	Braybrooke B	5	2	40.0
Brett Hastings	Wokingham C	36	13	36.1
David Connelly	Braybrooke B	36	11	30.5
Michael Mitcham	Kingfisher D	54	13	24.0
Walter Aldridge	Kingfisher E	34	8	23.5
Patrick Daniels	OLOP A	17	4	23.5
Ozgur Yalcin	Kingfisher E	26	6	23.0
Simon Clark	Nomads C	26	6	23.0
Mark Salmon	Nomads B	42	9	21.4
Fitzroy Licorish	OLOP A	41	3	7.32
Dick Deacon (S)	Braybrooke B	2	0	0.0
Emrah Bulut (S)	Kingfisher E	2	0	0.0
Aidan Killian (S)	Nomads B	3	0	0.0
Kenny Duarte (S)	Braybrooke B	3	0	0.0
Bob Marshall	Nomads C	3	0	0.0
Susan Daniels	OLOP A	6	0	0.0
Emrah Bulut (S)	Kingfisher D	6	0	0.0
Derek Brook	OLOP A	6	0	0.0

Division Two Team Details 2023- 2024

Team No.	Team	Home Night	Captain (incl. contact details)
1	Braybrooke D	Monday	Malcolm Codd ☎: 01344-777222 (H) ✉: codd@hotmail.com
2	Wokingham Methodist A	Thursday	Julian Raikes ☎: 01189-774727 (H) ☎: 07792482452 (M) ✉: julianraikes@btinternet.com
3	Kingfisher G	Friday	Mehmet Cabuk ☎: 07824173964 (M) ✉: mehmetcabuk@gmail.com
4	Wokingham D	Wednesday	Peter Jay ☎: 01189-893134 (H) ✉: peterjamesjay@gmail.com
5	Kingfisher F	Thursday	Julie Weight ☎: 01189-664116 (H) ☎: 07969615721 (M) ✉: hammersontour@yahoo.co.uk
6	Wokingham Methodist B	Thursday	Gordon Fell ☎: 07842133438 (M) ☎: 01189-794466 (H) ✉: gordon@fell89.freemove.co.uk
7	Nomads D	Monday	Marcello Caramma ☎: 07714326174 (M) ✉: ilcello@hotmail.com
8	Spare		

Division Two Final League Table 2022-2023

Team Name	Played	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Braybrooke C	18	15	1	2	126	54	126
Wokingham MC A	18	11	4	3	116	64	116
Nomads D	18	13	2	3	115	65	115
Wokingham D	18	10	1	7	109	71	109
Kingfisher F	18	4	1	13	71	109	71
Wokingham MC B	18	5	0	13	59	121	59
Kingfisher G	18	0	1	17	34	146	34

Division Two Player Performance 202-2023

Player	Team	P	W	Player Average
Stephen Edwards (S)	Wokingham MC A	3	3	100.00
Thirumalai Vignesh	Braybrooke C	40	39	97.5
Marcello Caramma	Nomads D	41	37	90.2
Niall McCaffrey	Nomads D	23	19	82.6
Roger Westall	Braybrooke C	49	39	79.5
Roger Prew	Kingfisher F	39	31	79.4
Rik Singleton	Wokingham D	21	16	76.1
Grant Wyatt	Wokingham D	34	25	73.5
Steve O'Connor	Nomads D	30	22	73.3
Stephen Reader (S)	Wokingham MC B	15	11	73.3
Owen Raikes	Wokingham MC A	11	8	72.7
Stephen Reader	Wokingham MC A	23	16	69.5
John Scott	Wokingham MC A	42	28	66.6
Cliff Perry	Wokingham MC A	39	23	58.9
Nigel Kempton	Wokingham D	25	14	56.0
Andrew Wyatt	Wokingham D	26	14	53.8
Julian Paul Raikes	Wokingham MC A	32	16	50.0
Peter Bennett	Kingfisher G	26	13	50.0

Player	Team	P	W	Player Average
Frank Meardon	Wokingham D	2	1	50.0
Malcolm Codd	Braybrooke C	37	18	48.6
Gordon Fell	Wokingham MC B	30	14	46.6
Peter Jay	Wokingham D	39	16	41.0
Marcin Borowy	Nomads D	20	7	35.0
Terence Hosking	Kingfisher F	39	13	33.3
Peter Evans	Wokingham MC B	30	10	33.3
Kenny Duarte	Braybrooke C	21	7	33.3
Kevin Still	Nomads D	6	2	33.3
Peter Evans (S)	Wokingham MC A	3	1	33.3
Bob Marshall	Nomads D	3	1	33.3
Thomas Palka	Nomads D	3	1	33.3
Emrah Bulut	Kingfisher G	25	7	28.0
Linda Barlow	Wokingham MC B	30	7	23.3
Moto Mitcham	Kingfisher F	40	9	22.5
Mehmet Cabuk	Kingfisher G	17	3	17.6
Burak Yildirim	Kingfisher G	21	3	14.2
Julie Weight	Kingfisher F	29	4	13.7
Dick Deacon	Braybrooke C	9	1	11.1
Gillian Bennett	Kingfisher G	20	2	10.0
Kevin Bailey	Wokingham MC B	21	2	9.52
Stephen Edwards	Wokingham MC B	21	1	4.76
Ahmet Meric	Kingfisher G	23	0	0.0

Table Tennis England Service Rule

2.6 THE SERVICE

2.6.1 Service shall start with the ball resting freely on the open palm of the server's stationary free hand.

2.6.2 The server shall then project the ball near vertically upwards, without imparting spin, so that it rises at least 16cm after leaving the palm of the free hand and then falls without touching anything before being struck.

2.6.3 As the ball is falling the server shall strike it so that it touches first his or her court and then touches directly the receiver's court; in doubles, the ball shall touch successively the right half court of server and receiver.

2.6.4 From the start of service until it is struck, the ball shall be above the level of the playing surface and behind the server's end line, and it shall not be hidden from the receiver by the server or his or her doubles partner or by anything they wear or carry.

2.6.5 As soon as the ball has been projected, the server's free arm and hand shall be removed from the space between the ball and the net; the space between the ball and the net is defined by the ball, the net and its indefinite upward extension.

2.6.6 It is the responsibility of the player to serve so that the umpire or the assistant umpire can be satisfied that he or she complies with the requirements of the Law and either may decide that a service is incorrect.

2.6.6.1 If either the umpire or the assistant umpire is not sure about the legality of a service he or she may, on the first occasion in a match, interrupt play and warn the server, but any subsequent service by that player or his or her doubles partner which is not clearly legal shall be considered incorrect.

2.6.7 Exceptionally, the umpire may relax the requirements for a good service where he or she is satisfied that compliance is prevented by physical disability.

BRACKNELL, WOKINGHAM AND DISTRICT TABLE TENNIS ASSOCIATION

RULES

1 CONSTITUTION

- 1.1 The Association shall be called the Bracknell Wokingham & District Table Tennis Association.
- 1.2 The objects of the Association are:
 - a. to conduct competitions between affiliated Clubs
 - b. to organise individual championships and tournaments
 - c. to encourage and promote Table Tennis in every possible way.
- 1.3 All Clubs shall be affiliated through the Association to the English Table Tennis Association and the Royal County of Berkshire Table Tennis Association.
- 1.4 The Association shall be open to any Club at the discretion of the Executive Committee. To be eligible for membership a Club must have playing accommodation acceptable to the Executive Committee.
- 1.5 Applications for membership shall be submitted to the Registration Secretary each year on the relevant form.

2 ADMINISTRATION

- 2.1 The Association shall be administered, in accordance with the rules and regulations of the English Table Tennis Association, through an Executive Committee consisting of Chairman, General Secretary, Treasurer, Results Secretary, Registration Secretary, Inter-Town Secretary, Tournament Secretary, Press Secretary, Trophy Secretary, Howard Shield Organiser, Coaching Organiser and two RCBTTA Representatives together with at least two other Committee Members.
- 2.2 Committee Members shall be elected at the Annual General Meeting and the Executive Committee shall have power to fill any vacancy not filled and to create any additional office it deems necessary.
- 2.3 The Executive Committee shall decide on the composition of any Subcommittee which it feels necessary to facilitate the running of the Association.
- 2.4 The Executive Committee shall have the power to deal with any issues not provided for in these Rules.

- 2.5 The Executive Committee shall meet as often as necessary for the smooth running of the association. Members of the executive committee present at any such meeting shall be entitled to vote with the exception of the chairman who shall have a casting vote only.
- 2.6 A quorum for an Executive Committee meeting shall be at least one third of all the elected members of the committee.

3 GENERAL MEETINGS

- 3.1 The Annual General Meeting shall be held in May of each year.
- 3.2 All individual affiliated players in the current season shall be entitled to one vote on each or any motion or propositions, except for the Chairman of the meeting at the time of the vote, who shall not be entitled to vote, except that in the event of a tied vote the Chairman shall have a casting vote.
- 3.3 Each affiliated Club must have a representative at any General Meeting.
- 3.4 The quorum for General Meetings shall be fifteen persons entitled to vote and shall include not less than four members of the Executive Committee.
- 3.5 The following business shall be transacted at the Annual General Meeting:
- Adoption of standing orders
 - Approval of the minutes of the previous General Meeting
 - Approval of the Annual Accounts
 - Report of the General Secretary
 - Amendments to the Rules
 - Election of the Executive Committee and Auditors
 - Any Other Business
- 3.6 All voting shall be by a show of hands unless a ballot be demanded by a majority of those present.
- 3.7 At least 21 days' notice, in writing, shall be given for any General Meeting and for this purpose notice to the Club Secretary shall be deemed notice to each individual member of a Club.
- 3.8 An Extraordinary General Meeting must be called following written application to the General Secretary by at least 15 registered players of the Association.
- 3.9 Rules may only be amended at a General Meeting of the Association and amendments for the AGM must be notified to the General Secretary by the 31st March.

- 3.10 A General Meeting of the Association shall have the power to appoint a Life President and honorary Vice-Presidents for services to the Association.
- 3.11 **FINANCE**
- 3.12 The Treasurer shall submit the accounts to the Association for the financial year ending 31st March for adoption at the Annual General Meeting.
- 3.13 The funds of the Association shall be deposited as approved by the Executive Committee and withdrawals from these funds must be signed by the Treasurer and either the Chairman or General Secretary.
- 3.14 Each Club, on acceptance into the Association, shall deposit £5 which will be returned on cessation of membership.
- 3.15 A registration fee for players, together with an affiliation fee for each Team and the affiliation fees to Table Tennis England and the Royal County of Berkshire Table Tennis Association, shall be paid annually at a rate agreed at the Annual General Meeting.
- 3.16 Honorariums shall be paid from the Association funds to the following:
- Player Registration & Results Secretary £50
 - Treasurer £50
 - Team Registration Secretary £25
 - General Secretary £25
- 3.17 The accounts are to be verified by the Chairman of the league and to verify the balance at the bank.

4 REGISTRATION OF PLAYERS

- 4.1 Only players registered with the Association shall be entitled to take part in any Association competitions.
- 4.2 At the beginning of the season each club shall rank its teams in order of strength and register not less than three players per league team with the Registration Secretary on the forms provided. Registration shall only be valid on payment of the appropriate fee.
- 4.3 Players must be registered before playing in a league match and may not take part in any league fixture postponed from before the date of registration without permission from the Executive Committee.
- 4.4 No registrations shall be accepted after 31st January for the current season without approval by the Executive Committee before a league fixture is played.
- 4.5 The Executive Committee shall have the right to refuse the registration of any individual and all changes in registration must be approved by the Executive Committee.

Player Restrictions

- 4.5.1 Players may not play in a league team lower than that in which they are registered.
- 4.5.2 Players may play in a superior team to that in which they were initially registered but having played four times in any such superior teams will be automatically re-registered in the team for which they played on the fourth occasion and to which they will be fixed for the remainder of the season.
- 5.6.3 Players may play in a superior team as above (5.6.2) but are ineligible to play in the doubles unless they also play in the singles.

5 LEAGUE PLAYING REGULATIONS

- 5.1 Fixtures will be arranged by the Executive Committee at the beginning of each season.
- 5.2 Teams shall play each other in their division on a home and away basis to a format which shall be decided by a General Meeting of the Association.

Current playing format:

Teams shall consist of three players who shall play one match, each the best of five games, against each player of the opposing side. One doubles match, the best of five games, shall also be played in which any pair of players registered for the home team shall play any pair of players registered for the opposing side but see also para 5.6.3. Fixtures will therefore be of ten matches and must be played to a finish with scoring being one point for each match won.

- 5.3 Score-cards, signed by both team captains, must reach the Results Secretary by the first post on the fourth day following the fixture.
- 5.4 Each Club shall nominate the home night and start time for each of its teams. Fixtures detailed in the handbook need not be confirmed but if a change of time or venue is made the opponents must be informed at least 24 hours before the fixture.
- 5.5 Fixtures may only be changed by mutual agreement and with the prior consent of the Results Secretary. It is the responsibility of the team requesting the change to offer sufficient alternative dates and venues, if necessary, to secure a new fixture and then inform the Results Secretary of that date. If a date is not finalised and the Results Secretary informed within two weeks of the original date of the match, the fixture shall be awarded to the team who did not request the cancellation.

- 5.6 Should a team fail to fulfil a fixture, a victory may be claimed by the opposing team. The appearance of one player within 30 minutes of the official starting time constitutes appearance of a 'team'.
- 5.6.1 Any player arriving more than fifteen minutes after the official starting time has no right to any time for practice play.
- 5.7 Fixtures which have been postponed must be played within four weeks of the original date, otherwise the Executive Committee will decide on the assignment of points.
- 5.8 Should a team consistently default on fixtures, or fail to comply with these rules, it shall be reviewed by the Executive Committee for possible expulsion. If a team is expelled or withdraws from the Association its results shall be deleted from the records of that division.
- 5.9 Unless agreed by mutual consent the order of play shall be as shown on the result card. Any game missed by a player arriving late which cannot be played due to time constraints may be claimed by the opponents.
- 5.10 Umpires shall be appointed by mutual agreement; this being generally undertaken alternately by members of both teams.
- 5.11 Balls of three-star quality, approved for use by Table Tennis England, must be used for all matches.

6 FORMATION OF DIVISIONS

- 6.1 The formation of divisions will be arranged prior to the start of each season by a sub-committee comprising one representative from each member club plus any executive committee members as deemed appropriate, at a meeting convened specifically for that purpose. The executive committee will decide a date and venue for such a meeting following entry into the league for the coming season and advise club secretaries 14 days in advance.
- 6.2 Relegation and promotion shall be decided annually in conjunction with the sub-committee aforementioned in 7.1 above.
- 6.3 In the event of teams being equal on points at the end of the season, the positions may be decided, if necessary, by recalculating the results with two points for each match won and one point for each match drawn. If two teams still finish on equal points a play-off shall be arranged within two weeks of the end of the season.

7 GENERAL

- 7.1 All trophies must be returned to the Trophy Secretary on or before February 28th each year by the person who signed for the trophy.
- 7.2 Any item of clothing worn during play, other than socks or shoes, shall be of a colour other than white.
- 7.3 Tournaments shall be run at the discretion of the Executive Committee and rules will be decided by the Committee and issued separately.

8 Conduct

- 9.1 No club (or player from the club) shall directly or indirectly induce or attempt to induce a player from another club.
- 9.2 No club shall impose any restrictive condition on a registered player that limits free choice on joining another club. The rules of the local league, county league or national league will instead dictate any restrictive conditions.
- 9.3 Clubs (and players alike) will actively dissuade discriminatory acts or behaviour, whether directly or indirectly, on the grounds of race, disability, class or social background, religious belief, sexual orientation, ethnic or national origins, gender, marital status, pregnancy, parental status, age, colour or political persuasion.
- 9.4 Should a Club or registered player registered with the league be found to violate any of the rules of conduct 9.1 – 9.3, the Executive Committee will be at liberty to take the following actions:
 - 9.4.1 Where the Club has full knowledge of the violation and has chosen not to take action, the applicable team will be suspended for the remainder of the season and any league points gained following the violation will be forfeited.
 - 9.4.1a The Subject of the violation cannot be registered to play in the Club for the current season or the following season.

9.4.1b Any leagues fees applicable to the team or consequential loss associated with the violation will not be reimbursed by the league.

9.4.2 Where a registered player has violated the rules, they will be subject to a suspension of their league membership for up to 6 months. Any points achieved by the Subject of the violation will be forfeited. Rule 1a and 1b above also applies.

JOHN HOWARD SHIELD REGULATIONS

JOHN HOWARD SHIELD TEAM HANDICAP COMPETITION

1 ADMINISTRATION

- 1.1 The competition shall be run by the John Howard Shield Organiser. Where necessary for the smooth running of the competition, the Organiser shall be responsible for reducing the entries received. Appeals should be made through the Organiser to the Executive Committee whose decision shall be final.

2 ORGANISATION OF MATCHES

- 2.1 Fixtures will be arranged by the Competition Organiser.
- 2.2 The competition will be run on a knock out or group basis.
- 2.3 The home team shall be decided by the Competition Organiser. The fixtures shall be played in the weeks which are left free from league matches and no postponement shall be allowed without the prior consent of the Competition Organiser. The first team in each pairing shall be responsible for providing venue and refreshments for each fixture.
- 2.4 Where a team has to postpone a fixture and no alternative date can be found before the deadline set by the Competition Organiser, the team postponing the fixture shall concede the fixture.
- 2.5 The venue for the semi-finals and finals shall be decided by the Competition Organiser.

3 PLAYING REGULATIONS

- 3.1 Teams shall consist of three players who shall play one match of four games against each player of the opposing side. Each game played to 11 or 2 clear points.
- 3.2 All games shall start at love-all and individual handicap differences shall be added to the final scores. Teams will be awarded 1 point for each match won. If scores are level after the handicap has been added the player with the higher handicap shall be considered the winner. If scores are level and both players have the same handicap then a 5th game shall be played to decide the winner.

- 3.3 A team with only two players shall be eligible to compete but will forfeit the points for the games not played.

4 REGISTRATION

- 4.1 A Club may enter as many teams as entered in the Association's Leagues for the current season.
- 4.2 Club secretaries should register all players that may take part in the competition but they do not have to nominate which team they will play for. It is the club secretary's responsibility to ensure a player only plays for one team during the competition. If a player does play for a second team any points won during the second match will be forfeited and the result of that match adjusted accordingly.
- 4.2.1 Only players currently registered in the Association's League are eligible to play in the competition. A team may consist of players from any of the divisions and of one or more from any division. Clubs should be aware of the eligibility rules and ensure that players have played sufficient league matches to be considered eligible at all stages.
- 4.2.2 RESERVE PLAYERS - Club secretaries may register additional players during the group stages only provided that the player(s) qualify under the Howard Shield rules and have not played for another club/team in the current season's competition.

5 HANDICAPS

- 5.1 All players shall be handicapped on a personal basis which shall be calculated initially using the final averages of the previous season, providing the player played a minimum of six league matches, together with any other relevant information. Handicaps shall be adjusted at the end of the first phase based on the results for the current season. Captains or Secretaries may appeal any players handicap before each match is played. Evidence must be provided to the Competition organiser of why the handicap is being appealed.
- 5.2 Where a player did not play in the league in the previous season a handicap may be allocated once one league match has been played.

- 5.3 Players are only eligible to play in the group stage of the competition providing they have played at least one league match for their club in the current season.

6 SCORESHEETS

- 6.1 Scoresheets for each match, signed by each team captain, must be sent by the winning captain to the Competition Organiser by first post on the Tuesday of the week following the week of the match. Alternatively, the scoresheet may be sent by email by using one of the following methods:

- completing the soft copy scoresheet (available from the website);
- scanning the hard copy scoresheet; or
- photographic image of the scoresheet

All electronic forms must be received by the Competition Organiser by Tuesday of the week following the week of the match.

JOHN HOWARD SHIELD AND PLATE SCHEDULE DATES FOR 2023-24

Dates

09 October 2023	Howard Shield League, Phase 1 Round 1
06 November 2023	Howard Shield League, Phase 1 Round 2
11 December 2023	Howard Shield League, Phase 1 Round 3
29 January 2024	Howard Shield League, Phase 2 Round 1 and Plate Round 1
04 March 2024	Howard Shield League, Phase 2 Round 2 and Plate Quarter Finals
25 March 2024	Howard Shield League, Phase 2 Round 3 and Plate Semi Finals
08 April 2024	Howard Shield and Plate Final

Howard Shield

Phase 1 will be run in 5 groups of 4 teams each group winner and 3 best runners up will go into Phase 2.

Phase 2 will be run in 2 groups of 4 and the winners only will then go into Final.

Howard Plate is run in a straight knockout competition.

TABLE TENNIS BALLS LICENSED FOR 2023/2024

This season, only ITTF approved plastic balls are allowed to be used
in all competitions

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INSURANCE

Under the individual affiliation to Table Tennis England all players
are covered by a group insurance scheme for civil liability and personal injury.

Dates for the Diary Season 2023-24

Start of the Bracknell/Wokingham league season week one.

11th September 2023

Last day for player registration Bracknell/Wokingham League.

Wednesday 31st January 2024

All Trophies to be returned to the trophy secretary by.

Wednesday 28th February 2024

Rule amendment must be notified to general secretary by.

Sunday 31st March 2024

Last week of season for Bracknell/Wokingham league matches

Week commencing 1st April 2024

John Howard Shield and Plate Final

Week commencing 8th April 2024

venue to be advised

AGM and Presentation evening

Date and venue to be advised