



ROYAL COUNTY OF BERKSHIRE TABLE TENNIS ASSOCIATION

Affiliated to Table Tennis England

Founded 1949

Affiliated Leagues: Bracknell, Maidenhead, Newbury and Reading

2014-2015 Closed Championships Entry Form

Referee: Allan Bruton CU

The Closed Championships will be held at Kingfisher Table Tennis Club Woodlands Avenue, Woodley, READING RG5 3EU (Tel: 07434586247) on Saturday 6th December 2014 from 12 noon and Sunday 7th December 2014 from 0900 hours. All finals will be held on Sunday.

ENTRIES must be sent to the Tournament Secretary Allan Bruton, 11 Wilson Court, Winnersh, WOKINGHAM, Berks, RG41 5HS. The CLOSING DATE for receipt of entries is Friday 21st November 2014. The DRAW will take place on Wednesday 25th November 2014. The BALLS to be used will be White 3 Star.

22 CLOSED CHAMPIONSHIPS RULES

- 22.1 The Association will hold annually a Closed Championships.
- 22.2.1 The Executive Committee shall appoint a Referee for the Championships at an early date.
- 22.2.2 The decision of the Referee shall be final on all questions of law, interpretation of rule, and in respect of dress, discipline and any dispute on the day.
- 22.3.1 Entries may be accepted from any person who, in the current season, is a bona fide affiliated member of the Association. If any such person is not registered to play in a League affiliated to the Association he must be a Player Member of Table Tennis England and a supplemental fee shall be payable in addition to any entry fee. The amount shall be determined each year by the Executive Committee. For a graded event entries may not be accepted from anyone who has represented the County in the current season or is a player registered in the top division of an affiliated league or is not a registered player of an affiliated league.
- 22.3.2 Where an age limit is applicable, 'under a specified age' shall relate to the age on 31 December during the current playing season, and 'specified age or over' shall relate to the age on 1 January during the current playing season.
- 22.4 Events and Entry Fees shall be determined each year by the Executive Committee. Fees will not be refunded to any competitor who withdraws after the draw has taken place.
- 22.5.1 The closing date will be stated on the entry form and any entries received after that date will not be accepted.
- 22.5.2 If it should be necessary to restrict entries in any event this will be done on the basis of last in first out.
- 22.6 Entries shall be made out on the official entry form supplied to all Club Secretaries or copied or downloaded from the website, and shall be accompanied by the appropriate fee.
- 22.7 All events will be timed and in order that competitors may be informed in advance of the reporting times of their first match in each event, a stamped addressed envelope shall be sent with each entry form.
- 22.8 There may be seeds in any event as determined by the Executive Committee.
- 22.9 On arrival all players must report to Control and should not leave the building without obtaining permission of the Referee.
- 22.10 An Umpire may be appointed for each match. Every competitor may be required to umpire one match per event entered. After losing, a player should report to Control without delay to collect the scorecard and ball.
- 22.11 All players will be required to play on the allotted table and on being called must go to that table and begin play without delay.
- 22.12 Any player not ready to play when called may be scratched.
- 22.13 Knocking up on vacant tables may be allowed at the discretion of the Referee but only by two players at any time on any one table.
- 22.14 All matches will be best of five games - 11 up.
- 22.15 Substitutions may be allowed in doubles events only, in the absence of one of a pair, at the discretion of the Referee. Requests will not be considered in respect of any player who has not made a valid entry for the event.
- 22.16 Except as provided in 22.15 the draw once completed will not be altered except to correct genuine misunderstandings or errors unless exceptionally the draw becomes unbalanced and the Organising Committee and the Referee think an alteration is desirable in the interests of the tournament.
- 22.17.1 The winner of an Association cup or trophy must return it without any further request, in a clean condition, to the Trophy Secretary if there is one or to the General Secretary if not, not later than the closing date for the next Closed Championships or twelve months after it is won whichever date is the earlier.
- 22.17.2 Failure to do so will result in an automatic fine of £10.
- 22.17.3 Acceptance of a cup or trophy belonging to the Association implies a liability for its proper safeguard and care and the responsibility for the cost of any replacement or repair due to loss or damage during the period held.
- 22.18 When playing (including knocking up) players are expected to wear Table Tennis dress and the standard of dress must satisfy the Referee. In particular jeans and denim or similar clothing will not be allowed. The main colour of a shirt, skirt, or shorts, other than sleeves or collar of a shirt shall be clearly different from that of the ball in use. Any markings or trimming on the front or side of a playing garment and any objects such as jewellery worn by a player, shall not be so conspicuous or brightly reflecting as to unsight an opponent.
- 22.19.1 In a group competition, all members of the group shall compete against each other and the positions in the group shall be determined primarily by the number of matches won. If a member of a group should fail to complete any match the results of all matches in which that member took part shall be discounted.
- 22.19.2 If two or more members of the group have won the same number of matches their relative positions shall be determined only by the results of matches between them, by considering successively the ratios of wins to losses first in matches then games then points, as far as is necessary to resolve the order.
- 22.19.3 If at any step in the calculations the positions of one or more members of the group have been determined while the others are still equal, the results of matches in which those members took part shall be excluded from any further calculations needed to resolve the equalities in accordance with the procedure of 22.19.1 and 22.19.2.