

MENDIP TABLE TENNIS LEAGUE



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ST PAUL'S TABLE TENNIS CLUB

St Paul's School, Shepton Mallet is running a table tennis club for all ages and standards. At present, County and League standard players attend as well as children in the upper primary and lower secondary school.

The club runs on Tuesday evenings from 7pm to 9pm and the fees are £5.00 for adults and £2.50 for juniors per session.

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Honours List 2015/2016

Mendip Table Tennis Tournament – Shepton Mallet

	Winner	Runner Up
Open Singles	J Musselwhite	S Cooper
Restricted Div1	D Montano	P Redman
Division 2 Singles	S Monks	W Button
Handicap Singles	C Bennett	J Papierz
Ladies Singles	Keren Millard	Helen Baraniecki
Open Doubles	J Musselwhite / P Ware	N Branch / P Redman
Hard Bat	C Bennett	N Branch

Division 1

Team	Played	Wins	Draw	Lost	Points Gained
Prattens Amigos	10	9	0	1	259
Litton 'A'	10	8	0	2	225
Litton Exiles	10	4	0	6	195
Westhill Massive	10	5	0	5	181.5
Westciderz	10	4	0	6	160
Lambrettas	10	0	0	10	94

Division Two

Team	Played	Wins	Draw	Lost	Points Gained
St Pauls	12	9	0	3	279
The Ring 'O' Bells	12	9	0	3	260.5
Westhill Collegiates	12	9	0	3	255
Litton	12	6	0	6	221.5
Prattens Bandits	12	3	1	8	194
Litton Blaggers	12	3	1	8	185
Henton 'D'	12	2	0	10	153

Handicap Cup
Memorial Cup

Winners
Prattens Bandits
Prattens Amigos

Runners-Up
St Pauls
Litton 'A'

The Teams

1. Ring 'O' Bells

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10. Litton 'Blaggers'

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First Half of Season

		September			October				November				December		
		12th	19th	26th	3rd	10th	17th	24th	31st	7th	14th	21st	28th	5th	12th
1	Ring O Bells <i>Weds</i>	MEMORIAL CUP	12	11a	10	9a	8	7a	6	MEMORIAL CUP	5a	4	3a	2	FREE WEEK
2	Massive <i>Weds</i>		11	10a	9	8a	7	6a	5		4a	3	12a	1a	
3	Lambrettas <i>Tues</i>		10	9a	8	7a	6	5a	4		12a	2a	1	11a	
4	Prattens B <i>Tues</i>		9	8a	7	6a	5	12a	3a		2	1a	11	10a	
5	Henton D <i>Fri</i>		8	7a	6	12a	4a	3	2a		1	11a	10	9a	
6	Litton Exiles <i>Fri</i>		7	12a	5a	4	3a	2	1a		11	10a	9	8a	
7	Prattens A <i>Fri</i>		6a	5	4a	3	2a	1	11a		10	9a	8	12	
8	WestCiderz <i>Tues</i>		5a	4	3a	2	8a	11	10a		9	12	7a	6	
9	St Pauls A <i>Tues</i>		4a	3	2a	1	11a	10	12		8a	7	6a	5	
10	Blaggers <i>Mon</i>		3a	2	1a	11	12	9a	8		7a	6	5a	4	
11	Litton A <i>Fri</i>		2a	1	12	10a	9	8a	7		6a	5	4a	3	
12	Collegiates <i>Mon</i>		1a	6	11a	5	10a	4	9a		3	8a	2	7a	

Second Half of Season – Divisions 1 & 2

(Team Names to be filled in as per results of first half of Season)

	January				February				March				April	
	9th	16th	23rd	30th	6th	13th	20th	27th	6th	13th	20th	27th	3rd	10th
1	6	5a	Handicap Cup	4	3a	2	6a	Handicap Cup	5	4a	3	2a	Free Week	Cup Final Week
2	5	4a		3	6a	1a	5a		4	3a	6	1		
3	4	6a		2a	1	5a	4a		6	2	1a	5		
4	3a	2		1a	5	6a	3		2a	1	5a	6		
5	2a	1		6	4a	3	2		1a	6a	4	3a		
6	1a	3		5a	2	4	1		3a	5	2a	4a		

LEAGUE RULES

1. The League shall be called the Mendip Table Tennis League and shall be affiliated to the English and Somerset Table Tennis Associations (When approved by Table Tennis England)
2. The objects of the League shall be to conduct annual competitions between member clubs, to assist and encourage the formation of the Table Tennis Clubs in Mendip area and to promote the game of Table Tennis in every possible way.
3. **SUBSCRIPTIONS.** All subscriptions to be fixed at the Annual General Meeting. All subscriptions to be paid on a registration night to be held about two weeks before the commencement of the season.
4. **ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING.** The annual general meeting shall be held not later than the first week in July, and the League to commence by the first week of October. All members shall be entitled to attend the Annual General Meeting but only one delegate from each team shall be entitled to vote. Teams shall be entitled to one vote only. The financial year shall end on the 31st May. A Special Committee shall be convened by the Executive Committee should they consider it necessary, or if the same should be desired by one third on the member teams. The decisions of every Annual or Special General Meeting shall be final and conclusive and shall be binding on all teams and registered members. At least ten days' notice of every Annual or Special General Meeting shall be given to all member teams. Any suggested alterations to the rules must be made in writing and such suggestions must reach the League Secretary 14 days before the date of the Special or Annual General Meeting. No member shall be allowed to vote at any meeting on any protest or any dispute that affects his or her team.
5. **OFFICES.** The Honorary Officers of the League to be elected at the Annual General meeting shall be the Chairman, Vice Chairman, Hon. General Secretary, Hon. Treasurer, and Results/Press Secretary. The League shall have the power further to elect a President and Vice President. All officers shall retire annually, but shall be eligible for re-election. The Officers of the League shall be empowered to act in an emergency, but must report on such action at the next Annual General Meeting.
6. **EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.** An Executive Committee consisting of officers of the league together with at least one representative of each division of the league and a Somerset T.T. representative (who shall be elected at the AGM) shall be formed. The Executive Committee shall have the power to fine, suspend or expel any team or member found guilty of breaking the rules of the League and shall decide all appeals made by teams arising out of or in connection with the League and Championship competitions. It shall have the power to decide anything not provided for in these rules. Every decision and order of the Executive Committee shall be binding on all teams and registered members, subject to an appeal to a Special General Meeting called in accordance with Rule 4. The Executive committee shall meet at regular intervals to be decided at the AGM. Five or more shall form a quorum.

7. Teams competing in the League Championship shall consist of three members who shall play a singles match against each opponent. There shall also be played one Doubles Match, in which a reserve may be played. All matches shall be the best of five games, eleven up, each game won to count as a point.
- a) Teams tying for first or second place in the League Table at the close of the season, or those tying for a relegation place shall play off the tie on a neutral table – to be nominated by the Executive Committee.
 - b) All matches to start by 7.30 pm but by prior arrangements between teams can start at any time. If no prior arrangement has been made as to time and the opponents have not arrived by 8.00 pm, the awaiting team shall inform the Results Secretary who shall award the points to the waiting team. Such action to be ratified at the next Executive meeting.
 - c) If it is not possible to complete the games in a match for any reason, the facts must be submitted to the Results Secretary when the score card is sent in.
 - d) When all three singles players are absent at 8.00 pm, or a team concedes a walkover, the offending team shall be fined £3.00 (subject to a right of appeal to the Executive Committee).
 - e) Matches should be played on the night specified in the handbook. Matches may only be brought forward or changed to another night in the same weeks with the mutual agreement of both clubs, and with notification to the Results Secretary. Postponements shall be limited to two per team per season; thereafter teams must play without a full side or concede a walkover. The Club postponing the match must notify the Results secretary or be fined £1.00. Postponed matches are to be rearranged and played within 28 days of the original date except towards the end of the Season when the final date of playing will be as shown in the Handbook. The home club to offer two dates (League and Cup commitments accepted) which are to be notified to the Results Secretary. Forty-eight hours' notice of cancellation and acceptance of one of the dates must be given. Should any match not be played within the time limits allowed, then the Executive Committee shall have the power to assess the result at the next meeting. Team Secretaries should do everything in their power to play matches on the normal night leaving the two postponements allowed to be used for real emergencies.

- f) The match result card must be sent to the Results Secretary by the home team, to reach the Results Secretary within 5 days of the date of the match. Any team failing to do so will incur a fine of £1.00. (When cards are sent by post, the postmark will be accepted as proof of posting within the prescribed period).
 - g) Any team changing its secretary, venue or playing night after the commencement of the season MUST inform the General Secretary and the Results Secretary and circulate all secretaries of teams in their respective division and Handicap Cup Competition to this effect, giving three days' notice in respect of the first fixture affected. Failure to do so will incur a fine of £1.00.
8. The scorer for each game shall be agreed mutually and scoring shall be generally undertaken alternatively by a member of the visiting and home teams. In case of a dispute as to who should score, the visiting team shall have the choice. In the case of a disputed point, the scorer's decision shall be final – subject to the decision agreeing with Table Tennis England's laws of the game. The home team shall fill in the score card first.
9. All players must be registered with the General Secretary and the full Registration fee paid to the League Treasurer before becoming eligible to play in a league match.
- a. No player may be registered for more than one club.
 - b. If two or more teams are entered from the club, the players shall be registered for the team for which they intend to play.
 - c. If a club finds itself short of a player for a league match they will be allowed to bring-in one player from any other team in the league. The opposing team shall automatically gain 9 points (As they have fielded a full team) and the 'guest' shall only gain half his or her total points. That player cannot play in the doubles. ** This does not apply to Cup Matches **
 - d. After 31 December no new registration can be accepted unless approved by the Executive Committee
 - e. Any player who has played in two or less matches by the end of the season may claim total refund of their registration fee by writing to the League Secretary.

10. Any player wishing to change his/her club during the season for some bona fide reason, may, upon application to the General Secretary and the payment of 50p obtain a form of transfer providing the transferring club has no objection, which must be in writing. A player obtaining a transfer will, however, not be eligible to play in a league match until 10 days have elapsed from the date of the transfer. No application for transfer will be entertained after 31 December of the current season, except by permission of the Executive Committee. All transfers must be ratified by the Executive Committee.
11. All teams shall receive a copy of the rules upon joining the League, and all Players shall be deemed to have knowledge of the rules.
12. All matches shall be played in accordance with the rules and laws issued by Table Tennis England.
13. All trophies must be returned to the General Secretary on or before the Championship date for engraving. The Mendip league will be responsible for engraving all trophies.
14. The trophy winner(s) shall be responsible for the safety of the trophy during the time it is in their possession. The Executive Committee shall have the power to ask for the return of a trophy earlier than the championship date, if circumstances dictate this.
15. All fines to be paid within 14 days of demand direct to the Treasurer with the special card provided. Any team that persistently fails to pay fines shall be expelled from the League (subject to the right of appeal to the Executive Committee).
16. Should any question or dispute arise which is not covered by the Rules, it shall be decided by the Executive Committee. The right of appeal against any decision or action arising from the foregoing and the procedure to be followed is as laid down in the official Table Tennis England handbook
17. A neutral League Official must be appointed by the Executive Committee for every Cup Final to officiate at each final. The two team captains shall hand to the League Official the playing order of their teams after the toss is made to decide which team plays "Home" and which "Away"
18. The ball should be of the new plastic type or 'Poly Ball'.

TEAM HANDICAP AND KNOCK OUT COMPETITIONS

1. Knock-out competitions – matches will be played under the new eleven up rule, “best of five” for both divisions and the double game will be omitted.
2. Handicap competitions – matches will consist of nine singles, and one doubles consisting of two games of 21 points. If deuce (20-all) is reached, only one extra point will be played to determine the winner of that game. A third game will not be played. The handicap points will be added once after each match and the tally of points calculated after each singles match has been completed.
3. In the Handicap Competition, in the event of a draw a 2nd “doubles” is to be played to decide the round. Should a doubles match fail to give a result, then another match shall be played on the away team’s table – the match date to be arranged by the League Secretary.
4. Where the League fixture do not provide for the Cup round, the home team is to offer two dates (League commitments excepted) to opponents within 48 hours of notification of the draw. Failure to do so may result in forfeit of the match. The opponents must accept one of the dates within 48 hours or forfeit the match.
5. On all matters the decision of the Executive shall be final.
6. The final of each Cup competition shall be played according to the fixture list and the Cup Secretary. The venue for each final to be decided by the Committee as soon as possible after the semi-finals, but in any event, on a neutral table.

INDIVIDUAL CHAMPIONSHIP RULES

1. To be eligible to play, members who play in other Leagues must have played in five or more League or Cup matches in the Mendip League by the closing date for the Championships, or at the discretion of the committee.
2. Those players who only play in the Mendip League must have played two or more League or Cup matches by the closing date for the Championships.
3. Junior players may enter (if unregistered in any league) if associated with a club in the Mendip League.

LAWS & BY-LAWS OF TABLE TENNIS 2015/16

Note: Paragraphs shown in *italics* are ITTF Regulations adopted as National By-Laws for all domestic competitions.

2.1 THE TABLE

- 2.1.1 The upper surface of the table, known as the playing surface, shall be rectangular, 2.74m long and 1.525m wide, and shall lie in a horizontal plane 76cm above the floor.
- 2.1.2 The playing surface shall not include the vertical sides of the table-top.
- 2.1.3 The playing surface may be of any material and shall yield a uniform bounce of about 23cm when a standard ball is dropped on to it from a height of 30cm.
- 2.1.4 The playing surface shall be uniformly dark coloured and matt, but with a white side line, 2cm wide, along each 2.74m edge and a white end line, 2cm wide, along each 1.525m edge.
- 2.1.5 The playing surface shall be divided into 2 equal courts by a vertical net running parallel with the end lines, and shall be continuous over the whole area of each court.
- 2.1.6 For doubles, each court shall be divided into 2 equal half-courts by a white centre line, 3mm wide, running parallel with the side lines; the centre line shall be regarded as part of each right half-court.

2.2 THE NET ASSEMBLY

- 2.2.1 The net assembly shall consist of the net, its suspension and the supporting posts, including the clamps attaching them to the table.
- 2.2.2 The net shall be suspended by a cord attached at each end to an upright post 15.25cm high, the outside limits of the post being 15.25cm outside the side line.
- 2.2.3 The top of the net, along its whole length, shall be 15.25cm above the playing surface.
- 2.2.4 The bottom of the net, along its whole length, shall be as close as possible to the playing surface and the ends of the net shall be attached to the supporting posts from top to bottom.

2.3 THE BALL

- 2.3.1 The ball shall be spherical, with a diameter of 40mm.
- 2.3.2 The ball shall weigh 2.7g.
- 2.3.3 The ball shall be made of plastic type material and shall be white or orange, and matt.
- 2.3.4 *The ball shall be of a brand and type currently approved by the ITTF.*

2.4 THE RACKET

- 2.4.1 The racket may be of any size, shape or weight but the blade shall be flat and rigid.
- 2.4.2 At least 85% of the blade by thickness shall be of natural wood; an adhesive layer within the blade may be reinforced with fibrous material such as carbon fibre, glass fibre or compressed paper, but shall not be thicker than 7.5% of the total thickness or 0.35mm, whichever is the smaller.
- 2.4.3 A side of the blade used for striking the ball shall be covered with either ordinary pimped rubber, with pimples outwards having a total thickness including adhesive of not more than 2.0mm, or sandwich rubber, with pimples inwards or outwards, having a total thickness including adhesive of not more than 4.0mm.
- 2.4.3.1 Ordinary pimped rubber is a single layer of non-cellular rubber, natural or synthetic, with pimples evenly distributed over its surface at a density of not less than 10/cm² and not more than 30/cm².
- 2.4.3.2 Sandwich rubber is a single layer of cellular rubber covered with a single outer layer of ordinary pimped rubber, the thickness of the pimped rubber not being more than 2mm.
- 2.4.4 The covering material shall extend up to but not beyond the limits of the blade, except that the part nearest the handle and gripped by the fingers may be left uncovered or covered with any material.
- 2.4.5 The blade, any layer within the blade and any layer of covering material or adhesive on a side used for striking the ball shall be continuous and of even thickness.
- 2.4.6 The surface of the covering material on a side of the blade, or of a side of the blade if it is left uncovered, shall be matt, bright red on one side and black on the other.
- 2.4.7 The racket covering shall be used without any chemical, physical or other treatment.
- 2.4.7.1 Slight deviations from continuity of surface or uniformity of colour due to accidental damage or wear may be allowed provided that they do not significantly change the characteristics of the surface.
- 2.4.8 At the start of a match and whenever he changes his racket during a match a player shall

show his opponent and the umpire the racket he is about to use and shall allow them to examine it.

2.4.9 *The racket covering shall be of a brand and type currently authorised by the ITTF.*

2.4.10 *A racket shall not be changed during an individual match unless it is accidentally damaged so badly that it cannot be used.*

2.5 DEFINITIONS

2.5.1 A rally is the period during which the ball is in play.

2.5.2 The ball is in play from the last moment at which it is stationary on the palm of the free hand before being intentionally projected in service until the rally is decided as a let or a point.

2.5.3 A let is a rally of which the result is not scored.

2.5.4 A point is a rally of which the result is scored.

2.5.5 The racket hand is the hand carrying the racket.

2.5.6 The free hand is the hand not carrying the racket; the free arm is the arm of the free hand.

2.5.7 A player strikes the ball if he touches it in play with his racket, held in the hand, or with his racket hand below the wrist.

2.5.8 A player obstructs the ball if he, or anything he wears or carries, touches it in play when it is above or travelling towards the playing surface, not having touched his court since last being struck by his opponent.

2.5.9 The server is the player due to strike the ball first in a rally.

2.5.10 The receiver is the player due to strike the ball second in a rally.

2.5.11 The umpire is the person appointed to control a match.

2.5.12 The assistant umpire is the person appointed to assist the umpire with certain decisions.

2.5.13 Anything that a player wears or carries includes anything that he was wearing or carrying, other than the ball, at the start of the rally.

2.5.14 The end line shall be regarded as extending indefinitely in both directions.

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 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 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 area between the ball and the net.

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 complies with the requirements of the Law and either may decide that a service is illegal.

2.6.6.1 If either the umpire or the assistant umpire is not sure about the legality of a service he may, on the first occasion in a match, interrupt play and warn the server, but any subsequent service by that player or his 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 is satisfied that compliance is prevented by physical disability.

2.7 THE RETURN

2.7.1 The ball, having been served or returned, shall be struck so that it touches the opponent's court, either directly or after touching the net assembly.

2.8 THE ORDER OF PLAY

2.8.1 In singles, the server shall first make a service, the receiver shall then make a return and thereafter server and receiver alternately shall each make a return.

2.8.2 In doubles, the server shall first make a service, the receiver shall then make a return, the partner of the server shall then make a return, the partner of the receiver shall then make a return and thereafter each player in turn in that sequence shall make a return.

2.8.3 In doubles, when at least one player of a pair is in a wheelchair due to a physical disability, the

server shall first make a service, the receiver shall then make a return but thereafter either player of the disabled pair may make returns. However, no part of a player's wheelchair nor a foot of a standing player of this pair shall protrude beyond the imaginary extension of the centre line of the table. If it does, the umpire shall award the point to the opposing pair.

2.9 A LET

2.9.1 The rally shall be a let

2.9.1.1 if in service the ball touches the net assembly, provided the service is otherwise correct or the ball is obstructed by the receiver or his partner;

2.9.1.2 if the service is delivered when the receiving player or pair is not ready, provided that neither the receiver nor his partner attempts to strike the ball;

2.9.1.3 if failure to make a service or a return or otherwise to comply with the Laws is due to a disturbance outside the control of the player;

2.9.1.4 if play is interrupted by the umpire or assistant umpire.

2.9.1.5 if the receiver is in a wheelchair owing to a physical disability and the ball, provided the service is otherwise good,

2.9.1.5.1 leaves the receiver's court after touching it in the direction of the net;

2.9.1.5.2 comes to rest on the receiver's court;

2.9.1.5.3 in singles leaves the receiver's court after touching by either of its sidelines.

2.9.2 Play may be interrupted

2.9.2.1 to correct an error in the order of serving, receiving or ends;

2.9.2.2 to introduce the expedite system;

2.9.2.3 to warn or penalise a player or adviser;

2.9.2.4 because the conditions of play are disturbed in a way which could affect the outcome of the rally.

2.10 A POINT

2.10.1 Unless the rally is a let, a player shall score a point

2.10.1.1 if his opponent fails to make a correct service;

2.10.1.2 if his opponent fails to make a correct return;

2.10.1.3 if, after he has made a service or a return, the ball touches anything other than the net assembly before being struck by his opponent;

2.10.1.4 if the ball passes over his court or beyond his end line without touching his court, after being struck by his opponent;

2.10.1.5 if the ball, after being struck by an opponent, passes through the net, between the net and the net post or between the net and the playing surface;

2.10.1.6 if his opponent obstructs the ball;

2.10.1.7 if his opponent deliberately strikes the ball twice successively;

2.10.1.8 if his opponent strikes the ball with a side of the racket blade whose surface does not comply with the requirements of 2.4.3-2.4.6;

2.10.1.9 if his opponent, or anything his opponent wears or carries, moves the playing surface;

2.10.1.10 if his opponent, or anything his opponent wears or carries, touches the net assembly;

2.10.1.11 if his opponent's free hand touches the playing surface;

2.10.1.12 if a doubles opponent strikes the ball out of the sequence established by the first server and first receiver;

2.10.1.13 as provided under the expedite system (2.15.4).

2.10.1.14 if both players are in wheelchairs owing to physical disability and

2.10.1.14.1 his opponent does not maintain a minimum contact with the seat or cushions with the back of the thigh when the ball is struck;

2.10.1.14.2 his opponent touches the table with either hand before striking the ball;

2.10.1.14.3 his opponent's footrest or foot touches the floor during play

2.10.1.15 as provided under the order of play (2.8.3)

2.11 A GAME

2.11.1 A game shall be won by the player or pair first scoring 11 points unless both players or pairs score 10 points, when the game shall be won by the first player or pair subsequently gaining a lead of 2 points.

2.12 A MATCH

2.12.1 A match shall consist of the best of any odd number of games.

2.13 THE ORDER OF SERVING, RECEIVING AND ENDS

- 2.13.1 The right to choose the initial order of serving, receiving and ends shall be decided by lot and the winner may choose to serve or to receive first or to start at a particular end.
- 2.13.2 When one player or pair has chosen to serve or to receive first or to start at a particular end, the other player or pair shall have the other choice.
- 2.13.3 After each 2 points have been scored the receiving player or pair shall become the serving player or pair and so on until the end of the game, unless both players or pairs score 10 points or the expedite system is in operation, when the sequences of serving and receiving shall be the same but each player shall serve for only 1 point in turn.
- 2.13.4 In each game of a doubles match, the pair having the right to serve first shall choose which of them will do so and in the first game of a match the receiving pair shall decide which of them will receive first; in subsequent games of the match, the first server having been chosen, the first receiver shall be the player who served to him in the preceding game.
- 2.13.5 In doubles, at each change of service the previous receiver shall become the server and the partner of the previous server shall become the receiver.
- 2.13.6 The player or pair serving first in a game shall receive first in the next game of the match and in the last possible game of a doubles match the pair due to receive next shall change their order of receiving when first one pair scores 5 points.
- 2.13.7 The player or pair starting at one end in a game shall start at the other end in the next game of the match and in the last possible game of a match the players or pairs shall change ends when first one player or pair scores 5 points.

2.14 OUT OF ORDER OF SERVING, RECEIVING OR ENDS

- 2.14.1 If a player serves or receives out of turn, play shall be interrupted by the umpire as soon as the error is discovered and shall resume with those players serving and receiving who should be server and receiver respectively at the score that has been reached, according to the sequence established at the beginning of the match and, in doubles, to the order of serving chosen by the pair having the right to serve first in the game during which the error is discovered.
- 2.14.2 If the players have not changed ends when they should have done so, play shall be interrupted by the umpire as soon as the error is discovered and shall resume with the players at the ends at which they should be at the score that has been reached, according to the sequence established at the start of the match.
- 2.14.3 In any circumstances, all points scored before the discovery of an error shall be reckoned.

2.15 THE EXPEDITE SYSTEM

- 2.15.1 Except as provided in 2.15.2, the expedite system shall come into operation after 10 minutes' play in a game or at any time when requested by both players or pairs.
- 2.15.2 The expedite system shall not be introduced in a game if at least 18 points have been scored.
- 2.15.3 If the ball is in play when the time limit is reached and the expedite system is due to come into operation, play shall be interrupted by the umpire and shall resume with service by the player who served in the rally that was interrupted; if the ball is not in play when the expedite system comes into operation, play shall resume with service by the player who received in the immediately preceding rally.
- 2.15.4 Thereafter, each player shall serve for 1 point in turn until the end of the game, and if the receiving player or pair makes 13 returns in a rally the receiver shall score a point.
- 2.15.5 Introduction of the expedite system shall not alter the order of serving and receiving in the match, as defined in 2.13.6.
- 2.15.6 Once introduced, the expedite system shall remain in operation until the end of the match.

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