

NORTHAMPTON TABLE TENNIS LEAGUE

82nd Annual Closed Tournament - Saturday 26th April 2025
Malcolm Arnold Academy, Trinity Ave, Northampton, NN2 6JW

REGULATIONS:

1. The tournament to be played under Table Tennis England laws of table tennis and white clothing will not be allowed. White balls will be used.
2. The First Rounds of Events 1, 2, 13 and 15 will be on a group basis with three or four people in each group
3. (a) All non-group matches except event 6 to be the best of five games, 11 points up and 2 points clear. Event 6 will be the best of 3 games, 11 points up and 2 points clear. Winning and losing competitor(s) must be available to umpire when requested.
(b) Group matches may be 3 games only, depending on size of entry. Umpiring to be done by members of their group as per score sheet.
4. (a) The winner of each group will go forward to a knock-out competition.
(b) Group winners will be decided firstly by the number of matches won
(c) If two or more competitors have won the same number of matches then consideration will be given to the number of sets, then points won (maximum 11) and lost (maximum 9) for these players only. The results against other players in the group will not be considered.
(d) Event 1 group losers to be placed into a Plate Competition if time permits.
(e) Depending on the number of entries second place in a group may go forward to the knock-out competition.
5. (a) Events may not be run if there are less than 4 entries.
(b) The first round of any remaining singles event with less than nine entries may be organised on a group basis.
6. **Closing date for entries is Sunday 20th April 2025** - Entries received after the closing date may be refused. Cheques and postal orders should be made payable to Northampton Table Tennis League. Entries with appropriate fee must be sent to the Tournament Organiser as follows: **Scott Dixon, 30 Henshaw Road, Wellingborough, NN8 2AZ**. Or you can pay by Bank Transfer, use your first initial and surname as a reference to Sort Code 56-00-60 and Account Number 93254458. You can email your entry form if paying by Bank Transfer to **info@northamptonttl.org**
7. Competitors in Events 10 and 11 must be registered for the correct section of the league on the tournament closing date.
8. (a) **Provisional starting times for the events during the day are as follows:**

9:00	Event 12 (Mystery Doubles)	12:30	Event 1 (Open Singles)
10:00	Events 6, 7, 13-23 (Senior Singles/Doubles, Junior)	14:00	Events 10 and 11 (Division 1 and 2)
11:00	Events 2, 4, and 5 (Ladies Singles/Doubles, Mixed Doubles)	15:00	Event 8 (O40 Singles)
11:00	Event 9 (O40 Doubles)	16:00	Event 3 (Men's Doubles)
- (b) We will do our best to keep to the scheduled times but please allow for possible changes due to player availability and to keep things moving.
9. Competitors must report their arrival to the Tournament Desk fifteen minutes before they are due to start playing. Anyone not present at the times stated or who absents themselves without the permission of the Tournament Organiser may be scratched.
10. The finals will be played at the conclusion of the rounds of each event as far as is possible. Please return any perpetual cups won last tournament to Julie Neal (07745 839445) by the closing date. These will be presented at a league social event being held on Saturday 7th June 2025.
11. Persons wearing outdoor shoes are not allowed at any time within the playing area. Competitors must wear soft footwear with non-marking soles.
12. Smoking is strictly forbidden throughout the premises. Food and drink must not be brought into the playing area.
13. Limited refreshments may be available.
14. (a) Players must have played at least 2 League or Cup matches in N.T.T.L. prior to the closing date.
(b) Juniors not playing in the N.T.T.L. but who are members of the Northampton Junior League/Club or are pupils attending a School within Northampton or at the discretion of the Tournament Committee are eligible to play in the Junior events and the Mystery Doubles only. (Events 12 to 23)
15. A Tournament Referee will be appointed by the Tournament Committee.
16. The Executive Committee has discretionary powers on any tournament matters.
17. All players entering events 1 to 11 must be registered with Table Tennis England.
18. Any players withdrawing after the draw has taken place will not have their fees refunded.