



ENGLISH SCHOOLS' TABLE TENNIS ASSOCIATION

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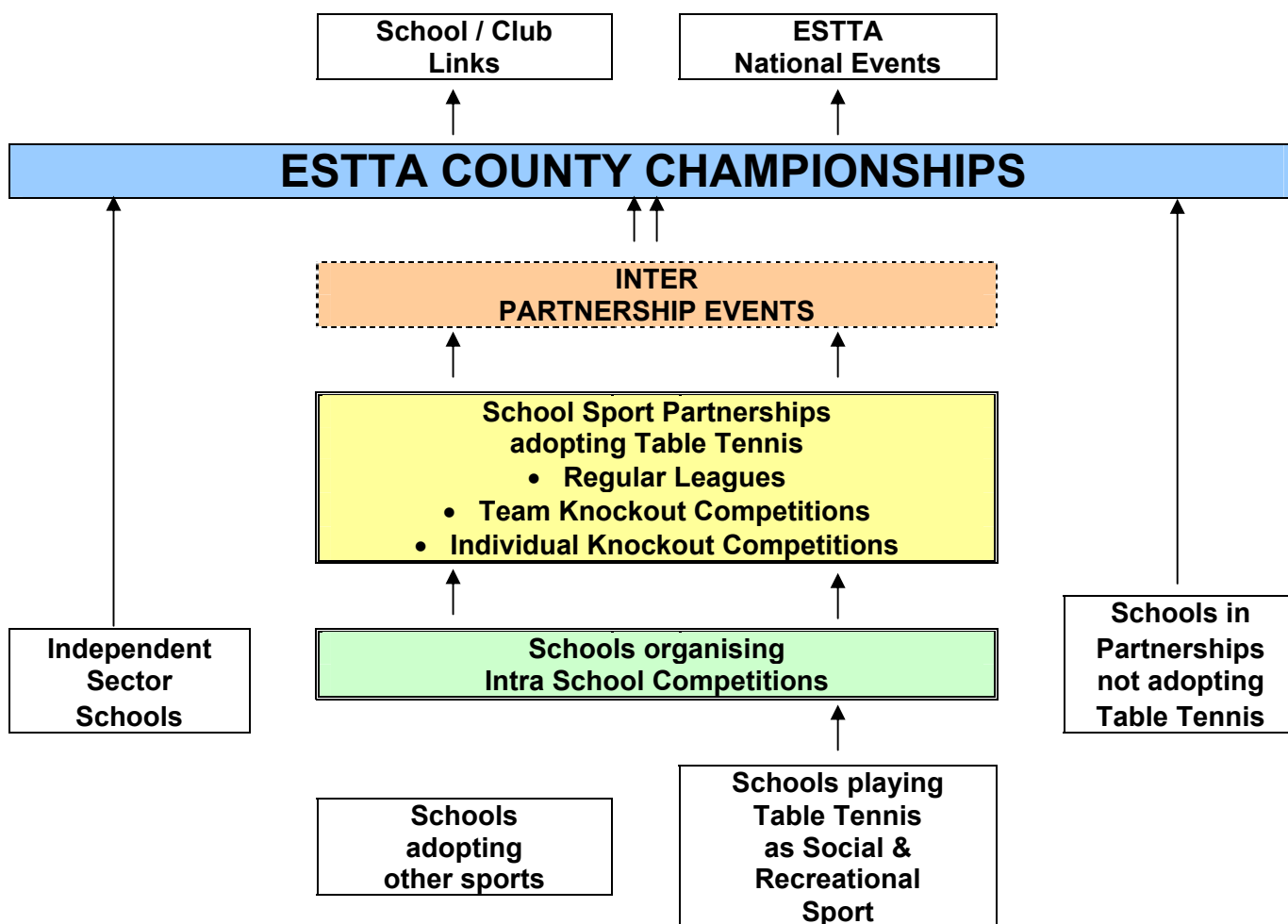
To: ESTTA County Secretaries, Executive Committee, Vice Presidents, Competition Managers, Partnership Development Managers, Schools and those promoting Table Tennis for Young People

FITTING TOGETHER THE PIECES OF THE JIGSAW!

Calling all ESTTA County Secretaries and SSP Competition Managers

Now is the time to maximise opportunities and fit together your pieces of the jigsaw in the **right place** and at the **right time**.

Schools' Table Tennis should start to look like this:



Is this how it looks on your patch?

Timing is key. Hopefully, schools will be organising intra-school events (social, recreational and competitive) throughout the year, partnerships – inter-school leagues and/or team/individual knockouts which lead to ESTTA county events based on the following calendar

SSP team events to be played in September/early November to lead to County Schools' events held in mid/late November. 4-a-side (boys/girls). League or knockout dependent upon size of entry and available facilities.

SSP individual events to be played in January to lead to County Schools' events held in February. Events may be in group/knockout format (boys/girls) dependent upon size of entry and available facilities.

| CALENDAR | TEAM COMPETITIONS | INDIVIDUAL COMPETITIONS |
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| September October | Partnership Competitions | |
| November | County Events | |
| December | * | |
| January | ESTTA Zone Finals | Partnership Competitions |
| February | ESTTA Regional Finals | County Events |
| March | ESTTA National Finals | ** |
| April | | ESTTA National Finals |
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* Closing date for entry of County Representatives for ESTTA Team – 8th December

** Closing date for entry of County Representatives for ESTTA Individual – 13th March

Butterfly School Team Championships 2009

Congratulations to the players from Peniel Academy, Brentwood, Essex; Kesteven & Grantham Girls' School, Lincolnshire; Springwell Community School, Staveley, Derbyshire; Filton College, Bristol, Avon and Morpeth Secondary School, Tower Hamlets, Middlesex on becoming 2009 Butterfly National School Team Championships. Thanks must be extended to all their teachers, coaches and parents for their support. Report, results and photographs can be found on the ESTTA website – www.estta.org.uk.

Primary Schools' International 2009

Congratulations also go to the England/ESTTA Under 11 Girls' team who took first place in the Primary International held recently in Blackburn and to the Under 11 Boys' who were placed second. Full results on the ESTTA website.

The Great Outdoors

One of the greatest impacts for many schools has been the introduction of Outdoor Table Tennis Tables in use before school, at break, during lunchtime and after school. Gary Steele, Director of Sport and Deputy Headteacher of Wood Green High School, Wednesbury, West Midlands reports on how the purchase of eight outdoor tables has not only raised the profile of table tennis in the school, but has impacted upon improved behaviour. He writes "Table tennis is a focus sport in school, pupils quickly gain personal success, organisation is simple and equipment can be borrowed on a booking system. Table Tennis is integral to our active lunchtime programme. By engaging with pupils during this time, we have found that behaviour has improved because pupils are engaged in meaningful structured activities. The tables, some which are seven years old, are robust and of high quality needing little maintenance. Wood Green is one of twelve outstanding schools showcased by Ofsted in 2009 in spite of its socio-economic background. Table tennis has played its part in this success." Wood Green has also supplied an outdoor table for each of its five partner primary schools.

County Boundaries

In January all County Secretaries were invited to comment on proposals to re-align 'ESTTA Counties' with the now well established County Sports' Partnerships and the School Sport Partnerships which work within their boundaries. The major changes which adoption of this new structure will bring is the replacement of Essex Met., Kent Met., Middlesex and Surrey Met. with London Central, London East, London North, London South and London West.

Herefordshire, Worcestershire, East Sussex and West Sussex will retain their individual status.

West Midlands will be the CSPs of the Black Country and Birmingham.

Darlington will remain in Durham.

Please contact me personally if you wish to discuss the above or require further clarification before the proposals are considered at the ESTTA AGM in May. We hope there will be support from County Secretaries, Competition Managers and the wider table tennis fraternity in order to make this workable. In these exciting times we hope to rely on your continued support so that schools' table tennis will flourish.

Table Tennis at University

Schools – please pass on this information to your students.

'Calling school leavers who are continuing their education at university. Table tennis can be played whatever your level, wherever you choose to study. Just because you leave home, your participation in competitive table tennis need not stop. In fact, it could lead to competition in European and World University events!' They can find out more on the British Universities and Colleges Sport (BUCS) website – www.bucs.org.uk which describes what is happening in team and individual competitions in the 151 BUCS affiliated universities throughout the country which have table tennis clubs. For additional information contact Mike Payne on 01332 557162 or mjpayne@talktalk.net.

Dates for your Diary

- Butterfly National Schools' Individual Championships. The Dome, Doncaster (DN4 7PD), Saturday 25th April 2009. Play from 9am to 7pm. Why not come along to the largest one day individual table tennis event in the country!
- ESTTA Annual General Meeting. Wood Green High School, Wednesbury, West Midlands (WS10 9QU), Sunday 10th May 2009 – 2pm. The ESTTA Executive would welcome new members to join their Committee. If you feel you can offer your support, we would be pleased to see you or just come along and contribute to the meeting. Contact Richard Hudson, General Secretary at richardhudson847@btinternet.com for further information.
- Schools' Invitation International Championships (Under 14/16/19). Largs, Scotland, from 26th/28th June 2009.
- UK School Games. South Wales, from 4th/6th September 2009. Table tennis (Under 17) will be staged at the Newport International Village Tennis Centre.

ESTTA Website – Keep in Touch!

- Monthly News
- Events & Results
- Contact Details – County Secretaries & ESTTA Executive Members
- Development – Butterfly 'More Schools' Project
- Photo Gallery
- Calendar
- Links to Butterfly, ETTA, UK School Games & the International School Sport Federation (ISF)

All on www.estta.org.uk

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