

# ENGLISH SCHOOLS' TABLE TENNIS ASSOCIATION

## Individual Championship Rules

1. These Championships will be played on Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> April 2012 at **The Dome, Doncaster**.
2. There will be eight singles events as follows:

Event Number 1	Boys Under 19
Event Number 2	Girls Under 19
Event Number 3	Boys Under 16
Event Number 4	Girls Under 16
Event Number 5	Boys Under 13
Event Number 6	Girls Under 13
Event Number 7	Boys Under 11
Event Number 8	Girls Under 11
3. Ages shall be reckoned as at midnight on 31<sup>st</sup> August/1<sup>st</sup> September 2011 i.e. a pupil born on or after 1<sup>st</sup> September 1992 will be eligible for the Under 19 event.
- 4A. Each County Association shall be entitled to enter one player in each of the events. This player should be the champion arising from the County Association's Individual Singles Championships of the current season played in the eight age categories above. The player's school or college must be affiliated to the appropriate County Schools' Association.
- 4B. The acceptance of an entrant other than the current champion as representative of a County Association shall be solely at the discretion of the Championships Committee of the ESTTA.

The Championships Committee shall consist of the following Officers of the Association:

  - (i) The Chairman
  - (ii) The Individual Competition Secretary
  - (iii) The General Secretary
- This Committee's decisions shall be final on all matters (see Rule 5).
- 4C. Pupils may be nominated who leave school at Easter 2012, but who were in full-time education for the Autumn Term of 2011 and the Spring Term of 2012.
- 4D. Entry shall be effected by completing Form S1, for return to the Individual Competition Secretary on or before **25<sup>th</sup> February 2012** indicating in which events the County Association shall be represented and submitting the entry fee of **£23.00** per event entered.
- 4E. Each County Association shall then forward on Form S2, due for return to the Individual Competition Secretary on or before **3<sup>rd</sup> March 2012**, full details of each of its representatives in the events previously entered. Form S2 will give full details of the representatives and shall be signed by the entrant's Headteacher or Deputy Headteacher.
- 4F. A player may only play in the youngest event for which he or she is eligible, or in the next higher event.
- 4G. At the time of the return of Form S2 it will be necessary to notify the travelling and overnight accommodation arrangements (if any) of each entrant. This information is required by the Championships Committee for the preparation of the playing schedules.
- 4H. In case of emergency only the Championships Committee shall, if fully satisfied, be

- empowered to accept a substitute entrant for the player nominated on Form S2.
- 4I. Each player will be placed in a group of a minimum of 5 players, giving at least 4 sets per player at group level, except where another member of the group defaults on the actual day of play.
- 4J. For each match in a group 2 match points will be awarded for a win, 1 match point for a loss in a played match and 0 match points for a loss in an unplayed or unfinished match.  
The ranking order shall be determined primarily by the number of match points gained. If two or more members of the group have gained the same number of match points their relative positions shall be determined by the results only of the matches played between those being equal taking successively the ratio of wins to losses in games and points.
- 4K. The group winners and runners-up will then proceed to determine the championships on a knock-out basis.
- 4L. Notwithstanding Rules 4I, J and K, depending on the number of entries received the Championships Committee is powered to employ a straight “knock-out” and consolation system of play.
- 4M. The Championship Committee may require players to umpire as it thinks fit.  
A player shall be allowed to provide a competent umpire in lieu.
- 4N. Clothing shall conform to current ITTF regulations, as adopted by the ETTA.
- 4O. The back of a player’s shirt must display clearly the number allocated to the player in the Championship programme.
- 4P. Throughout the Championships all sets shall be the best of five games (up to eleven). All play shall be played under the Laws of Table Tennis as adopted by the English Table Tennis Association.
- 4R. Trophies will be awarded to the first four entrants in all eight events, and certificates will be given to all participants to certify that they represented their county in the Championships.
5. In the event of any disputes to the interpretation of Rules 1 to 4 above or any matter arising which is not provided for in these Rules, the decision of the Championships Committee shall be final.
6. All proposed alterations to the Individual Championships Rules must be notified in writing to the Honorary General Secretary by 31<sup>st</sup> March or at least 28 days before a Special General Meeting.

### **CLOTHING**

Playing clothing shall normally consist of a short-sleeved shirt, and shorts or skirt, playing shoes and socks. Other garments such as part or all of a track suit shall not be worn during play, except with the permission of the referee,

Shirts, shorts and skirts may be of any colour or colours except that where a white ball is in use, only the collar, and the sleeves of the shirt, and trimming alongside seams and near the edges of shorts or skirts may be white. Where a yellow ball is used only these parts may be yellow.