



Stroud & District Table Tennis **YOUTH** League Season 2009 – 2010

General Information and rules

1. The SDTTYL will consist of 2 sections – Juniors (U18) and Mini-Cadets (U13) with a minimum of one division in each section and maximum of 12 teams in each division
2. Entry is open to those attending a Stroud & District Primary or Secondary School, members of a Stroud & District Table Tennis League club and those resident in the Stroud District
3. Each School/Club may initially enter up to three teams but if the event is over subscribed, this may be reduced
4. If it is necessary to restrict entries, restriction will be on the basis of last received, first out
5. Individual players may enter and a team found for them where possible
6. Entrants for the Junior division (U18) must be born after 31st December 1991
7. Entrants for the Mini Cadet division (U13) must be born after 31st December 1996
8. Fees are detailed on the registration form
9. Players may only play for one school/club during the season. Schools/clubs with more than one team should register in order of ability, i.e. the best players in Team A.
10. Teams will consist of two players (although several registered players may play in each match), each playing up to two singles and one doubles match. One point scored for each set, maximum of 5. Each game shall be played to 11 points, best of 3 for Mini Cadets and best of 5 for juniors. Knock up time will be limited to 1 minute.
11. Schools/Clubs may register as many players as they wish in each team. Once registered, players may not then play for another team in that division without authority of the Organising Secretary. Players may play up in a more senior division at any point and will become bound in that division after playing 3 matches up. Players may not play for different teams on the same day without authority of the Organising Secretary.
12. All matches will be played on the specified day when all teams will assemble to play at one multi-table venue.
13. Teams must arrive before start of play to receive organisational instructions.
14. A schedule of matches for each day will be supplied on the day. Matches between teams from different clubs will take preference on each day of competition.
15. Score sheets will be supplied and should be returned to the organiser by the relevant home secretary as soon as possible.
16. The home team will be players A & B and the away team players X & Y. The order of play will be: A v X : B v Y
:Doubles: A v Y : B v X
17. Players will be expected to complete the score sheet correctly, ensuring that game scores are correct and allotted to the correct player. Players with the same surname must be identified by a first name not initial.
18. Umpiring of matches will be preferably by the players as identified on the score sheet; should a player not feel competent to umpire, a parent, helper or senior player will be permitted. Where possible the umpiring of the doubles will be by a neutral player/person, not associated with either club.
19. The total number of sets won will determine the final league placing.
20. In the event of a tie at the end of the season, final placing will be determined by the results between the two tied teams
21. Trophies will be awarded to the winning team and the runners up team.
22. Postponements: Despite publishing dates and times of fixtures, there is bound to be occasions throughout the season where teams fail to turn up or turn up with only one player. The following rules shall apply:
23. Given sufficient notice ie 3 days before the scheduled day (to enable re-planning of fixtures) each **team** (not club) will be allowed to postpone a **maximum of one** set of matches during the season. This will obviously not apply to the final set of matches.
24. If a team turns up on the day with one or more player missing they can use one or more substitutes **from a lower division only**.
25. If a team cannot raise a full team, their fixtures for that day cannot be held over to another week. In the event that there are no suitable substitutes, then the outstanding games will be awarded to the opposing team. If a team can only raise one player, then their two singles matches should be played as normal and the results recorded. The remaining two singles and the doubles will automatically go to the team with two players.
26. If two teams are due to play each other and neither side has a full team, then the points for any outstanding singles games will shared equally between the two teams. The doubles will simply not count.
27. If both teams fail to field a single player, then the match will be declared void and no points awarded to either side.
28. The Laws of Table Tennis as approved by the ETTA will apply except where mentioned otherwise
29. Notwithstanding the above the Organiser on the day in conjunction with team captains has the authority to change and accept differing conditions and standards
30. The format may be varied at the discretion of the Organiser in the light of entries received
31. Competitors will be permitted to practice on match tables at the discretion of the organiser
32. Team clothing shall be of a recognisable table tennis type and of a colour other than white.
33. Playing footwear shall be of a type that will not mark or damage the floor
34. No gluing up will be allowed in the building.
35. Play will take place on ETTA approved tables with ETTA approved nets, posts and 3 star white balls.