

Yorkshire Table Tennis Association

Yorkshire Clubs Championships

Rules & Regulations 2009/2010

1. NAME

The competition shall be known as the

YORKSHIRE CLUBS TABLE TENNIS CHAMPIONSHIPS.

2. PARTICIPATION

- 2.1 Entries will be accepted from any Club which is either a member of an affiliated league/association or is directly affiliated to the County Association.
- 2.2 Clubs entering two teams in the same competition must nominate, on application, 3 players to represent the first team, who will then, whether they have played or not played in the season's competition, be ineligible to play for a lower team.
- 2.3 Clubs entering three teams in the same competition must nominate, on application, 3 players to represent the first team and 3 players to represent the second team. These players will then, whether they have played or not in the season's competition, be ineligible to play for a lower team, but a second team player, not having played for the second team, may play for the first team after which Regulation 7.3 will apply.

3. MATCH EXPENSES

- 3.1 Each home team is responsible for expenses of venue and the provision of refreshments for visiting players and one official.
- 3.2 Each team is responsible for its own travel expenses.
- 3.3 If a visiting team is prevented for any reason from reaching the venue, any loss sustained by the home team shall be reimbursed by the visiting team.

4. ADMINISTRATION

The competition will be administered by a Sub-Committee (to be known as Competitions Sub-Committee) appointed by the Management Committee under Association Rule 9.10. Trophies will be awarded to winners and runners up in each competition.

ALL TROPHIES WILL BE PRESENTED AT THE ANNUAL DINNER.

5. FIXTURES

- 5.1 The format for both Senior and Veteran competitions will be on a league basis with all teams playing all, the top two teams at the end of the league session will play each other in the final at Dewsbury
- 5.2 The first team drawn in any combination will be the home team, except as provided by Regulation 5.3.
- 5.3 If in any round, apart from the final, the club played away in the previous season against the same opposition, they may claim the right to play at home.

6. DATE OF MATCHES

- 6.1 All matches shall be played before the closing date shown on the fixture list.
- 6.2 The home team must offer at least two dates to the visitors, giving a minimum of 14 days notice.
- 6.3 The visiting team must reply within 5 days.
- 6.4 When the distance the visiting team has to travel exceeds 50 miles one way, the visiting team may request a weekend date.

7. QUALIFICATION OF PLAYERS

- 7.1 Players representing a club which is a member of an affiliated league / association must be registered and bona fide member of the club and play for it regularly in their league / association.
- 7.2 Players representing directly affiliated clubs must be bona fide members of the club.
- 7.3 A player may play for a higher team than the one in which he / she is registered. However, on the second occasion the player becomes ineligible to play for the lower team.
- 7.4 No player who has not represented the team at least once during the qualifying matches may play for the team on Finals Night

8. REGISTRATION OF PLAYERS

- 8.1 At least 10 days prior to playing of their first match, each club shall register all players, including those nominated under Regulations 2.1 and 2.2, where applicable, by supplying the Competition Secretary with separate lists of the following, where teams are entered:
 - 1. Senior team players
 - 2. Veteran team players
- 8.2 Additional players may be registered at any time up to **30th December 2009**

9. PLAYING CONDITIONS

- 9.1 The minimum playing space provided by the home team shall be 30 feet by 18 feet, unless by mutual agreement of the two teams concerned.
- 9.2 The lighting should be adequate to illuminate the entire playing area with a minimum of 3 x 150 watt bulbs hanging, suitably shaded, in a straight line down the table.

- 9.3 No complaint or claim in respect of playing conditions shall be entertained unless such complaint or claim was made to the opposing team before the commencement of the fifth set of the match.

10. MATCH PROCEDURE

- 10.1 All matches shall be played under ETTA and ITTF Regulations and the current Laws of Table Tennis for International Competitions.
- 10.2 In all Club Championship matches each team shall consist of three players, each of whom shall play each other member of the opposing team a set, with one set of doubles.(except in the Final)
- 10.3 The order of play shall be shown on the official score card.
- 10.4 In all matches the captains shall exchange list of players before play begins and any set not played at the proper time through the absence of a player, or reserve, shall be forfeited to the opposing team.
- 10.5 Umpiring for each set shall be agreed mutually and should be undertaken alternately by a member of the visiting and home teams or supporters. In the case of a dispute as to who should umpire, the visiting captain must have the choice.
- 10.6 In all matches, each set shall consist of the best of 5 games.
- 10.7 The home club is responsible for the posting of the match results, on the card provided, to the Competition Secretary within 48 hours (Sundays excluded) of the conclusion of the match. Any club failing to send in the result in time shall be fined £5 for the first offence and £10 for second and subsequent offences. Any club failing to field a complete team shall be fined £5 for each player short.
- 11.** The Management Committee shall have the power to deal with any matters arising in the course of the Yorkshire Club Table Tennis Championships not provided for in these regulations.

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