



# Team Leicestershire Table Tennis Handbook

**Key Information,  
Rules and Formats**

2023/24



# Welcome

Welcome to the 2023/24 Team Leicestershire Table Tennis Season. All sport-specific information, rules, formats and age groups are included within this handbook. For additional Team Leicestershire information, overarching rules and processes, please also ensure that you refer to the 2023/24 Team Leicestershire handbook.

## Obligations

It is imperative that Team Managers read and understand the contents of this sport specific handbook and the generic Team Leicestershire rules and formats handbook to ensure the smooth running of each competition.

Please pay specific attention to the deadlines and play by dates within this document.

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# Association Committee



## Chair

**Tim Cawston**

## Treasurer

**Peter Wilson**

## Secretary

**Mike Smith**

## Contact details

### Local

Should you wish to contact a representative of Team Leicestershire regarding the qualifying stages of the competition (I.E. fixtures between schools within partnership areas), please direct queries to your local SGO.

### County Finals

Should you wish to contact a representative of Team Leicestershire for the County Finals stages of the competition (I.E. preliminary qualifiers onwards), please direct queries to your local SGO, who will make representation on your behalf to Team Leicestershire.

### Table Tennis

For any general queries related to Table Tennis in Leicestershire, Leicester and Rutland, please contact the Association directly:

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# Rules and Formats

## Age groups

**Under 11 Boys** (Year 5/6)

**Under 11 Girls** (Year 5/6)

**Under 13 Boys** (Year 7/8)

**Under 16 Boys** (Year 9/10/11)

**Under 13 Girls** (Year 7/8)

**Under 16 Girls** (Year 9/10/11)

**Under 19 Boys** (Y12/13 - *Straight to County final on EOI*)

**Under 19 Girls** (Y12/13 - *Straight to County final on EOI*)

## Format

- Teams will consist of 4 players of the same gender (except under 19 girls, which is 2 players)
- All players in a team must be in the appropriate age category at start of September 2022 and study at the same school
- LSTTA has full control over the County finals and has authority to adjust all elements of the Finals if necessary. Local rounds must be coordinated between schools and the SGO.
- All team matches should be determined by the number of individual matches within each team match won or drawn allowing 2 points for a win and 1 for a draw.

## County Finals

- At County finals there will be 2 groups drawn on the day, splitting the competing number of teams equally in half or as near as possible to equal. I.E. 10 teams would produce 2 pools of 5 teams. This will form the Group Stage of the competition.
- In the Group Stage of the County finals, fixtures will be played as one individual match for each of the 4 players in the team, equating to 4 individual matches in total which will make up the 'team match'.
- The resulting group standings will be used to draw the fixtures for the Finals Stage, based on the order that the teams finished in the Group Stage. The winner of Group A will play the Winner of Group B for the title. The runner up of Group A and B will play off, and so on.

- For the Finals Stage of the competition the format will change to a best of 3 or 5 games, with each of the 4 individual team members playing twice, equating to 8 individual matches to make up the overall 'team match'.
- The designated format for which player plays whom within the team matches will be followed. E.g: 1 v 1 and 1 v 2 etc.

## Rules

- An individual match consists of an uneven number of games. 'Uneven' can be as few as one and up to 5. The length of each match may be determined by time and table constraint
- Each player must serve twice consecutively before service transfers to the opposition
- A game is won by the player first scoring 11 points, with a clear gap lead of 2 points; if both players score 10 points, then the game is won when one player has a lead of 2 clear points (E.g: 13-11)
- A coin toss will determine serve, with the winner serving first in the first game; after 2 points, the receiver becomes the server and so on after each 2 points until the end of the game. If 10-10 is reached, the service is alternate
- For the second game, the initial receiver serves first and in subsequent games, it alternates
- A good service starts with the ball resting on the palm of the hand with the ball thrown upwards about 6 inches (16cm); the server hits the ball from behind the end of the table so it bounces on his side of the table and then on the other side
- A good return is made when the receiver hits the ball over the net on to the other side of the table
- A point finishes when the ball is hit by the player so that it does not bounce on the other side of the table – I.E: it goes off the table or into the net
- A 'let' service is when the server serves the ball and it touches the net and hits the other side; the service is repeated until good.
- A 'let' will be called by the umpire if a ball comes into the playing area from an adjoining table
- The bat will have red on one side and black on other
- Equipment required: table tennis tables, bats, balls. Schools **MUST** provide their own bats. At county finals stages balls will be provided by the Association
- Members of school staff may be asked to umpire matches

# Key Dates

**Team Finals nights will ALL be held at Knighton Park Table Tennis Club on the following dates:**

**Under 11 Finals**  
**9<sup>th</sup> Nov 2023**

**Girls: 9.30-12 & Boys: 12.30-3**

**Under 19 Boys** (*Straight to County final on EOI*)  
**9<sup>th</sup> Nov 2023**

**3:45 report, 4-6pm fixtures**

**Under 13 Boys**  
**16<sup>th</sup> Nov 2023**

**3:45 report, 4-6pm fixtures**

**Under 16 Boys**  
**23<sup>rd</sup> Nov 2023**

**3:45 report, 4-6pm fixtures**

**ALL Girls - Under 13 & Under 16 & Under 19**  
**30<sup>th</sup> Nov 2023**

**3:45 report, 4-6pm fixtures**

**\*Trophies and medals will be awarded to  
winning teams at each event\***

## **Individual Championships**

**Saturday Dec 2<sup>nd</sup> (U11) & Saturday Dec 9<sup>th</sup> (U13-19)**  
at Leicester Grammar School and Knighton Park

\*Details will be sent directly to schools

- Please note that car parking at Knighton Park Table Tennis Club will be limited so players are likely to have to be dropped off and collected.

