

Match Play

20. All matches shall be played under the rules of the English Table Tennis Association (TTE).
21. The rules for league match play shall be as follows:
- a team shall consist of three players;
 - each player shall play each opposing player a singles set;
 - any two members of the team shall play a doubles set; and
 - all sets shall be the best of three or five games
- Four points shall be awarded for a win, two points for a draw, and one point for a defeat in which three or more sets are won by the losing team.
22. a) Match play should commence by 7.30pm except where an alternative start time has been agreed by the League Committee and published within the League Handbook/equivalent or the amendments thereto. Each team must have at least two players present by the scheduled start of match play, otherwise their opponents may claim the match by default; a claim for a default must be accompanied by a brief description of events. The third player must be present by the start of the last set that could be played in that player's absence. Any team playing with only one member shall be deemed to be in default.
- b) A team shall forfeit two points for a first default and shall forfeit four points for a second default. Any subsequent defaults shall be dealt with by the General Committee.
- c) If an opponent arrives late at a venue where the playing time is limited, the offended side shall have the right to claim all games not played provided they be as a direct result of the late arrival.
- d) On the third and subsequent occasions that a team plays with a player short, one point will be deducted irrespective of the result.
- e) A Club defaulted against may require the defaulting Club to reimburse it any reasonable and otherwise irrecoverable expenses incurred as a result of the default. The amount of such reimbursement is to be agreed between the two Clubs concerned, but if agreement cannot be reached the dispute may be referred to the General Committee for arbitration. On referring such a dispute to the General Committee, both Clubs must state their case in writing. The General Committee's decision will be binding on both Clubs and a Club failing to comply with such a decision shall be expelled from the League.
23. Unless mutually agreed, the order of play shall be:
1. Home 1 vs. Away 1;
 2. Home 2 vs. Away 2;
 3. Home 3 vs. Away 3;
 4. Home 1 vs. Away 2;
 5. Home 3 vs. Away 1;
 6. Home 2 vs. Away 3;
 7. Home 3 vs. Away 2;
 8. Home 1 vs. Away 3;
 9. Home 2 vs. Away 1;
 10. Doubles.

Each team will fill in its own team on its own card, and the cards will then be exchanged.

24. Each team shall provide an umpire for alternate games, whose decision shall be final.
25. A result card must be completed by both teams, and both cards must be initialled by both team captains; it is then the responsibility of each team to ensure that their own result card is received by the appropriate Divisional Secretary (either scanned or posted) no later than the third working day following the day of the match.
26. A player may play for the team for which he/she is registered; and for higher teams of the Club for which he/she is registered, but on no more than five occasions in total during the season.
27. A player may not play if not registered for the Club for whom he/she wishes to play; for two teams of one Club in the same division other than as a result of re-registration; and for a team lower than that for which he/she is registered.
28. In each match that a team fields an ineligible player or players, all sets played by the ineligible player(s) shall be awarded to the opponents; the match result shall be decided on the basis of the amended set results, and two points shall be forfeited by the offending team. For the purposes of Rules 22(a) and 22(d) only, the ineligible player(s) shall be considered to have played.
29.
 - a) League matches may not be postponed without the consent of both teams. The Divisional Secretary must be notified no later than the day following the due date for the match by both teams involved in a postponement.
 - b) All matches postponed must be played no later than the Friday specified on the fixtures page.
30. The General Secretary and appropriate Divisional Secretary or Secretaries must be notified in writing of any change in secretary, club room, or match night. In addition, the Club concerned must immediately notify in writing all Clubs in the particular division(s) likely to be affected.
31.
 - a) If a team is compelled to withdraw from the League during the season, notification shall be given to the General Secretary together with the reasons for the withdrawal, and the General Committee shall consider what penalty, if any, shall be imposed.
 - b) When a Club/team is compelled to withdraw from the League, it shall be the duty of the Divisional Secretaries concerned to immediately notify other Club Secretaries within the division(s) from which that Club/team has withdrawn, upon receipt of notice of such withdrawal.