

## Rules meeting propositions

### Proposition 1.

Throughout, the Association and League Rules there are reference to “the Table Tennis England”. Remove the word “the” where it is grammatically correct to do so.

**Objective:** This is a tidy up and a correction of a grammatical error introduced when changing “English Table Tennis Association” to “Table Tennis England”.

### Proposition 2

**AR 2 f)** Add “and Table Tennis England’s” between “Sport England’s” and “equity objectives.” to read,

“To actively promote participation within key groups, namely, women and girls, people with disabilities, members of ethnic minority communities and people from socially excluded communities in accordance with Sport England’s and Table Tennis England’s equity objectives.

**Objective:** To include the Table Tennis England equity objectives.

### Proposition 3

**AR 3** Remove “in Bristol and District” to read.

“The Association shall consist of duly elected officers, clubs and individual members who may be deemed eligible for membership.”

**Objective:** We already allow players from outside of the Bristol and District. This change is to bring the rules up to date with current practices.

### Proposition 4

**AR 4** Remove “same” after “shall sign” and add “by the Club Secretary, Chairperson or other duly appointed official” before “on the behalf of the club” and also removing “the” before “behalf”

Add 4 a) All individual members must be affiliated to Table Tennis England at the same or higher level as their participation within the Association or Association Club play.

to read,

“Every club and individual enumerated under Rule 3 shall complete the affiliation form in force for the time being, and shall sign on his/her behalf or by the Club Secretary, Chairperson or other duly appointed official on behalf of the club. NB: A club shall remain affiliated from the previous season until the date upon which it is required to affiliate for the following season. An individual shall be considered to remain affiliated from the previous season until the date upon which he/she is required to affiliate for the following season.

4 a) All individual members must be affiliated to Table Tennis England at the same or higher level as their participation within the Association or Association Club play.”

**Objective:** To ensure the rule is more readable and accommodate clubs that may have a less formal organisation where a Club Secretary or Chairperson role may not exist. 4 a) requires members to affiliate to Table Tennis England. Compete or Compete Plus allows participation in Association competitions, Club Play allows participation within Clubs and Supporter caters for non-playing members.

### Proposition 5

**AR 5 b)** add “and” after “Item 2 will apply”, after Item 4 add “will apply” and replace “Item 4” with “Item 20”.

**Schedule of charges** add new line in “Senior League” section, “Item 20 (AR5b) Insurance surcharge fee free whilst included with Table Tennis England affiliation.”

AR 5 b) to read “An Individual Registration Fee of Schedule Item 2 will apply and shall be paid by all members taking part in League Play. An additional Schedule Item 20 will apply and shall be paid by all members taking part in league play to meet the cost of providing third party liability insurance cover for all players.”

**Objective:** To correct an inconsistency in the existing rule referring to Schedule Item 4 (relating to Junior Affiliation fees) and adding an appropriate entry to the Schedule of Charges to cover the surcharge being part of TTE affiliation, and to cater for the addition of an independent charge should the insurance be withdrawn from TTE affiliation.

### Proposition 6

**AR 5 d)** replace “Avon Table Tennis Association” with “Avon County Table Tennis Association” to read,

“Any liability to VAT on affiliation fees payable to the Table Tennis England and/or Avon County Table Tennis Association shall be recovered in the form of a similar surcharge on domestic Player’s Registration fees.”

**Objective:** To correct the reference to Avon County Table Tennis Association.

### Proposition 7

**AR 8 d)** replace “The appointed league representative of the Association (Rule 14c) will be liable to contribute up to a maximum of £10.00.” to read,

“The appointed League Representative Company Member elected by the Association will have a limited liability to contribute up to a maximum of £10.00 in the event that Table Tennis England becomes insolvent.”

**Objective:** This rule is misleading and relates to the liability of the League Representative Company Member in the event of a financial winding up of Table Tennis England. The unamended rule is unclear and makes reference to Rule 14 c which is incorrect. The amendment is to update the rule to be accurate.

## Proposition 8

**LR 17** replace “All matches must be completed by the end of April” with “All matches must be completed by the date specified as the official end date of each season.” and add “or electronic equivalent” after “Association’s Handbook”.

“Teams in all divisions shall play one home and one away match with each of the other teams in the same division, the home team to have choice of date. Should home nights not be published in the Association’s Handbook or electronic equivalent, the Secretary of the home club shall give seven clear days’ notice to the opponents. All matches must be completed by the date specified as the official end date of each season.”

**Objective:** To free up this rule to allow a flexible end of season date rather than having it fixed to the end of April.

## Proposition 9

**LR 19 b)** add an additional clause, “This could include the curtailment of a pre-match knock-up.”

“The Executive Committee will only approve a variation to the 7.30pm start time in exceptional circumstances, related to the availability of the home venue/premises. This could include the curtailment of a pre-match knock-up.”

Additionally: **LR 20 c)** Add clause “Unless overridden by an Executive Committee agreed change, as per LR 19 b).

“For the ten minutes prior to the agreed commencement of a match the visiting team shall have the sole use of the match table for practice. Unless overridden by an Executive Committee agreed change, as per LR 19 b).”

**Objective:** Ensure there is provision available for venues where access does not allow for full team knock-ups.

## Proposition 10

**LR 21 & 22** Replace both rules including their heading with the following:

### “SCORE SUBMISSIONS

21 The result of a match must be entered into the Bristol League approved electronic system within 5 days of the completion of the match. Any match score not submitted within this period will result in a fine for the home team (see Schedule) for each request sent to the home team by the Executive Committee.

22 Alternate arrangements from the above should be submitted to the Executive Committee for approval and agreed. Failure to comply with the agreed method and period of result submission will result in a fine for the home team (see Schedule) for each request sent to the home team by the Executive Committee.”

**Objective:** These old versions of the rules relating to the submission of physical scoresheets is no longer relevant. The updated version of the rule addresses the new methods of result submission

and the removal of the time required for the posting of physical scoresheets, which could still be permitted by exception and with the approval of the Executive Committee via the new LR 22.

### Proposition 11

**LR 23** Amend the existing rule to read as follows:

“Premier Division: The two bottom teams relegated, Division 1 and below: The two top teams promoted and 2 bottom teams relegated.”

**Objective:** To ensure clarity of the way promotion and relegation of teams at the end of each season will be operated. This change of wording will ensure teams are relegated rather than vacancies. The primary benefit is to prevent vacancies being pushed down to the lowest division over time compromising the viability of the lower or bottom divisions and providing the Executive Committee the ability to maintain the largest number of divisions possible.

### Proposition 12

**LR 40 c)** replace “not a Saturday or Sunday” with “not a Saturday, Sunday or Bank Holiday”. Also replace “cancellations” with “postponements” throughout the rule to read,

“Following a postponement the home team must offer two dates, (not a Saturday, Sunday or Bank Holiday unless mutually agreed with their opponents), nor a night which clashes with their opponents scheduled league fixtures, giving at least 14 days’ notice. The dates offered must be copied to the Executive Committee Member responsible for postponements. The away team must reply, within 10 days, with the Executive Committee Member responsible for postponements being notified of the accepted date. Failure by either team to comply with this requirement will result in a fine (see Schedule).

**Objective:** Prevent a home team enforcing a Bank Holiday on a team for the rescheduling of a postponed match. Also, to be more accurate with the Executive Committee member dealing with postponements rather than cancellations, which is not strictly accurate.