

Cardiff & District Table Tennis League

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Cardiff and District Table Tennis League

Rules

(Last Revised September 2023)

Name and Constitution

1. The League shall be called "The Cardiff and District Table Tennis League" and shall be affiliated to Table Tennis Wales (TTW). **The following rules do not apply to a Community Club or Junior Division organised by the League.**
2. The League shall be open to all Table Tennis Clubs. A General Meeting shall have the right to refuse admission to the League to any Club or team which is considered unsuitable. Teams must have a table complying with TTW Rules and should also have reasonable lighting and run back (it is recommended that there should be a run back of at least eight feet and four feet on each side of the table). Should any objections be raised by a visiting team to the playing conditions, the match shall be played, but **NOT** if they are considered to be unsafe. Whether the match is played or not, a report from both teams must then be submitted to the Management Committee for consideration within 7 days of the fixture.
3. The League shall be composed of Divisions formed at the Pre-Season Meeting. Promotion and Relegation – normally two teams to be promoted and two teams relegated from each Division.

Officers and Management Committee

4. The Officers of the League shall be the President, Chairman, Vice-Chairman, General Secretary, Match Results Secretary, Tournament Secretary or Secretaries and Treasurer. These and the Auditor and persons appointed to represent our League at General Meetings of Table Tennis Wales, shall be elected yearly at the Annual General Meeting.
5. The League Shall be governed by a Management Committee consisting of the Officers and up to eight Representatives from affiliated Clubs to be elected at the Pre-Season General Meeting. No more than two of the elected representatives shall be from any one club. The Management Committee (which shall have the power to co-opt additional members if deemed necessary) normally shall meet during the first week of each month, and shall have powers to decide all matters not provided for by existing rules and also questions that may arise as to the interpretation of such rules. A copy of the Minutes of every Management Committee Meeting shall be posted on the League Website.

Meetings

6. A General Meeting shall be held at the commencement of the season. The Annual General Meeting shall be held not later than 31st May in each year. At least fourteen clear days' notice shall be given of the Annual General Meeting.
7. A Special or Extra-ordinary General Meeting will be held if requested by the Management Committee or at least a third of the teams in the League.
8. At General Meetings of members, each team may be represented by one member of that team. If a team member cannot be present at a General Meeting, the team may be represented by another person provided that person is nominated in writing and the written nomination is accepted by the person "chairing" that General Meeting. A club not represented at a General Meeting shall be fined £5.
9. No amendment, alteration, or addition to the Rules of the League shall be made, except at the Annual General Meeting (or Special General Meeting). Any suggested amendment, alteration or addition to the Rules must be made in writing, and must reach the General Secretary prior to the 1st April for inclusion on the Agenda, which shall be presented to Clubs prior to the Annual General Meeting.
10. The financial year of the League shall end on the 31st May each year and a balance sheet made up to that date shall be presented at the first General Meeting for the following season. A copy of such balance sheet shall be presented to Clubs at the first General Meeting.
11. Ten persons must be present at a General Meeting and five persons at a Management Committee Meeting to form a quorum.
12. All League Officers and members of the Management Committee must be affiliated to a National Governing Body such as Table Tennis Wales.

Subscriptions

13. The Annual Subscriptions shall be agreed at the Pre-Season Meeting for both teams and clubs. Team entry fees must be paid before the first match. In the event of such fees not being paid before the first match, further matches may be cancelled and points may be awarded to their opponents until such time that the fees are paid.
14. A League registration fee per player agreed at the Pre-Season Meeting shall be paid before the start of the season. All players shall be affiliated to a Table Tennis National Governing Body that is a member of the International Table Tennis Federation (ITTF). A copy of the League Handbook will be made available via the League website.
15. A Player who is under eighteen years of age on the 1st Jan in any year shall be classified as a junior player for the subsequent season.

16. No player may play in a League game until they have been registered for three days, except in the case of the team's first league game, for which they may be registered prior to such game. No player may be registered for more than one team at any one time, except where allowed by Rules 17 & 43. No player may be registered after the 31st January in any year without the special consent of the Management Committee.

17. A player may be registered for one team in a central venue division in addition to being registered for a team in one of the non-central venue divisions. During the season, a player may play as a reserve for higher or lower letter teams in the same club, but only when replacing a player of the same or lower handicap. If a club has just one team in the League a player from another club may play for the team but only when replacing a player of the same or lower handicap. However, if the absent player has a handicap of more than 18, a substitute with a handicap of 17 or more may substitute for the absent player. A player cannot play as a substitute for another of their club's teams in a match against their own registered team in any division. In the non-central divisions, a player can only substitute for another team within the same club as the one they are registered for in those divisions. Players who do not have a handicap cannot substitute for absent players and others cannot substitute for them until they have been allocated a handicap. A player may play as a reserve a maximum of 4 times for each team and once they have done that, they may not play again for that team unless prior approval has been given by the Management Committee. A player cannot play for two teams on the same night in the tiered divisions.

When a Club has more than one team, it shall register a minimum of three players and a maximum of seven players for each team. A player may play for a team in a lower division permanently irrespective of his/her handicap if he/she misses two consecutive games of the team in which he/she is registered but cannot thereafter play any games for any other team.

Constitution of Teams Etc.

18. Normally in all divisions each team shall consist of 3 players, each playing 3 opponents in the best of 5 games of 11 points. Also that one doubles match be played as the 5th event, when a 4th or 5th player may be used if required.

Where the three players on the one side are letters A, B, C and the three players on the other side are letters X, Y, Z, the playing order is 1st A v X, 2nd B v Y, 3rd C v Z, 4th B v X, 5th doubles, 6th A v Z, 7th C v Y, 8th B v Z, 9th C v X, 10th A v Y.

The home team shall be A, B, C and the away team X, Y, Z. Each captain shall name the team allotting a letter to each of the three players. The order of play thus determined may only be altered by mutual agreement between the two captains. In the event of a nominated player not having put in an appearance when requested to play, a reserve can be substituted in the place of the nominated player. Other placings will remain unaffected.

Method of scoring. That in all matches one point be awarded in each individual match for each game won. The league position will be determined by adding all points won in each match.

If two teams have the same number of points, the team with the lesser number of points won (and awarded) against it will be considered to be in the higher position in the division.

Should a player not conclude their games then their opponents will be awarded the event that is one point for each game unplayed.

19. Normally all teams shall play one home and one away match with every team in the same Division.
20. For each event an Umpire shall be appointed alternately by each team.
21. All rackets and rubbers must comply with ITTF rules. In the event of a dispute, the match should take place and the matter should then be referred to the Management Committee who will decide what action, if any, should be taken.
22. Clubs must use **NON** celluloid table tennis balls which are authorised by the International Table Tennis Federation.
23. All matches must start not later than 7.15pm.

Match Results

24. A score card for each match, signed by both Captains shall be photographed/scanned by the home team and forwarded using email to the Match Results Secretary by the Saturday of the week following the playing of the match. Any Club failing to do this shall automatically be fined £2.00.

Transfer of Players

25. Any registered player wishing to transfer from one Club to another must complete a transfer form signed by the player and secretaries of the two Clubs concerned, and shall be eligible to play for the new Club immediately upon receipt of an acknowledgement from the General Secretary (but see Rule 30). No application for a transfer of a player can be entertained after 31st January, unless any special circumstances arise, when the Management Committee shall have the power to grant such applications it thinks fit. A player changing Clubs between seasons does not require to be transferred, but any objection raised by a club against a player signing for another Club shall be considered by the Management Committee, who shall have the power to cancel such registration.

Protests

26. If any objection or dispute occurs the match should be played unless the playing conditions are deemed to be unsafe. All protests and disputes must be made in writing to the General Secretary for consideration by the Management Committee. No protest relating to a particular match shall be considered unless received by the General Secretary within seven days from the date of the match. A copy of any written protest or dispute must be provided by the complainant to the captain of the opposing team.

Breach of Rules

27. A Club playing unregistered players shall be fined £10.00 for each offence, and their opponents will be awarded league points at the discretion of the Management Committee.

28. Except as provided for in Rule 17 any player who plays for a team other than that for which he or she is registered shall be suspended for the remainder of the season. The Officers have the right to implement this rule immediately the offence has been reported.
29. (i) Teams must fulfil fixtures in accordance with the fixture list. No match can be conceded. In the event of a team postponing a match and it not being played on or before the date shown on the fixture list, the offending team will automatically be deducted 10 points. A team may also be fined £10 on each occasion. However, the committee recognises that on some occasions where both team Captains within the tiered league approach agree for the match to be postponed then the match can be re-arranged and when played within 21 days of the original date no points or fine will be incurred by either party. If the re-arranged date falls outside the 21-day period both teams will be deducted 10 points and a fine of £10 may be imposed on each team. The mutual re-arrangement option shall be limited to no more than twice per season. This rule does not apply to any potential Summer League or Central League played under the auspice of the Cardiff and District Table Tennis League..
- (ii) If a match is not played by the date shown on the printed fixture list, both clubs must write to the League Secretary within 7 days of the match explaining the reason why the match was not played. The fixture will still be required to be played at a suitable date as soon as possible after the scheduled date and the clubs must notify the League Secretary and Match Results Secretary of the revised date prior to the match taking place. Consideration may be given by the Management Committee to awarding points in the event of non-compliance.
- (iii) In the event of a team not fulfilling a cup fixture, they will forfeit the fixture. It will not be rearranged and the opposing team will progress to the next round. If a team cannot fulfil a fixture, the team captain must inform the League Secretary and Cup Competitions Secretary of the opposing team by 3pm on the match day.
- (iv) If a match is not played for whatever reason, both teams/clubs must write to the League Secretary within 7 days of the date of the match, explaining the reason why the match was not played.
30. If a team wishes to withdraw from a division and is given permission to do so, no person who has played for that team during the current season may play for any other team in the League without first obtaining permission of the Management Committee.
31. Clubs failing to pay fines within fourteen days shall forfeit any points won by the offending team during such period of fourteen days, and the said team shall be prohibited from playing any further matches until the fines are paid and the points in respect of such unplayed matches shall be awarded to their opponents.

Ties Etc.

32. Teams tying for the top place in any division shall be considered joint winners.
33. No time outs will be allowed in Cardiff & District League Matches.

Awards

34. The league shall award medals (or such memento) as the Management Committee decide) to Clubs winning the Championship of each division. Awards shall also be made to the runners-up of each division.

35. Clubs holding trophies of the League must provide proper security for the safe-keeping of the same and must return them when requested to do so. Trophies will be insured out of League funds.
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Selection Committee and Representative Games

37. For the purpose of choosing any representative men's or women's teams, a Selection Committee shall be formed, consisting of members of the Management Committee. All players representing the League in representative matches must be registered with the Cardiff & District League.
38. All players representing the League in representative matches must wear regulation dress as determined by the Management Committee.

General

39. Members of the League are expected to behave in a manner which does not bring the sport or the League into disrepute. They should conduct themselves in an appropriate manner with due respect for all who are present. The following are examples of unacceptable behavior, although this list is not intended to be comprehensive;

Displaying bad temper, swearing, showing a lack of respect for an opponent or abuse of equipment. Discourteous or abusive behaviour to umpires, other players, or spectators. Failure to shake hands with an opponent at the end of a match.

Any identified or reported breach of this rule will be considered by the Management Committee who may take whatever action they consider appropriate.

40. Should a Club or team retire from the League for any reason during the season, no money shall be returned. All matches played by such Club or Team shall be ignored.
41. A playing shirt, shorts or skirt shall be mainly of a uniform colour other than white.
42. The League Clubs shall be guarantors of the League.
43. Any Club changing its Secretary, Headquarters or home match night during the season, must immediately notify each Club affected by the alterations, and must also inform the League Secretary of the change.
44. A senior player from a higher division can also play for a team in the lowest division as a chaperone providing the team consists of 2 players under 15 years of age. However, the senior player must play all their matches using their handicap set by the Management Committee. The senior player would also be allowed to play for another team in a higher division.

Open and Closed Championships

45. An open Tournament may, at the discretion of the Management Committee, be organised each season.
46. Closed Championships, and such other events as the Management Committee shall decide, shall be organised each season by the Management Committee. To be eligible to play in these Championships, a player must have played in at least one scheduled league match at the closing date of entries, or be accepted at the discretion of the Management Committee.

Players are not eligible to play lower than the Divisions for which they were originally registered.

47. A tournament Handicapping Committee shall be elected at the first Management Committee Meeting of the season who shall handicap individual players for handicap events and supervise the draw.

"John Edmunds", "W.G. Clement", "Montague Burton", "Dave Kennet" and "D.G. Fowles" Challenge Cups

48. The Management Committee will decide what Cup Competitions are to be played in a particular season and the rules of those competitions.
49. Teams first drawn have choice of venue, except in the Semi-Finals and Finals, which shall be played on neutral tables at such place as the Management Committee may direct.
50. At the outset of the Cup Competitions, the players eligible to play for a team will be those on their registered team list for the League and they will be handicapped by the Committee as detailed in Rule 46. Any players registered after that, may only play in a particular round if they have been registered for the team by the Monday following the date fixed for the previous round of the competition. A player cannot play for more than one team in the tiered divisions in any one season. A registered player may play for another of their club's cup teams, if they are replacing an absent cup team member with the same or lower handicap.
51. In cup competitions where games are counted towards the results, should a match be drawn then a count back will take place and the team winning the greater number of events will be declared the winner. Score cards must be sent to the Cup Competition Secretary within three days of the match being played. Any Club failing to do so may be fined £2.00.
52. In Semi-Finals and Finals, the toss of a coin will decide who is A, B, C or X, Y, Z.
53. The Tournament Committee will make the "draw" for all events.
54. Umpires shall be appointed as for league matches and a representative to attend the Semi-Finals and Finals will be appointed by the Management Committee.

55. In the event of a Club not fulfilling an engagement, its opponents will be awarded the match.

56. The League shall present Challenge Cups (which may be held for 10 months) and medals or awards to the winners and runners-up. All Challenge Cups are to be returned to the General Secretary by the 1st March of the following year.

57. All protests must be sent to the Cup Competitions Secretary within three days of the match for submission to the Tournament Committee and their decision shall be final.

58. Seven days before the last date of each round, the Clubs shall notify the Cup Competitions Secretary of the agreed date, or of their inability to agree a date. In the latter event, the Cup Competitions

59. Secretary shall fix a date which shall be adhered to. Once a date for any game has been agreed or fixed, no cancellation will be permitted.

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St David's Table Tennis Club

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Sophia Gardens Table Tennis Club

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