**DEVONSHIRE COUNTY**

**TABLE TENNIS ASSOCIATION**

Affiliated to the English Table Tennis Association

**Rules**

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**COUNTY RULE BOOK 2014**

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**1. NAME**

The Association shall be called the DEVONSHIRE County Table Tennis Association.

**2. OBJECTS**

2.1. The Association shall be affiliated to the English Table Tennis Association.

2.2. The objects of the Association shall be as follows:

2.2.1. To act as the controlling and governing body for the game of Table Tennis in the County of Devonshire subject to any overriding decisions of the National Council of the English Table Tennis Association.

2.2.2. To assist and encourage the formation of Table Tennis leagues and clubs in the County of Devonshire, and to promote the game in every possible way.

2.2.3. To include a commitment to the training and development of ETTA qualified Coaches and Umpires. The purpose being to increase the numbers participating in Table Tennis and to enable the ongoing improvement to the quality of play of those participants.

**3. AREA OF JURISDICTION**

3.1. The area of jurisdiction of the Association shall be the County of Devonshire as defined by the Rules of the ETTA.

**4. DEFINITIONS**

In these Rules and any Regulations made hereunder

4.1. The following words and phrases shall have the meaning assigned by this Rule:

4.1.1. The Association: the Devonshire County Table Tennis Association.

4.1.2. Casual Vacancy: A vacancy which occurs at a time when the normal procedure prescribed by the Rules for filling it cannot operate.

4.1.3. ETTA: The English Table Tennis Association.

4.1.4. Member: Any person mentioned in Rule 5.1, or any official, player or other individual member of a body mentioned in Rule 5.1.2, or of a club in membership of or affiliated to such a body.

4.1.5. National Council: The National Council of the ETTA.

Words and phrases defined by the Rules of the ETTA and not otherwise defined by these Rules shall have the meaning assigned to them by the Rules of the ETTA.

**5. CONSTITUTION**

5.1. The Association shall consist of:

5.1.1. President, Vice-Presidents, Honorary Life Members, duly appointed officials.

5.1.2. All Local Leagues, Directly Affiliated Clubs and Directly Affiliated Individuals affiliated to the ETTA which are within the jurisdiction of the Association as prescribed by the National Council (except those exempted by decision of the National Council).

5.2. The Association shall, without payment of fee, accept into Good Standing the following, but no other bodies:

5.2.1. All organisations within the jurisdiction of the Association which are in Good Standing with the ETTA.

5.2.2. All County or Regional Associations or organisations covering the area or part of the area of jurisdiction of this Association which are part of or affiliated to national Associations or organisations in Good Standing with the ETTA.

5.2.3. The County Schools Table Tennis Association and Schools Leagues and Schools Clubs within the jurisdiction of the Association except such as are affiliated.

**6. AFFILIATION**

6.1. Affiliation to the Association shall be compulsory for all Local Leagues, Directly Affiliated Clubs and Directly Affiliated Individuals in the County, unless exempted by a decision of the Nation Council.

Note to 6.1: An ETTA Honorary Life Member is not obliged to affiliate to a County Association nor pay any affiliation or similar fee to it.

6.2. Application: Every application for affiliation shall complete the current affiliation form and shall sign it on behalf of himself or the league or club on whose behalf the application is made.

6.3. A club or individual nor directly affiliated to the ETTA may apply to be directly affiliated to the Association provided that it or he is affiliated to the ETTA through another body.

6.4. Every Local League or Affiliated Club shall send to the General Secretary of the Association not later than 1st November each season a copy of its current Rules.

6.5. No person or body may affiliate to the Association unless affiliated to the ETTA.

**7. AFFLIATION FEES**

7.1. The affiliation fees shall be as follows:

7.1.1. Local Leagues: £9.50 for each team in the league.

7.1.2. Directly Affiliated Clubs: £9.00

7.1.3. Directly Affiliated Individuals: £9.00

7.1.4. The cost of affiliating teams in Junior Leagues should be set 50% of that for Senior Leagues.

7.1.5. The cost of affiliating Leagues of only two players (Pairs Leagues) should be set at 75% of that for Leagues with teams of three players.

7.1.6. Date for payment: Affiliation fees shall be paid on or before 1st November each season.

**8. OFFICERS AND NATIONAL COUNCILLOR**

8.1. The Officers of the Association shall be: Chairman, Vice Chairman, General Secretary, Treasurer, County Match Secretary, Inter-League Championships Secretary, Umpire Secretary, Coaching Officer, Publicity Officer, Minute Secretary, Players Representative.

8.2. Election: The Officers shall be elected by the Annual General Meeting and shall serve from the end of that meeting at which they were elected until the end of the Annual general Meeting following; they shall be eligible for re-election.

8.3. Casual Vacancy: may be filled by the Executive Committee.

8.4. National Councillor:

8.4.1. Between May 1st and June 15th each administrative year the Executive Committee shall elect the National Councillor to represent the county for the following administrative year, after considering all nominations submitted to them by Members of the Association.

8.4.2. The General Secretary shall send a copy of the executive Committee minute recording the election or the information required by the ETTA official appointment form certified by himself and a second person who must be the Chairman, Vice-Chairman or treasurer to reach the ETTA General Secretary, or such other personas may be designated for the purpose by the ETTA Management Committee, by June 30th.

**9. MANAGEMENT**

9.1. The affairs of the Association shall be managed, subject to the control of the Annual General Meeting, by an Executive Committee consisting of (I) the Officers, (2) the person representing the Association on the National Council, (3) one representative appointed by each Local League

9.2. Co-option: The Executive Committee shall have power to co-opt not more than two other members of the Association. C0-opted members shall have the right to vote.

9.3. Casual Vacancies: The Executive Committee shall have power to fill a Casual Vacancy in any Office or on the Executive Committee until the next Annual General Meeting.

9.4. Meetings: The Executive Committee shall meet no less than four times in any season.

9.5. At least 14 day’s notice in writing of the place, date and time of every meeting shall be sent to every member of the Committee.

9.6. Quorum: The business of the Committee may be transacted by no less than four members.

9.7. Chair: In the absence of both Chairman and Vice-Chairman the Committee shall elect one of its number to take the chair for the meeting.

9.8. Voting: Every question at a meeting of the Committee shall be determined by a majority of the members present and voting, every member having one Vote. In the case of an equality of voles the chairman of the meeting shall have a second or casting vole.

9.9. Regulations: The Committee shall have power to make Regulations to cover such matters not specifically dealt with in these Rules as it thinks fit.

9.10. Standing Sub-Committees: At its first meeting following the Annual General Meeting the Committee shall appoint Standing Sub-Committees to deal with the following matters: (I) Umpiring (meetings of this sub-committee shall be convened by the Umpire Secretary) (2) Discipline.

9.11. Sub-Committees: The Committee may delegate any of its duties and powers to sub­committees consisting of such persons as it shall decide, provided that at least four members shall be members of the Committee. Any sub-committee shall, in the performance of its duties, conform to the Terms of Reference laid down by the Committee. Unless decided otherwise by the Committee, the chairman of a sub-committee shall be responsible for reporting to the Committee.

9.12. Expenses: All elected Officers shall be entitled to claim travel expenses at the rate of l0p. per mile when required to attend any meeting convened by the Associations Executive Committee.

**10. ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**

10.1. Date: Each season the Association shall hold an Annual General Meeting during the month of July.

10.2. Notice: To call the AGM the General Secretary shall give at least 21 days' notice in writing of the place, date and hour, together with the Agenda, to the President, Vice-Presidents, Honorary Life Members, Officers and to the General Secretary of each Local League and Directly Affiliated Club and to each Directly Affiliated Individual.

10.3. Accredited Representative: Each Local League shall appoint one Accredited Representative to attend each Annual General Meeting who shall hold an official Accredited Representative's card signed by the General Secretary of the Local League. Only the Accredited Representative shall be entitled to cast his league's vote(s)

10.4. Right to attend: Attendance at the meeting shall be open to all Members.

10.5. Agenda:

10.5.1. The following items shall be included: (I) Minutes of the previous AGM, (2) Minutes of any SGM held since the previous AGM, (3) Annual Report of Executive Committee, (4) Statement of Accounts, *(5)* Rule Change Propositions (if any), (6) motions of which the General Secretary has received notice in writing, (7) Election of President, Vice-Presidents, Honorary Life Members, (8) Election of Officers, (9) Appointment of Auditors.

10.5.2. Motions not included in the Agenda shall not be voted upon except with permission of the chairman.

10.6. Voting: Each elected Officer and the National Councillor shall be entitled to one vote. Each Affiliated League and Directly Affiliated Club shall be entitled to one vote for each team for which a subscription was duly paid during the preceding season.

10.6.1. An Officer holding more than one office, or the National Councillor, also holding an office, shall not be entitled to more than one personal vote but may also exercise votes as an Accredited Representative under Rule 10.3.

10.7. Special Majority: No resolution altering the Rules of the Association shall be declared carried unless at least three-fifths of the total votes cast are in favour of that resolution.

**11. SPECIAL GENERAL MEETING**

11.1. A Special General Meeting shall be convened on a resolution of the Executive Committee or to take place within 28 days after receipt by the General Secretary of a requisition signed by the Authorised Representatives of at least one half of the Affiliated Associations and Leagues and Rule 10, respecting circulation of notices and procedures, shall apply as at the Annual General Meeting. A Special General Meeting shall have the same power of control of the Association as the Annual General Meeting.

11.2. Rule 10 (except sub-rules 10.1 and 10.5) shall apply.

11.3. A Special General Meeting shall transact only such business as is specified in the resolution or requisition convening it.

**12. FINANCE**

12.1. Bank Account: The funds of the Association shall be kept at a Bank or invested in a Building Society or other security approved by the Association.

12.2. Cheque Signatories: All cheques etc., drawn on the Bank, Building Society and other accounts shall be signed by (I) the Treasurer and either of the following Officers: the Chairman or the General Secretary.

12.3. The Financial Year of the Association shall end on 31st May.

12.4. Auditors: The accounts of the Association shall be audited each season by auditors appointed by the AGM.

12.5. All income and property of the Association, from whatever source derived, shall be applied solely to the promotion of the objects of the Association.

**13. DISSOLUTION**

In the event of the winding up or dissolution of the Association, any surplus assets remaining after discharge of liabilities shall automatically vest in the ETTA who shall 'hold them for a period of six years in trust to pay them to any organisation set up with objects identical with or similar to those of the Association (the ETTA during such period making every endeavour to promote and encourage the formation of such an organisation) and thereafter for the general purposes of the ETTA.

**14. APPEALS AGAINST LEAGUES**

14.1. Any member or affiliated club aggrieved by a decision or action of a Local League, or a Committee. Officer or official of such league, or by neglect or refusal to do something which such organisation or person is under a duty to do, may appeal against such decision, action neglect or refusal to this Association whose proper decision shall be final and binding on all parties

14.2. The Association shall not have power to reverse a decision a decision or action which is in accordance with the rules of the Local League unless it constitutes a breach of the Rules Or Regulations of the Association or of the ETTA or of the principles of natural justice.

14.3. Any such appeal shall be made in writing to the General Secretary within 21 days after notification of the decision or action appealed against, and shall be accompanied by a fee of the amount prescribed by the ETTA and specified in the Schedule to this rule. The fee shall be returned if the adjudicating body consider the making of an appeal to have been justified (whatever the result).

14.4. Either party to the appeal shall be entitled to require a Hearing before the adjudicating body.

14.5. Any party may be represented at a Hearing provided that the Association is notified in advance in writing of the intention to be represented.

**15. DISCIPLINARY**

15.1. A Member shall not do or cause to be done anything deliberately harmful to the Association or the game of Table Tennis into disrepute.

15.2. A Member shall not without good and sufficient cause-

15.2.1. absent himself from the Hearing of any allegation or appeal after having been requested with reasonable notice to attend.

15.2.2. refuse or neglect to answer any question put to him in connection with such allegation or appeal if directed to answer by the Chairman of the adjudicating body.

**16. SUSPENSION**

16.1. For a breach of this Association’s Rules or Regulations the Association shall have power to suspend any Local League, club, player or official within its jurisdiction, under the power created by ETTA Rules and subject to the right of appeal provided by such Rules.

16.2. The ETTA General Secretary shall be notified of any suspension under this Rule.

16.3. Such suspension shall be enforced by all bodies in this county, but shall operate only within the jurisdiction of this Association, the suspended person or body being deprived of the privileges of membership of or affiliation to this Association and any Local League or Directly Affiliated Club affiliated to this Association, but not of the privileges of membership of or affiliation to the EITA enjoyed outside the jurisdiction of the Association.

**17. DISCIPLINARY COMMIITEE**

17.1. The Standing Sub-Committee referred to in Rule 9.10(2) shall be called the Disciplinary Committee and shall consist of five persons, one of whom shall be designated as Chairman by the Committee.

17.2. Members of the Disciplinary Committee shall (unless they resign) serve until the end of the season in which they are appointed and thereafter until the appointment of their successors. Casual vacancies shall be filled by the Committee.

17.3. A decision may be taken by not less than three members, all of whom must have been present throughout the hearing.

17.4. Any member of the Committee having an interest in a matter to be discussed must declare that interest as soon as he is aware of it, and must not be present in his capacity as a member of the Disciplinary Committee during the transaction of that business.

17.5. Should disqualification under Rule 17.4 leave less than three members as required by Rule 17.3, the Executive Committee shall appoint sufficient temporary members to make the number up to three, such members serving only for the particular matter for which they are appointed.

17.6. The Disciplinary Committee shall deal with any allegation under Rule 17.7 of breach of Rule or Regulation of this Association.

17.7. Any allegation referred to in Rule 17.6 must be made in writing to the General Secretary specifying the Rule or Regulation alleged to have been broken, the name of the member or organisation alleged to be in breach and the date and place of the alleged breach.

17.8. The Disciplinary Committee shall follow the procedure laid down by the National Council of the ETTA as included in Appendix "E" to the Rules of the ETTA.

17.9. If a formal allegation is proved to its satisfaction the Disciplinary Committee shall have power to impose on the member or organisation guilty of such breach (the offender) one or more of the following penalties

17.9.1. that he be suspended from the privileges of membership of this Association either indefinitely or for a stated period.

17.9.2. that he be fined.

17.9.3. that he be censured.

17.10. The Chairman of the Disciplinary Committee shall, within seven days of the hearing, notify its decision in writing to the General Secretary, who shall then notify the member or organisation in writing. at the same time sending the member or organisation a copy of Rule (Right Of Appeal) if the charge has been proved.

**18. RIGHT OF APPEAL**

18.1. Any member, affiliated club or Local League aggrieved by a decision or action of this Association, or a Committee, Officer or official of this Association (except the proper determination of an Appeal), or by the neglect or refusal to do something which this Association is under a duty to do, may appeal against such decision, action, neglect or refusal to the ETTA Board of Appeal.

18.2. Any Appeal under Rule 18.1 shall be made in writing to the General Secretary of the ETTA within 21 days after notification of the decision Or action appealed against, and shall be accompanied by a fee of an amount prescribed by the ETTA. The fee will be returned if the adjudicating body consider the making of an appeal to have been justified (whatever the result)

**19. MATTERS NOT COVERED BY RULES**

If any question or matter arises which is not provided for in these Rules, it shall be dealt with by the Executive Committee.

**20. ALTERATION OF RULES**

20.1. These Rules may be changed (whether by addition, alteration or deletion) only by decision of an Annual General Meeting or of a Special General Meeting convened for the purpose.

20.2. Proposals for such changes to be considered by the next AGM shall be submitted in writing to reach the General Secretary not later than 21st May.

20.3. All proposals so received shall be circulated to all Local Leagues, Directly Affiliated Clubs and Directly Affiliated Individuals affiliated to the Association within one week of receipt.

20.4. Amendments or Alternative Propositions dealing with the same subject matter shall be accepted for consideration by the AGM if submitted in writing and received by the General Secretary not later than 30th June.

20.5. Proposals for such changes to be considered by a Special General Meeting shall be submitted to the General Secretary in writing together with the requisition for the Special General meeting.

20.6. Before any resolution altering these Rules shall be declared carried at least three-fifths of the total votes cast must be in favour of that resolution.

20.7. Notwithstanding the provisions of Rule 20.1, the following Rules 2.1,2.2.1,2.2.2, 3, 4 -4.1.5, 4.2,5.1.2,5.2,6.1,6.5,8.4,9. 10 and 9.10.(1),12.2, 13,14,15,16,17.6,17.7, 18,20.1 , 20.7, 20.8. may not be changed without the previous written consent of the National Council and a County General Meeting; such a change shall take effect on a date to be specified by the National Council being a date not earlier than one month after the County Association has been given notice of the change.

20.8. The Rules of this Association are subject to the approval of the ETTA.

Schedule to Rule 14.3

Appeal Fee: Individual £10

Organisation £15

**21. CLOSED CHAMPIONSHIPS**

21.1. The Executive Committee shall have power to sanction the organisation of the championships by any affiliated local league. The organising league shall satisfy the Executive Committee that playing conditions are satisfactory.

21.2. Immediately after the championships, the organising league shall send to the General Secretary all entry forms of competitors.

21.3. The championships shall be held annually, and shall include the following events: Men's Singles, Ladies Singles, Veterans Singles, Boys' Singles, Girls' Singles, Men's Doubles, Ladies Doubles, Mixed Doubles, ‘Junior Boys' Girls' and Mixed Doubles, except that the Executive Committee shall have the right to suspend any event if, in its judgement there are insufficient entries to justify the event being run.

21.4. The Association shall provide awards for the winners and runners-up and shall be responsible for any engraving.

21.5. The entry fees will be determined each season by the Executive Committee on the recommendation of the Treasurer, such fees to entitle players to free admission to the finals. A draft of the entry form shall be sent to the General Secretary before printing and at least one of the Officers shall be present at the draw. The organising league shall retain 10% of the entry fees and the balance, after meeting all expenses other than the purchase and engraving of trophies, shall be remitted to the Association. The profit from refreshments and draws shall be retained by the organising league.

21.6. Matches are played in accordance with the ETTA Laws of Table Tennis.

21.7. All competitors shall be affiliated to the ETTA.

21.8. All competitors must have been born in the county of Devonshire or live in Devonshire or be registered with an associated league in Devonshire at the time of entering the championships or be affiliated to the county of Devonshire at the closing date of the championships.

21.9. A player having the necessary qualifications to enter in the championships of more than one county shall be permitted to participate in the Devonshi.re championships only on the understanding that he does not compete in the championships of another county during that season.

21.10. For Junior events players must have been under the age, for the age group entered, on the preceding 31st December. Example: a player who is I1 years old before 1st January is not eligible for Under 11 events. All entrants for the Veterans events shall have reached the age of 40 on the date of the championships.

21.11. Events will be on a knock-out or group system depending on the entry. Matches shall be 11up, best of five.

21.12. If the group system is used the player winning the most marches will be the winner. Where players are equal on games won the winner shall be determined by the results of matches between equal players - first by number of wins, then if still equal, by a game ratio and finally if still equal, a points ratio. Should a player withdraw at any stage after commencement of group play, then all results of that player shall be null and void.

21.13. For each event the Referee will appoint an umpire whose decision on all points of law shall be final. In the event of any question arising not provided for in these regulations or any dispute on the interpretation thereof, the decision of the Organising Committee shall be final.

21.14. ETTA officially approved balls only shall be used.

21.15. All losing players are required to umpire the following match except that in group matches the umpire may be listed.

21.16. An extension of a first scheduled match may be allowed to players living more than 45 miles from the venue providing the request is made at the time of rerunning the entry form, otherwise players must report twenty minutes before the shown commencement of their first event.

21.17. The Organising Committee may at their discretion accept or refuse entry to the competition.

**22. ETTA COUNTY CHAMPIONSHIPS**

22.1. The Association will pay for the registration of all County teams playing within the Junior, Senior and Veterans ETTA County Championships Leagues.

22.2. The Association will contribute within its means towards expenses for the County first Senior team, the County first Junior team and the County first Veterans team. All other registered County learns will be required to meet all of their own expenses incurred in fulfilling fixtures.

22.3. The Executive Committee shall award the County badge to all players who have played for the County first Senior, Veterans and Junior teams.

**23. INTER-LEAGUE AND CLUB COMPETITION**

23.1. The League shall be known as the Devon County Inter-League and Club Competition.

23.2. The number of divisions and composition of each shall be decided by the Executive Committee.

23.3. The home team shall retain the whole of the proceeds from a match, the visiting team being responsible for their own expenses.

23.4. The entry fee shall be £10 for Senior and Veterans divisions and £5 for Junior divisions.

23.5. Matches shall consist of (9) Nine Singles and (2) Two doubles, each II-up, best of five. The order of play shall be:

1st A v X

2nd B v Y

3rd C v Z

4th B v X

5th A v Z

6th C v Y

7th B v Z

8th C v X

9th A v Y

10th Doubles

11th Doubles

23.6. The home Secretary shall advise the opposing team of the venue by the Wednesday prior to the match. The way team, on arrival, shall fill in the score card (X Y Z) before the home team nominates their players (A B C).

23.7. The doubles may be played in any order providing both Captains agree.

23.8. A team shall be credited with one point for each set won with each point to count in the league table. A tie at the end of the season shall be decided by a play-off.

23.9. Matches originally fixed up to and including March 31st may be postponed, provided notice is given, in writing, to the opposing team and the Devon County Inter-League and Club Match Secretary. Such notice must be postmarked at least (7) seven days before the match, failing which the team offended against shall be awarded its fair expectation of points. The team offending shall receive no points and shall be fined £2. Any match postponed must be played within one calendar month of the original date unless permission is given by the Devon County Inter-League and Club Match Secretary for the match to be played at a later date. If it is not possible to re-arrange a postponed match, the team causing the original postponement shall forfeit the points and be fined £2. Matches originally fixed from April 1st to 30th inclusive cannot be postponed. A score card must be forwarded to the Devon County Inter League and Club Match Secretary within 48 hours of the match being played. A fine of £1 shall be imposed in cases of non-receipt of the score card within (7) seven days of the match being played. The latest time at which any match shall start shall be 7.15p.m. Any tie not started within 15 minutes of the time agreed for the start of the match, or within five minutes from the end of the previous game, owing to the absence of one player, shall be forfeited to the opposing team. If two players are absent, the tie shall not be counted.

23.10. Teams shall consist of three players for the purpose of singles, with the option of introducing one or two additional players for the purpose of playing doubles.

23.11. Where there are six teams or less in a division, and for Veterans divisions regardless of the number of teams, matches shall be one home and one away in each season. Where there are more than six teams, with the exception of Veterans divisions, there shall be One fixture only in a season, with home and away fixtures being decided by a draw.

23.12. All players must be registered by his or her league. A player shall be deemed for the team first represented in a season. A player may play only for the team for which he or she is registered and may not play for more than one tea, in the same season, except as provided in the following:

A league or club with more than one team in any division may call upon the player registered for teams other than the first to fill places in a higher ranking team on one occasion. If a reserve player plays more than once for a higher ranking team he will be considered to be registered for that team. A player registered in a lower division may play unrestricted for a team in a higher division. Junior divisions shall be ranked as a lower than a Senior division, there by entitling a Junior to play in a Senior learn. No player shall play for more than one league or two leams of that league in any one season.

23.13. All players must be registered members of the league or Association for which they play.

23.14. Application for entry into the competition must be made on the appropriate Entry Form, accompanied by the Entry Fee stated on the form, by a dale nominated by the Executive Committee.

23.15. The season shall start, if possible, on 1st October and end on 30th April.

23.16. Awards shall be made to winning leams in each division.

**Devon Selection Criteria and Procedure**

The Devon County Table Tennis association has decided to propose for the 2007-8 season the following selection criteria and procedure to be implemented for its representative teams. In July/August 2007 all players will be contacted by letter to find out their availability for the forthcoming season for Devon County representative matches, to enable the committee to estimate the number of representative teams to enter, at all levels. At this time a list of dates if available from the ETTA will be included to help the players plan for the forthcoming season.

In order to make selections for the Devon County team the committee will use the criteria below as a set of guidelines, which are to be used as an aid to justifying selection. These contain criteria which the players should strive to meet in order to be selected. All criteria are subject to mitigating circumstances, i.e. if players are unable to fulfil the criteria due to circumstances out of their control. The acceptable mitigating circumstances are listed below the selection criteria.

* Players must make every effort to attend the Devon Senior and Junior Championships.
* Occasionally players maybe invited to attend County trials to assess their level of play or improvement. If invited, players should make every effort to attend.
* Players may be invited to County squad training days. Players should make every effort to attend.
* Players must have been practising regularly enough and of a sufficient quality in the opinion of the committee.
* Players must have made every effort to play for the county when asked by the committee whether at senior/junior or 1st/2nd/3rd team level.
* It must be deemed by the committee that the player is in good enough form to justify their selection. Recent tournament results and the ranking list will be taken into consideration and used as an aid but must NOT be the sole basis of the committee's selection.
* Players must show good attitude and behaviour when representing the county, and in the opinion of the committee express a sufficient motivation to succeed for the county and support their fellow team members.
* The committee may also reserve the right to make judgement based on unforeseen problems or circumstances, or those which are not mentioned in the above criteria but are considered viable.

**Mitigating Circumstances**

* Injury, Illness or Exhaustion
* Unable to fulfil county commitments due to Financial difficulties
* Bereavement
* Prior engagement which cannot be changed and is considered by the
* committee to be a situation over which 'the player has no control.
* Work commitments
* Family commitments
* Any other circumstance which is not in the above list but is considered by the committee to be mitigating,

Note: The above document is available for discussion for the players but it is to be stated that this is only a guideline and while all players should make every effort to fulfil the criteria, this does not guarantee selection, but greatly improves their chances of selection. Ultimately the selection decision is the responsibility of the committee and they may do as they see fit for both the short and long term success of Devon Table Tennis and its players.