**East Sussex Table Tennis Closed Novice Tournament**

# **Competition Rules & Information**

## **Player eligibility and competence**

1. Players must meet the Table Tennis England age criteria for Schools, up to and including Year 11.
2. As a minimum, players should be Club Play members of Table Tennis England.
3. Players should live or attend school within the Table Tennis England defined area for the East Sussex Schools’ Table Tennis Association.
4. Only players without prior experience of league, one star or competition above these levels will be eligible to participate.
5. Players must be able to serve within the rules of Table Tennis.
6. Players should be able to return serve and engage in rallies.

## **Equipment and playing area**

1. Bats can be provided should a player not have their own.
2. Match balls will be provided.
3. Players should wear suitable sports clothing and footwear. Shirts/tops must not be predominantly white.
4. Tables and nets will be of league standard.
5. The court sizes will be determined by the available space within the venue and number of tables required.
6. All courts will be marked, at least, to a minimum standard using movable barriers.

## **Safeguarding**

1. Officials of the hosting Association/League will assume the role of Safeguarding Lead for the duration of the competition.
2. Responsibility for the safe arrival and collection of players will rest with their parents or guardians.
3. Images of participants are not to be recorded unless permission has been sought and gained from their parent/guardian.

## **General**

1. TTE Codes of Conduct will be applied at these competitions. These cover players, coaches, officials and parents/spectators.
2. Any person intending to take part in these events, either as a player, coach, official or spectator, should not attend if they have or believe they may have a transmissible illness.
3. Please be aware that venues may have their own regulations for users.
4. Parking at venues is not guaranteed and it might be necessary to park away from the hosting venue.
5. Timings may vary dependent on the number of players taking part.