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**2011 - 2012**

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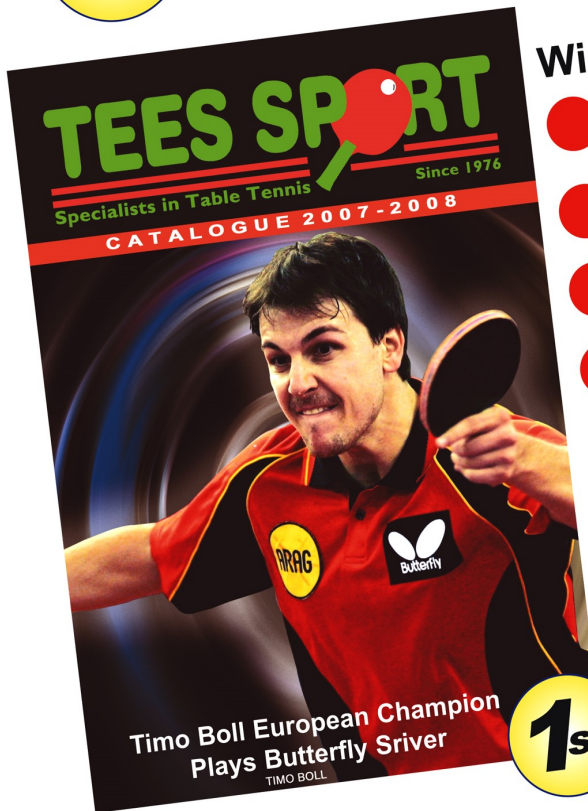
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## GENERAL NOTES

All matches shall commence by 7.45 pm, so home teams should be at their playing headquarters by 7.30 pm to welcome the visiting teams, and all players must arrive before 8.45 pm.

Where certain club's premises have to be vacated by 10.00 pm, it may be necessary to play the match on two tables.

No player may play more than two sets of singles consecutively and no player may play four sets consecutively.

Score cards should be sent to the Fixture secretary, to reach him not later than the Saturday of match week. (Friday matches by the following Monday).

All League and Tournament holders please return the trophies to Mr C. Tai, 10 Hawkfields, Bushmead, Luton, LU2 7NN. by 29th February 2012 (Failure to comply may result in a fine.)

### THE COMMITTEE WISH TO THANK:

The Caddington, Christians in Sport and Co-op Clubs for the use of their premises and facilities for the various functions held by the League last season.

Vauxhall Recreation Club for the use of their premises and help at our tournament, also The Caddington, Luton and Dunstable Hospital and Co-op clubs for lending their tables to facilitate the tournament.

They would also like to thank Sports Editor Mark Wood, and his team at the LUTON NEWS, for publishing our League Tables and match results.

The committee would also like to thank all the league members who gave their assistance to the committee during the season.

## **LIST OF CLUBS**

This gives

- (a) Name, address and telephone numbers (H) home (B) business (M) mobile (with area code if not Luton), of the club secretary
- (b) The club's playing headquarters

### **Caddington T.T.C.**

- a) Mr D Messetter 25 Elm Avenue Caddington, Beds, LU1 4HS (H) 737362
- b) Caddington Sports Club, Manor Road, Caddington.

### **Christians in Sport**

- a) Mr G Slough, 271 Turnpike Drive, Luton, LU3 3RD (H) 658733  
(M) 07806636288
- b) Central Baptist Church, Cumberland Street, Luton.  
(Next to the Honda dealer).

### **Co-op**

- a) Mr M Lyons, 123 Turnpike Drive, Luton, LU3 3RB (H) 507541  
(M) 07711639466
- b) Co-op Club House, Stockingstone Road, Luton

### **Luton & Dunstable Hospital T.T.C.**

- a) Mr Kit Chiew 14, Central Drive, St. Albans, Herts. Tel: 01727858255
- b) Luton & Dunstable Hospital Social Club, Carnwood Road, Luton

### **Rothamsted**

- a) Mr N. Magan, 152 Station Road, Harpenden, Herts (H) 764276  
(M) 07774903168
- b) Sports Pavilion, Rothamsted Experimental Station, Harpenden.

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## LIST OF CLUBS (cont)

### **Tigers T.T.C.**

- a) Mr Barker, 71 Humberstone Road, Luton, LU4 9SR (H) 01582 505500  
b) Stopsley Regional Sports Centre, Lothair Road, Luton.

### **Vauxhall**

- a) Mr.B Bailey, 19 Alexandra Avenue, Luton, LU3 1HE (H) 418990  
(M) 07518020188  
b) Vauxhall Recreation Club, 20 Gipsy Lane, Luton, LU1 3JH

### **Wrest Park**

- a) Mr D Crane, Squirrels, Southill Road, Old Warden, Beds, SG18 9DU.  
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b) Wrest Park (entrance next to Church), Silsoe, Beds.
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## **Note to all Club Secretaries and Team Captains**

### **This season's Cunningham Cup & Hotard Challenge Shield to be Played:**

#### **Semi-Finals**

See Dates On Pages 8

Teams to Organise Venue & Scoring, Handicap pre-advised by committee

#### **Finals** (Both tournaments)

Thursday **12th April 2012**

The Finals to be played at Christians in Sport Venue, Central Baptist Church

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**AGM to be held Thursday 5th July 2012  
At the Co-op, Stockingstone Road**

## **CLOSED TOURNAMENT**

**FOR MORE DETAILS, SEE PAGE 13**

## COLIN CROWE 1927-2011 - A TRIBUTE

### TABLE TENNIS PLAYER and GENTLEMAN

Colin Crowe, one of our Vice-Presidents, sadly passed away peacefully at home on Saturday 29th January 2011 aged 83

Colin grew up in Bedford and first took up table tennis on his return from service in the navy in World War II. He played for Bedford Table Tennis Club at the Liberal Club for many years and after becoming League Singles Champion in 1949, he retained it for his next 6 years' stay in Bedford! During this time, he won his first of many County Singles titles and served on the Bedford League Committee for several years until moving away

He initially became involved with the L&D TTL around 1954 with the Saints team - a very strong team which literally dominated the league up until 1961 and also took won the Cunningham Cup in '54 and '59. In moving with the times, the team went through various renaming and whilst at 'Kents' in Biscot Road, they again led the way in the top Division until 1971. He also competed in the Willmott Cup for Luton from '58 onwards and County Championships until '71, as well as many Luton & District tournaments throughout, singles and doubles. As a matter of fact, bar just one year, he won the Men's Singles from '56-'66

Colin also happily played alongside various other well-known players in the All England Championships, such as Johnny Leach, Victor Barna et al....

He was part of the County Committee as well as our own from 1956 onwards, became Luton's Vice President in 1972 and remained so for many years. He continued playing until recent years and represented the County at Veteran events and was even still on the List of Umpires until just a few years ago!

During '56-'71, Colin won 42 titles, winning the Luton/Beds/20 Miles Radius Men's Singles, Doubles, Mixed Doubles and in the '65/'66 season Colin won ALL 8 TITLES, a feat never repeated.

Colin also played in the Luton team which reached the Zone Final of the Willmott Cup Nationwide Men's Competition in 1955, which was played at Vauxhall Motors, Dunstable, in front of a crowd of over 300 people, against the cup-holders 'East London'. Their team consisted of Chester Barnes - England No. 1, Bobby Stevens - England No. 6 and Bobby Rabould, also England Ranked. Colin was the only player to win a game - against Bobby Raybould."

**Week Commencing  
Monday****Fixture Table for all Divisions**

03Oct 11	1 v 8	2 v 7	3 v 6	4 v 5
10-Oct-11	7 v 1	6 v 2	5 v 3	
17-Oct-11	1 v 6	2 v 5	3 v 4	8 v 7
24-Oct-11	5 v 1	4 v 2	6 v 8	
31 Oct-11	1 v 4	2 v 3	8 v 5	7 v 6
07-Nov-11	Cunningham Cup Round 1			
14-Nov-11	Free week			
21-Nov-11	3 v 1	4 v 8	5 v 7	
28 Nov-11	1 v 2	8 v 3	7 v 4	6 v 5
05-Dec-11	2 v 8	3 v 7	4 v 6	
11 Dec 11	Cunningham Cup Round 2 and Hotard Challenge Shield Round 1			
19-Dec-11		Christmas	Break	
26-Dec-11		Christmas	Break	
02-Jan 12		New Year	Break	
09-Jan-12	8 v 1	7 v 2	6 v 3	5 v 4
16-Jan-12	1 v 7	2 v 6	3 v 5	
23-Jan-12	6 v 1	5 v 2	4 v 3	7 v 8
30-Jan-12	1 v 5	2 v 4	8 v 6	
06-Feb-12	Cunningham Cup Round 3 and Hotard Challenge Shield Round 2			
13-Feb-12	4 v 1	3 v 2	5 v 8	6 v 7
20-Feb-12	Free week			
27-Feb-12	1 v 3	8 v 4	7 v 5	
05 Mar 12	2 v 1	3 v 8	4 v 7	5 v 6
12 Mar 12	8 v 2	7 v 3	6 v 4	
19 Mar 12	Cunningham Cup Round 4 & Hotard Challenge Shield Round 3			
26 Mar 12	Cunningham Cup and Hotard Challenge Shield Finals			

**NOTE: ALL MATCHES TO BE PLAYED BY 20 APRIL 2012**



## **Divisional Team List and Contacts**

(H) Home (B) Business (STD = Luton 01582 unless stated)

### **Premier**

<b>Team Name</b>	<b>Home Night</b>	<b>Contact</b>	<b>Tel No (H)</b>	<b>Mobile</b>
1 Christians	Thursday	Graham Slough	597933	
2 Christians A	Thursday	Val Murdoch		01462671191
3 Tigers	Thursday	Ian Pirks	566130	07515276586
4 CO-OP	Monday	Russell Penn	01525715936	07739460533
5 Vauxhall	Monday	Julie Snowdon	01908201917	07788590463
6 Rothamsted	Tuesday	Naresh Magan	764276	07774903168
7 Tigers A	Thursday	Derek Barker	505500	
8 Wrest Park	Thursday	Peter Jones	881500	07802798571

### **NOTE TO ALL PLAYERS**

#### **An early reminder**

**As from 1 August 2012 all players will be required to register with the ETTA themselves. This can be done either on-line via the ETTA website, by phone on 0845 0500 388, or by post.**

## **Divisional Team List and Contacts**

(H) Home (B) Business (STD = Luton 01582 unless stated)

### **Division 1**

	<b><u>Team Name</u></b>	<b><u>Home Night</u></b>	<b><u>Contact</u></b>	<b><u>Tel No (H)</u></b>	<b><u>Mobile</u></b>
1	Caddington	Wednesday	David Hailes	664453	07802798571
2	L & D Hospital	Tuesday	Kenroy Huggins	529319	07961181036
3	Vauxhall A	Monday	Brian Bailey	418990	07518020188
4	Vauxhall B	Monday	Karl Peters	517237	
5	Vauxhall C	Monday	Gerry Heathcote	01525716397	07788884191
6	L & D Hospital A	Tuesday	Kit Chiew	01727360970	07984259738
7	Tigers B	Thursday	Tom Hooker	898699	07738663301
8	CO-OP A	Thursday	Tony Durnford	758840	

## **Divisional Team List and Contacts**

(H) Home (B) Business (STD = Luton 01582 unless stated)

### **Division 2**

	<b><u>Team Name</u></b>	<b><u>Home Night</u></b>	<b><u>Contact</u></b>	<b><u>Tel No</u></b>	<b><u>Mobile</u></b>
1	Wrest Park A	Thursday	Alex Petrohilos	881861	
2	L & D Hosp B	Tuesday	A Fine	755908	
3	Vauxhall D	Monday	Eleanor Neaves	512069	07983798150
4	Vauxhall E	Monday	Simon Shirley	419593	07855488693
5	Caddington A	Thursday	David Messetter	737362	
6	Vauxhall F	Monday	Christine Day	01525403218	07763320646
7	Vauxhall G	Monday	Alan Chadwick	416350	07403191361

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Malcolm Hinksman	Vauxhall B	mhinksman@ntlworld.com
Tom Hooker	Tigers B	t.young200@ntlworld.com
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Kenroy Huggins	L & D Hospital	kenphoenix2000@yahoo.co.uk
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Chu Tai	Chairman	chu.tai@btopenworld.com

# **L& DTTL CLOSED TOURNAMENT**

## **2012 - FREE ENTRY**

**TO TAKE PLACE AT THE END OF THE  
SEASON ON**

**MONDAY 23rd AND 30th APRIL 2012**

**at**

**VAUXHALL RECREATION  
CLUB**

**FORMATS WILL BE THE SAME AS 2011  
TOURNAMENT**

**MORE DETAILS WILL BE SENT OUT NEARER  
THE DATE**

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# **PLEASE NOTE!!!**

## **LAW CHANGES 2010**

At the AGM held on 10th July 2010, two important changes were made to the ETTA Approved Laws, which apply to all Competitive Table Tennis, including Local League matches.

From 11 July 2010:

- 1 Only racket coverings that are currently authorised by the ITTF can be used.**

*Note: This change does not alter the existing provision under which any County Association, Local League or club may, without specific permission, organise a knock-out competition solely among its own members and players in which the normal requirements of the Approved Laws in respect of playing equipment are varied, such as in a “hard bat” tournament.*

The ITTF list of authorised racket coverings is published twice a year, covering the periods 1st January to 30th June, and 1st July to 31st December. These lists will be issued to Leagues by the ETTA, normally by the preceding 15th May and 15th November respectively, and they are also available on the ITTF website.

Several points need to be borne in mind with respect to these lists.

First, to be valid, the covering must be in the *current* list; the fact that it may have been in a previous list is not relevant if it has since been removed.

Second, it is possible that a covering will not be authorised for the whole of a season. However, if the ITTF decides to remove a covering, at least 6 months’ notice is given, so that players will know well before the start of a season whether or not it will be available to them for the whole of that season.

Third, the fact that a covering is on the *current* list does *not* guarantee that it is legal. The authorisation applies only to the pimped rubber component and if, for example, the sponge layer is too thick or is uneven, the covering as a whole will not comply with the other Requirements of the Laws.

**2 A racket cannot be changed during the course of an Individual match unless it becomes accidentally damaged so badly that it is unusable**

**At the ITTF AGM in May 2010 there were also two changes to the ITTF Laws, and these will automatically be incorporated in the ETTA Approved Laws.**

1 A point is not scored against a player for an accidental double hit. *An accidental double hit, such as the ball touching the racket and the Racket hand, can be ignored*

2 The expedite system cannot be introduced in a game if the total of points scored is at least 18.

*Expedite cannot be introduced if the score has reached or passed 9-9 or 10-8.*

Colin Clemett, Chairman, Rules Committee 11.7.10

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# COMPETITION RESULTS 2010/11

## TOURNAMENT

<b>EVENT</b>	<b>WINNERS</b>	<b>RUNNERS-UP</b>
<b>Premier Division Singles</b>	Paul Nicholas Vauxhall A Div 1	Marc Lyons Co-op Premier Div
<b>Division 1 Singles</b>	Steve Barrett	Tom Oliver
<b>Division 2 Singles</b>	Thomas Hooker	Larry Gresham
<b>Random Doubles</b>	Samantha Pearson and Terry Lau	Paul Nicholas and Paul Mann

## COMPETITIONS

<b>EVENT</b>	<b>WINNERS</b>	<b>RUNNERS-UP</b>
<b>Hotard Challenge Shield</b>	Wrest Park Div 1	Co-op B Div 2
<b>Cunningham Cup</b>	Vauxhall G Div 2	Tigers B Div 2

## SPECIAL AWARD

### MARK ANDREWS SHIELD

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**Presented To: Paul Munn, Vauxhall G (Div 2)**

# TOP TEN AVERAGES 50% of matches have to be played to qualify

## PREMIER DIVISION

Name		Club	Won	Played	%
Marc	Lyons	Co-op	40	42	95
Clint	Armstrong	Co-op A	45	48	94
Martin	Verdon	Tigers	41	48	85
Derek	Willis	Vauxhall	23	27	85
Martin	Livesey	Co-op A	34	42	81
Keith	Iveson	Christians A	28	36	78
Keywan	Hassini Pak	Rothamsted	28	39	72
Mal	Hussein	Christians	34	48	71
Brian	Mayfield	Caddington	16	24	67
Mark	Slough	Christians	30	45	67

## DIVISION 1

Tom	Oliver	Wrest Park	37	39	95
Paul	Newbury	Vauxhall A	30	36	83
Julien	Creighton	Tigers A	17	21	81
Dennis	Crane	Wrest Park	34	42	81
Malcolm	Hinksman	Vauxhall B	16	21	76
Ron	Hedley	Tigers A	25	33	76
Dave	Messetter	Caddington A	23	33	70
Andy	Jenkins	Vauxhall D	23	33	70
Richard	Baker	Tigers A	24	36	67
Tony	Calvano	Vauxhall A	28	42	67

## DIVISION 2

Charlie	Bennett	Tigers B	32	33	97
Larry	Gresham	Tigers B	26	27	96
Thomas	Hooker	Tigers B	33	36	92
Soloman	Mosiwacho	L & D Hospital B	23	27	85
Ernie	Denman	Co-op B	24	33	73
Samantha	Pearson	Co-op B	26	36	72
Jason	Young	Vauxhall E	17	24	71
Tony	Bail	Vauxhall E	16	27	59
Roy	Pilkington	Vauxhall F	14	24	58
Alan	Chadwick	Vauxhall G	19	33	58

## FINAL LEAGUE TABLES 2010/11

<b>PREMIER</b>							
<b>DIVISION</b>	<b>P</b>	<b>W</b>	<b>D</b>	<b>L</b>	<b>F</b>	<b>A</b>	<b>Points</b>
Co-op A	16	13	3	0	114	46	52
Christians in Sport	16	10	3	3	96	64	40
Tigers	16	8	4	4	95	65	40
Co-op	16	11	0	5	89	71	38
Christians in Sport A	16	6	3	7	83	77	34
Vauxhall	16	7	2	7	79	81	31
Rothamsted	16	4	3	9	73	87	28
Caddington	16	5	0	11	66	94	24
L & D Hospital	16	0	0	16	29	131	3

<b>DIVISION 1</b>	<b>P</b>	<b>W</b>	<b>D</b>	<b>L</b>	<b>F</b>	<b>A</b>	<b>Points</b>
Wrest Park	14	12	1	1	102	38	47
Tigers A	14	10	1	3	95	45	42
Vauxhall A	14	10	2	2	96	44	41
Vauxhall B	14	5	3	6	71	69	27
Vauxhall D	14	4	3	7	62	78	22
L & D Hospital A	14	4	2	8	58	82	21
Caddington A	14	4	1	9	53	87	19
Vauxhall C	14	0	1	13	23	117	5

<b>DIVISION 2</b>	<b>P</b>	<b>W</b>	<b>D</b>	<b>L</b>	<b>F</b>	<b>A</b>	<b>Points</b>
Tigers B	12	12	0	0	105	15	46
Co-op B	12	8	1	3	79	41	33
Vauxhall E	12	9	0	3	75	45	33
Vauxhall G	12	5	0	7	58	62	21
Vauxhall F	12	4	0	8	42	78	16
L & D Hospital B	12	2	1	9	36	84	13
Wrest Park A	12	1	0	11	25	95	67

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## League Code

- a) Know the rules of the game.
- b) Know the rules of the league.
- c) Acknowledge, send returns, entries, etc. in promptly
- d) Be courteous to those you pass on the way up.  
You'll meet them again on the way down.
- e) Never let your team down.
- f) Acquire the will to win gracefully and  
the grace to lose winningly.
- g) Never alibi when you lose.
- h) Never question the umpire's decision.
- i) Take special pride in your dress.
- J) Improve strategy and tactics by seeing and taking  
part in the best matches and tournaments you can.
- k) Umpire .
- l) Win or lose, shake hands with your opponent and then the  
umpire at the end of the game.

# Luton & District Table Tennis League

## RULES

### **Name**

- 1 This combination of clubs shall be known as the Luton & District Table Tennis League.

### **Objective**

- 2 To promote competitive Table Tennis within the Luton area.

### **Membership**

- 3 All amateur table tennis clubs whose nominated Home playing venues are within 20 miles radius of Luton Town Hall shall be eligible for membership, subject to the approval of the Executive Committee
- 4 Clubs desiring affiliation to this Luton & District Table Tennis League shall make application in writing to the Executive Committee via the Hon. Registration Secretary
- 5 The Executive Committee shall have power to accept or to reject any application for membership and wherever possible give reasons for rejections in writing. Appeals against non-affiliation to the Luton & District Table Tennis League should be made within 14 days of the original decision being received. Any such appeal should be addressed to the Chairman of the Luton & District Table Tennis League, whose decision shall be final.

### **Constitution**

- 6 The Officers of the Luton & District Table Tennis League shall be President, Vice-Presidents, Chairman, Vice-Chairman, Hon. General Secretary, Hon. Treasurer, Hon. Fixture Secretary, Hon. Registration Secretary and Hon. Auditors, all of whom shall be elected at the Annual General Meeting of the Luton & District Table Tennis League.
- 7 The Management of the Luton & District Table Tennis League shall be vested in an Executive Committee consisting of Chairman, Vice-Chairman, Hon General Secretary, Hon. Treasurer, Hon. Fixture Secretary, Hon. Cunningham Cup Secretary, Hon. Trophy Officer, Hon. Registration Secretary and five others elected at the Annual General Meeting. Five to form a quorum.

### **Annual General Meeting**

- 8 The Annual General Meeting of the Luton & District Table Tennis League shall be held before September 1<sup>st</sup> in each year and the Agenda, together with any Proposal(s) for changes to the Rules or details on any item(s) due to be discussed under AOB, must be circulated at least 14 days before the meeting.
- 9 Each club shall be allowed 1 vote per delegate present with a maximum of 2 votes and if a club fails to send at least 1 delegate a fine of up to £5 may be imposed as the Executive Committee may determine. Prior to any matter being voted upon, the Chairman shall nominate 2 Tellers, who shall determine the Voting power of the meeting.
- 10 All members of the Executive Committee are entitled to vote on any matter brought up before the meeting. Each Member of the Executive Committee shall elect to either vote as an Executive Committee member or as one of his/her Club's Delegates; such option shall not be altered during the current meeting.

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## **Special General Meeting**

- 11 A Special General Meeting may be called at any time within 28 days of a requisition being signed by at least 25% of affiliated clubs stating the Agenda they wish to discuss. No business shall be transacted other than that for which the Special General Meeting was called. All members of the Executive Committee are entitled to vote on any matter brought before the meeting and that same business cannot be used as a reason for calling a further Special General Meeting for at least 12 months.

## **Amendments to Rules**

- 12 No amendments to or additions of these Rules shall be made except at an Annual General Meeting or by sanction of a Special General Meeting. Proposals for Amendments to these Rules to be dealt with at the General Meeting must be sent in writing by the Club Secretary to the Hon. General Secretary at any time between September 1st and the following March 31st. At the AGM, each Proposal or amended proposal will require a 'Proposer' and 'Seconder', from different Clubs or Committee members
- 13 All proposed amendments to these Rules must be circulated to all Club Secretaries not later than 14 days before the meeting.
- 14 No existing Rule within this Rule Book can be altered or a new one made unless the majority of the voting power of the Annual General Meeting or Special General Meeting is obtained. In the event of a tied vote, the Chairman shall have the casting vote.

## **Affiliation Fees**

- 15 The Annual subscription from each club shall be fixed by the Executive Committee. The annual fees for Team and players that includes the ETTA and Beds TTA fees, levied by the Luton & District table Tennis League must be paid to the Hon. Registration Secretary at the time of application of affiliation, as under Rule 4.

## **Finance**

- 16 The financial year of the Luton & District Table Tennis League shall end on the 31st May.
- 17 The funds of the Luton & District Table Tennis League shall be lodged with a Bank and/or Building Society. All cheques, drafts, etc. drawn on the Account or Accounts, shall be signed by any two of the Chairman, Hon. General Secretary and the Hon. Treasurer.

## **Administration**

- 18 All competitions promoted by the Luton & District Table Tennis League, Beds TTA and/or ETTA shall be conducted under the rules of the English Table Tennis Association. Players wishing to take part in any of the competitions must be registered with the Luton & District Table Tennis League. The ETTA, Beds TTA and/or Luton & District Table Tennis League reserve the right to refuse entry of any team or player and wherever possible give such reasons for rejection in writing.
- 19 At the beginning of each season, the Executive Committee will allocate clubs into Divisions and, in so doing, shall be guided by previous results, by player and/or Team composition and new entries. Registration of players at all times will be after approval of the Luton & District Table Tennis League Executive Committee. After receipt by the Luton & District Table Tennis League Hon Registration Secretary of player registration forms, no team may sign a player except by permission of the Executive Committee. Registration of a player will not normally be granted within 4 weeks of the last fixture of the scheduled Luton & District Table Tennis League programme as shown on the Fixture Chart within the current handbook.

- 20 Each player must register through his/her club secretary and notification of acceptance must be obtained from the Hon. Registration Secretary before the player is eligible to play, except where a player is 'playing up' as in Rule 22(b).
- 21 No player shall be registered for more than one team.
- 22 (a) Players shall be nominated for each team when application is made.
- (b) Where a Club has two or more teams, a player registered for a team in a lower division may 'play up' in a higher team or teams for up to 3 occasions during the playing season in Luton and District Table Tennis League matches: however, after the third occasion the player shall be automatically re-registered for the next highest team for whom he /she has played.
- 23 A player wishing to transfer from one team to another must obtain the consent, in writing, of the club secretary concerned and the Executive Committee except where the player has been automatically re-registered under 22(b) above.
- 24 A player signing for more than one club or Team, except under rule 22(b) above, or a club wilfully inducing a player so to act shall be dealt with as the Executive Committee may determine.
- 25 Communications from Club Secretaries or Team Captains should be addressed as follows:
- |   |                                |
|---|--------------------------------|
| General and Appeals under Rule                    | Hon. Gen. Secretary.           |
| Results and Fixtures                              | Hon. Fixture Secretary.        |
| New/existing Registrations                        | Hon. Registration Secretary    |
| Cunningham Cup/Hotard Challenge Shield Secretary. | Hon. Cunningham Cup Secretary. |
| Tournaments                                       | Hon Tournament Secretary       |
| Appeals (under Rule 5)                            | Hon. Gen. Secretary            |
- 26 Luton & District Table Tennis League matches shall be played as follows:
- (A) By teams of 3 players affiliated to the Luton & District Table Tennis League.
- (B) Each team shall play home and away matches with all other teams in their Division of the Luton & District Table Tennis League. Each team member shall play the opposing team members the best of 5 games, 11 up, two players of each team shall form up as a doubles pair.
- (C) The umpiring of matches shall be shared equally between both teams, and the away Captain shall have the power to decide which of his side shall play, either singles or doubles, the home side fixing up accordingly. Although the Doubles can be played at any time during the match, it cannot be enforced by the away team captain before 8.45pm unless all three players of the home side have arrived.
- (D) No player may consecutively play more than 2 sets of singles and doubles match, whatsoever the order of play.
- (E) In the event of scoring being 11 all, in either singles or doubles game, the winner or winners must obtain two clear points lead. Each match should be played to a finish and points shall be awarded on the following basis:
- |                    |   |          |
|--------------------|---|----------|
| 10, 9, 8 games won | - | 4 points |
| 7, 6 games won     | - | 3 points |
| 5 games won        | - | 2 points |
| 4, 3 games won     | - | 1 point  |
| 2, 1, 0 games won  | - | 0 point  |
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(G) Where final positions indicate that teams have equal points, the Champion Team and runners up in each Division will be decided in the following order:

(i) No. of Games For; (ii) No. of Matches won; (iii) No. of Matches Drawn.

In the event that a clear Champion Team and runners up are not established, then a play-off match will take place on a date and venue to be arranged by the Executive Committee, when both teams will be expected to fulfil the fixture as organised. The play-off will consist of 9 singles, 3 players in each team, playing each player in the opposing team, to obtain a definite result.

- 27 (A) At the time of registration each club must declare the night of the week on which their home matches will be played. This information will be embodied in the Luton & District Table Tennis League Handbook, and will be the only intimation afforded to the visiting team. A club with more than one team may specify one evening in respect of each team.
- (B) Teams may wish to exceptionally re-arrange match and in these circumstances they should obtain the agreement of the opposing team Captain and Hon. Fixture Secretary giving as much notice as possible. In any event, where less than 7 days notice is given and/or agreement cannot be reached, then the requesting Team captain in the first instance must contact the Hon. Fixtures Secretary with full details of the request. If the original playing date has passed then the Hon. Fixture Secretary will attempt to obtain a mutually agreed date or decide to refer the matter to the Executive to recommend points award whose decision will be final.
- (C) Re-arranged matches should be played at the earliest opportunity to prevent fixture backlog. All re-arranged matches should be completed within two weeks of the last fixture of the scheduled Luton & District Table Tennis League programme, as shown on the Fixture Chart, within the current handbook. Clubs violating this rule shall be dealt with as the Executive Committee shall determine and points for outstanding matches awarded at the discretion of the Executive Committee.
- 28 The Luton & District Table Tennis League shall have the right to inspect a club's premises, before or during the season. The Luton & District Table Tennis League may also inspect a club's premises before accepting them each season, and if found to be unsuitable, shall advise on the necessary alterations. If the club cannot or will not put right the points mentioned by the Executive Committee then the Executive Committee reserve the right to refuse acceptance of that club into the Luton & District Table Tennis League.

- 29 All Luton & District Table Tennis League matches shall commence by 7.45pm at the latest and all players must arrive by 8.45pm., unless the Captains of both Teams are willing to allow a later arrival. These arrangements should not be interpreted as agreement for matches to be extended, and Teams should make every effort to complete matches by a reasonable hour, especially where hired premises have to be vacated.
- 30 Both Away and Home Teams shall send to the Hon. Fixture Secretary a score card stating the names of the players taking part, together with the results of the match to reach him not later than Saturday of the match, except matches played on Fridays, where an extension shall be given until Monday. For the purpose of recording the results and players of both Away and Team cards must be signed by both team captains. Any club failing to comply with this rule shall be fined £1 for the first offence and £2 for each succeeding offence. The points will usually be awarded to the away team when the home club's scorecard is more than 14 days late.
- 31 A club playing an ineligible player in a Luton & District Table Tennis League match may have 2 points deducted from its total, plus a deduction of up to 4 points for the match in which the ineligible player took part, and the club concerned may be fined a sum as the Executive Committee may determine, and the match concerned may be replayed as the Executive Committee may determine. The ineligible player may be suspended from playing in the Luton & District Table Tennis League for a period of time as the Executive Committee may determine.
- 32 The record of any club withdrawing from the Luton & District Table Tennis League during the season shall be expunged and monies paid shall be forfeited and the club and registered players thereof fined as the Executive Committee may determine. No player who has been fined on account of withdrawal of his/her club from the Luton & District Table Tennis League shall be allowed to register for any other Luton & District Table Tennis League club until his/her fine has been paid.
- 33 Any dispute, or claim between clubs or players that may arise in connection with any match and/or competition either administered or promoted by the Luton & District Table Tennis League shall be decided by the Executive Committee whose decision shall be final and binding on both the club and/or player(s).
- 34 If a club has been fined or reprimanded by the Executive Committee for any reason whatsoever, they shall have the right to appeal to the Hon. General Secretary. All notices of appeals shall be lodged not later than 7 days after notice of fine or reprimand. The Hon. General Secretary will then inform the club secretary concerned of the date at which the Executive Committee will hear the appeal. The findings of the Executive Committee of an appeal shall be final and binding.

- 35 The Luton & District Table Tennis League may at any time require a registered player to play in a match arranged by the Luton & District Table Tennis League. Any player so selected shall not play for his club on that date. Selection of teams to represent the Luton and District Table Tennis League shall be made by the Executive Committee and any player chosen to represent the Luton and District Table Tennis League must give notice of acceptance or declension at least 14 days before the match is due to be played.
- 36 The Luton & District Table Tennis League may hold championships during the season, subject to sufficient interest and support. An entrance fee shall be payable by all players at time of application to compete. The draws and all arrangements will be made by the Executive Committee, who shall be allowed to seed players if considered necessary
- 37 (A) The Luton & District Table Tennis League may hold an Annual Knockout Competition for the Marguerite Cunningham Cup open to clubs in membership within this Luton & District Table Tennis League. An entry fee to be determined by the Executive Committee must be paid at the time of the application to compete or at time of affiliation. The Rules for the Marguerite Cunningham Cup will be made available to all eligible teams and may be altered at the Executive Committee's discretion at the start of the competition. For planning purposes, each round will be in the same week as the Hotard Challenge Shield, although affected clubs will be pre-advised in the event of any change.

The handicaps will be framed and the draw for each round made by the Executive Committee and Hon. Cunningham Cup Secretary, whose decision shall be final on any matter(s) falling within the scope of this competition. Only players registered at the time of the draw will be eligible for the round in question.

At the time of the semi-final and final stages, only players who were registered at the time of the last round will be eligible to play. Handicaps are based upon the strongest possible team being available; hence the need to restrict 'late signings' and entry to the Cunningham Cup tournament.

- ( B) The Luton & District Table Tennis League may also hold an Annual Knockout Competition for the Hotard Challenge Shield, open to registered Teams who are knocked out in their first match of the Marguerite Cunningham Cup.

Entry to the competition will be automatic for all 'losing' teams from their first match of the Marguerite Cunningham Cup and no additional entry fee will be required. The competition will be based upon teams of 3 players, with an aggregate handicap for the whole match (as opposed to a 'game handicap' in the Marguerite Cunningham Cup) being awarded by the Executive Committee. Each player will play each opposing team player two games, 21 up or two clear points as normal. There will be no doubles game and the game scores will be totalled at the end of the match for both home and away teams. Handicap(s) will be issued in sealed envelopes to both teams and must only be opened at the end of the match played. The teams' aggregate handicaps are then added to the Total scores to determine winning team.

The full Rules for the Hotard Challenge Shield will be made available issued to all eligible teams at the time of advising them of the draw for the First Round of the competition and may be altered at the Executive Committee's discretion at the start of the competition. For planning purposes, each round will be in the same week as the Marguerite Cunningham Cup, although affected clubs will be pre-advised in the event of any change decided by the Executive Committee.

(C) Where specified playing weeks have been allocated, the competition(s) referred to in (a) and (b) above will take precedence over normal League matches and it will be the responsibility of the Home Captain to contact the Away Captain to confirm match details. Postponements to matches will not normally be allowed, to ensure smooth running of the competitions; however any requests for postponements, agreed by both Captains must be made in writing to the Hon. Cunningham Cup Secretary prior to the scheduled date, whose decision will be final

(D) In normal circumstances there is no right of Appeal against any handicap(s) awarded or application of any handicap(s) awarded under the above competitions or any other tournaments organised by the Executive Committee, whose decision shall be final and binding.

38. The Rules contained above are intended to support and promote competitive table tennis in the Luton and surrounding areas; therefore, they should be treated as guidelines, in the spirit of good sportsmanship. Any matter (s) not covered or able to be interpreted under the above, shall be referred to the Executive Committee whose decision shall be final and binding.

Note: These Rules supersede any previous Rules issued by the Luton & District Table Tennis League.

## **MARGUERITE CUNNINGHAM HANDICAP CUP RULES**

- 1 Teams competing must be in League membership.
- 2 An entry fee (determined by the Committee) must be paid with entry.
- 3 The draw will be made and the handicaps framed by the committee. Maximum – plus 12, minimum minus 10. Minus value starts, when plus 12 is agreed.
- 4 Only players registered for that team, at the time of the draw will be eligible to play.
- 5 Each team will consist of four players.
- 6 A match will consist of sixteen singles and four doubles (away team putting on). No player may play more than two singles and a doubles consecutively.
- 7 Each play will play four singles, and two doubles with the same partner. One leg only, 21 up.
- 8 The team reaching eleven legs first wins. If the match ties at ten legs each, two additional singles and one doubles, with all players taking part, will take place to obtain a definitive result. Home team puts on.
- 9 Team drawn first is the Home team and provides venue and scores. Matches to take place during nominated week, with Cup matches taking precedence over League matches.
- 10 All disputes outside these rules will be referred to the Committee, whose decision will be final and binding.

## **HOTARD CHALLENGE SHIELD (HCS) RULES**

- 1 Entry to the HCS is automatic for teams losing their first match in the Cunningham Cup.
- 2 HCS matches should be played on the Home clubs usual night, although it may be played on another night in the same week by mutual agreement.
- 3 Each team will consist of three players, with each player playing two single games (21 up or two clear points as normal) against each opposing team player i.e. 18 single games in total. There are no doubles games.
- 4 The first game should commence by 7.45pm and the third player must arrive by 8.45pm. Players not present at 8.45pm will be ineligible to play unless the opposing team Captain agrees that the late player can play.
- 5 The Handicap Committee will enter the Home And Away Team names on the scorecard.
- 6 The Home team Captain will enter the names of the Home team against A, B and C on the scorecard first. The Away team Captain will then enter the names of the Away team against 1, 2 and 3.
- 7 Each player will retain A, B, C, 1, 2, or 3 throughout the match. The order of play of each game may be changed subject to Rule 4 above.
- 8 The score for each game should be entered under Home or Away as appropriate and totals entered in the TOTAL column.
- 9 At the end of the match, the Home and Away TOTAL scores should be entered by the Home Captain.
- 10 A separate aggregate Team Handicap score for each team will be awarded by the Handicap Committee and will be sent to both Home and Away teams in sealed envelopes. The sealed envelopes must only be opened after the TOTAL scores have been entered. The Handicap scores for the Home and Away teams should be entered and added to each team's Total Score, giving a Final score for each team.
- 11 The team with the highest Final Score is the winner.
- 12 Both Home and Away teams Captains should sign the scorecard and the Home team Captain should forward the scorecard to the Cunningham Cup Secretary within two working days of the match being played.
- 13 The next Rounds, including Finals Night will be in the same weeks as the Cunningham cup.
- 14 Any issues arising from matches or not covered in the Rules set out above should be referred in writing to the Cunningham cup Secretary and will be determined by the Handicap Committee whose decision will be final.



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