

RDTTA – Constitution & Rules

1 Name

The Association shall be called the Reading and District Table Tennis Association.

2 National and County Affiliation

The Association shall be affiliated to Table Tennis England and the RCBTTA.

3 Objects

The objects of the Association shall be:

3.1 to arrange and conduct a main table tennis league between teams from affiliated clubs

3.2 to arrange and conduct individual table tennis championships

3.3 to arrange and conduct any other type of table tennis division or competition which the Management Committee thinks fit

3.4 to assist and encourage the formation of table tennis clubs and promote the sport of Table Tennis in every possible way in Reading and surrounding district.

4 Definitions

In these rules, any regulations made thereunder and elsewhere in the handbook, the following words and phrases shall have the meaning assigned by this rule.

4.1 the Association: the Reading and District Table Tennis Association

4.2 Table Tennis England (TTE): the governing body of table tennis in England

4.3 the RCBTTA: the Royal County of Berkshire Table Tennis Association

4.4 individual member: the President, a Life Vice President, a Life Member, an honorary officer, a registered player, the secretary of an affiliated club

4.5 registered player: a player who has been registered by the Association for a team in the current season and who has taken out the appropriate form of playing membership with TTE.

4.6 affiliated member: a member of an affiliated club who is not an individual member

4.7 affiliated club: a club that has paid an annual affiliation fee

4.8 cadet: a person under 15 years of age on 31st December during the current playing season

4.9 junior: a person under 18 years of age on 31st December during the current playing season

4.10 veteran: a person 40 years of age or over on 1st January during the current playing season

4.11 senior veteran: a person 50 years of age or over on 1st January during the current playing season

4.12 main division: a division of the main table tennis league of the Association with no age or gender restriction

4.13 youth division: a division in which participation is restricted to persons under 21 years of age on 31st December during the current playing season

4.14 set: the best of five games 11 up between two players or pairs (defined as a “match” in the Laws of the Game), except that for handicap matches set shall mean the best of three games 21 up played under relevant pre 2001 Laws between two players

4.15 team match: a team playing against another team

4.16 in writing: a letter or email

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5 Constitution

The Association shall consist of a President; Life Vice Presidents; Life Members; the following honorary officers (a) Chairman, (b) General Secretary, (c) Minute Secretary, (d) Treasurer, (e) League Registrations Secretary, (f) Divisional Fixture Secretaries for each Division, (g) Publicity Officer, (h) Newsletter Editor, (i) Special Competitions Secretary, (j) Senior Inter-Town Match Secretary, (k) Junior Rep & Junior Competitions Secretary, (l) Trophy Secretary, (m) Development Officer, (n) Local Umpires Secretary; (o) Handbook Secretary; (p) Website Co-ordinator; registered players; directly affiliated members; secretaries of affiliated clubs; affiliated clubs and affiliated members.

6 Application for Membership and Affiliation

Application for membership of or affiliation to the Association may be made by any individual or club in Reading and District accepting its Rules and Regulations.

7 Finance

7.1 The Financial Year of the Association shall end on the 30th April, and an audited account shall be presented at the Annual General Meeting.

7.2 Affiliated clubs shall pay an annual affiliation fee. This fee shall cover affiliation to the RCBTTA and will be payable at the time of application. The fees shall be as follows:

7.2.1 For each team entered in a main division, an amount as determined from time to time by an Annual General Meeting, or a Special General Meeting called for that purpose.

7.2.2 For each team entered in a youth division, one half of the amount determined under 7.2.1.

7.3 Directly affiliated members shall pay an annual fee of one-half of the amount determined under 7.4.1.

7.4 A registration fee shall be payable at the time application for registration is made. The fee shall be as follows:

7.4.1 For a player other than a junior playing only in a main division, or in a main division and a youth division, an amount as determined from time to time by an Annual General Meeting, or a Special General Meeting called for that purpose. *[For 2021-22 the amount is £12.50 (a total of £14.50 including the amount at 7.8)].*

7.4.2 For a player playing only in a youth division, one-half of the amount determined under 7.4.1.

7.4.3 For a junior player, one half of the amount determined under 7.4.1.

7.5.1 The funds of the Association shall be lodged at a bank, or invested or administered as determined by the Management Committee.

7.5.2 Cheques and drafts authorised and drawn by the Association shall be signed by the Treasurer and by any management committee member agreed by the Treasurer.

7.5.3 If the Chairman is also the General Secretary, or the Treasurer is also the General Secretary or Chairman, the Management Committee is hereby empowered to nominate another officer of the Association to be a co-signatory. If the Treasurer is unavailable in an emergency or urgent situation, or the remaining officer specified under 7.5.2 is unavailable for whatever reason, the two remaining may sign a duly authorised cheque.

7.6 A non-member of the Management Committee shall be appointed Auditor at each Annual General Meeting, and such Auditor shall examine the books, accounts, etc., at the end of each financial year.

7.7 Fees payable by junior players for entries to open tournaments will be reimbursed provided such juniors have played or have been prepared to play in representative team matches for the Association and have, if been called upon, taken part in trials organised by the Management Committee. However, the total reimbursement of all players must not exceed £350 in any season and if total claims received exceed this amount then proportionate reimbursement will be made. All claims for reimbursement must be received by the Treasurer, in writing, not later than the 30th April. Amounts already reimbursed to the player under any other scheme may not be claimed.

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7.8 The Management Committee may add £1.00 per junior player or a player playing only in a youth division, and £2.00 for any other player, to the individual registration fee which will allow free entry into the Reading Closed Championships.

7.9 The Association's 'League Representative Member of Table Tennis England', nominated by the Association, shall be indemnified out of the assets of the Association should his or her guarantee be called upon in the event of the winding up of Table Tennis England.

8 Management Committee

8.1 The general administration of the affairs of the Association shall be managed by a Committee which shall be known as the Management Committee. The Committee shall consist of the President if he or she so wishes, the officers specified in the Constitution and anyone co-opted as provided below. In particular the Committee shall have power to:

8.1.1 receive and consider whether to accept applications (i) for affiliation by clubs (ii) for direct affiliation by individuals and (iii) for registration.

8.1.2 co-opt.

8.1.3 expel; suspend from the privileges of membership or affiliation, either indefinitely or for a stated period, and either from all privileges or partially as specified; fine; censure; or deal with in such other manner as is thought fit, for any breach of a rule or regulation of the Association.

8.1.4 decide on any point not specifically covered by the Rules.

8.1.5 decide on interpretation of these Rules in the event of any dispute.

8.2 The Management Committee may fill any officer or official seat which is vacant for any reason.

8.3 Management Committee Meetings shall be held as necessary throughout the year. Members of the Management Committee present shall be entitled to vote with the exception of the Chairman, who shall have a casting vote only.

8.4 A quorum for a Management Committee Meeting shall be at least one-third in number of all members entitled to attend and vote at any such Management Committee meeting.

8.5 Every club which has at least two teams registered should have at least one representative on the Committee.

9 General Meetings

9.1 The Annual General Meeting shall be held not later than 30th June, if at all possible.

9.2 A Special General Meeting shall be convened by the Management Committee should they consider it necessary or if requisitioned by one-third of the affiliated clubs. The notice convening a Special General Meeting shall specify the business to be transacted and no other matters shall be considered.

9.3.1 Any alteration to these Rules or to the fees shall be made only at the Annual General Meeting, or at a Special General Meeting, called for the purpose. A copy of any motion or proposition intended for consideration at the Annual General Meeting which involves alteration or addition to the Rules or fees shall be sent to the Association Secretary by 1st April.

9.3.2 Every decision of every General Meeting shall be final and conclusive and shall be binding on all members and affiliated clubs.

9.3.3 At least ten days' notice of any Annual or Special General Meeting shall be given to all individual members. The notice shall include a copy of the Agenda and any motion or proposition. Sufficient copies shall be sent to club secretaries and/or team captains so that all registered players may be supplied with a copy.

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9.4 At the Annual General Meeting shall be elected (a) the President and the officers (and from those a person to be nominated as the Association's 'League Representative Member of Table Tennis England' and the representatives to the RCBTTA) and (b) an Auditor. Nominations shall be received at the Annual General Meeting and, subject to the rules of Table Tennis England in the case of the Association's 'League Representative Member of Table Tennis England', those elected shall serve the Association from the end of the Annual General Meeting until the end of the following Annual General Meeting.

9.5 All individual members shall be entitled to attend and speak at General Meetings. Each individual member present shall be entitled to one vote on each motion or proposition, except that junior members and the chairman of the meeting shall not be entitled to vote. No motion or proposition shall be carried at a General Meeting unless it receives at least two-thirds of the votes cast.

9.6 Each affiliated club must have at least one registered player or club secretary in attendance at the Annual General Meeting. Any affiliated club not so represented shall be fined £5.

9.7 The Management Committee may make Standing Orders for the conduct of General Meetings.

10 General Rules

10.1.1 A member or affiliated club must not deliberately do or cause to be done anything harmful to the Association nor likely to bring the Association or the sport of Table Tennis into disrepute.

10.1.2 A member or affiliated club must not deliberately do or cause to be done anything harmful to any property owned by, used by or in the care of the Association.

10.1.3 A member or affiliated club must not aid or abet a member or affiliated club to commit a breach of a rule or regulation of the Association.

10.1.4 Any member accepting an invitation to represent the Association, receiving coaching by the Association, or entering or attending any tournament or other event organised by the Association, shall comply with any reasonable request or instruction from an appointed official.

10.2 Each individual member shall receive a handbook, to be distributed as decided by the Management Committee.

10.3.1 Any mandatory fine for breach of rule shall be notified to the secretary of the offending club or to the player as appropriate, and must be paid within ten days of the date of notification to the Association official who imposed the fine.

10.3.2 If a mandatory fine under the provisions of these Rules is not so paid a further such fine shall be imposed thus doubling the original fine.

10.3.3 If it is thought there are grounds for remission of a mandatory fine application for remission with full reasons must be sent in writing to the aforementioned official of the Association together with the fine imposed within ten days of notification of the fine.

10.3.4 An application for remission of a mandatory fine shall be considered by the Management Committee and if upheld the appropriate fine shall be returned.

10.4.1 Any person who has rendered outstanding service to the Association over a number of years may be eligible to become a Life Member. Nominations for life membership shall only be made by the Management Committee at an Annual General Meeting.

10.4.2 The distinction of Life Vice-President may be conferred on any person who has rendered very exceptional service to the Association. A nomination for Life Vice-President shall only be made by the Management Committee at an Annual General Meeting.

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10.4.3 A player who has represented the Association at a level with no age restriction and/or as a veteran, on not less than three occasions, will be awarded a Reading Badge. A player who has represented the Association as a cadet and/or as a junior, on not less than three occasions, will be awarded a Reading Junior badge. The Management Committee may make detailed provisions not inconsistent with this rule.

10.5 Reading Closed Championships

10.5.1 A player will not normally be allowed to play in the Closed Championships unless he/she has played in at least four league team matches in the current season before the closing date of entry.

10.5.2 An entry from a registered player, other than a junior, but who does not qualify under Rule 10.5.1 may be accepted at the discretion of the Management Committee.

10.5.3 Notwithstanding 10.5.2 a player will not be allowed to play in a divisional championship (including Division 1 restricted and Youth Division) unless registered for that division and has played in at least four team matches in that division, or in the case of a divisional championship other than the Youth Division, in that division and a lower division, in the current season before the closing date of entry.

10.5.4 The Management Committee shall have the power to make (and amend) Standing Regulations for championships and competitions as it considers appropriate.

10.6 Coaching

10.6 All coaching activities shall be administered by a sub-committee. The rules, finances and activities of this sub-committee shall be approved by the Management Committee.

10.7 Trophies

10.7.1 Responsibility for the care and return of the Association's returnable cups and trophies shall be as follows:

10.7.2 The Trophy Secretary is empowered to commence the collection of all returnable trophies from February 1st each year, with the specific objective of ensuring that this task is completed by March 17th each year.

10.7.3 The winner of an individual cup or trophy, or the club if one of its teams is the winner of a cup or trophy, shall be responsible for returning it to the Trophy Secretary in a clean condition and in any case no later than 17th March each year.

10.7.4 In respect of the Individual Handicap Competition: The winner of the trophy shall be responsible for returning it to the Special Competitions Secretary in a clean condition not later than the closing date for receipt of entries for the next Individual Handicap Competition or twelve months after it was won whichever date is the earlier.

10.7.5 Any individual or club in breach of any part of Rules 10.7.1 to 10.7.3 shall be fined £5.00 for each part breached.

10.7.6 Acceptance of a cup or trophy by any member or affiliated club imposes a liability as to its proper safeguard and care. If a cup or trophy is damaged or lost while in the care of any member or affiliated club, such member or club shall be liable for the cost of any repair or replacement.

10.8 Appeal Process

10.8 Any member or affiliated club aggrieved by a decision or action of the Association or a committee, officer or official of the Association, or by neglect or refusal to do something which the Association or person is under duty to do may appeal against such decision, action, neglect or refusal to the RCBTTA whose proper decision shall be final and binding on all parties.

Note. Under the Rules of Table Tennis England and the RCBTTA an appeal shall be made in writing to the General Secretary of the RCBTTA and must be received not later than 21 days after the appellant being made aware of the decision, action, neglect or refusal appealed against. The appeal must be accompanied by a fee of the amount prescribed by Table Tennis England. The amount which is different for an individual and an organisation can be obtained from the RCBTTA General Secretary. (For 2015-16 the amounts are £19.00 and £38.00 respectively).

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11 General Playing Rules

11.1 All sets played under the jurisdiction of the Association shall be played under the Laws of Table Tennis as approved by Table Tennis England.

11.1.1 The ITTF time-out regulation shall not be used in the RDTTA league matches or other events organized by the Association.

11.1.2 Play shall be continuous throughout a match except that any player is entitled to:

(i) an interval of up to 1 minute between successive games of a match and

(ii) brief intervals for towelling after every 6 points from the start of each game and at the change of ends in the last possible game of a match.

11.2.1 For all sets played under the jurisdiction of the Association the ball used must be one authorised by Table Tennis England.

11.2.2 For any team match the ball to be used shall be the choice of the home club. Unless a team has given notice to the designated officer of the Association before publication of the League Fixtures that an orange ball will be used for all home team matches, a white ball shall be used.

11.3 The official starting time for commencement of play shall be 7.30p.m.

11.4 Umpires shall be appointed by mutual consent.

11.5.1 Players should wear soft training / sports shoes when playing at all premises and these should be of a make not likely to cause marks or scuffs to the flooring of any premises.

11.5.2 The main colour of a shirt, skirt or shorts, other than sleeves or collar of a shirt shall be clearly different from that of the ball in use.

11.5.3 Any markings or trimming on the front or side of a playing garment, and any objects such as jewellery, worn by a player, shall not be so conspicuous or brightly reflecting as to unsight an opponent.

11.6 Smoking of any kind shall not be allowed in any club's playing area during a team match.

12 League Rules - Registration

12.1 Before each season every club secretary shall forward to the General Secretary (or other designated official) a completed form RTT A, accompanied by the appropriate fees, showing details (including for each team the team captain and home team match night – which may not be a Saturday or Sunday) of teams to be entered in the various divisions by the date determined by the Management Committee.

12.2.1 Before each season every club secretary shall also forward to the League Registrations Secretary a completed form RTT B, accompanied by the appropriate fees, showing a list of players for which application for registration is made by the date to be determined by the Management Committee. The list of players for the main divisions must contain at least three players in each team.

12.2.2 Applications for registration made by clubs after forwarding completed form RTT B shall be made in writing by the club secretary and sent to the League Registrations Secretary accompanied by the appropriate fees. The appropriate Divisional Fixture Secretary shall be notified at the same time (if the League Fixtures have not been published then notification should be sent to the Divisional Fixture Secretary immediately after its publication).

12.2.3 Players shall be registered for a particular team at the time of registration.

12.2.4 All applications for registration must show the title, first name, surname, full postal address and date of birth and TTE membership number.

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- 12.2.5 The registration of a player shall not be transferred to any other club or team except with the specific consent of the Management Committee.
- 12.2.6 All applications for registration must be accompanied by the Table Tennis England Player Member Affiliation Fee unless evidence is provided that the fee has already been paid.
- 12.2.7 Applications for registrations and re-registration made under the provisions of Rule 12.2.5 will not normally be accepted after the second Sunday in January. When considering whether to allow a later registration the Management Committee shall have regard to the need of the team applying and to the standard of the player to be registered.
- 12.2.8 Players must be registered at least 24 hours before any team match. Applications for players to be registered or re-registered will only be accepted in writing from the duly appointed club secretary. (Note. For full details of registration and re-registration procedures see form RTT GN 7 issued to all club secretaries).
- 12.3 Where a club has more than one team in main divisions the highest ranked team shall be called the “A” team, the second highest the “B” team and so on.
- 12.4 A player shall not be allowed to play for a lower ranked team than that for which registered.
- 12.5 A player shall not be allowed to play for more than one team in any of the divisions except:
- 12.5.1 If eligible a player may play for a team in a main division and for a team in a youth division, whether or not the teams are from the same club.
- 12.5.2 A player belonging to a club with more than one team is allowed to play-up for a higher ranked team or teams, even if the higher ranked team is in the same Division, but shall not be allowed to play-up for more than one team in the same division.
- 12.5.3 A player shall not be allowed to play in more than a total of four team matches apart from those for the team for which registered. If the registration of a player is transferred to a higher ranked team any earlier play for a team ranked higher than that to which the player has been transferred shall count towards the new four.
- 12.6.1 Any team wishing to change its team captain, venue or home night after the publication of the League Fixtures must immediately inform, in writing, the General Secretary, the League Registrations Secretary, the Newsletter Editor, the Divisional Fixture Secretary and the captain of every other team in that division.
- 12.6.2 Any club wishing to change its secretary after the publication of the League Fixtures must immediately inform, in writing, the General Secretary, the League Registrations Secretary and the Divisional Fixture Secretary of every division in which a team from that club plays.
- 12.7.1 A team for a league match in a main division shall consist of not more than five and not less than three eligible registered players. Each of three players shall play each of three opposing players one set in the following order (home players denoted by A, B and C, and away players by X, Y and Z): A v X, B v Y, C v Z, B v X, A v Z, C v Y, B v Z, C v X and A v Y. In addition two players (not necessarily those who play in singles) shall play opposing two players one doubles set. Such doubles set shall be played immediately after the sixth singles set.
- Team Captains should make every effort to ensure that a minimum of three players turn up for each match, even if this means using eligible available reserves from lower ranked teams.
- 12.7.2 The Management Committee may authorise different playing systems for divisions other than the main divisions.
- 12.7.3 Compositions of teams and orders of play shall be recorded before the commencement of the team match by the home team first, except that the doubles pairs may be recorded before the commencement of the doubles set (again home team first).

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12.7.4 Compositions of teams and orders of play as laid down in 12.7.1 or 12.7.2 and declared under 12.7.3 shall not be altered unless agreed by both captains.

12.8 Two points shall be awarded to the team winning most sets, or one point each in the event of a drawn result. Alternatively the RDTTA Management Committee may authorise a system at the start of a season whereby points are awarded for each set won in a team match.

12.9.1 If due to the late arrival of a team a team match is not commenced within fifteen minutes of the official starting time, the first set shall be awarded to the opposing team if a claim is made in writing to the Divisional Fixture Secretary. If for the same reason a team match is not commenced within thirty minutes of the official starting time the first two sets shall be awarded to the opposing team if a claim is made in writing to the Divisional Fixture Secretary. If for the same reason a team match is not commenced within forty-five minutes of the official starting time the opposing team shall be awarded all ten sets and the points if a claim is made in writing to the Divisional Fixture Secretary.

12.9.2 In the absence of any agreement under the provisions of 12.7.4, if a set is not commenced within five minutes from the end of the previous set due to the absence of a player, the set will be awarded to the opposing team if a claim is made in writing to the Divisional Fixture Secretary. If a set has not been played due to the absence of a player, and if then the following set is not commenced within twenty minutes from the end of the last set played due to the absence of another player that set shall also be awarded to the opposing team if a claim is made in writing to the Divisional Fixture Secretary.

12.10 The official scorecard provided should be used to record the names of the players taking part in the team match (including the doubles pairings) and the full scores of every set. The scorecard must be signed by the captain of each team.

The completed scorecard must be forwarded to the appropriate Divisional Fixture Secretary at the earliest opportunity. If posted it should be stamped with a first class stamp and postmarked not later than the day following the team match. If a photo or scan of the scorecard is sent by email this should be done within 24 hours of the team match. If delivered by hand to the residence of the Divisional Fixture Secretary this should be done within 48 hours of the team match.

12.11 League Fixtures

12.11.1 Each team match shall take place on the fixture list date except that, by mutual agreement, it may be played at an earlier date.

12.11.2 If a team is unable to fulfil a fixture due to circumstances beyond its control (e.g. electricity failure, loss of venue or extreme weather conditions) the Management Committee may direct that the team match shall be played at a later date provided that application is made to the Divisional Fixture Secretary. Such an application must be in writing and must give full particulars in support.

12.11.3 If a team match is not played in accordance with 12.11.1 or 12.11.2, a 10-0 win together with ten points shall be awarded to the opposing team.

12.11.4 If the Management Committee accepts an application claiming that there is a very good reason for not being able to fulfil a fixture under 12.11.1 or 12.11.2, and if the team match is subsequently played by mutual agreement with the opponents, the result may be allowed to stand. Any application claiming that there is a very good reason must be made in writing to the Divisional Fixture Secretary before the team match is rearranged, and must give full particulars in support.

12.11.5 If any team match is re-arranged under 12.11.2 or 12.11.4 it must be played at the earliest practical date and in any event not later than 7 days after the end of the last week of the League Fixtures Chart.

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12.12 League Structure

12.12.1 The playing structure of each type of division shall be based on a system consisting in so far as entries allow, of one 1st, one 2nd, one 3rd, and so on until the requisite number of divisions has been reached.

12.12.2 Promotion will be on a two-up basis from each division, the number of relegations suitably correlated.

12.12.3 Any team entered by a new club or additional team entered by a member club shall normally be placed in the lowest division. In cases where it is the opinion of the Management Committee that the new team is above the standard normally associated with the lowest division and a vacancy exists in a higher division, it shall be empowered to allocate the vacant place to the new team.

12.12.4 Should any blank spaces occur in the league structure (i.e. teams less than an equal multiple of the agreed number), then these spaces shall be spread over all divisions where possible, but with a maximum of three spaces in any 12 team place division. Alternatively the RDTTA Management Committee may authorise that all divisions have 6, 8, 10 or 14 team places with teams playing each other up to 4 times. Any spaces in any revised format shall be spread across all divisions where possible.

12.12.5 All applications for player registration must be accompanied by proof of the relevant TTE membership. (Normally a TTE membership number)

12.12.6 Should two or more teams end the season with the same number of league points in positions affecting the Division 1 Championship or in positions affecting promotion or relegation their final position will be determined by the ratio of total sets won to total sets lost.

If under rule 12.8 the RDTTA Management Committee have authorised a system whereby points are awarded for each set won in a team match and teams finish level on points the league placing will be decided on the number of league matches won, and then draws.

If two teams are equal they must play each other. If more than two teams are equal each team must play against each of the other equal teams. Each team match must be played on a neutral table as decided by the Divisional Fixture Secretary or on a mutually acceptable table, to decide their final positions in the division table.

12.12.7 In any play-off team match the normal ten sets must be played and in the event of each team winning five sets the team which has won the greater number of games will be the winner of that team match. If both teams have won five sets and the same number of games the team which has won the greater number of points shall be the winner. If only two teams originally ended with the same number of league match points their final positions are now determined.

12.12.8 Where it has been necessary for more than two teams to play off, their relative positions in the division shall be determined only by the results of their play-off matches by considering successively the team matches won, the ratios of total wins to losses first in sets, then games then points, as far as it is necessary to resolve the order. If at any step of the calculations the positions of one or more of the teams that played off have been determined while others are still equal, the results of those determined shall be excluded from any further calculations needed to resolve the equalities in accordance with the procedure above.

12.12.9 Any of a club's teams may change its name or venue and still retain its original place in any division provided that the club for which the players originally played does not object.

12.13 Premises and Playing Conditions

12.13 An application by a club for affiliation to the Association must be accompanied by a Premises Form RTT 17. A club will not be admitted to the league for the first time unless it complies with the following minimum playing conditions:

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	Divisions	1 & 2	3 & lower
12.13.1	Uninterrupted run back behind each table.	3.05m (10' 0")	2.44m (8'0")
12.13.2	Uninterrupted space between the side of a table and a wall or other barrier.	1.98m (6'6")	1.68m (5'6")
12.13.3	Space between tables where side by side.	2.74m (9'0")	2.29m (7'6")
12.13.4	Distance from base of any light or shade to the floor.	2.74m (9'0")	2.29m (7'6")

12.13.5 The floor shall have a good firm non-slippery surface appropriate to the division of play.

12.14.1 All premises, playing conditions and equipment shall be subject to inspection and approval by the Management Committee who, in approving or otherwise, shall have regard to the appropriate divisional standard of play.

12.14.2 If any club should change its playing room or change its playing conditions, the General Secretary shall be notified immediately and afresh Premises Form RTT 17 completed.