

## **Llandudno & District Table Tennis League Regulations**

1. The League shall be called **The Llandudno & District Table Tennis League**.
2. The first Management Committee of the season shall be able to add the name of a sponsor of the League, or of Table Tennis in general, to the Title of the League.
3. The object of the League shall be to promote Table Tennis.
4. The League shall be governed by a Management Committee consisting of all elected officers of the League and Committee Members. The Committee shall meet monthly during the playing season, emergencies excepted. Emergency meetings of the Management Committee shall be convened by the League Secretary as and when required.
5. The Management Committee shall have the power to form Sub-Committees for the purpose of arranging Inter-League teams, Tournaments, and any other purpose it deems necessary.
6. The officials of the League and Committee shall be elected at the Annual General Meeting to be held not later than the 31<sup>st</sup> August in each year, when all bona fide League players may attend with voting powers, in addition to be Officers of the League. The Financial Year shall end on 30<sup>th</sup> June and a Balance Sheet shall be published.
7. An Extraordinary General Meeting may be called at any time at the request of a minimum of half the clubs in the League, and at least seven clear days' notice of the meeting shall be given to each Club Secretary.
8. No amendment to, or addition to, the rules shall be made except at an Annual General Meeting unless by vote of an Extraordinary General Meeting. Any amendment, alteration or additional rules must be submitted to the Hon General Secretary in writing by 31<sup>st</sup> May for inclusion on the Agenda, which shall be circulated to all affiliated clubs prior to the meeting.
9. Applications from Clubs for membership of the League shall be made on the Official Form in force at the time, to the League Management Committee, which has power to refuse admission. Membership of the League shall lapse on 30<sup>th</sup> June each year.
10. League Clubs are guarantors of the League.
11. The first Management Committee meeting of the season will consider and confirm the following matters:
  - a. a list of teams whose application for membership of the League is accepted;
  - b. the Divisional Structure into which these accepted teams will be placed;
  - c. the allocation of teams to the divisions, with reference to previous season's promotion and relegation positions;
  - d. the system of points for matches for that season, i.e. 2 points for a win, or sets won or a combination of both;All teams are advised to have a representative at this meeting. Such representatives have non-voting status unless members of the Management Committee.

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12. The playing season shall commence not earlier than 1<sup>st</sup> September in each year and shall terminate not later than 31<sup>st</sup> May each succeeding year.
13. The Annual Subscription for each team and players registration fee for the League shall be fixed at an annual Meeting. Any additional levy to be made by the North Wales Association and the Table Tennis Association of Wales will be added to these. Fees include entry to local tournaments.
14. All applications for registration of players with the League are subject to the approval of the monthly Management Committee and players are not eligible to play until approved by this meeting. The Committee may delegate this authority to nominated officials in respect of players residing within the area of the League. No registration of players will be allowed after 31<sup>st</sup> January.
15. All fees for any new player must reach the League Treasurer at least seven days before his/her first match is played. Team Subscriptions and Club Registrations Fees for all other players must be forwarded to the League Treasurer the earlier of 15th October in each year or the first League game of the season. A team failing to meet this deadline may be expelled from the League and their record expunged. All teams must register a minimum of three players paying the full League Registration Fee before they will be permitted to play in any League fixtures or Cup Competitions.
16. Should a registered player wish to transfer from his present team or club to another team or club in the League, he must obtain the consent of the Management Committee (but no application for transfer of a player can take place after 31<sup>st</sup> January).
17. A player shall be eligible to play for his new club immediately upon such consent being given, but any objection raised by a club against signing for another club shall be considered by the Committee, who have the power to cancel such registration. A player changing his club between seasons does not require this permission.
18. Any Club entering more than one Team in the same Division may, when registering those Teams at the beginning of the Season, also declare a Club Ranking for every player being registered, with the strongest Club player in the Division being allocated the first place, and all other players being allocated successive positions in accordance with their playing ability. Players judged to have equal ability may be allocated equal Club Ranking positions.
  - a. The Rankings so declared by the Club shall be subject to ratification by the League's Management Committee, or any individual or group of Committee members designated by them for the purpose, and the decision of the Management Committee or this individual or group shall be final and binding on the Club.
  - b. Teams with an approved Club Ranking for their players may thereafter call on a player from another Team in the same Club and Division to act as substitute for a missing player for League or Cup matches only, provided that the Club Ranking of the substitute is no higher than that of the missing player.
  - c. Only one substitute player per Team may be used in a match, and no player may play for different Teams on the same night.
  - d. Any player having played as a substitute on three occasions shall be ineligible to be called on as a substitute for the remainder of that Season.

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- e. Players registered after the Season has commenced may not be called on to play as substitutes during that Season.
19. Reserve players are entitled to play a total of 5 League and/or Cup games for one team and should be ranked in accordance with rule 18. Additionally, reserve players are entitled to play in Llandudno Closed Tournaments for payment of a fee. Reserve players are also entitled to prizes for team performance in the League and for team doubles.
20. Each match shall consist of 9 singles and 1 doubles, i.e. three players shall play three opponents and any two players shall play two opponents in the doubles. Each set will be the best of five games of 11 points up, unless both players shall have scored 10 points when the winner of the game shall be he who first wins two more points than his opponent. Should a player not conclude his game, the opponent will be awarded the set in League & Cup Matches, or points, in the case of a Handicap Cup match.
21. The order of play shall be as shown on the score card. Where matches are played out of order, for whatever reason, it should be considered unsporting to require an opposing player to play 2 consecutive games, but in that event, that player is to be allowed a 10-minute break between games.
22. All matches should start no later than the time stated in the handbook for the home team. Non-attendance by 30 minutes of the start time shall result in the loss of the match.
23. Teams shall take turns to umpire matches, with the home team providing the umpire for the first match.
24. All teams shall play home and away games as per the fixture list. All League matches are to be played on the night stipulated in the fixture list or before by mutual arrangement.
25. If a team is unable to fulfil a fixture due to circumstances outside its control, the venue and home night may be reversed. In the event of a postponement, a new date must be decided immediately by both captains, and this date and the reasons for the postponement must be notified to the Fixtures Secretary by the end of the week when the game should have been played. In the case of non-agreement, the Management Committee may require the match to be played on or by a specific date.
26. Teams who have Junior players (under the age of 18 as per ITTF Rules), may, if they wish, request to play an away game at a neutral venue to avoid long distance travelling (this neutral venue to be decided by the League Committee if both teams are unable to agree). The team requesting the implementation of this rule shall make the necessary arrangements for booking the venue plus be liable for any costs incurred, which should include a contribution (maximum £10, to be reviewed annually) towards the added fuel cost of the travelling team.  
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27. One point will be awarded for each set won by each team. In the event of teams being level on sets at the end of the season, then the Championship, promotion and relegation issues will be decided on the 2 points for an overall win, 1 point for a draw basis. If teams are still level then a play-off will be staged using the rules of a League Cup Final replay.

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28. Promotion and Relegation: the first and second teams of a second division shall be eligible for promotion and the bottom two teams eligible for relegation as long as the teams enter the same standard of players. If a team enters a much weaker team in a higher division then they may be moved to a lower division. The same shall apply to all other divisions.
29. The position in a division shall be determined by the number of points obtained.
30. Score cards shall be signed by each Captain and sent by the Home Club by post, or scanned & forwarded by email, to the Fixture Secretary as soon as possible after the match has been played.
31. Any team playing an ineligible player will have that players sets awarded to the opposition.
32. Any Club who plays a player who is not eligible, but who plays only to provide the opposing team with the number of games expected, shall do so only by prior agreement between the teams. The sets played by this player shall be awarded to the opposition (as in Rule 31).
33. In the event of a team failing to play one third of their League fixtures, or resigning before having played the required number of matches, it shall have recorded matches expunged.
34. In the event that a team fails to notify their impending non-appearance, the Committee shall decide either to award a 10-0 win to the team offended against or order the match to be played on or by a specified date. Any team failing to fulfil a fixture without prior notification to their opponents on more than one occasion shall be liable for expulsion from the League.
35. The League shall award a maximum of four trophies to the team that wins the League Championships and Cup Competitions where more than three players played during the season. Trophies in excess of four may be purchased from the League at cost by the team concerned.
36. A trophy shall be awarded to the player in each Division who has the highest success average, having played in at least 60% of the singles.
37. The Gott & Wynne Cup will be awarded to the team in the highest division whose doubles pairs achieves the most games won in a season. Teams level on games will be judged on sets won. The team as a whole will awarded trophies.
38. Trophies will be similarly awarded to the teams with the best doubles record in each of the other divisions.
39. All protests and disputes must be forwarded to the League Secretary in writing for consideration at the next Management Committee meeting. No protests relating to a match will be considered unless received by the Secretary within seven days from the date of the match.
40. Any item of clothing worn by players other than socks and shoes shall be of any colour other than white.

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41. Only the balls approved by the ITTF may be used in matches and tournaments played under the League Management.
42. All players must use bats with ITTF-approved rubbers, black on one side and red on the other.
43. In order to be eligible for membership of the League, Clubs should have a table complying with ITTF rules and should be required to have lighting and a playing area conforming to ITTF recommendations subject to the approval by the Management Committee. The Officials of the League have authority to visit various clubs at any time during the playing season to inspect the playing conditions.
44. The League expects players selected by them to offer their services in organised matches at any time during the season. Inter League games shall have priority over club games but clubs with a player so picked shall not be penalised under any of the foregoing rules.
45. All players registered by the closing date for entries shall be eligible to enter the Closed Tournament, providing the player's registration fee has been paid in full before the date of the draw and each player has played in at least one League match before the Tournament.
46. The rules of Table Tennis adopted by the ITTF approved by TTAW and as published on the ITTF website, shall be the match rules of the League.
47. The above rules apply to organised Tournaments that may be held during the season.
48. All matters not provided for in these rules and arising during the playing season shall be decided by the League Management Committee.

### **CUP REGULATIONS**

49. The Management Committee will organise a Cup Competition for each Division and any other Competition as required by the League.
50. These competitions shall be run on a knockout basis, i.e. one match deciding which team goes forward. However, if circumstances justify it, the Management Committee shall have power to arrange for matches to be played over two legs (one home, one away) in which case the aggregate winner of both games shall go forward.

Losing teams in the first round go through to a Consolation competition. However, teams that concede their first match without playing, or play with fewer than three team members and lose, will not be eligible to enter.

51. The draw for each round shall be made at a monthly Committee meeting prior to the date of the Cup Round. The Secretary shall notify all clubs of the draw as soon as possible.
52. The team which is drawn first shall play at home except in the Final. This will apply to the first leg when the Round is decided by this method.

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53. The date and a neutral table for the Final shall be arranged by the Committee unless a venue is mutually agreed by the opposing teams. Designation of Home and Visiting Teams shall be decided by the Match Secretary.
54. In the case of drawn matches, the aggregate games shall decide the winner, where the teams are drawn on games, then the aggregate points shall count. In the event of the points being equal, a replay shall be played. However, in the case of drawn matches in the Semi-Finals or Final, replays will be played when the foregoing shall decide the winner in the case of another drawn match on the aggregate over the two matches.
55. A Handicap Cup competition may be organised by the Management Committee and will be open to all teams in the League. Each player will be given a fixed handicap before the first round. The total of those players playing in the match will be that team's starting handicap. Each of the ten sets shall be one game of 50-up, starting at love-all and changing ends at 25. In the unlikely event of the points (including handicap) being equal at the end of the match, a replay will be played.
56. The Trophy presented by the League President is competed for by teams eliminated in their first scheduled match in the Handicap Cup. However, teams who concede their first match without playing or play with fewer than three team members and lose will not be eligible to enter. The rules of the Handicap Cup shall apply in all other aspects and it will be considered an extension of the Handicap Cup competition regarding the eligibility of players to take part.