

Telford Table Tennis Association

(Affiliated to Table Tennis England and Shropshire County T.T.A)

HANDICAP COMPETITION RULES

A knock-out Handicap Tournament shall be held for all teams of the Association. League Rules shall apply except that:-

1. Teams shall be handicapped taking into account both their results at the half season stage and assuming that the strongest team players will be playing. It is the responsibility of Team Captains to notify the Handicap Committee of players who will actually be playing so handicaps can be calculated accordingly.
2. Any registered team player may play in Handicap games as all handicaps are calculated based on the players who will play. No playing up in any Division is permitted in the Handicap Competition.
3. Each set shall be four games only and each game will finish as soon as one of the players reaches 11 points. The result shall be determined by totalling the points scored by each team and adding the handicap (e.g. if the result of a set between players is 11-10, 4-11, 5-11, 11-8 then it is scored 31-40)
4. The teams drawn out first for each match of the first round will be the 'Home' team. The competition schedule in the Handbook then confirms the 'HOME' and 'AWAY' status up to the third round.
5. The first, second and third rounds shall be completed during those weeks set aside for the Handicap Competition and matches shall be on the usual home night. Matches may be brought forward following agreement of both teams.
6. The final shall be played at a neutral venue and arranged by the Management Committee.
7. A team wishing to withdraw from the Handicap Competition shall notify its opponents and the Tournament Organiser not later than seven days before the date fixed for their match. Withdrawal in accordance with this Rule incurs no penalty. Later withdrawal renders the team liable to the penalty prescribed by the League Rule 18 except in exceptional circumstances at the discretion of the Management Committee
8. All disputes and protests shall be referred to the Tournament Organiser whose decision shall be final (but see Rule 9 below). No protest received after the last date for playing the round shall be entertained.
9. If the Tournament Organiser is a member of a club whose team is concerned in a match to which Rule 8 is applied, "Management Committee" shall be substituted for "Tournament Organiser" in those rules for the purpose of that match.