

PLATER AND CLIFT (HANDICAP) KNOCKOUT CUP RULES

1. The Handicap Cup competition shall be open by entry to all teams playing in the Walsall and District TTL. Entry fee shall be £2.00 per team or as decided at the AGM. Winners shall receive the Plater Table Tennis Cup. Individual trophies will also be awarded.
 2. Three players shall constitute a team and the method of play shall be as General Rule 14. Each set shall be 4 games including one doubles, 40 in all.
The 11-up rule shall apply. i.e. game shall be won by two clear points.
 3. Winners shall be the team with the most aggregate points including handicap at the end of the match. In the event of a tie the **AWAY** team shall be declared the winner.
 4. The handicap for each team will be determined by a handicap Cup sub-committee comprising of League Chairman, Cup Secretary, Registrations Secretary plus Divisional Match Secretaries. All members of the sub-committee shall be entitled to vote, a simple majority to decide all issues. By default the Chairman for the meeting may have an additional casting vote.
 5. Handicaps will be assessed on the perceived playing ability of the best three players registered. Handicaps will be re-assessed round by round and may not always reflect a team's league position.
 6. A player must be registered for the team for which it is intended they shall play for. Should a player not be playing for their normal club team (it is not mandatory that a team play in the Handicap Cup), then written notification of intent to play for a team other than the one for which they are registered in the League must be lodged with the Cup Secretary PRIOR to the handicaps being established. Players not having been registered will NOT be eligible to play in the ensuing cup round. This rule will apply irrespective of ability and no exceptions will be made.
 7. A player from a team in a lower division may play only once for a senior team in a higher division. A player may also play one match for a higher ranked team in the same division providing that the Club does not have a team in a lower division. Permission must be obtained from the Cup Secretary **before** the match and a revised handicap may apply. Both to be at the discretion of the Cup Secretary.
- NB.** The previous rule of 50% appearances for a team in the league is now superseded (Handicap Cup only) by the above set of rules. The Handicap Sub-committee reserve the right to apply discretion and refuse permission to play where a registration is not a genuine team member- League appearances may still be considered to assist reaching a decision.

