

LOWESTOFT AND DISTRICT TABLE TENNIS LEAGUE

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Dear Member

Annual Championships Mon 19th Feb – Thu 1st March 2018

Please find attached entry forms for our Annual Championships taking place as shown above. Team secretaries please distribute an entry form to each of your registered players.

Like last season this Championships will be played on weekday evenings over two weeks. With the final played on the evening of Thursday 1st March at Clapham Road.

We are introducing a ping pong competition this year. Standard hard sandpaper bats will be supplied so no need to provide your own. It's an interesting game that has its own different skill elements that will be fun and entertaining. Hope you can support it. Further information is attached.

We will be using three different venues and the Men's Singles event being played over the two weeks so please ensure you know where and when you will be playing. A schedule is below to help you plan.

Date	Time	Venue	Event
Mon 19 th Feb	1900 – 2130	Clapham Road	Under 15
			Youth Singles
Tue 20 th Feb	1930 – 2230	Mutford Village Hall	Division 2 Singles
			Division 2 Doubles
Wed 21 st Feb	1930 – 2230	Water Lane Sports Centre	Men's Singles Groups A-C
Thu 22 nd Feb	1930 – 2230	Clapham Road	Ladies Singles
			Ladies Doubles
			Mixed Doubles
			60+ Singles
Mon 26 th Feb	1900 – 2130	Clapham Road	Handicap Singles
			Ping Pong Singles
Tue 27 th Feb	1930 – 2230	Mutford Village Hall	40+ Singles
			40+ Doubles
Wed 28 th Feb	1930 – 2230	Water Lane Sports Centre	Men's Singles QF and SF
			Men's Doubles
Thu 1 st Mar	1915 – 2230	Clapham Road	Finals Night U15 Singles Ping Pong Singles Mixed Doubles Handicap Singles 40+ Singles Men's Doubles Division 2 Singles Ladies Singles Men's Singles (order may change)

Key things to note....

- Entering **4 events** or more is now capped and discounted to encourage entry
- There are 14 events We now have several ladies competing in the league and welcome back a number of events you can enter. As well as the **Ladies Singles** there will be **Ladies Doubles** and **Mix Doubles** and we invite a good entrant to this event
- There are two young person's events to consider, whether you are under **15** or under **21 (Youth Singles)**. Please consult the rules attached to the entry form for details of age restrictions.
- Similarly there are three veterans events to consider, **40+ Singles** , **40+ Doubles** and **60+ Singles**
- Because of the inclusive of ladies and mixed doubles we welcome back the **Men's Doubles**. This is open to all male players including younger players.
- The **Handicap Singles** and **Ping Pong Singles** will be played at the Clapham Road and has an early start time.
- And for Division 2 players there is **D2 Singles** and **D2 Doubles** events (with no restriction to sex in the doubles)
- For those entering the **Men's Singles** please note that the Quarter and Semi Finals will be played the following Wednesday and the Final the next evening. This is always a well-attended event and will be played using groups to ensure all players get plenty of opportunity to compete.
- 11 up scoring system will be used for all events except the handicap

Please note the finals this year will be on the evening of Thursday 1st March. We request that players check which events scheduled to be played at this final and ensure that you will be able to attend that evening should you be fortunate enough to progress to the finals. All the trophies will be presented that evening and everyone is welcome to come along whether playing or spectating.

To be eligible to enter the Individual Championships, a player must be registered with a team in the Lowestoft Table Tennis League for at least 4 weeks at the time of entry. The Competition Rules are attached to the entry forms and are supplemented by the League Handbook. If you require any further information about eligibility criteria, additional entry forms or any other matter please do not hesitate to contact me.

The closing date for entries is Sunday 11th February 2018.

Please send entries to Paul Burgess – address on entry forms

I would also like to take this opportunity to remind all teams that while playing in the championships, league matches or any other competition organised by the Lowestoft Table Tennis League, the highest standards of sportsmanship and conduct are expected. Please ensure that you are aware of these expectations so that table tennis can be enjoyed by all those participating and spectating alike.

Best of luck to all those entering and let's look forward to a successful Lowestoft Championships

Thanks

Alan Peek
LDTTL Chairman and Championship Secretary

Lowestoft Ping Pong Competition for Championships 2018

Taking inspiration from the World Ping Pong Championships at Ally Pally, which was on Sky at the end of January, the Lowestoft District Table Tennis League has decided to host a competition during the Championships using this format.

The game that fell out of favour with the advent of super-spin inducing rubber bats years ago is returning to the mainstream thanks to a potent mixture of speed, power and old-fashioned skill courtesy of the technology-free sandpaper bats. Now into its 6th year at the iconic Alexandra Palace the World Championships is a throwback to the early days of table tennis and is catapulting ping pong into the big league and onto the international television stage.

So what's different to Table Tennis?

- Everyone uses the same equipment. The bats are made with sandpaper rather than rubber and sponge, effectively making a hard bat. Although you can create spin it's not as extreme as table tennis. You swap bats after every set to avoid any chance of one bat performing better. This makes it purely about skill and craft rather than using the latest, most advanced equipment / technology.
- Sets are played up to 15 points with a sudden death point at 14-14 (no deuce)
- On your serve you can elect, once during the match, to choose a two point ball. You cannot win a set by doing this so it must be taken before you reach 13. If the player serving / electing to use the 2 point ball wins the rally they get, yep you got it, 2 points. If you are defending the two point ball, returning serve, and win the rally you get a standard one point. To signal a two point ball rally an orange ball is selected and used for that rally only. This adds an interesting tactical dynamic to the game as to when you choose to use your 2 point ball.
- Everything else is the same.

Want to know more follow this link. <http://www.worldchampionshipofpingpong.net>

This really is a fun format so I hope to see as many of you there as possible.