



MANCHESTER SCHOOLS TABLE TENNIS TEAM CHALLENGE

UNDER 13/ 15 BOYS & GIRLS

Age Groups

Boys and girls will compete separately*.

All players must be from Year 7 / 8 for U13 and Year 9 / 10 for U15 .

Team Composition

Teams must consist of 4 players. Players must play in ranked order i.e. the stronger player ranked Number 1. (Boy #1, Boy #2, Boy #3, Boy #4)

All players can play in this competition. The winning U13 team **WITH PLAYERS THAT DO NOT HAVE ANY TABLE TENNIS ENGLAND RANKING POINTS** will represent Manchester Schools at the Greater Manchester School Games on Tuesday 19th March 2019.

Table/Equipment Requirements

All matches will be played on a standard table tennis table.

Standard table tennis balls/bats shall be used throughout. .

Suitable sportswear must be worn. Where possible no white clothing.

Competition Format

Each tie (school v school) should ideally consist of 4 games of singles and 2 games of doubles. This can be flexible depending on time, number of teams/tables etc. Boy's example below:

Singles

1. Number 1 Boy vs Number 1 Boy
2. Number 2 Boy vs Number 2 Boy
3. Number 3 Boy vs Number 3 Boy
4. Number 4 Boy vs Number 4 Boy

Doubles

1. Number 1 & 2 Boy vs Number 1 & 2 Boy
2. Number 3 & 4 Boy vs Number 3 & 4 Boy



Playing the Game

Each match should be best of three games to 11 points. Next point wins at 10-10., although this might change depending on the numbers entering.

Alternate serves every two points, unless both players have scored 10, in which case service changes every point.

A coin toss can decide who serves first, or to start play at either side of the table.

The player serving first in the games receives first in the next game.

In service the ball bounces on the server's side first.

A point is won/lost when the player misses the ball, the ball bounces twice, the ball does not land on the table or does not clear the net.

In doubles, every serve must be made from and to the right-hand side of the table. Players must then strike the ball alternately in strict rotation. The player first to receive service becomes the next server. After serving for two points, a player must move from the right hand side of the table to allow his partner to receive serve.

Officials

It is not a necessity for each table to have an umpire or scorer; however useful if a teacher / sports leader/player from each school umpires.

Fair Play

The ideals of good sportsmanship and respect should permeate throughout all competitive and recreational sport. They are displayed by someone who abides by the rules of a contest, respects their opponents and accepts victory or defeat graciously.

Health & Safety

- Before any matches take place, the following **MUST** be read and adhered to:
- Long hair must be tied back
- No jewellery should be worn
- All loose clothing must be tucked in and shoelaces tied
- No chewing gum/sweets
- Please ensure your pupils bring some liquid refreshments with them.
- Please make sure all players warm up appropriately before each match.
- When not playing, please ensure that you remain away from the tables and do not get in the way or distract the officials.



- First aid will be on site, however staff are responsible for their own teams first aid. Please ensure your pupils bring with them any medical supplies they may need i.e. asthma inhalers.
- All team teachers must ensure their pupils are under adult supervision at all times, even when not playing. During this time teams can watch the other matches or in some cases will have the opportunity to practice (tables permitting).