



West Kent Table Tennis Association

AGM 2014 Headlines

The AGM of the Tonbridge, Tunbridge Wells and District Table Tennis League took place on Friday 27 June at the small village hall, Leigh. The minutes of the meeting will be distributed in due course but in the meantime, the main points agreed are summarised below.

1. LEAGUE NAME

In accordance with the recommendations of the Marketing & Communications Working Party, with effect from the AGM, the name of the league is changed to 'West Kent Table Tennis Association' ('WKTTA').

2. COMPETITION STRUCTURE (2014/2015 SEASON)

The following recommendations of the League Structure Working Party were agreed:

11-Up Divisions

- If less than eighteen teams are entered, the 11-up league will consist of two divisions. If there are eighteen or more teams entered and subject to review of the competing teams by the Committee, there will be three divisions.
- In the case of two divisions, teams will play each other three times during the course of the season with the top and bottom *two* teams being promoted/relegated at the end of the season.
- In the case of three divisions, teams will play each other four times during the course of the season with the top and bottom teams being promoted/relegated both at the mid-point and at the end of the season.
- The Committee will use its discretion in allocating teams between divisions but wherever possible will honour promotions won at the end of last season

Match format

- Teams will continue to be three person teams, but there will no longer be a doubles game played at the end of the match.

Note: It was decided to abandon the doubles element of matches to allow a somewhat earlier finish to matches, recognising that late finishes are difficult for juniors and also many members have long commutes/early morning starts.

Doubles Competition

- Following the success of last years doubles competition, the competition will be run again this season, with three evenings prior to Christmas and three after.

Handicap Competition

- There will be no handicap competition next season.

Development League

- It is hoped to operate a Development League aimed at juniors and developing players below an agreed ratings level. Teams will consist of two players with matches commencing at 7.30 pm and finishing by 9.00 pm. The objective of the Development League is provide a friendly and supportive environment for juniors and developing players to enjoy competitive table tennis and act as stepping stone to the main league competitions. The Development League will operate during the same weeks as the doubles competition.

3. OFFICERS

- Ming Majoe is standing down as Hon. General Secretary and is being replaced by Steve Day.
- Ty Stalberg will become Vice-Chairman, replacing Mark Heaton.
- John Knock is standing down as President. Ming has agreed to be his replacement.
- Sarah Maris has been elected as a member of the General Committee.
- Additional representation from Byng Hall is being sought for the General Committee.

Note: Over the course of the coming weeks, club secretaries will be asking members to confirm their availability for the approaching season in order that the number of teams and divisions can be finalised. The combination of the 11-up and separate doubles competition will provide a full season of both competitive and social play. With the activities of the Marketing and Communication Working Party ongoing and the implementation of a Development League, we expect to see a steady growth in the number of players participating in WKTTA over the coming years.

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