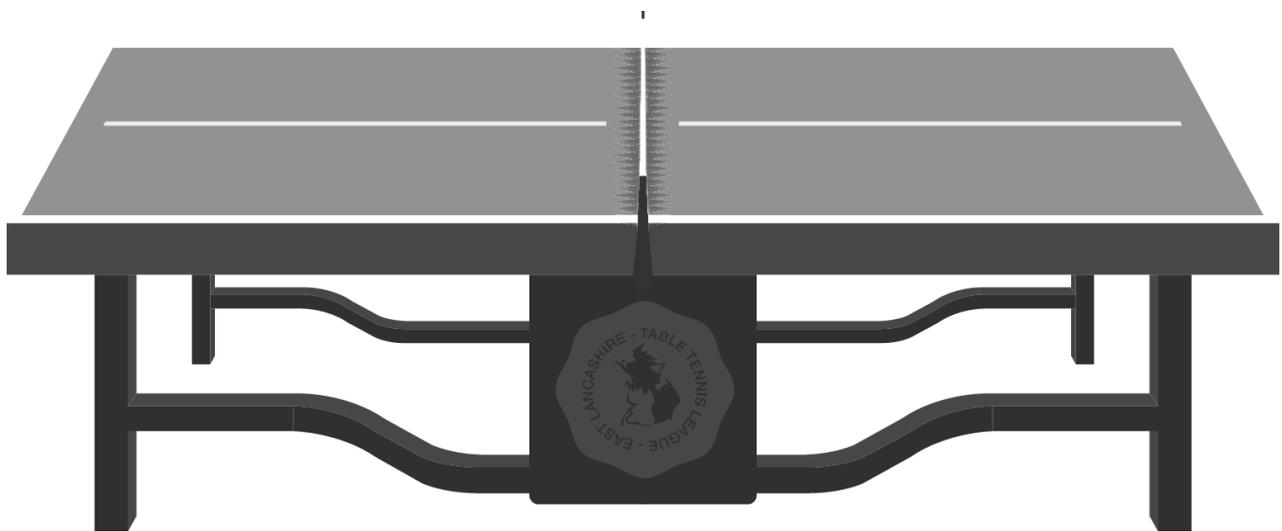




# East Lancashire Table Tennis League

(Formerly known as the Hyndburn Table Tennis League founded in 1974)

Founded 2001 and includes the leagues from  
Hyndburn, Rossendale, Burnley, Nelson and the Ribble Valley



## Members Handbook 2017-2018

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**Please Note: The Hyndburn Table Tennis Centre closes at 10.30pm. Matches must be finished by 10pm at the latest, matches must start at 7.15pm at the latest.**

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# Message from the Chairman

May I take this opportunity to welcome your team and your players to the East Lancashire Table Tennis League for the coming season 2017-18. In this Handbook you should find all the relevant information to thoroughly enjoy the coming season. The Website continues to develop and improve and you will find lots of up to date and interesting information on the site, including the latest results, league and merit tables, and look out for a different Fred Holden Cup section.. Any changes to the Handbook and Fixtures will show on the live copy of the Handbook on the Website. As ever we need to thank Martin Wyatt for all his work on this.

I need to start by thanking two stalwarts of the Committee for all their efforts in supporting the ELTTL over the years, who have recently resigned. Firstly Brian Edwards from Ramsbottom CC and who has run the Town Teams has had to cut back on his commitments due to ill-health. The other is Neil Hepworth from Doals and the League Press Officer for whom new work commitments means something has to give. They have both been enthusiastic and energetic Committee members and we owe them both a vote of thanks. I'm sure we will see both of them at HTTC playing and supporting their teams.

I also need to thank and welcome to the Committee Chris Booth and Adam Hek from Rolling Doals who have agreed to jointly help us out with Press Reports. John Farrow, also from Doals, has volunteered to join the Committee. Martin Ormsby has agreed to keep an eye on the Town Teams with the three captains playing a greater role. These are Jason Pilling (Open Age), Matt Nettleton (Vets) and Mick Moir ( Juniors)

All players need to re-register directly with Table Tennis England (TTE) to get their IM Number and the cost of this has increased to £14 for adults and £7 for juniors. Please note that you must be registered for the season before you play a game in the League.

At the time of going to press we will have 39 teams competing in the League. This gives us three divisions of 10 teams and a Premier Division of 9 teams, all playing within a 10 team matrix. The Committee decided again to keep a Third Division of 10 teams to encourage new players to get enough games and to reduce the size of the Premier if we had to. This was based on the fact that many Premier League players play in other Leagues as well as ELTTL.

This year we are continuing with the way of presenting the fixtures where each team will be allocated a number from 1 to 10, which are shown on the Teams, Venues and Secretaries pages. Fixtures are then shown for each week in the Weekly Fixtures pages, with the first number being the home team. For example in the Premier Division W/C 25nd September Team 3 Rovers are at home to Team 10 East Lancs on Monday night.

Please remember that the new, larger score cards have a box to enter the details of the doubles match. We need you to enter the numbers of the players taking part in the doubles. Thanks to Mark Hanson for again getting these cards sponsored. Please return all the score cards to the Fixtures Secretary, Mike Turner, within a week of the match being played. You can post these to Mike, put them in the wooden Card Box next to the metal Cash box at the Hyndburn Centre or send him an electronic copy.

Please have a careful look at the League Programme and Other Competitions pages and make a note of the dates in your diary. It would be great if we could get more people to join in these events. Please note that we have decided not to reintroduce the Divisional Handicap Competitions that were scrapped due to the lack of interest from players. We have kept the Vets and Super Vets Competition before the Christmas break, following requests from players. They will be played on one evening, probably Thursday 14th

December. This year the ELTTL Closed Competition will take place on Sunday 11th February. We hope it is as an exciting a day as last year, when the standard of table tennis was very high. The Tournament Secretary, Fred Wade, has introduced a Hard Bat Competition to be played on Thursday 22nd February at Hyndburn. More details will follow nearer the date.

We continue to see young players making good progress under the coaching of Micky Moir and Graham Young. At the other end of the age range our Monday & Thursday morning sessions for seniors at HTTC have proved to be a great success, along with our open Saturday morning sessions. As we have attracted a number of new female players to these sessions, Harry Rawcliffe has been running female only coaching sessions for beginners on Friday morning at HTTC. It is exciting to see one of Ramsbottom's Premier League sides become a ladies team.

We hope that you have noticed the investment we have made in new barriers and we continue to purchase better quality new tables – we have just got another Butterfly table and some better quality Joola nets. Please help us to look after this expensive equipment by encouraging everyone to treat them with respect. We still meet with the Sports Centre Management every few months and are in the process of trying to get them to repaint part of the hall, repair the floor and sort the issue of the rain leaking in due one of the roof drains continually getting blocked.

The ELTTL is not just about the Hyndburn TT Centre and I want to draw everyone's attention to the good work being done at Ramsbottom Cricket Club, Doals in Weir, the Best Centre in Burnley, Whalley Village Hall, Kay St Baptists in Rawtenstall and the re-opened Brierfield Methodist Church. These clubs do great work in keeping the game alive in their areas. It is good to see extra teams joining the League this season from KSB, Past Masters and Whalley. Unfortunately we have also lost a number of teams for various reasons

If you need any help over the season please contact your divisional representative or any member of the Committee who will be glad to help. The League Secretary and Development Officer, Harry Rawcliffe, is keen to listen to any ideas for getting more people involved in playing table tennis.

Can I draw your attention to the ELTTL Annual General Meeting at HTTC on Wednesday 2nd May 2018, when all clubs need to send a representative. This is a time for the League to make decisions about the future direction of the ELTTL. Finally, the League Presentation Night for the season will be held at Accrington Golf Club on Saturday 5th May 2018. It is a great night to celebrate the season and we would invite all players to attend.

Have a good season and enjoy your table tennis.

Ged Simpson - Chairman

# Committee Members

Chairman	Ged Simpson	01254 237381
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	Adam Hek	
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First Division Rep	Ian Pickles	01254 382499
Second Division Rep	John Farrow	07887751172
Third Division Rep	Bernard Milnes	01706 877391
Town Teams	Martin Ormsby (Co-ord)	
	Matt Nettleton – Vets	

# League Programme 2017-2018

25th September	League Fixtures Commence	(Wk 1)
2nd October	League Fixtures	(Wk 2)
9th October	League Fixtures	(Wk 3)
16th October	League Fixtures	(Wk 4)
23rd October	Fred Holden Trophy – Preliminary Round	
30th October	League Fixtures	(Wk 5)
6th November	League Fixtures	(Wk 6)
13th November	League Fixtures	(Wk 7)
20th November	Fred Holden Trophy – First Round	
27th November	League Fixtures	(Wk 8)
4th December	League Fixtures	(Wk 9)
11th December	Vets and Super Vets Competition & catch up week	
8th January	League Fixtures	(Wk 10)
15th January	League Fixtures	(Wk 11)
22nd January	Fred Holden Cup – Second Round	
29th January	League Fixtures	(Wk 12)
5th February	League Fixtures	(Wk 13)
Sunday 11th February	ELTTL Closed Championship	
12th February	League Fixtures	(Wk 14)
19th February	Fred Holden Trophy – Third Round & Hard Bat Comp	
26th February	League Fixtures	(Wk 15)
5th March	League Fixtures	(Wk 16)
12th March	League Fixtures	(wk 17)
19th March	League Fixtures	(Wk 18)
26th March	Fred Holden Trophy – Semi-finals & catch up	
2nd April	Fred Holden Final & League Fixtures – catch up	
9th April	League Fixtures – catch up	
Wednesday 2nd May	Provisional Date for AGM	
Saturday 5th May	Date for Annual Presentation Night	

# Teams, Venues and Secretaries

## PREMIER DIVISION

<i>Number &amp; Team</i>	<i>Venue</i>	<i>Night</i>	<i>Secretary</i>	<i>Landline</i>	<i>Mobile</i>
1. WHALLEY HAWKS	Whalley Village Hall	Wednesday	Martin Drury	01254 427846	07802876259
2. RAMSBOTTOM A	Ramsbottom Cricket Club	Tuesday	Wilton Holt	01204 884367	-
3. ROVERS	Hyndburn TTC	Monday	Ian Mason	01254 872193	07962308533
4.	NO TEAM ALLOCATED – FREE WEEK				
5. HYNDBURN TTC A	Hyndburn TTC	Wednesday	Jason Pilling	-	07815284429.
6. CLITHEREOE	Hyndburn TTC	Monday	Matt Nettleton	01200 422127	07918089048
7. RAMSBOTTOM B LADIES	Ramsbottom Cricket Club	Tuesday	Brian Edwards	0161 7975082	-
8. K WARD PLUMBERS	Hyndburn TTC	Monday	Ged Simpson	01254 237381	07933267982
9. RAMSBOTTOM C	Hyndburn TTC	Thursday	David Cain	01706 375557	07710471893
10. EAST LANCS	East Lancs Cricket Club, Blackburn	Wednesday	Ian Howarth	01254 245260	07854444697

## FIRST DIVISION

1. WHALLEY EAGLES	Whalley Old Grammar School	Wednesday	Phil Mileham	01200 425005	07837686746
2. DOALS MARAUDERS	Doals Community Centre, Weir	Wednesday	Neil Hepworth	-	07480152268
3. KSB A	Kay St Baptist Church, Rawtenstall	Wednesday	Trevor Elkington	01706 217786	07981387755
4. SPIN DOCTORS	Hyndburn TTC	Tuesday	Alan Prudden	01282 459672	07773958330
5. THE BEST CENTRE RAPTORS	The Best Centre, Network 65, Hapton	Monday	Richard Tokeley	01282 455068	07970490191
6. WHALLEY KESTRELS	Whalley Old Grammar School	Wednesday	Phil Grace		07889168135
7. OLD MASTERS	Hyndburn TTC	Tuesday	Joe Gizon		07880291531
8. THE LIONS	Hyndburn TTC	Wednesday	Martin Ormsby	01254 393726	07805683093
9. PAST MASTERS A	Hyndburn TTC	Tuesday	Harry Rawcliffe	01254663451	-
10. HYNDBURNERS	Hyndburn TTC	Tuesday	Dan Chamberlain	01254 235354	07533315997

SECOND DIVISION

1. THE BEST CENTRE PHANTOMS	The Best Centre, Network 65, Hapton	Monday	Robert Tokely	01282 455068	07759654525
2. DOALS VIKINGS	Doals Community Centre, Weir	Wednesday	Neil Hepworth	-	07480152268
3. KSB B	Kay St Baptist Church, Rawtenstall	Wednesday	Trevor Elkington	01706 217786	07981387755
4. KSB C	Kay St Baptist Church, Rawtenstall	Tuesday	Carlton Cooper		07736563238
5. HYNDBURN TTC B	Hyndburn TTC	Wednesday	Mick Moir	-	07531674059
6. BRIERFIELD	Methodist Church, Brierfield	Tuesday	Peter Marsland	01282 430446	07805761863
7. ROLLING DOALS	Doals Community Centre, Weir	Wednesday	Neil Hepworth	-	07480152268
8. SLAYERS	Hyndburn TTC	Wednesday	Mike Hindle	01254 703291	07710596735
9. RAMSBOTTOM D	Hyndburn TTC	Thursday	Paul Wood	01619 983703	07714097341
10. THE BEST CENTRE JETS	The Best Centre, Network 65, Hapton	Monday	Darren Wright	01282455068	07736473609

THIRD DIVISION

1. WHALLEY KITES	Whalley Village Hall	Wednesday	Anthony Richardson	01254 247566	07475560815
2. PAST MASTERS B	Hyndburn TTC	Wednesday	Robin Willoughby	01282 772061	07930558587
3. PAST MASTERS C	Hyndburn TTC	Tuesday	Harry Rawcliffe	01254663451	-
4. KSB E	Kay St Baptist Church, Rawtenstall	Tuesday	Paul Dooley	-	07703686330
5. HYNDBURN TTC C	Hyndburn TTC	Wednesday	Mick Moir	-	07531674059
6. WHALLEY MERLINS	Whalley Village Hall	Wednesday	Eric Ronnan	01254 822555	-
7. DOALS TITANS	Doals Community Centre, Weir	Wednesday	Neil Hepworth	-	07480152268
8. KSB F	Kay St Baptist Church, Rawtenstall	Wednesday	Trevor Elkington	01706 217786	07981387755
9. KSB D	Kay St Baptist Church, Rawtenstall	Tuesday	Bernard Milnes	01706877391	07881610874
10. WHALLEY HARRIERS	Whalley Village Hall	Wednesday	Mark Rawson	01254877938	-

# WEEKLY FIXTURES

This year all Divisions are playing on a 10 Team Matrix, which gives 18 fixtures per team. The Premier League has only 9 teams, therefore Team 4 will be designated as a free week and teams will play 16 matches in total.

<i>W/C 25<sup>th</sup> Sept (Wk 1)</i>			<i>W/C 2<sup>nd</sup> Oct (Wk 2)</i>			<i>W/C 9<sup>th</sup> Oct (Wk 3)</i>			<i>W/C 16<sup>th</sup> Oct (Wk 4)</i>			<i>W/C 23<sup>rd</sup> Oct</i>	<i>W/C 30<sup>th</sup> Oct (Wk 5)</i>		
1	v	10	10	v	5	1	v	8	5	v	3	Fred Holden	1	v	6
2	v	9	8	v	2	2	v	7	6	v	2	Preliminary	2	v	5
3	v	8	9	v	1	3	v	6	7	v	1	Round	3	v	4
4	v	7	7	v	3	4	v	5	8	v	9		9	v	7
5	v	6	6	v	4	10	v	9	4	v	10		10	v	8

<i>W/C 6<sup>th</sup> Nov (Wk 6)</i>			<i>W/C 13<sup>th</sup> Nov (Wk 7)</i>			<i>W/C 20<sup>th</sup> Nov</i>	<i>W/C 27<sup>th</sup> Nov (Wk 8)</i>			<i>W/C 4<sup>th</sup> Dec (Wk9)</i>			<i>W/C 11<sup>th</sup> Dec</i>
5	v	1	1	v	4	Fred Holden	3	V	1	1	V	2	Vets & Super Vets
6	V	9	2	V	3	First	4	v	9	8	v	4	Competition
7	v	8	8	v	6	Round	5	v	8	9	v	3	Catch up week
4	v	2	9	v	5		6	v	7	10	v	6	
3	v	10	10	v	7		2	v	10	7	v	5	

<i>W/C 8<sup>th</sup> Jan (Wk 10)</i>			<i>W/C 15<sup>th</sup> Jan (Wk 11)</i>			<i>W/C 22<sup>nd</sup> Jan</i>	<i>W/C 29<sup>th</sup> Jan (Wk 12)</i>			<i>W/C 5<sup>th</sup> Feb (Wk 13)</i>			<i>W/C 12<sup>th</sup> Feb (Wk 14)</i>		
10	v	1	5	v	10	Fred Holden	5	v	4	10	v	4	6	v	1
9	v	2	1	v	9	Second	8	v	1	9	v	8	5	v	2
8	v	3	2	v	8	Round	7	v	2	1	v	7	4	v	3
7	v	4	3	v	7		6	v	3	2	v	6	8	v	10
6	v	5	4	v	6		9	v	10	3	v	5	7	v	9

<i>SUNDAY 11<sup>th</sup> Feb</i>	<i>W/C 19<sup>th</sup> Feb</i>	<i>W/C 26<sup>th</sup> Feb (Wk 15)</i>			<i>W/C 5<sup>th</sup> Mar (Wk 16)</i>			<i>W/C 12<sup>th</sup> Mar (Wk 17)</i>			<i>W/C 19<sup>th</sup> Mar (Wk 18)</i>			<i>W/C 26<sup>th</sup> Mar</i>
ELTTL	Fred Holden	8	v	7	3	v	2	9	v	4	2	v	1	Fred Holden
CLOSED	Third Round	10	v	3	4	v	1	10	v	2	5	v	7	Semi-finals
CHAMPIONSHIP	Hard Bat	1	v	5	7	v	10	1	v	3	4	v	8	
	Competition	2	v	4	6	v	8	8	v	5	3	v	9	
	Thurs 22nd	9	v	6	5	v	9	7	v	6	6	v	10	

Weeks commencing 26<sup>th</sup> March, 2<sup>nd</sup> April and 9<sup>th</sup> April are catch up weeks.

The Fred Holden Cup Final is to be played in the week commencing 2<sup>nd</sup> April.

**Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> May 2018 provisional date for AGM at Hyndburn Table Tennis Centre**

**The Presentation Night will take place on Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> May 2018 at Accrington Golf Club**

# Other Competitions

*Please note that no competitions will run if the entry in the singles is less than eight players and in the doubles competitions is less than 16 players.*

## **Sunday 11th February ELTTL Closed Championship**

The annual ELTTL Closed Championships will take place at Hyndburn TT Centre on Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> February. There will be Singles, Doubles, Handicap Singles and Handicap Doubles, and a Singles Losers Plate. The event will open at 9.00 for those who want a knock up, with the event itself starting from 9.30. Further details will be provided nearer the date.

## **The Vets and Super Vets Competition Week Commencing 11<sup>th</sup> December.**

The Vets and Super Vets Competition will be played over one night, probably Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> December. Further details will be provided nearer the date.

## **New Hard Bat Competition on Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> February**

It has been decided to add a Hard Bat Competition to our programme for 2017-18. This will take place on Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> February at HTTC and is open to all registered ELTTL players. Further details will follow nearer to the date.

## **Divisional Handicaps Competitions**

As the Divisional Handicaps Competitions have been so poorly supported for the last few years, despite the various formats we have tried, the Committee has decided again not to run the Competition this season.

# Rules

East Lancashire Table Tennis League Rules –  
(Last revised and agreed at AGM 2017)

**New rules or changes for this season are highlighted in bold type**

**i.e. rules 17a and 23a**

- 1a. The League shall be called the EAST LANCASHIRE TABLE TENNIS LEAGUE (hereafter referred to as the League) and shall be open to clubs/teams in the district subject to the approval of the General Committee.
- 1b. The League shall be non profit making, any surplus shall be ploughed back into the league and shall not be for the financial gain of any individual
- 2a. The League shall be governed by the General Committee comprising Officers of the League who shall be elected (see Rule 2b and 3) at the Annual General Meeting (AGM) held in May each year. Co-opted members may be included at the committee's discretion.
- 2b. Only fully paid up registered (affiliated) members can serve on any committee, partake in any League activities or take advantage of any discounts.
3. Officers shall be the Chairman, Vice Chairman, Secretary, Treasurer, Fixtures Secretary, plus other members elected (coaching, schools, development, ladies, juniors, press and/or HTTC rep). Members will be elected for a period of two years and will then be due for re-election. Should any member be absent, without reasonable excuse from three meetings in any one season, he or she shall be automatically retired.
4. The league shall be affiliated to the TTE (Table Tennis England) and the LTTA (Lancashire Table Tennis Association). The current rules of Table Tennis adopted by these organisations shall apply to all matches in the league.
5. All clubs and individuals joining the league shall be deemed to accept the rules of the League on admission and as such, the General Committee shall have the power to fine, suspend or expel any player or club as deemed necessary if found guilty of misconduct or breach of the league rules.
6. No election of officers or alterations to the rules can be made except at the AGM or a special meeting called for that purpose (an Extraordinary General Meeting). Any rule changes shall be submitted in writing to the League Secretary within 21 days of the AGM to allow these proposals to be considered & circulated prior to the AGM. Either the Proposer or the Seconder must be present at the AGM to support/present their motion.
7. All registered players of the League shall be entitled to attend the AGM Each registered member of the League will be eligible to vote. The officers as in rule 3 shall be elected at the A.G.M. All decisions reached will be by majority vote. In the event of a tie the Chairman will have the deciding vote.
8. All meetings to be chaired by the Chairman or an appointed deputy whose decision on points of order shall be final. Where votes are equal, the chairman shall have a deciding vote. Five people entitled to vote shall form a quorum at all meetings.
9. All applications for League membership shall only be made to the Fixtures Secretary
10. All fees shall be paid prior to the commencement of the league programme (normally September) and will include; LTTA registration, individual membership, team fees, & for those playing out of Hyndburn Table Tennis Centre, room fees, and table fees.
- 11a. All matches shall ideally be played on the dates stated on the fixture list. If either team is unable to field a full team, they may request of the other team that the match is played on an alternative date. If an agreement to re-arrange cannot be reached between the teams, then it can be referred to the committee to arbitrate. The committee, at their discretion, may order the match re-scheduled, or may award points to either side depending on the common sense fairness of either the request to re-arrange, or the refusal to do so. *(Note 11b below - no penalty if at least two weeks notice was given)* When awarding points in accordance with rule 11a; the points for, should be based on an average over the season; the points against, should be nil.
- 11b. A match can be postponed without penalty if more than 2 weeks notice is given to the other team. The opposition secretary must agree to re-arrange the match.
- 11c. A match can be postponed without penalty if a team cannot field three players due to a town team commitment. The opposition secretary must agree to re-arrange the match.
- 11d. No re-arrangements may be made or requested on the same days as the original fixture date. *(Note: except in exceptional circumstances such as inclement weather)*

12. Any change of secretary, venue match night, address or telephone number shall be notified immediately to the League/Fixtures Secretary. In addition the opposition team secretaries shall be notified as soon as possible.

13. All secretaries must provide a telephone number where they can be contacted & an email address (email will be the normal way the fixtures secretary sends out information and request information to and from team secretaries).

IMPORTANT: however you contact each other, say to cancel or postpone games etc, if you use a text or email you must make sure an acknowledgment has been given back to you so you know they have received the cancellation information. Simply sending a text or email and assuming you have cancelled is not acceptable without confirming they have received it.

14. If a team resigns from the league, all points will be removed and all monies forfeited.

15. Fees (per season) & entry to the league. All secretaries shall forward to the Fixtures Secretary their entry form indicating the team name, home night and venue, players to be registered, each player's individual TTE registration number, and simultaneously send the fees due as indicated on the entry form (as agreed at the AGM) to the Treasurer. For teams playing out of the Hyndburn Table Tennis Centre places at the centre shall be allocated on a first come first served basis subject to rule 10. All teams playing from the Hyndburn Table Tennis Centre will be charged the agreed rate decided at the AGM and stated on the entry form for the season to cover table fees. The team secretary shall be responsible for all charges applicable to his/her team and that rule 10 is adhered to. Fees shall be paid by cheque, payable to "East Lancashire Table Tennis League". Where cash is paid, a signed receipt must be obtained.

16. The season shall begin at the AGM held in May prior to the season commencing.

17. Each team shall register sufficient players to enable it to fulfil the entire League season and cup matches programme.

**17a. A team consisting wholly of junior players may play all their fixtures at their home venue. In the event that both teams are Juniors the normal home and away system will apply.**

18. Teams from all divisions can have up to eight players registered at any one time, however teams from within the lowest division may have up to 10 players registered at any one time.

19a. Any points won by an unregistered player(s) will not be counted nor awarded retrospectively. The opposition will be awarded the points as if that player(s) had not been present.

19b. All players must be registered with both TTE and the League and have paid their membership fees before taking part in any match. Any player requesting to be registered with the League after the original entry form has been submitted and after the teams have been set in their divisions will be subject to approval by the committee to ensure such a player does not unfairly change the nature of the competition. The committee may refuse a registration or impose limitations if for any reason they think a registration of a player will affect the spirit of fair competition. If any additional information is found subsequent to this registration the committee have a right to impose, at a later date, any condition that were not imposed at the time of registration where it is felt a distortion of fair competition has arisen mid-season.

(NOTE: At the entry form stage teams can register any player they choose but the committee retain the right to judge what standard and division any particular team should then be placed). Only in exceptional circumstances will any new registrations be permitted after January 1<sup>st</sup>; once again the full approval of the committee is required.

20. During the season any transfers to another team are to be made in writing to the League Secretary for consideration by the General Committee. If approval is given, the player can play for his/her new club four days later, providing that the transfer takes place before January 1<sup>st</sup> and no previous transfer by that player has taken place during that season. No transfers may take place after Jan 1<sup>st</sup> at all, apart from when a player plays a 6th game as reserve for a higher team and thus becomes automatically transferred to the higher team as in rule 25 below.

21. Any player having a handicap of 6 or less must play at least 25% of the remaining league matches otherwise any points won will be discounted. Playing in a doubles game does not qualify as a match.

22. To be included in the Merit Table a player must play a minimum of 50% +1 of possible league matches during the season.

23. The Home team shall enter the playing order of its players on the scorecard first, then the away team. The game should then usually be played in the order of the card with discretion to leave doubles till the end unless by mutual agreement games are played out of order due to a player being delayed or someone needs to go early etc but this should not be abused. Either the player name or the player position e.g. first, second, third in the team on the night must be recorded on the scorecard for the doubles game.

**23a The match ball must be approved by both teams prior to the commencement of the match. In the event that an agreement cannot be reached a new ball must be used.**

24. No player shall be eligible to take part in the semi-final stages of any individual knock-out competition or team handicap unless he/she has played in at least six league matches in the current season and cannot have played for a

different team earlier in that season, with the exception of the divisional handicap events, where a minimum of at least two games having been played is only required

25a. Any team can nominate reserves providing, they are from a lower division and have a lower ranking number than the second highest ranked permanent registered squad player as known from the latest merit tables published on the league web at the date of the games a reserve is required, (if in doubt ring to check eligibility of reserve with the Fixtures Secretary before playing). A reserve can only play for one team per division up to 5 times in a season and will automatically be transferred permanently to that team after playing 6 matches (and can no longer play from that point on for the team the reserve had been originally registered with in the lower division). Reserves under this rule do not have to be registered to the same club and can come from any team as long as they comply with rest of the conditions above.

25b. Players from anywhere in the League can be signed on for a team in a cup match, but they can only play for one team in a season

26. All matches shall commence no later than 7:30pm. One player must be in attendance at 7:30, the second player at 8:15 and the third player no later than 8:45 pm. The opposing side can claim the points of those sets, which could have been played if the opponent had been present. These times are reduced by 15 minutes for games being played at the Hyndburn Table Tennis Centre. Any disputes regarding points to be claimed through this rule will be subject to the committee who will have the final say on the matter.

27. The home team secretary has the sole responsibility to notify the fixtures secretary of the result of the match. Secretaries should always endeavour to ensure the scorecard is returned to the box in the Hyndburn Table Tennis Centre or posted to the fixtures secretary or a scanned copy emailed to the fixtures secretary no later than a week after the match was played. Very late and persistently late offenders may have penalty points deducted at the discretion of the committee.

28. In the event of two or more teams having the same number of points at the end of the season, their positions shall be re calculated and re adjusted by awarding two points for each match won and by awarding one point for every match ending in a draw. If still the same it will be decided by head to head statistics over the two games versus each other in the season.

29. Fred Holden Cup matches have priority over the League matches and are counted as due to be played in the weeks set aside in the programme on the regular home night of the home team at the home team's venue, or in the case of the semi-final and final stages in the same week as scheduled in the programme on a night to be agreed to be played at a neutral venue or at a venue agreed by the two teams involved.

29a. The Fred Holden Competition will be organised during the season. This will be organised on a team handicap basis. *All teams will participate.*

30. In a group or round robin competition, all members of the group shall compete against each other and shall gain two match points for a win, 1 point for a loss in a played match and 0 points for a loss in an unplayed or unfinished match. The ranking order shall be determined primarily by the number of match points gained. If two or more members of the same group have gained the same number of match points their relative positions shall be determined only by the results of the matches between them, by considering successively the number of match points, the ratio of wins to losses first in individual matches (for a team event), games and points, as far as is necessary to resolve the order. If at any step in the calculations the positions of one or more members of the group have been determined while the others are still equal, the results of the matches in which those members took part shall be excluded from any further calculations needed to resolve the equalities in accordance with the procedures above. If it is not possible to resolve the relative positions this shall be determined by lot. This does not apply to Fred Holden Cup matches

31. Each division is based normally on having ten teams, each team will play home and away. At the end of the season the top two teams in each division will be promoted. The bottom two in each division will likely be relegated depending on the number of teams dropping out or new teams coming in. If a division has only nine teams then only one would be relegated but two promoted. The committee may promote more than two teams in some circumstances and has discretion to decide where any newly formed teams should be placed as well as putting more than 10 teams in a division if it deems it necessary. The committee also has the right as per rule 19b to 'promote' any team whose make up of players through changes or additions to previous seasons, in the committee's opinion has changed their standard sufficiently to be too good for their original division. (It will not be normal practice to demote teams who due to team personnel changes have become weaker, unless they had been automatically demoted, or at the start of a season were requesting to drop a division which would be subject to the discretion of the committee).

32. In the event that a situation arises that is not covered by the rules, the committee has the authority to make a decision which is final. This does not constitute a precedence but may become a rule at the next AGM if considered appropriate.

#### Dissolution

**33 The League can only be dissolved at an AGM or EGM. A motion to this effect should be presented at this meeting; a proposer and seconder are required. For this motion to be passed 75% of the votes should be in favour of dissolution.**

**34 In the event that East Lancashire Table Tennis League (hereafter called the League) is to be dissolved, any surplus assets (including funds) remaining after discharge of liabilities shall automatically be vested in Table Tennis England who shall hold them for a period of 5 years in trust to pay them to any organisation set up with objectives similar to those of the League (Table Tennis England during such period making every effort to promote and encourage the formation of such an organisation) and thereafter for the general purposes of *Table Tennis England*.**

**GENERAL INFORMATION (NOT RULE CHANGES)**

For casual play, practicing or coaching the session charge is £3 per player. For League matches the charge shall be £12.00 per table per home match at Hyndburn Table Tennis

# Calculating Handicaps using player's rank

In an attempt to produce handicaps from actual player performances rather than from what players think they should be, a ranking system was created which was linked to our handicap system, this has been in use over the past nine seasons. To set up the system each point on the handicap chart was deemed to be equal to 35 racking points. A handicap of 0 is equal to 2600 ranking points so a handicap of 70 will be equal to 150 points. A full list is shown below.

Hd	Rank												
0	2600												
1	2565	11	2215	21	1865	31	1515	41	1165	51	815	61	465
2	2530	12	2180	22	1830	32	1480	42	1130	52	780	62	430
3	2495	13	2145	23	1795	33	1445	43	1095	53	745	63	395
4	2460	14	2110	24	1760	34	1410	44	1060	54	710	64	360
5	2425	15	2075	25	1725	35	1375	45	1025	55	675	65	325
6	2390	16	2040	26	1690	36	1340	46	990	56	640	66	290
7	2355	17	2005	27	1655	37	1305	47	955	57	605	67	255
8	2320	18	1970	28	1620	38	1270	48	920	58	570	68	220
9	2285	19	1935	29	1585	39	1235	49	885	59	535	69	185
10	2250	20	1900	30	1550	40	1200	50	850	60	500	70	150

The results from every match played are used to constantly update players ranking values, so a player who is currently on a roll would be gaining more ranking points resulting in his handicap going down, the opposite would occur for a player going through a bad patch, their ranking total will drop and their handicap would go up. Handicaps are updated before the start of the divisional handicaps, before the start of the preliminary cup round, before the closed competitions and before every further cup round including the final. The Handicap Officer has the authority to review a player's rank subject to Committee approval. The chart for awarding and deducting ranking points is shown below, this was copied from the ETTA

<b>Chart for Awarding Ranking Points</b>				
<b>Ranking Difference</b>	<b>Expected Result</b>		<b>Un-expected Result</b>	
	<b>Winner</b>	<b>Loser</b>	<b>Winner</b>	<b>Loser</b>
0 – 24	+12	-8	+12	-8
25 – 49	+11	-7	+14	-9
50 – 99	+9	-6	+17	-11
100 – 149	+8	-5	+21	-14
150 – 199	+6	-4	+26	-17
200 – 299	+5	-3	+33	-22
300 – 399	+3	-2	+45	-30
400 – 499	+2	-1	+60	-40
500 and over	0	0	+75	-50

# How to play an individual handicap match (not Fred Holden Cup)

Details for calculating and playing handicapped table tennis in this league

<u>Difference</u>	<u>Start</u>
1	1
2	2
3	3
4	4
5 - 7	5
8 - 9	6
10 - 11	7
12 - 13	8
14 - 16	9
17 - 19	10
20 - 23	11
24 - 28	12
29 - 34	13
35 - 41	14
42 - 49	15
50+	16

1. All games are played up to 21 points.
2. The difference of handicap of both players when checked in the handicap table will give the start.  
E.g. Tony Blair on 19 plays David Cameron on 71. So  $71 - 19 = 52$ , a difference of 52 when checked on the chart at the top of this page gives a start of 16, so Tony Blair starts on 0, David Cameron starts on 16 in each game.
3. The player with the highest handicap has the choice to serve first.
4. At least one player MUST start from love (0).
5. The maximum start allowed for any player is 16 points.
6. For calculating handicaps for doubles matches, add together the handicap numbers for the doubles team and divide by two, round up to the next whole number. Do the same for the opposing team and use the table above to calculate the start. For example: Nick Clegg (0) and Gordon Brown (30) making up one team would have a handicap total of 30, divide by 2 = 15. If they played David Cameron (19) and Margaret Thatcher (56) with a total of 75, divided by 2 = 37.5, which rounds up to 38. This means that Clegg and Brown would give Cameron and Thatcher  $38 - 15 = 23$ , a difference of 23 gives a start of 11.

# Handicap system for Fred Holden Cup 2017/2018

1. Each player's handicap rate as issued by the Handicap Officer prior to each round of the Cup is inserted onto the scorecard and the total of all three players is used as the team handicap which is their starting score.
2. Each match between individual players consists of 4 sets played up to 11. Remember 4 sets have to be played for each individual match. The score for each set is added to the team score and a cumulative total is kept.
3. Every single point in each set counts towards the team's total score so the more points won the better.
4. First player to reach 11 wins that set, no need for 2 clear points to win it.
5. After everyone has played each other the cumulative total for each team determines who has won the match. The highest cumulative team total wins the match.
6. As usual, amended handicap rates for each player will be issued before each round of the Fred Holden Cup.
7. You will notice that the Fred Holden handicap rates for the players are exactly double the standard handicap rate.

**Example** (based on 2012/2013 teams) of how to fill in the handicap scorecards for the Fred Holden Cup handicap matches:-

You will notice in this example that KSB F just win this match by 3 points.

East Lancashire Table Tennis League FRED HOLDEN CUP Handicap Match													
HOME team				Handicap rate	AWAY team				Handicap rate				
BURNLEY BOYS CLUB					KSB F								
1	MARTIN WYATT			4	1	BERNARD MILNES			102				
2	DAVE KAY			12	2	PAUL MILNES			120				
3	ANDREA HARRISION			14	3	SIMON MILNES			126				
Team handicap starting score				30	Team handicap starting score				348				
		Set 1		Set 2		Set 3		Set 4		Score		Cumulative	
												H	A
												30	348
1v2	11	2	11	2	11	2	11	3	44	9	74	357	
3v1	11	2	11	2	11	2	11	3	44	9	118	366	
2v3	11	2	11	2	11	2	11	3	44	9	162	375	
3v2	11	2	11	2	11	2	11	3	44	9	206	384	
1v3	11	2	11	2	11	2	11	3	44	9	250	393	
2v1	11	2	11	2	11	2	11	3	44	9	294	402	
3v3	11	2	11	2	11	2	11	3	44	9	338	411	
2v2	11	2	11	2	11	2	11	3	44	9	382	420	
1v1	11	2	11	2	11	2	11	3	44	9	426	429	
Signed				Signed				Winners					
								KSB F				426	429

# Fred Holden Cup Scorecard Template

The template below can be used to score your match in the Fred Holden matches, the completed scorecard then either scanned and emailed to Mike Turner, or sent via post. The following templates can be scanned/photocopied for when you progress further than the first 4 rounds!

East Lancashire Table Tennis League FRED HOLDEN CUP match													
HOME team					FH Handicap rate	AWAY team					FH Handicap rate		
1						1							
2						2							
3						3							
Team handicap starting score						Team handicap starting score							
	Game 1		Game 2		Game 3		Game 4		Score		Cumulative		
											HOME	AWAY	
1v2													
3v1													
2v3													
3v2													
1v3													
2v1													
3v3													
2v2													
1v1													
Signed				Signed				Winners					

## Website

The website has been updated further, now results can be seen immediately and in much more detail.

- *Merit Table*
- *League Table*
- *Individual Player Results*
- *Individual Team Results*
- *Scorecards*
- *Archive of previous years*

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## Presentation Evening:-



**At the  
Accrington Golf Club  
Oswaldtwistle  
on  
Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> May 2018**