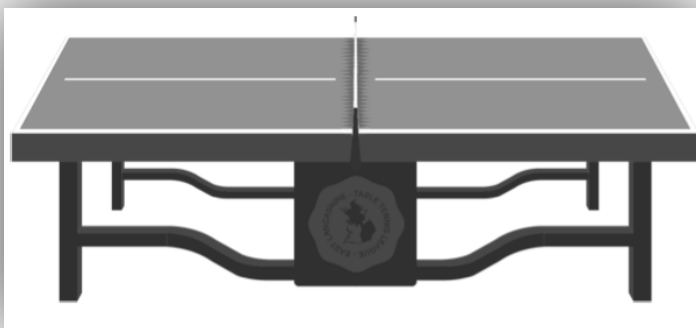




East Lancashire Table Tennis League

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

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



Season 2025 -2026 Handbook

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A Message from the Committee.

Welcome to the new season and good luck. This year we have increased the number of teams playing in the League to 40, with a special welcome to our newest team from Wheelton.

You may have noticed that Martin Wyatt has done a lot of work redesigning the Website. It's not quite complete yet and needs some further updating but we need to thank him for all his efforts.

There have been alterations to some rules that you need to be aware of. Under Rule 26 the **start time for matches played at HTTC and St Peters Burnley has changed to 7.00**, whilst remaining at 7.30 for other venues. This has changed due to the centres enforcing a stricter 10.00 end to the evening. Also check out the changes to Rule20 about use of reserves and Rule32 about eligibility to enter individual competitions.

Also if a team is playing with two juniors under 16 against a team consisting of just juniors who play all their games at home, under Rule20b, then that team can contact the all junior team's secretary to have that match played at the other team's home venue. This is an experiment for this season, after which it will be reviewed.

You may be aware that after many seasons our neighbouring Blackburn Table Tennis League has sadly disbanded. Former Blackburn players will be welcome to join our teams in the ELTTL.

If you need any help over the season please contact your Divisional Representative or any member of the Committee will be glad to help.

Committee Members 2025 -2026

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The Welfare Officer

Catherine Lawson is our Welfare Officer.

If you have any concerns about an issue relating to the safeguarding of a young person or a vulnerable adult please contact Catherine on 07505354318. **Please**

Note The League is clear that Parents have overall responsibility for their Child's safety at all times

Information for all Divisons									
Premier Division Information					First Division Information				
Team	Venue	Secretary	Contact (L)	Contact (M)	Team	Venue	Secretary	Contact (L)	Contact (M)
Sultans of Spin	HTTC	David Eastwood		07783498667	KSB D	Kay St Rawtenstall	Carlton Cooper		07736563238
KSB B	Kay St Rawtenstall	Craig Milnes		07834043694	KSB C	Kay St Rawtenstall	Bernard Milnes	01706 877391	07881610874
Spartans	HTTC	Chris Freely		07484314667	Ramsbottom B	Ramsbottom CC	Paul Wood	01619 983703	07714097341
Vanguard Raptors	Vanguard Com Centre	Richard Tokeley		07970490191	Burnley Hornets	St Peters Centre	Mick Swindells		07807636960
Whalley Kestrels	Whalley Village Hall	Phil Mileham	01200 425005	07837686746	Whalley Hawks	HTTC	Rafeeq Sulaiman		07522958003
Whalley Eagles	HTTC	Colin Hooper		07973684517	KSB E	Kay St Rawtenstall	Sam Richardson		07977935990
KSB A	Kay St Rawtenstall	Daven Argile		07798713164	Past Masters	HTTC	Ian Pickles		07879633355
Ramsbottom A	HTTC	Dave Kay		07523739464	Misfits	HTTC	David Borland		07900472621
Vanguard Phantoms	Vanguard Com Centre	Ryan Fallon		07402899095	Vanguard Jets	Vanguard Com Centre	Darren Wright		07736473609
Rovers	HTTC	Ian Mason	01254 872193	07962308533	Wheelton	Wheelton Village Hall	Graham Gallagher		07977012469
Second Division Information					Third Division Information				
Team	Venue	Secretary	Contact (L)	Contact (M)	Team	Venue	Secretary	Contact (L)	Contact (M)
KSB Lions	Kay St Rawtentstall	Neil McKinnon		07775575503	KSB Jaguars	Kay St Rawtenstall	Simon Milnes		07904313895
KSB Tigers (Jun)	All home matches	Trevor Elkington	01706 217786	07767218668	KSB Leopards (Jun)	All home matches	Trevor Elkington	01706 217786	07981387755
Doals	Doals Centre Weir	Ian Mills		07767218668	Hyndburn TTC	HTTC	Kelvin		07577491837
Vanguard Tornados	Vanguard Com Centre	Jim Balmforth	01282 455068	07885460165	Burnley Wasps	St Peters Centre	Peter Hitchcock		07948095224
Whalley Ospreys	HTTC	Phil Austin		07484262288	Whalley Kites	Whalley Village Hall	Chib Mistry		07968101664
KSB F	Kay St Rawtentstall	Dave Mottershead		07516004063	KSB Pumas (Jun)	All home matches	Trevor Elkington	01706 217786	07981387755
Brierfield	Brierfield Methodist	Peter Marsland		07805761863	KSB G	Kay St Rawtenstall	Iain Clements		07503167547
Slayers	HTTC	David Heys	01254 608565	07849958343	KSB Panthers (Jun)	All home matches	Trevor Elkington	01706 217786	07981387755
Burnley Bees	St Peters Centre	Judith Glover		07456279590	Burnley Scorpions	St Peters Centre	John Lee	01282 839847	07510008396
Whalley Harriers	Whalley Village Hall	Andrew Brierley		07738761133	Whalley Merlins	Whalley Village Hall	Martin Fox		07947731797
More information can be found i.e. league tables at https://eastlancstt.org.uk									

East Lancashire Table League Fixtures 2025-2026

This year all divisions are playing on a 10 Team matrix. We have 40 teams in the league this year so each division will have 10 teams. Every team has been allocated a number between 1-10, as is shown on the “Teams, Venues and Secretaries” page. Simply identify your number then look in the weekly columns to see who you are playing and if you are home or away. Left hand column is the Home and right hand column the Away Team. KSB Juniors play their matches at Home Only. Please can teams playing Monday at Kay St arrive at 19.00 for matches to start at 19.15.

Premier Division		
No	Team	Night
1	Sultans of Spin	Tues
2	KSB B	Wed
3	Spartans	Tues
4	Vanguard Raptors	Mon
5	Whalley Kestrels	Wed
6	Whalley Eagles	Mon
7	KSB A	Wed
8	Ramsbottom A	Wed
9	Vanguard Phantoms	Mon
10	Rovers	Mon

First Division		
No	Team	Night
1	KSB D	Tues
2	KSB C	Wed
3	Ramsbottom B	Thurs
4	Burnley Hornets	Thurs
5	Whalley Hawks	Tues
6	KSB E	Tues
7	Past Masters	Tues
8	Misfits	Tues
9	Vanguard Jets	Mon
10	Wheelton	Wed

Second Division		
No	Team	Night
1	KSB Lions	Tues
2	KSB Tigers (Jun)	Mon
3	Doals	Mon
4	Vanguard Tornados	Mon
5	Whalley Ospreys	Thurs
6	KSB F	Tues
7	Brierfield	Thurs
8	Slayers	Wed
9	Burnley Bees	Thurs
10	Whalley Harriers	Wed

Third Division		
No	Team	Night
1	KSB Jaguars	Tues
2	KSB Leopards (Jun)	Mon
3	Hyndburn TTC	Mon
4	Burnley Wasps	Thurs
5	Whalley Kites	Wed
6	KSB Pumas (Jun)	Mon
7	KSB G	Wed
8	KSB Panthers (Jun)	Mon
9	Burnley Scorpions	Thurs
10	Whalley Merlins	Wed

15th Sep	22nd Sep	29th Sep	6th Oct	13th Oct	20th Oct
1 v 10	10 v 5	1 v 8	5 v 3	Fred Holden Preliminary round	1 v 6
2 v 9	8 v 2	2 v 7	6 v 2		2 v 5
3 v 8	9 v 1	3 v 6	7 v 1		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

27th Oct	3rd Nov	10th Nov	17th Nov	24th Nov	1st Dec
5 v 1	1 v 4	Fred Holden 1st Round	3 v 1	1 v 2	10 v 1
6 v 9	2 v 3		4 v 9	8 v 4	9 v 2
7 v 8	8 v 6		5 v 8	9 v 3	8 v 3
4 v 2	9 v 5		6 v 7	10 v 6	7 v 4
3 v 10	10 v 7		2 v 10	7 v 5	6 v 5

8th Dec	15th Dec	5th Jan	12th Jan	19th Jan	26th Jan
5 v 10	Vets H/C Competition	5 v 4	Fred Holden Second Round	10 v 4	6 v 1
1 v 9		8 v 1		9 v 8	5 v 2
2 v 8		7 v 2		1 v 7	4 v 3
3 v 7		6 v 3		2 v 6	8 v 10
4 v 6		9 v 10		3 v 5	7 v 9

Sunday 8th February 2026 ELTTL closed

2nd Feb	9th Feb	16th Feb	23rd Feb	2nd Mar	9th Mar
Divisional H/C Competition	8 v 7	Fred Holden 3rd Round	3 v 2	9 v 4	2 v 1
	10 v 3		4 v 1	10 v 2	5 v 7
	1 v 5		7 v 10	1 v 3	4 v 8
	2 v 4		6 v 8	8 v 5	3 v 9
	9 v 6		5 v 9	7 v 6	6 v 10

16th March Catchup Week 23rd March Catchup Week

Fred Holden Semi Finals Wednesday 18th March at Hyndburn

Fred Holden Final Wednesday 1st April at Hyndburn

2nd May Presentation Night

13th May AGM

Handicap system for Fred Holden Cup 2025 - 2026

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 HARRISON									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	2	11	3	44	9	74	357								
3v1		11	2	11	2	11	2	11	2	11	3	44	9	118	366								
2v3		11	2	11	2	11	2	11	2	11	3	44	9	162	375								
3v2		11	2	11	2	11	2	11	2	11	3	44	9	206	384								
1v3		11	2	11	2	11	2	11	2	11	3	44	9	250	393								
2v1		11	2	11	2	11	2	11	2	11	3	44	9	294	402								
3v3		11	2	11	2	11	2	11	2	11	3	44	9	338	411								
2v2		11	2	11	2	11	2	11	2	11	3	44	9	382	420								
1v1		11	2	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				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					

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 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	Hd	Rank	Hd	Rank	Hd	Rank	Hd	Rank	Hd	Rank	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, his/her 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 Table Tennis England.

Chart for Awarding Ranking Points				
	Expected Result		Un-expected Result	
Ranking Difference	Winner	Loser	Winner	Loser
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)

1. All games are played up to 21 points.
2. The difference of handicap of both players when checked in the handicap table (see below) 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.

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

ELTTL INDIVIDUAL COMPETITIONS FOR 2025-6 SEASON.

Please find below the proposed schedule for individual competitions for the upcoming season to be played at the HTTC. Be aware that we may need to alter these as the season progresses.

The Committee has decided to experiment with vouchers for another season at a rate of £70 for winners and £30 for runners-up.

Please note that these are CLOSED COMPETITIONS and individuals who don't play in the ELTTL or regularly attend Bat & Chat Session at HTTC or St Peters are not eligible to enter.

Please be aware of Rule 32 relating to individual competitions. To play in the Vets & Divisional Handicap players must have played in at least two league or cup matches. For the Big Day this increases to 3 matches.

The Fred Holden Team Handicap Trophy is arranged independently of these competitions that are for individual players.

- **The Veterans Competitions**

These two handicap competitions will take place in **the week beginning 15th December**. On Monday 15th the Younger Vets (Over40 but under 60) will take place, followed on Tuesday 16th by the Older Vets (Over 60). These will be played initially in a Round Robin format with winners progressing to a knockout stage.

- **The Divisional Handicap Competitions**

These will take place in **the week beginning 2nd February**. On Monday 2nd February the Premier & First Division Handicap Competition will take place and on Tuesday 3rd the Second & Third Division Competition. Each competition will be open to players in those divisions who are registered for a team in that division and have played at least two league matches. These are competitions based on handicaps derived from ranking points and will take the format of best of three games first to 21 points. A round robin stage will be followed by knockout rounds.

- **The ELTTL Closed Competition Day (The Big Day)**

This full day event will take place on Sunday 8th February. The Committee will decide nearer the date which mix of formats will be played for alongside the Open Singles.

- **The Hard Bat Competition**

This fun event will be scheduled to take place at the end of the season. This will be a round -robin event followed by knockout rounds. All players will use the League's hard bats.

List of Winners in the 2024-5 Season
The League Divisional, Doubles & Merit Tables

Division Three

League

Runners-up were KSB JUNIORS 1

Winners were BURNLEY BEES

League Doubles

Runners-up were KSB JUNIORS 1

Winners were BURNLEY BEES

Merit Table

Runner-up was JOSH MCLEAN of KSB Juniors 1

Winner was MARK GAVIN of KSB H

Division Two

League

Runners-up were THE MISFITS

Winners were BURNLEY HORNETS

League Doubles

Runners-up were THE MISFITS

Winners were BURNLEY HORNETS

Merit Table

Runner-up was ROBERT WILLIAMS_Misfits

Winner was LEE PATTINSON_Burnley Hornets

Division One

League

Runners-up were WHALLEY KESTRELS

Winners were BEST CENTRE PHANTOMS

League Doubles

Runners-up were BEST CENTRE JETS

Winners were WHALLEY KESTRELS

Merit Table

Runner-up was TREVOR ELKINGTON KSB C

Winner was PHIL MILEHAM Kestrels

Premiership

League

Runners-up were SPARTANS

Winners were KSB A

League Doubles

Runners-up were KSB A

Winners were Whalley Eagles

Merit Table

Runner-up was Daven Argile KSB A

Winner was Niall Boyle Allstars

The Fred Holden Handicap Trophy

This year the final of the Fred Holden was an all KSB final with the Third Division's KSB Juniors 2 facing the Premiership KSB. The Juniors had a lead of 224 going into the match but in a close game the Premier side eventually won by 550 to 534. KSB B were represented by Chris Hall, Ian Cockcroft & Thomas Sheard, whilst the Juniors had Steven Wilding, Dan Clements & Sophie-Rae Edwards playing for them.

KSB B defeated KSB JUNIORS 2

Young Vets and Older Vets

This year we divided the Vets into two groups.

Over 40 but under 60 were classed as Younger VETS. Older 60 - Older VETS

The YOUNGER VETS was won by GARY FIRTH who defeated JASON PILLING

The OLDER VETS was won by DAVE KAY who defeated ALAN CALOW

Divisional Handicaps

This year we revived the Divisional Handicap Competition last played for in 2014. Players from the Premiership & First Division were grouped together, and Second & Third Division players in another. Best of 3 games first to 21 points.

PREMIER & FIRST was won by SIMON MILNES who defeated IAN COCKCROFT

SECOND & THIRD was won by ANDY CRETNEY who defeated KEITH COCKER

ELTTL Closed Competition (The Big Day)

This year the Committee decided that there would be 3 competitions on the Big Day:

A scratch Singles, a scratch Doubles and a Plate for losers in the first round.

The Plate was won by SHOM BOSE_who defeated BERNARD MILNES

The scratch Doubles was won by DAVE KAY & NOAH MARSHALL who defeated IAN COCKCROFT & CHRIS HALL

The scratch Singles was won by NOAH MARSHALL who defeated DAVE KAY

The Hard Bat Competition

The entertaining Hard Bat Competition was played for in July at HTTC with some very long rallies.

DAVE KAY beat JASON PILLING in a fascinating final.

The Bert Gibson Trophy

This trophy is awarded annually by the Committee to recognise someone who has made a significant or unusual contribution to the work and activities of the East Lancashire Table Tennis League.

This year the trophy was awarded to SHOM BOSE

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:-

Accrington Golf Club

Oswaldtwistle

on Saturday 2nd May

Annual General Meeting:-

Hyndburn Leisure Centre

Accrington

Wednesday 13th May at 7.30pm