

The Ilford and District Table Tennis League

SEASON 2015-2016



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NOTICES

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SPECIAL RULES

Because this year the First division will consist of 2-man teams, and no strict ranking, the 5-up rule will be amended, for this season only. In the first division players may play for any other teams in their club a total of five times but may not play in the second division. Players from the 2nd division may be reserves for the 1st, subject to the existing 5-up Rule.

THE ILFORD CLOSED TOURNAMENT is planned for evenings in the three weeks starting 18th January 2016, but will only take place if there are enough entries. The closing date is December 13th 2015. *See next page for details.*

DIVISIONAL AND KO CUPS

The League will continue to run separate divisional cups for each division.

LEAGUE RULE CHANGES

Rule 18g, paragraph 1. If, due to the unavailability of eligible players, a team cannot fulfil a cup fixture it may request a postponement from the opposing team captain. *The request must be made at least 24 hours before the match is due to start.*

Rule 18g, paragraph 4. If the postponed tie is subsequently not rearranged within 7 days, or not played, then the tie will be awarded to the team not responsible for the *original* postponement.

REMINDER OF ITTF and TTE RULE CHANGES

TTE (Table Tennis England) is the new name for ETTA.

1. A racquet **cannot be changed** during the course of an individual match (i.e. a set) unless it becomes accidentally damaged so badly that it is unusable.
2. **Double-hit.** Not a very recent change but note that players now lose a point only for a *deliberate* double hit. An accidental double hit is not penalised.
3. **Expedite.** The Expedite system will continue to be applied, but NOT if 18 points or more have been scored in a game – that is, if the score has reached 9-9 or 10-8.
4. Only **racquet coverings** included in TTE's Approved List are acceptable for play in the Ilford League. The List can be found on the TTE website.

INDIVIDUAL MEMBERSHIP

Individual player registration came into effect during the 2010-11 season. Players may register through their clubs, or directly via TTE (was ETTA - see its website) and will receive a unique registration number. Players belonging to more than one club or league need register only once. Only registered players will be allowed to enter competitions in the Ilford League or any competition under TTE jurisdiction. This year's Individual Membership fee is £10.00, £5.00 for Juniors

•WEEKS SET ASIDE FOR POSTPONEMENTS

Clubs **must** play postponements in the correct half of the season if a 'postponement week' is available, and in any case not later than the weeks set aside for the purpose.

•**PROMOTION, RELEGATION:** *It may be necessary, in order to keep the divisions as balanced as possible, to demote or promote more than the specified number of teams between divisions 1 and 2 at the end of the season.*

•**Behaviour.** Foul language in matches is considered intimidatory, or gamesmanship, and falls under the Rules of the game. It **MUST NOT** be indulged in. When asked, you **MUST** stop immediately or risk a penalty.

Note that **ALL MOBILE PHONES brought to a match MUST be switched off during games.** Players who contravene this condition will be treated as if they had broken a playing Rule and penalised accordingly.

•**Time-outs.** There are **NO TIME-OUTS** permissible during games in the Ilford League. The time-out provision applies only to high level competition.

•Clubs and teams are expected **to conform strictly to published starting times, especially where Juniors are involved.** Clubs are encouraged to take advantage of the Rules governing the claiming of points for lateness.

•**Coaching.** The junior coaching sessions at **Mossford TTC** are continuing. Interested players should call John Spero.

•**Note that Grove Castle** has re-merged temporarily with Redbridge TTC.

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ILFORD CLOSED

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SCHEDULE

The entry form is printed below, and an updated version will be sent out to reach all League members during the first half of the season. The form is to be completed and returned together with entry fees and a stamped addressed envelope to Ray Brown by December 13th 2015.

The championships are planned to take place on weekday evenings at various venues, to be notified, during the 3 weeks beginning **January 18th, 25th and February 1st 2016**, and provided that the number of entries warrants it. The final dates will be notified in good time.

Entry to all events costs £2 except for the Open Singles which costs £3.

The Open Singles event will carry a winner's prize of £50 provided there are at least 16 entrants.

EVENTS

Date	Event	Entry fee
TBA	Open Singles	£3.00
TBA	Open Doubles	£2.00 ea
TBA	Handicap Singles	£2.00
TBA	Veterans Singles	£2.00
TBA	Veterans Doubles	£2.00 ea
TBA	Div. 2 & 3 Singles	£2.00
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The above are the likely Entry Fees. If in due course they are altered the new fees will be advised.

Note that any given event will take place only if the number of entries in that event is large enough.

The listing of an event above is no guarantee that it will take place.

Age qualification:

Veterans must be over 40 years old on 1.1.16