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The new membership year is upon us, meaning it is time for players to renew their memberships and licences for the 2018/19 season.

As recommended by the Board and approved at the AGM, Player Membership will cost £16 for Seniors and £8 Cadets or Juniors. Player Licence is priced at £38 for Seniors and £19 for Cadets or Juniors.

Associate Membership will remain FREE of charge. As a reminder, associate members are not eligible to play competitive table tennis, but can play at their clubs or socially.

Although membership fees are rising – so too is the amount of money and staff resources being spent on grassroots table tennis.

Last year we put £870,250 directly into grass roots table tennis – this year we intend to spend £926,659. So for every £1 of membership fee income received we are spending another £2 on grassroots table tennis.

Sara Sutclife, CEO of Table Tennis England, said:

Our focus more than ever is on the player and the enablers – clubs, coaches, volunteers and leagues – around them to ensure members get the most out of their affiliation with us. Members are the lifeblood of our sport, and both consciously and subconsciously they provide a position contribution that helps makes this great game develop, grow and be successful.

### Get the most out of your membership:

To help you get the most out of your membership, we've put together a 'Guide to Your Membership with Table Tennis England'. It includes the benefits your membership brings, which can help you save more money than your membership cost, and it also lets you know what we will be doing for grassroots sports over the next 12 month. Click here to view the guide.





# What will we be doing for grass roots in 2018/19?

This year just under £1million will be invested in grass roots sport by Table Tennis England – an increase on the previous year.

Some of our programmes and activities aimed at grassroots participation will include:

- **Be TT:** phase two of our clubs and league development programme, Be TT, will take place. In the coming season we expect to support 36 clubs and 19 leagues with funding and programme support towards three targeted areas; shorter format leagues; women and girls participation and adult coaching.
- Back to Table Tennis: we'll launch this product aimed at getting 35-50-year-olds back into the game. It is the result of extensive research into the sport and competitive play patterns.
- Bat & Chat: we will work with clubs to roll out Bat & Chat our newly launched programme aimed at the 55+ market.
- ClubSpark: we will launch a new digital software package for clubs to provide a timesaving and simplified solution for their day-to-day running, including management for: registrations, memberships, resource access, coaching and competitions.
- Youth Product: we will run a pilot phase of a new youth product aimed at encouraging young people to play
  table tennis for the long term. This will primarily be delivered by clubs, with Table Tennis England providing
  both operational and marketing support.
- Young Ambassadors: phase two of our Young Ambassadors programme will roll out to recruit young officials who will have the opportunity to go on and officiate at Birmingham 2022 Commonwealth Games
- Level 1 Course: the first new format Level 1 coaching course will take place, aimed at attracting more coaches

to the game. The new format includes a reduction from three days of practical to two, and the introduction of online learning to make it more accessible.

• Player performance: a new, monthly member-only email providing you with coaching tips tailored to your skill level, access to exclusive competitions and statistics on how you're performing this season.

To find out more about what we are doing and where funding goes, view our **Guide to Your Membership**.

### How to renew online:

The easiest way for players purchase their membership is by direct debit. Payment will automatically be debited from the players account on an annual basis, to save the inconvenience of manually completing payment each year.

To purchase your membership for 2018/19 season please click here.

### Want to renew by telephone?

Please note that membership and renewals for the 2018/19 season are currently available online only. Telephone renewals will be available from **Wednesday August 1, 2018.** 

## Season Review - 2017/18

The 2017/18 season was a fantastic year for table tennis in England. Take a look back over the past 12 months and relive the season's higlights.

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