

## Youngsters at the start of their umpiring journey

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Our sport is indebted to thousands of volunteers who give their time and commitment every week to ensure players can enjoy and achieve in the sport – and umpires are one of the key groups of volunteers.

As we celebrate <u>Volunteers' Week</u> (June 1-7), we meet three young umpires who are just starting in the sport and are dreaming of officiating at the Commonwealth Games and other elite events.

They are part of a series of <u>umpire training courses primarily launched by Table Tennis England</u> and aimed at under-25s and females and which could open up a pathway to officiating at the 2022 Commonwealth Games and other major international events.

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