



New initiative 'insures' our sport is a winner

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Table Tennis England and Mark Bates Ltd today extend their partnership by launching the *Insurance That Supports Our Sport* initiative.

Mark Bates Ltd, the sponsors of the National Championships, are offering the best value insurance to the table tennis family – and for each policy purchased they are making an additional contribution to Table Tennis England to help fund the sport's grassroots.

The offer applies to home, travel and static caravan insurance, and funeral plans, and confirms a commitment outlined when the Lincolnshire-based company was in January [announced as sponsor of all three National Championships](#) in a five-year deal.

Managing Director Mark Bates, well known to many Table Tennis England members as the father of two age group national champions – Emily and Michael – said: “My family and work colleagues have a long history in table tennis, which has provided us with a great deal of happiness.

“Earlier in the year we sponsored the National Championships in Nottingham and were fortunate to watch some thrilling matches, as well as seeing many of the members that were supporting the event.

“As part of our involvement we are providing bespoke insurance offers for Table Tennis England members. Then for each policy taken out by a Table Tennis England member we will provide further funding to the sport, making everyone a winner.

“We are firmly committed to our long-term partnership with Table Tennis England and its membership.”

Table Tennis England Chief Executive Sara Sutcliffe said: “This is a demonstration that Mark Bates Ltd is not just a headline sponsor of the Nationals series but is also committed to do so much more for the sport and the people who regularly play it.

“Our shared values make this a strong long-term partnership and although it is not yet certain when we will be

able to resume competitions, we look forward to many more highlights under the banner of the Mark Bates Ltd National Championships.”

How to access Insurance That Supports Our Sport

To access the table tennis family deals – and to ensure the contribution to grassroots sport – click on the relevant link below and then click ‘get a quote’. You will need to use this specific URL to access the benefits which are specifically provided to Table Tennis England.

Alternatively, if you arrange your insurance by phone (the numbers can be found on the web pages linked below), please be sure to mention that you heard about Mark Bates Ltd Insurance products through the Table Tennis England website.

[Home insurance](#)

[Travel insurance](#)

[Funeral plans](#)

[Static caravan insurance](#)

These deals are available to anyone in the wider table tennis community – you do not have to be a member of Table Tennis England. However, please ensure that you click on the correct link above, or mention Table Tennis England if you arrange a policy by phone, to make sure your policy gives back to the sport.



Membership benefits

In addition to offers on Insurance That Supports Our Sport, don't forget that Compete or Compete Plus members of Table Tennis England are eligible to access for FREE the Mark Bates Ltd. Premier Club, where you can enjoy a huge range of new benefits and discounts on household brands including Halford, Waitrose, Sky, Argos and Expedia.

[Click here for more information](#) about this and other membership benefits.

About Mark Bates Ltd

Mark Bates Ltd was founded in 1994, following a successful number of years underwriting warranty for the technology industry. From humble beginnings in Mark's garage, the business has grown to be market leaders in a number of areas (including Mobility and Home Employment insurance), with a workforce totalling nearly 100 people at its Lincolnshire headquarters.

Managing Director Mark Bates is the father of two age group national champions – Emily and Michael. Emily won a raft of singles and doubles titles from Under-10s to Juniors, including beating Tin-Tin Ho in the Under-12 Girls' Singles final in 2007, while Michael was Cadet Boys' Doubles champion alongside Gavin Evans – now England coach – in the same year.

Mark Bates Ltd is the headline sponsor of the Table Tennis England National Championships, the pinnacle events of the competition calendar. The company's sponsorship covers all three National Championships, including all Senior, Cadet & Junior and U10-U13 tournaments, until the end of the 2023-24 season.

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