

Time to have your say in our Competition Review

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Now is the time to make your views count in our survey about the future structure of table tennis competitions in England.

During the next month, we will be asking for opinions across the sport to help us shape the competitions landscape for the coming years.

It is part of our root-and-branch review of domestic competition, which is intended to address a number of known issues and ensure the programme is fit-for-purpose to meet the needs of our members.

Members are invited to offer their thoughts on the existing competition programme and considerations for what can be done differently in the future. Your input will guide and support our decisions moving forwards.

<u>Supporting documentation</u> has been prepared to share details of the project and relevant information with our members. You are strongly encouraged to please read this document **(also downloadable at the foot of this page)** in detail in order to understand the scope, aims and timeframe of the project – together with the analyses of existing competitions, trends in participation, current and forthcoming challenges, and insight from other table tennis associations and national governing bodies.

The survey, which should take around 10 minutes to complete, will remain open until midnight on Sunday 21 November.

[button link="https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/CompetitionReview2021]CLICK HERE TO COMPLETE THE SURVEY[/button]

A number of consultation forums will also be hosted with specific groups. We are inviting attendance to forums for O18 players (at 7pm on Thursday November 4), and U18 players/parents (at 7pm on Thursday November 11),

on a first-come, first-served basis.

Participants will be required to submit an online survey prior to the forum. If you would like to take part in one of these forums, please <u>contact Neil Rogers</u>, Head of Competitions & Events.

We will also be directly consulting with British Para Table Tennis, the Technical Officials Committee and the Table Tennis England Schools Committee, as well as a number of specific knowledgeable and experienced individuals during the coming weeks.

Table Tennis England would like to thank members in anticipation of their input and insight.

What is the competition review?

The competition review is a root and branch re-evaluation of the domestic competitions calendar to address a number of known issues and ensure the programme is fit-for-purpose to meet the needs of our members.

It covers all national competition programmes that sit within Table Tennis England governance/delivery, including tournaments, sanctioned events, national leagues and schools competitions. It does not include competition programmes that do not sit within Table Tennis England governance or delivery, such as VETTS and BUCS events and Local Leagues.

It is led by Neil Rogers, Head of Competitions and Events at Table Tennis England, and supported by a <u>steering</u> <u>group comprised of a wide range of stakeholders</u>. The project brief, goals, process and timeframe have been agreed by the Board.

The aim is to create the right format, frequency, location and standard of competition across all demographics, creating the best possible experience for existing and potential members.

This includes reducing calendar congestion and the unsustainable burden on officials, creating a more equal geographical spread of tournaments, greater quality assurance and value for money for competitors, greater inclusivity, investigating different formats and preparing talented players for international competition.

The outcome of the review will be partially implemented in 2022/23, alongside the introduction of a new rankings system, with full implementation of a new competitions programme in 2023/24.

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