



# Plastic balls: Updated Table Tennis England statement

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Table Tennis England would like to remind clubs and leagues that, with effect from July 1 2015, plastic balls will be used in all Competitive Table Tennis (as defined in Regulations) in England.

This will follow the end of a transitional year in which organisers of Competitive Table Tennis have been able to choose either plastic or celluloid balls, as set out in our announcement of July 8, 2014.

We recommend that clubs and leagues purchase adequate stocks of plastic balls in good time for the coming season.

Notes:

- The ITTF decided that the new plastic ball would be introduced in ITTF competitions from July 1, 2014, meaning National Associations were obliged to do likewise. Plastic balls have been used in ETTU competitions since September 1, 2014. They have also been used in Table Tennis England Grand Prix, National Championships and Masters events since September.
- Competitive Table Tennis is table tennis in which a player competes in a tournament, other than a closed tournament of his/her own club, or represents a club, a League, a County Association or Table Tennis England. The full regulations relating to Competitive Table Tennis can be viewed here:  
<https://tabletennisengland.co.uk/our-sport/our-sport-information/rules-regulations-2/>

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