

**APPENDIX F to RULES: ENGLISH LEAGUES CUP COMPETITIONS REGULATIONS**

Event A	WILMOTT CUP	(Men)
Event B	J M ROSE BOWL	(Women)
Event C	CARTER CUP	(Boys)
Event D	BROMFIELD TROPHY	(Girls)

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**1 Alterations to Regulations**

- 1.1 These Regulations may be altered only by the National Council.  
1.2 Alterations will take effect from the date of issue of Entry Forms for the next succeeding competition.

**2 Trophies**

- 2.1 The winners of each competition shall be the holders, until the final round of the competition in the following season, of the following trophies:
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| Event A | Men          | - The cup presented by the late A J Wilmott*       |
| Event B | Women        | - The J M Rose Bowl presented by the late J M Rose |
| Event C | Junior Boys  | - The J Carter Cup                                 |
| Event D | Junior Girls | - The L M Bromfield Trophy                         |

*\*Note: The original Wilmott Cup was lost in the bombing of the ETTA Office in 1940 and the Cup now used is a substitute.*

**3 Management of Competitions**

- 3.1 The competitions shall be managed by a committee (referred to in these regulations as “the Committee”) approved by the Management Committee.  
3.2 The Committee will designate one of its number as the Organiser, to be responsible for the administration of the competition; the Organiser must hold at least the Tournament Organiser Level 2 qualification.  
3.3 On all matters arising from these Regulations and relating to these competitions, a decision of the Committee made in accordance with the provisions of these Regulations shall be final.  
3.4 Unless there are at least 16 teams for an event the Committee may, at its discretion, decide not to run that event.

**4 Eligibility to Enter**

- 4.1 Entries may be submitted only by Local Leagues.  
4.2 Each Local League shall be eligible to enter one or more teams in each Competition.

**5 Team Composition**

- 5.1 In each match a team shall consist of up to four players. Two players shall play two singles each and up to two different players may play the doubles.

**6 Players' Eligibility**

- 6.1 Each player must have played in at least four matches in the League Competition of the League represented during the season in which the competition started and/or the immediately preceding season.
- 6.2 All players must be affiliated as Player Members but need not hold a Player Licence.
- 6.3 A junior player having represented a League in Event C or D shall be eligible to represent another League in Event A or B providing they meet regulation 6.1.
- 6.4 A player cannot play for more than one team within each category - ie, a player who plays in Team A cannot then play in Team B in either the zonal rounds or the finals.
- 6.5 Any match played by an ineligible player shall be awarded to the opposing player 3-0.

**7 Entry Forms and Fees**

- 7.1 Entry Forms will be distributed to Secretaries of Local Leagues.
- 7.2 The entry fee for each competition shall be stated on the Entry Form.
- 7.3 Properly completed Entry Forms, together with the appropriate entry fees, must be received by the Organiser by the closing date specified on the Entry Form and must be signed by an authorized person on behalf of the League.
- 7.4 A £5.00 penalty fee will be charged for late payment.

**8 Zonal Groups**

- 8.1 There will be 8 zones and teams will be allocated to a zone on a geographical basis; zones may be amalgamated at the discretion of the Committee.
- 8.2 One round only will be played on a zonal basis. This round will be in groups or held as a knock-out round dependent upon number of entries for each zone and at the discretion of the Committee.
- 8.3 If the competition is held in 8 zones, the winner of each zone will progress to the final; if zones are amalgamated the number of teams eligible in each zone for the finals in will vary according to the number of zones - eg, if there are 4 zones the top 2 teams in each will go through to the finals.
- 8.4 The Committee will appoint a referee or local coordinator for each zone.
- 8.5 Teams will provide umpires for each match.

**9 Dates for Zonal Rounds**

- 9.1 The dates of the Zonal Rounds and Finals shall be published in the ETTA Calendar and shall also be notified to all Local League Secretaries with the Entry Forms.
- 9.2 All matches shall be played on a Saturday or Sunday. Zonal groups shall normally start at 1000 but the start time may be varied by agreement of all teams and the Organiser.

**10 Draw by Committee**

- 10.1 The draw will be made by persons nominated by the Committee.

**11 Zonal Group Play**

- 11.1 Zonal venues shall be fixed by the Committee and the teams shall be designated as Teams A, B, C, D etc.

**12 Expenses for Zonal Group Play**

- 12.1 In all zonal rounds the expenses incurred by the Committee and the travelling expenses of all teams shall be pooled and shared equally amongst all the teams in the group. Settlement shall be made on the day.
- 12.2 Any team withdrawing at very short notice or failing to attend the venue without prior notice shall be liable for their share of the venue and administrative costs to the Committee.

**13 Finals – Date, Venue and Format**

- 13.1 The finals of each competition shall be played on dates and at venues selected by the ETTA Events Department.
- 13.2 All teams participating in the finals shall be responsible for meeting all their own expenses.
- 13.3 The finals may be played in groups or as knock-out rounds at the discretion of the Committee.

**14 Reporting Results**

- 14.1 It is the responsibility of the referee or local coordinator at each event to return copies of the score sheets, signed by a representative of each team, posted or conveyed to the Organiser within 48 hours.
- 14.2 The results of all matches in each round shall be sent to all Leagues taking part in that round with the draw for the finals.

**15 Laws, ITTF Regulations, Playing Conditions and Equipment**

- 15.1 There shall apply to the matches governed by these Regulations the Laws of Table Tennis as approved by ETTA and, insofar as they are not inconsistent with these Regulations and do not themselves limit their applicability to competitions other than this, the current ITTF Regulations for International Competitions 3.2.1 to 3.5.2, covering Equipment and Playing Conditions, Jurisdiction of Officials, Match Conduct and Discipline.
- 15.2 In all matches governed by these Regulations the regulations contained in Appendix R to ETTA Rules (Racket Testing) shall apply.

**16 Zonal Group Format**

- 16.1 The final order in a group shall be determined in accordance with ITTF Regulation 3.7.5 for group competitions.

**17 Match Format**

- 17.1 Each team match shall consist of five individual matches, each of which shall be the best of five games.
- 17.2 The order of play shall be A v X, B v Y, doubles, A v Y, B v X.
- 17.3 Before each team match the two captains shall decide by lot the right to be A, B, or X, Y and each captain shall then name his team to the referee or local coordinator, allotting a letter to each of his players, not necessarily in order of strength. The captain shall also name the two doubles players to the referee if different.
- 17.4 The first matches in the group must begin at the stipulated time as laid down in regulation 9.2.
- 17.5 Any player not present when called upon by the referee or local coordinator to play shall forfeit the match for which he is called.
- 17.6 A player who, owing to the operation of regulation 17.2. is required to play two consecutive individual matches shall be entitled to claim a 5 minute rest period.
- 17.7 All matches are to be played.

**18 Ranking Points**

- 18.1 Ranking points will apply for all singles matches, with a weighting of 1X for matches in zonal rounds and 1.5X for matches in the finals weekend.