



Young Officials Award

Organisers Guide

*umpiring and organising
table tennis competitions for young people*



Introduction

The Table Tennis England Young Officials Award is open to all young people between the age range of 16 to 19 years.

The aims of the award are to:

1. Enable Young Officials to organise and run TT competitions for young people that are safe, enjoyable and purposeful.
2. Provide the skills to umpire at local club and school competitions after taking the Table Tennis England Junior Umpire Award.

This course provides the first steps on to the umpiring and competition organising ladder for young people assisting at Table Tennis clubs, after school clubs, youth centres or school holiday schemes.

Although not a formal requirement it is recommended that participants have taken a Sports Leaders UK Level 1 Award in Sport Leadership to help develop good communication, leadership, organisational and motivational skills. This course will help them to apply some of those skills in a Table Tennis context.

The Young Officials Award covers: Table Tennis Laws of the game, how to umpire, health and safety, equipment, organising high quality Table Tennis competitions (Butterfly skills circuit, group and KO competitions).



Course Outcomes

On completion of the course Table Tennis England Young Officials should be able to:

1. demonstrate an understanding of the laws of Table Tennis.
2. umpire table tennis matches at local junior competitions
3. plan and deliver a safe Table Tennis festival for primary aged children.
4. identify local volunteering opportunities in Table Tennis.

Please note: Initially an Table Tennis England Young Official will be expected to work alongside a CU qualified umpire, coach, teacher or club development officer in a supporting role.

Venue

A school sports hall or gym of at least 20m x 10m is required, with chairs and two small tables set up in the corner of the hall that can be used for the theory sections of the course.

Course Equipment and Number of Candidates

There should be a minimum of three Table Tennis tables with good quality net and posts sets, and a flip chart stand, paper and pens.

The minimum number for the course is 8, the maximum is 14. The minimum number of tables required is: 8 candidates - 3 tables, 12 - 4 tables, 14 - 5 tables, but ideally 1 table per 2 candidates.

Eligibility

Basic playing experience and knowledge of Table Tennis is recommended

The recommended age range for candidates is 16 to 19, at the discretion of the tutor.

Certification

On successful completion of the course candidates will receive a signed certificate confirming their Young Officials Award. Candidates who pass the Junior Umpire Award as part of the course, will be sent the certificate by post.

Duration and Cost

This 4 hour course can be delivered flexibly to suit depending on the location of the tutor.

The cost of the course, including resources, is £10 per candidate. If an external tutor is required there is an additional cost of £80 tutor fees, plus travel at 37p per mile.

Tutors

The Table Tennis England Regional Development Leads will appoint a tutor for each course.

As well as recommended Table Tennis England tutors, the following people may also be suitable, subject to training and Table Tennis England approval:

- Teachers, School Sport Co-ordinators.
- Table Tennis England qualified coaches.
- Table Tennis England qualified Table Tennis Development Officers (TTDO) (club based volunteers).

Young Officials Resources

There are several useful resources designed to help Young Officials develop their umpiring and competition organising skills (including events for young disabled players). The course pack includes the following resources:

- Young Officials Award Handbook
- Table Tennis England Junior Umpire Award
- Competitions Formats - How to run (Butterfly skills circuit, top table, Table Tennis ladder, knockout, and group competitions).
- ITTF Laws of Table Tennis.
- Where next - how to progress up the umpiring and competition organising ladder.
- Links to obtain a wide variety of resources to help run competitions.

Table Tennis England Young Officials are encouraged to use the resources throughout the course, and use the handbook as a future reference. This will help them to become familiar with the resources, to put the 'theory into practice', and feel confident when asked to umpire at local events or assist with organising a table tennis competition for young people.

It is recommended that course organisers offer candidates opportunities to put their umpiring and competition organising skills to good practice shortly after holding the course. i.e. by holding an intra or inter school/club competition. Candidates who record 12 hours of volunteering in their handbook will also receive a polo shirt, USB key and umpiring kit and could be invited to attend major Table Tennis England and ESTTA competitions in a volunteering role.

Organising a Course

If you are interested in organising a course for your school or club, please contact your Regional Development Lead listed overleaf, or where a post is vacant contact Table Tennis England Development Support Officer on tel: 01098 208860, email: development@tabletennisengland.co.uk.

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