

NATIONAL JUNIOR MASTERS: Season 2013/14

PERFORMANCE & SELECTION DEPARTMENT

Introduction

This document covers the basic policy and arrangements for the above event. The ETTA Events Department will organise and stage the National Junior Masters, which will be under the policy direction of the ETTA Performance & Selection department.

Date & Venue

The National Junior Masters 2013/14 will take place on the 11th and 12th January 2014. The venue will be Grantham College, Stonebridge Road, Grantham, Lincolnshire, NG31 9AP.

Format, Eligibility & Entry

Format

The format will include a total of 12 male and 12 female athletes, with all playing all in their respective gender category. Each player will therefore play a total of 11, best of 5 matches, over the course of 2 days. Each win will be worth 2 points, with a loss worth 1, and a no-result (due to injury or illness) worth 0. The player with the highest number of points at the conclusion of all 11 matches will be crowned the ETTA National Junior Masters Champion. Please note that should players be level on points at the conclusion of the event, a count-back system will operate, and the final order shall be determined as per ITTF Regulation 3.7.5 for group competitions.

Eligibility

Eligibility for the National Junior Masters competition will be restricted to players that:

1. Are eligible to represent England at International level and have a British Passport
2. Are affiliated to the English Table Tennis Association, holding an ETTA Player Licence
3. Are not currently under disqualification or suspension under the rules of the ETTA or ITTF
4. Players who are not currently serving any sanction for an anti-doping rule violation under any relevant anti-doping rules.

Any player must have competed in the following events to qualify for entry into the National Junior Masters:

- National Junior/Cadet Championships (the player must have competed in the Junior category)
- The Junior Singles event in at least one of the following 4 star tournaments: Chandlers 4 Star, Stockton 4 Star.

Fulfilment of these criteria may be subject to player injury or other mitigating circumstances, which should be highlighted to the selection panel at the earliest opportunity. The selection panel have the authority to accept or reject such mitigating circumstances at their discretion, seeking medical confirmation if necessary. Players who are living and playing abroad, or those who are not able to compete due to selection by the ETTA for International competition, will not be obligated to play in a 4 Star event.

There will be an automatic entry into the National Junior Masters (male and female) for the top ten (10) eligible players on the ranking list as at 30th November annually, providing that they meet all of the above criteria.

Wild Card Entry

Two male and two female players will be invited to take part in the National Junior Masters by the ETTA Selection Panel as wild card entries, in addition to the top 10 on the ranking list.

Reserves

Any vacancies in the National Junior Masters will be filled from the next eligible players on the same ranking list.

Appeals

There is no appeals procedure operating for the National Masters events. The decision of the ETTA Selection Panel is final.

Entry Fee

Each player will be required to pay an entry fee of £15.35. (This amount includes the Ranking levy). Payment is to be made to ETTA Ltd. All entrants must have an ETTA Player License.

Entry Forms

Players will be emailed an entry form to each player that has qualified and wild cards.

Playing Clothing, Covering Materials and Racket Surface

The ITTF Regulations concerning playing clothing, the brand and type of covering materials and the colour of racket surfaces will apply throughout.

Payment & Acceptance of Selection

All selected players should contact Vanda Jones at the ETTA on 01424 456210 to accept their place, making payment via credit card over the phone. This must have been completed no later than 17 December 2013. Should payment not be made by this date the respective players place will be offered to another player.

Prize Money

Prize money for this event will be in finishing order:-

Cadet Boys	1st	£80.00	2nd	£40.00	3rd	£20.00
Cadet Girls	1st	£80.00	2nd	£40.00	3rd	£20.00

Provisional Programme for the National Junior Masters

Day 1: Saturday

The following is the provisional programme for day 1 (Saturday) of the National Junior Masters, denoting timings for both boys and girls matches:

	Round 1	Round 2	Round 3	Round 4	Round 5	Round 6
Girls matches	11:30	12:30	14:00	15:00	16:00	17:00
Boys matches	12:00	13:00	14:30	15:30	16:30	17:30

Tables will be available from 10:00 for practice.

Day 2: Sunday

The following is the provisional programme for day 2 (Sunday) of the National Junior Masters, denoting timings for both boys and girls matches:

	Round 7	Round 8	Round 9	Round 10	Round 11	AWARDS
Girls matches	9:30	10:30	11:30	12:30	14:00	Approx. 15:15
Boys matches	10:00	11:00	12:00	13:00	14:30	

Tables will be available from 08:30 for practice.

The prize presentation will take place at 15:15 on Day 2 (Sunday). All players are expected to remain present at the conclusion of play for the announcement of placings and presentation of awards.

Ranking points

The weighting will be 1.75 on each match.

Non-Availability

It is expected that all players invited will be available to play. This event is obviously a guide to players' performance at the top of the National Ranking List, with members of the ETTA Selection Panel in attendance to view performances.

If you know for certain that you will not be available, please contact the Referee as soon as possible.