

DEVELOPMENT

VOLUNTEERS OF THE YEAR 2013

The ETTA will honour the volunteers who have made a great contribution to table tennis and their community over the past year. The ceremony will take place on 3rd March at the Senior Nationals in Sheffield. The winners are:

Young Volunteer

Jordan Bone

Junior Table Tennis Personality

Lucie Bouron

Adult Volunteer

First Place - Lindsey Dare

Second Place -

Neil Brierley

Unsung Hero

First Place - Colin Dyke

Second Place - Ian

McCarthy

Special Volunteering Award

Alan Dockray



IMPORTANT INFORMATION REGARDING CRB CHECKING AND THE ETTA

With effect from 1st December 2012 the Criminal records Bureau (CRB) has become the Disclosure and Barring Service (DBS) following its merger with the Independent Safeguarding Authority.

In terms of the existing CRB checking process used by the ETTA the only difference will be the branding on the CRB certificate which will now be DBS.

The following applies from 1st December 2012:

- Existing CRB certificates will remain valid.
- All personal information details will be transferred across to the DBS.
- DBS certificates will be issued for all checks completed after 01.12.12.
- All services will continue as previously but just have the new name and logo.

The ETTA has recently moved over to the online system for processing checks and here there will be no change to the system, just a change of name from CRB to DBS.

These changes are all part of new legislation currently being introduced as a result of the Protection of Freedoms Act 2012. The Act has also changed the criteria for those roles requiring a check so please check the following information before applying for a DBS check.

To be eligible for an enhanced DBS check, the role that an individual is undertaking must be 'Regulated Activity'. The definition of Regulated Activity is any activity which involves contact with children which is of a specified nature (e.g. teaching, training, care, supervision, advice, treatment or transportation) and which occurs frequently, intensively and/or overnight. To meet the threshold for "frequently" the activity must take place once a week or more and for "intensively" the activity must take place four times or more in a month.

Following the Government's eligibility guidelines the following roles are no longer eligible for a DBS check as the role is not of a specified nature and therefore not Regulated Activity: Referees, Tournament Organisers and Umpires.

The supervision of players at events would be the responsibility of the respective team coaches/managers/parents/guardians, not the referee or

umpires. This would mean that even if a referee or umpire meets the frequency test, he or she would not meet the eligibility test as they would not be deemed to be in a "supervisory" role for these purposes.

DBS checks should not be requested for adults who are simply "around" children in a club environment - only for those who hold a role that meets the Regulated Activity threshold set out above.

The following roles are eligible for an enhanced DBS check: Coaches, Club/League Welfare Officers and Junior Team Managers but only if their role meets the definition of Regulated Activity.

There is no longer the requirement to carry out checks on club, league, county or regional officials handling data relating to young people.

Please note that DBS checks should be conducted as part of a safe recruitment process and not as the only element of recruitment. It is important, irrespective of any DBS criteria, that everyone in table tennis follows safe recruitment procedures.

Further guidance is available on the Home Office website - www.homeoffice.gov.uk

DAVID CAMERON BACKS BID TO HOST 2018 GAY GAMES IN LONDON

The Government has backed London's bid to host the 2018 Gay Games.

Ministers also pledged to help the organisers to negotiate the use of the Olympic venues for the competition. London is vying with Rio de Janeiro, Paris, Orlando, Amsterdam and Limerick to stage the event. More than 12,000 participants from at least 70 nations are expected to compete at the games which includes table tennis. Find out more at: <http://gaygames.org/>



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PING! SHORTLISTED FOR SPORTS PARTICIPATION EVENT OF THE YEAR

Sport England funded table tennis project, Ping!, has been shortlisted for Sports Participation Event of the Year in the Sport Industry Awards 2013.



SPORT INDUSTRY AWARDS 2013

Launched in 2010 in London, the innovative table tennis programme places ping pong tables in the community for a month for all to enjoy. After its success in London, other cities/areas to experience the fun of the programme include Hull, Birmingham, Bristol, Liverpool, Brighton, Sheffield, Leicester and Hampshire.

Created by Sing London - the participatory arts organisation - and delivered with the English Table Tennis Association, Ping! embraces the growing market for social table tennis and has re-established it in the public's imagination as a fun, sociable and desirable sport to play.

Those shortlisted for the Awards will now go forward for consideration by the main judging panel, who will decide the winners in each category. The results will be announced at the star-studded Sport Industry Awards ceremony on Thursday, 2 May 2013.

JOHN ARNOLD AWARDED A MBE IN THE NEW YEAR HONOURS

John Arnold, the President of the English Schools' Table Tennis Association (ESTTA), has been honoured in the New Year Honours List. He receives the MBE for Services to School Sport.

He has been involved in the promotion of competitive school sport since he took up his first teaching post in 1963 in his native town of Macclesfield, Cheshire.

His interest in the development of table tennis led to his election to the ESTTA Executive Committee in 1973. He has held the office of General Secretary, Chairman and President – the latter now combined with the role of Development Officer.

Following the successful organisation by ESTTA of the International School Sport Federation (ISF) Table Tennis World School Championships in Birmingham in 1993, he was invited to chair and set up the ISF Table Tennis Technical Commission which has organised biennial events in nine countries, eight in Europe and China. He stood down from office in 2010 and was made an Honorary Life Member of the ISF.

His interest in school sport in general resulted in his acceptance in 2001 of the Chair of the National Council for School Sport (NCSS), a post he still holds.



He hopes that both ESTTA and NCSS 'teams' will share this honour for school sport.

Read the full article here: <http://etta.co.uk/news/john-arnold-made-mbe-in-new-year-honours/>

INSTANT PING! PONG PACKS

Instant Ping! Pong Packs are available for sale on the ETTA website, retailing at £40 for a single pack or £35 for five packs or more. Find out more here: <http://etta.co.uk/instantpingpong/>.



ACTIVE KIDS 2013

Clubmark Accredited PremierClubs can be part of the Sainsbury's Active Kids 2013 campaign.

Between now and 19th July clubs can collect vouchers and use them to buy a range of equipment from the Active Kids catalogue.

Clubs can find out more and register here: <https://activekids.sainsburys-live-well-for-less.co.uk/>

COACHING UPDATE

We are Active Kids 2013



CRBs are done online now and have a reduced time of two to three weeks to process instead of six weeks

There are now three days for UKCC Level 1 courses with the introduction of the technical day – this is to equip learners with enhanced technical knowledge to give a greater scope for coaching practice, better preparation for UKCC Level 2, develop links with the regional coach and future opportunities after completing Level 1.

Coaches are to ensure they have renewed their licence to be covered with insurance, receive CPD and ensure they are recognised and registered.

Recognised young coaches from across all regions have attended the National Young Coaches Academy where they have worked with coaches in other sports to build their coaching skills and now have a mentor to support their on-going development in their region.

