



## Table Tennis England Masters Series Criteria & Guidance

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### *Overview*

Table Tennis England currently stages Masters events for the Junior (U18) and Cadet (U15) age categories. The events will operate annually (usually in January), with criteria and policies reviewed via a debrief following each event in order that any changes to qualifying criteria are published to all players as soon as possible to avoid any confusion or issues with qualifying events. The following criteria have been established for each Masters Series event:

### *Eligibility*

Eligibility for the Masters events 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 Table Tennis England, holding an Table Tennis England Player Licence
- 3 . Are not currently under disqualification or suspension under the rules of Table Tennis England or ITTF
- 4 . Players who are not currently serving any sanction for an anti-doping rule violation under any relevant anti-doping rules.

## Junior Masters - For Under-18 Players

### *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 Table Tennis England Junior Masters Champion. Please note that should players be level on points at the conclusion of the event, a countback system will operate, and the final order shall be determined as per ITTF Regulation 3.7.5 for group competitions.



## ***Entry Requirements***

Any player must have competed in the following events in the previous 12 months (unless otherwise stated) to qualify for entry into the Junior Masters:

- National Junior Championships (the player must have competed in the Junior category)
- Competed in a minimum of 2 x 4 Star Tournaments (in the Junior age category) during the period of 1st February to 31st October in the year prior to the Junior Masters being staged.

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 Table Tennis England for International competition, will not be obligated to play in a 4 Star event.

There will be an automatic entry into the Junior Masters (male and female) for the top ten eligible players on the ranking list published in December annually, providing that they meet all of the above criteria.

## **Cadet Masters - For Under-15 players.**

### ***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 Table Tennis England Cadet 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.

### ***Entry Requirements***

Any player must have competed in the following events in the previous 12 months (unless otherwise stated) to qualify for entry into the Cadet Masters:

- National Cadet Championships
- Competed in a minimum of 2 x 4 Star Tournaments (in the Cadet age category) during the period of 1st February 2014 to 12th January 2015.

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 Table Tennis England for International competition, will not be obligated to play in a 4 Star event.

### ***Wild Card Entries***

Two male and two female players will be invited to take part in the relevant Masters event by the Table Tennis England Selection Panel as wild card entries, in addition to the top 10 on the ranking list.

### ***Reserves***

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

### ***Selection Panel***

The Selection Panel will consist of:

- Non Voting Chair: Head of Coaching & Performance, Simon Mills
- Head Coach: Nick Jarvis
- National Performance Coach: Alan Cooke
- Talent Development Coach – National: Matthew Stanforth

In the event of any conflict of interest for any member, the Table Tennis England conflict of interest policy should be adhered to. Any member with a conflict of interest shall not be entitled to vote on that issue.

### ***Appeals***

There is no appeals procedure operating for the Masters series events. The decision of the Table Tennis England Selection Panel is final.

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