



## TIPTON GRAND PRIX

PART OF THE TABLE TENNIS ENGLAND GRAND PRIX CIRCUIT

15th/16th October 2016	Referee: Steve Smith (NR)	Tournament Organiser: Jim Kenny (TO4)
Tipton Sports Academy, Wednesbury Oak Road, Tipton, DY4 0BS	Deputy Referee: David Edwards (TR)	Assistant Organiser: Zach Ferris (TO2)
	Referee's Assistant: Danny Sullivan (CU)	

### TOURNAMENT REGULATIONS

1. Every entrant must be affiliated as a player member to Table Tennis England or be a member of another national association in membership of the ITTF.
2. Every player must hold a valid Table Tennis England Player Licence or have paid the appropriate Single Competition Licence fee with his/her entry form unless he/she provides proof of being a member of another national association affiliated to the ITTF and is not affiliated to Table Tennis England.
3. Table Tennis England Tournament Regulations apply to this tournament. ITTF Regulations for International Competition apply except those relating to matters covered by items marked (x) in the entry form.
4. Completion and submission of this entry form signifies agreement by the entrant to the conditions of the competition including the variations from the ITTF requirements.
5. All competitors will be required to umpire.
6. All matches will be the best of 5 games. Play throughout will be on a knockout basis, with the exception of the preliminary rounds in all singles and doubles events, which will be in groups of four for men and women (At the Referee's discretion, banded singles events may be played in groups of three) with the first two players qualifying. The final order in a group shall be determined as per ITTF regulation 3.7.5 for group competitions except that where a player concedes a match he/she shall receive -3 group points (x).
7. Competitors in Veteran events must have been born before 1<sup>st</sup> January 1977, competitors in Under 21 events born after 31<sup>st</sup> December 1995.
8. Players must not wear shirts that are predominantly white.
9. Competitors will be permitted to practice on tables not in use at the discretion of the Referee.
10. No competitor or official shall engage in betting on players or matches.
11. Doping shall not take place either before or during play.
12. All competitors must report to the control table on arrival and must not leave the venue without first obtaining permission from the Referee.
13. Entry to banded event is restricted to players rating, according to the Table Tennis England Ratings List current at the closing date for entries. Restrictions are as follows:

Men's Band 1: 2101 – 3000	Women's Band 1: 2301 – 2700
Men's Band 2: 1601 – 2100	Women's Band 2: 1501 – 2300
Men's Band 3: 1401 – 1600	Women's Band 3: 1201 – 1500
Men's Band 4: 701 – 1400	Women's Band 4: up to 1200
Men's Band 5: 501 – 700	
Men's Band 6: up to 500	

Players may enter their own band and/or the one above. The organising committee reserves the right to give dummy ratings to any entrant who does not appear on the current Table Tennis England Ratings list. (Dummy ratings are for tournament purposes only, players will have zero points on the ratings list unless they are in the top 30% of the ITTF World Ranking List).  
Open Doubles – is open to all male/female partner combinations. Players eligible for the U21 or Veteran events can play **Doubles OR U21/Veteran event, not both**. Qualifying rounds for doubles will be played in groups. Partners will be provided of a similar standard where required and available, please mark partner box as wanted.  
Banded Events – If you do not have a Table Tennis England Rating, in most cases you will qualify for Band 6 (Men) Band 4 (Women). Remember, you are entitled to play in your own Band and/or the one above.
14. Should there be insufficient entries in any event, the Referee reserves the right to cancel/merge such event and/or place the entrants in a similar event.
15. The use of rackets prepared with glue containing VOCs will not be allowed.
16. The Referee's decision shall be final on points of law on any question arising not provided for in these regulations or in any dispute as to the interpretation thereof. Decisions on points of fact by an umpire or assistant umpire appointed by the Referee shall be final.
17. No entry will be accepted unless the following undertaking is signed.
  - a. To observe the regulations.
  - b. To abide by the decision of the Referee and Organising Committee.
  - c. To fulfil the schedule of play arranged for me unless prevented by circumstances beyond my control and accepted as such by the Referee.

## TOURNAMENT INFORMATION

1. Entry form – All entries must be sent to the tournament referee by the closing date.
2. Entries – Entry forms shall be submitted with full payment of fees. However, the Referee may accept entries without payment at his/her discretion, but such entries will be subject to a £2 surcharge on the day. They will also be regarded as 'last received' under the 'last in – first out' rule when entries have to be discarded due to over subscription.
3. Playing conditions – Play throughout will be on Butterfly Europa tables, nets and posts with white Butterfly G40+ balls. Individual court size 10m x 5m minimum enclosed by surrounds. Scoring machines will be used for all matches.
4. Refreshments – Are available in the centre.
5. Changing – Facilities are available in the centre.
6. Entries – If it is necessary to restrict entries this will be done on last received, first out basis.
7. Practice – There are no separate practice facilities.
8. Admission – Free to all.
9. Doping – Doping control tests may take place.
10. Notification – Entrants will be notified of the time of their first match on each day either by email (if an email address is given) or by post in which case a DL size (110 x 220 mm) stamped envelope must be enclosed.
11. A surcharge of £2 will be applied to entries received with neither an email address nor a DL size (110 x 220 mm) stamped envelope.
12. P.A. system – All groups and knockout matches will be announced on the P.A. system. Players must not leave the centre without permission of the Referee. Repeat calls for a player will be limited to three per day.
13. Player number – A £10 deposit is included on the entry form. This will be refunded when the player returns the number, signed by the Referee to indicate that the Referee is satisfied that the player has carried out any umpiring duties required under Regulation 5 and worn their player number at all times. Note that number deposits are only refundable on the day of the tournament.
14. Entry fee refunds will only be issued at the discretion of the Referee and Table Tennis England. Claims to have any entry fees refunded must be received within seven days of the conclusion of the event.

Please refer any entry queries to the Referee – Steve Smith / [stephengsmith2@googlemail.com](mailto:stephengsmith2@googlemail.com) / 07779 227340

If you find you are unable to attend the event or need to contact the organisers please ring:

Table Tennis England office: 01908 208860

or

Zach Ferris: 07935 765875

## PROVISIONAL PLAYING SCHEDULE

Saturday		Sunday	
08.45	Men's Bands 2, 4 & 6 groups Women's Band 2 & 4 groups	08.45	Men's Singles groups Women's Singles groups
11.15	KO rounds of above to finals	11.00	KO rounds of above to finals
14.00	Men's Bands 1, 3 & 5 groups Women's Bands 1 & 3 groups	13.30	Under 21 Men's & Women's groups Open Doubles groups Mixed Veteran groups
17.00	KO rounds of above to finals	15.30	KO rounds of above
20.45	Finish	19.00	Finish

The Organising Committee reserve the right to modify or alter the above if necessary.

## PRIZE FUND

	Winner	Runner-Up	Semi-Finalists	Total
Men's Singles	£320	£130	£65	£580
Women's Singles	£320	£130	£65	£580
Men's Band 1	£65	£30	£0	£95
Women's Band 1	£65	£30	£0	£95
<b>Total Prize Fund</b>				<b>£1,350</b>

**This is a Computer Ranking Tournament**

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