



ENGLISH TABLE TENNIS ASSOCIATION Limited

National Under 11 to 14 Championships - Regional Qualification

And

National Under 11 to 14 Championships Finals 2011/12

The above events will take place under the policy direction of the **ETTA Competitions Committee**.

The Regional Qualification events will be the responsibility of the appropriate **Regional Committee** - whilst the National Championship Finals will be staged by the **ETTA Events Department**.

REGIONAL QUALIFICATION

Each Regional Committee will organise their qualification event over the weekend of 14th & 15th April 2012.

Suitable venues need to be booked and confirmed in writing.

There will be eight events (four age groups):-

Boys and Girls **Under 11 singles** for players born after 31st Dec 2000

Boys and Girls **Under 12 singles** for players born after 31st Dec 1999

Boys and Girls **Under 13 singles** for players born after 31st Dec 1998

Boys and Girls **Under 14 singles** for players born after 31st Dec 1997

Note: (There will be an Under 14 Boys and an Under 14 Girls doubles in the National Finals which will be open only to pairs of players who have qualified for the National Finals in any age-group)

For this event the Regions are defined by the main residence of the entrant and are made up of the following Counties:

East Midlands - Derbyshire, Leicestershire, Lincolnshire, Northamptonshire and Nottinghamshire

Eastern - Bedfordshire, Cambridgeshire, Essex, Hertfordshire, Norfolk and Suffolk.

London West/Central- Middlesex and Surrey

South East - Kent, and Sussex

North West - Cheshire, Cumbria and Lancashire.

North East - Cleveland, Durham and Northumberland.

South West - Avon, Cornwall, Devonshire, Dorset, Gloucestershire, Somerset and Wiltshire.

Southern - Berkshire, Buckinghamshire, Hampshire, Isle of Wight and Oxfordshire.

West Midlands - Herefordshire, Shropshire, Staffordshire, Warwickshire and Worcestershire.

Yorkshire - South Yorkshire and Yorkshire

WHO CAN PLAY?

Regional Committees should send the entry forms for distribution to players to Counties, Local Leagues, Clubs and Schools as well as ranked players within their region. Individuals may also enter the qualification event directly with Entry Forms being on the ETTA Website.

We are seeking young players from across the whole Region. This Regional Qualification event is **open to all players** in these age bands within the region. All players must be affiliated as Player Members of the ETTA Ltd.

Only players who are eligible to represent England may participate in this event. It is the Referees responsibility to confirm eligibility. If you need any help with this contact Jennifer Sherwin at the ETTA office in Hastings. (See enclosed sheet for clarification of the position)

Events

A player may enter only two events and these age groups must be consecutive ie U11 and U12, or U12 and U13, or U13 and U14.

Referee

Each Region will appoint a **qualified Referee** who will be responsible for the draw and for the running of this qualification round. The draw for groups will take into account national rankings. Players from the same county will be kept apart so far as is practicable.

System of Play

A matrix will be provided to give national uniformity to regional events.

The first group stage should be played in as large groups as is manageable. Carrying forward results could help a re-grouping system; there being no need to play the same opponent again.

The event should produce an accurate one to seven finishing order (four qualifiers plus three reserves).

Finance

Each Region will be responsible for the **collection of all the entry fees** to their event. For this season, any profit, after the deduction of expenses will be retained by the Region. A full account of the trials should be submitted to ETTA and all expenses claimed must be supported by official receipts. The hiring authority's VAT number must be shown where appropriate. If a Region requires ETTA to make payment for expenses on their behalf then this will be done only when ETTA has received that Region's appropriate monies.

Entry Fees

Each player will be required to pay an entry fee of £6.30 per event for the Regional Qualification event. These fees include the Ranking levies.

Entries must not be accepted unless accompanied by the entry fees. There will be no refund for withdrawal or non-attendance.

If there are any financial difficulties, it is suggested that sources of minor funding could be sought from local table tennis bodies.

Notification

Each Region will provide the players with details of the following:

Date and venue of the Regional Qualification event

Age and gender groups to be run

Name and qualification of Referee

Start times and system to be used

Entry fees

Action in the event of Parity

Computer Ranking Points (Weighting x1 for Reg. Qualification; x2 for Nat. Finals)

Qualification for the National 11 to 14 Championship Finals (4 players per all boys events, U13 and U14 girls. 3 players for U11 and U12 girls)

Reserves for the National Finals (3 players per event)

Player clothing and racket covering.

All players taking part should be properly notified of the above details.

Results and Player Details

The following must be sent to the ETTA Office within seven days of the completion of the Regional Qualification.

a) **Results of** the Regional Qualification event including individual game scores, wins and losses plus details of how questions of parity had been resolved.

b) *Where results have been carried forward please do not include them twice or they will be entered for ranking twice.*

c) ALL RESULTS MUST BE SUBMITTED ON THE ENCLOSED SCORE SHEETS OR THEY WILL NOT BE ENTERED INTO THE RANKING SCHEME.

d) Details of ALL players taking part in the Regional event – surname, forenames, licence number, date of birth, address, telephone number and email address - must be given for ranking purposes.

e) Details in respect of each qualifying player (4) plus reserves (3) – surname, forenames, licence number, date of birth, address, telephone number and email address . Apart from the exemptions, only players who have taken part in the Regional event will be included in the list of players and reserves qualifying for the finals. Players qualifying for the National Finals will require

an ETTA Player Licence or Single Competition (Day) Licence. Players that do not have a Players Licence will need to be a Player Member of the ETTA Ltd
f) A list of all Regional Qualifiers together with the Reserves in ranking order must be sent to the Events Department and the Referee on the **Qualifiers and Reserves Result Sheet** immediately following the conclusion of the Qualification Weekend.

Exemptions

The top 8 in each category on the ETTA Ranking List produced in February (Period 202) will be exempt from the Regional Qualification round and will be invited to enter the National Finals. This will apply to all the boys events plus the Under 13 and 14 girls. There will be 48 participants in the National Finals for these events.

For the Under 11 and Under 12 girls events, 36 will play in the Finals thus requiring 6 exemptions using the same ranking list. Therefore in these two events, three players will qualify from each region. The list of exempt players will be on the ETTA website the week after the ranking list is produced

Exempt players will be sent an entry form in late March, for the National Finals in the event(s) for which they qualify.

Entry forms for the National 11 to 14 Championships Finals

Each qualifier will be handed an entry form for the National Finals at the end of the Regional Qualification event and send it to the Finals referee. **Do not give entry forms to Reserves**, these will be contacted by the Finals Referee if required.

The decision of the Referee will be final on all matters not covered by this document.

Should you have any queries or require further information, please contact either the ETTA Events Department (01424 722525) or Steve Welch on 07803890291.