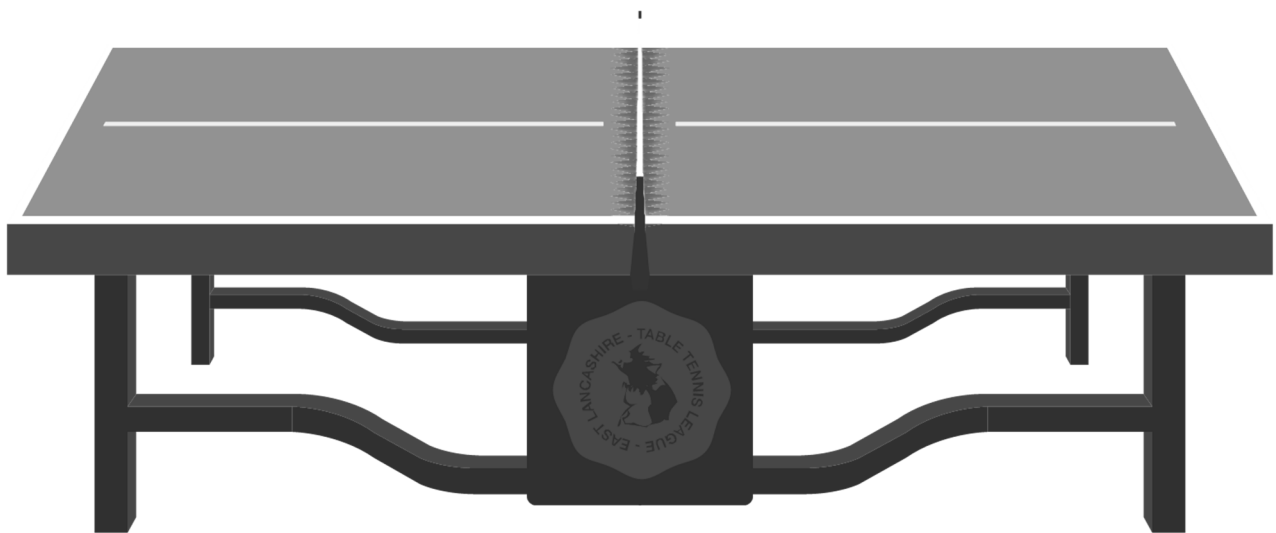


# East Lancashire Table Tennis League

(Formerly known as the Hyndburn Table Tennis League founded in 1974)

Founded 2001 and includes the leagues from  
Hyndburn, Rossendale, Burnley, Nelson and the Ribble Valley



## Members Handbook 2014-2015

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**Please Note:** The Hyndburn Table Tennis Centre closes at 10.30pm. Matches must be finished by 10pm at the latest, matches must start at 7.15pm at the latest.

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# Message from the Chairman

Dear all

May I take this opportunity to welcome your team and your players to the East Lancashire Table Tennis League for the coming season 2014/2015. In this Handbook you should find all the relevant information to thoroughly enjoy the coming season. The Website continues to develop and improve and you will find lots of up to date and interesting information on the site, including the latest results, league and merit tables. As ever we need to thank Martin Wyatt for all his work on the Website.

Please be aware that the ETTA has changed its name to Table Tennis England (TTE). All players need to re-register directly with TTE to get their IM Number and, as expected, they have increased the cost of this to £10 for adults and £5 for juniors. Please note that you must be registered for the season 2014-15 before you play a game in the League

At the time of going to press we will have 42 teams competing in the League. This gives us two divisions of 11 teams and two of 10, with all of them playing within a 12 team matrix. The Premier and the First have 11 teams so they will play 20 matches and have 2 free weeks. The Second and Third have 10 teams so will play 18 matches and have 4 free weeks. Team 12 has no team allocated in all divisions. In the Second Division Team 11 is not allocated and in the Third this applies to Team 6.

This year we are continuing with the way of presenting the fixtures that we piloted last year. Each team will be allocated a number from 1 to 12, which are shown on the Teams, Venues and Secretaries pages. Fixtures are then shown for each week in the Weekly Fixtures pages, with the first number being the home team. For example in the Premier Division W/C 22<sup>nd</sup> September Team 3 (K Ward Plumbing) are at home to Team 10 (Hyndburn TTC A).

Please note that this year we have introduced some new score cards that have a slightly larger box to enter the details of the doubles match. We now need you to enter the numbers of the player taking part in the doubles. Thanks to ULTRAFRAME for again sponsoring these cards. Please return all the score cards to the Fixtures Secretary, Mike Turner, within a week of the match being played. You can post these to Mike, put them in the Cash box at the Hyndburn Centre or send him an electronic copy. Neil Hepworth will continue to provide monthly press releases to local papers.

Please have a careful look at the League Programme and Other Competitions pages and make a note of the dates in your diary. It would be great if we could get more people to join in these events. We are continuing with the change to Divisional Handicap Competitions by playing these all on one day, Sunday 14th December at Hyndburn. Please support this competition and make it a good day. We have also moved the Vets and Super Vets Competition from Monday 13<sup>th</sup> April, to a week later Monday 20<sup>th</sup> April when we will play it on one evening. This year the ELTTL Closed Competition will take place on Sunday 22<sup>rd</sup> February. We hope it is as an exciting a day as last year, when the standard of table tennis was very high.

The new handicap system introduced to the Fred Holden Cup matches were a great success and we are continuing with this for this year. Grant Sagers has explained how this works later in the Handbook

We continue to see young players making great progress under the coaching of Micky Moir and Graham Young, with a number now playing in the Premier League. If you are interested in supporting our representative sides in the Lancashire & Cheshire League matches contact Bryan Edwards for details of fixtures.

Many players will be aware that the Hyndburn Sports Centre is under growing pressure to increase its income. They intend to use the Table Tennis Centre for other income-raising activities and the ELTTL Committee is working closely with the Centre Management to minimise any negative impact on table tennis. As part of this we need to have a clearer picture of when our members use the centre for practice and so we will be introducing a new system of using envelopes when you pay your £3 fee for practising. Simply we will ask you to put your money in one of the envelopes provided and write on your name and the day and date, before you put this in the Payment Box. We should be in a position to start this from the first week of the League. This should give us some useful information that we can use in our discussions with the Sports Centre Management.

Please be aware that a new plastic 3\* ball has been sanctioned for use by the ITTF & TTE for the coming season, to replace the traditional celluloid one. See page 16 under Rules: General Information Point 2 for how ELTTL will introduce the ball.

If you need any help over the season please contact your divisional representative or any member of the Committee who will be glad to help. The League Secretary and Development Officer, Harry Rawcliffe, is keen to listen to any ideas for getting more people involved in playing table tennis.

Finally can I draw your attention to the League Presentation Night at Accrington Golf Club on Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> April. It is a great night to celebrate the season and I would invite all players to attend. The following Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> May is the ELTTL Annual General Meeting at HTTC when all clubs need to be represented.

Have a good season and enjoy your table tennis.

Ged Simpson - Chairman

# Committee Members

May I take the opportunity to introduce you to our Committee:-

<b>Chairman</b>	<b>Ged Simpson</b>	<b>01254 237381</b>
<b>Vice Chairman</b>	<b>Eric Ronnan</b>	<b>01254 822555</b>
<b>Secretary</b>	<b>Harry Rawcliffe</b>	<b>01254 663451</b>
<b>Assistant Secretary</b>	<b>John Thornber</b>	<b>01282 420856</b>
<b>Treasurer</b>	<b>Martin Ormsby</b>	<b>01254 393726</b>
<b>Fixtures Secretary</b>	<b>Mike Turner</b>	<b>01200 443250</b>
<b>Centre Co-ordinator</b>	<b>Ged Simpson</b>	<b>01254 237381</b>
<b>Town Teams</b>	<b>Bryan Edwards</b>	<b>01617 975082</b>
<b>Development Officer</b>	<b>Harry Rawcliffe</b>	<b>01254 663451</b>
<b>Press Officer</b>	<b>Neil Hepworth</b>	<b>07873834942</b>
<b>Web Designer</b>	<b>Martin Wyatt</b>	<b>07794723408</b>
<b>Handicaps Officer</b>	<b>Grant Saggars</b>	<b>07887902466</b>
<b>Premier Division Rep</b>	<b>Ged Simpson</b>	<b>01254 237381</b>
<b>First Division Rep</b>	<b>Fred Wade</b>	<b>01282 219542</b>
<b>Second Division Rep</b>	<b>Harry Charalambous</b>	<b>01282 455068</b>
<b>Third Division Rep</b>	<b>Eric Ronnan</b>	<b>01254 822555</b>
<b>Committee Members</b>	<b>Don Wilkinson</b>	<b>01282 437443</b>
	<b>Ian Pickles</b>	<b>01254 382499</b>
	<b>Phil Mileham</b>	<b>01200 425005</b>
<b>Coaches</b>	<b>Michael Moir</b>	<b>07531674059</b>
	<b>Graham Young</b>	

# League Programme 2014-2015

## Week Commencing:-

22 <sup>nd</sup> September	League Fixtures Commence
29 <sup>th</sup> September	League Fixtures
6 <sup>th</sup> October	League Fixtures
13 <sup>th</sup> October	League Fixtures
20 <sup>th</sup> October	League Fixtures
27 <sup>th</sup> October	Fred Holden Trophy – Preliminary Round
3 <sup>rd</sup> November	League Fixtures
10 <sup>th</sup> November	League Fixtures
17 <sup>th</sup> November	Fred Holden Trophy – First Round
24 <sup>th</sup> November	League Fixtures
1 <sup>st</sup> December	League Fixtures
8 <sup>th</sup> December	League Fixtures
<b>Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> December</b>	<b>Divisional Handicaps Day at Hyndburn TTC</b>
15 <sup>th</sup> December	Catch-up week for outstanding fixtures
5 <sup>th</sup> January	League Fixtures
12 <sup>th</sup> January	League Fixtures
19 <sup>th</sup> January	Fred Holden Cup – Second Round
26 <sup>th</sup> January	League Fixtures
2 <sup>nd</sup> February	League Fixtures
9 <sup>th</sup> February	Fred Holden Trophy – Third Round
16 <sup>th</sup> February	League Fixtures
<b>Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> February</b>	<b>ELTTL Closed Championship</b>
23 <sup>rd</sup> February	League Fixtures
2 <sup>nd</sup> March	League Fixtures
9 <sup>th</sup> March	Fred Holden Trophy – Semi-finals
16 <sup>th</sup> March	League Fixtures
23 <sup>rd</sup> March	League Fixtures
30 <sup>th</sup> March	League Fixtures
<b>6<sup>th</sup> April</b>	<b>Fred Holden Final &amp; League Fixtures</b>
<b>(no fixtures on Easter Monday)</b>	
13 <sup>th</sup> April	League Fixtures
<b>Monday 20<sup>th</sup> April</b>	<b>Vets and Super Vets Competition</b>
20 <sup>th</sup> April	Catch-up week for outstanding fixtures
<b>Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> April</b>	<b>Provisional Date for Annual Presentation Night</b>
<b>Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> May</b>	<b>Provisional Date for AGM</b>

# Teams, Venues and Secretaries

## PREMIER DIVISION

<i>Number &amp; Team</i>	<i>Venue</i>	<i>Night</i>	<i>Secretary</i>	<i>Telephone</i>
1. B. L. C. CLARETS	Burnley Boys Club, Barden Lane, Burnley	MON	Matt Harrison	01282 412840/07870918815.
2. EAST LANCs 1 <sup>ST</sup>	East Lancs Cricket Club, Blackburn	WED	Noel Duffy	07843344379
3. K WARD PLUMBERS	Hyndburn TTC	MON	Ged Simpson	01254 237381/07519553139
4. THE LIONS	Hyndburn TTC	WED	Martin Ormsby	01254 393726/07805683093
5. RAMSBOTTOM A	Hyndburn TTC	TUES	Bryan Edwards	0161 7975082
6. ROVERS	Hyndburn TTC	MON	Damon Blezard	07766140631
7. BRIERFIELD A	Brierfield Methodist Church	THURS	David Eastwood	07783498667
8. EAST LANCs 2 <sup>ND</sup>	East Lancs Cricket Club, Blackburn	WED	Ian Howarth	01254 245260/07854444697
9. EAST LANCs 3 <sup>RD</sup>	East Lancs Cricket Club, Blackburn	MON	Ian Howarth	01254 245260/07854444697
10. HYNDBURN TTC A	Hyndburn TTC	WED	Felicity Pickard	01282 710499/07528495795
11. RAMSBOTTOM B	Ramsbottom Cricket Club	TUES	Wilton Holt	01204 884367
12. NO TEAM ALLOCATED - FREE WEEK				

## FIRST DIVISION

1. WHALLEY EAGLES	Whalley Old Grammar school	WED	Phil Mileham	01200 425005/07837686746
2. HYNDBURNERS	Hyndburn TTC	TUES	Dan Chamberlain	01254 235354/07533315997
3. KSB A	Kay St Baptist Church, Rawtenstall	WED	Trevor Elkington	01706 217786/07981387755
4. KSB B	Kay St Baptist Church, Rawtenstall	WED	Grant Saggars	01706 220292/07887902466
5. OLD MASTERS A	Hyndburn TTC	WED	Harry Rawcliffe	01254663451
6. MAVERICKS	Hyndburn TTC	TUES	Alan Prudden	01282 459672/07773958330
7. WHALLEY KESTRELS	Whalley Old Grammar School	WED	Phil Grace	07889168135
8. WHALLEY HAWKS	Whalley Village Hall	WED	Martin Drury	01254 427846/07802876259
9. TACKYFIRE	HyndburnTTC	MON	Chris Booth	07429114793
10. HYNDBURN TTC B	Hyndburn TTC	WED	Jason (Jim) Pilling	07815284429
11. RAMSBOTTOM C	Hyndburn TTC	THURS	Tim Fields	01942819938/07907475142
12. NO TEAM ALLOCATED - FREE WEEK				

## **SECOND DIVISION**

1. BRIERFIELD B	Methodist Church, Brierfield	THURS	Peter Marsland	01282 430446/07805761863
2. WHALLEY KITES	Whalley Village Hall	WED	Eric Ronnan	01254 822555
3. ROLLING DOALS	Doals Community Centre, Weir	WED	Neil Hepworth	07873834942
4. DOALS MARAUDERS	Doals Community Centre, Weir	WED	Neil Hepworth	07873834942
5. KSB C	Kay St Baptist Church, Rawtenstall	TUES	Ross Erwin	07703475648
6. KSB D	Kay St Baptist Church, Rawtenstall	TUES	Bernard Mills	01706 877391/07881610874
7. RAMSBOTTOM D	Ramsbottom Cricket Club	FRI	David Cain	01706375557/07710471893
8. OLD MASTERS B	Hyndburn TTC	TUES	Harry Rawcliffe	01254663451
9. THE BEST CENTRE JETS	The Best Centre, Network 65, Hapton	MON	Harry Charalambous	01282455068/07958383209
10. HYNDBURN TTC C	Hyndburn TTC	WED	Bill Smith	079313233894
11. NO TEAM ALLOCATED - FREE WEEK				
12. NO TEAM ALLOCATED - FREE WEEK				

## **THIRD DIVISION**

1. RAMSBOTTOM E	Ramsbottom Cricket Club	FRI	Paul Wood	01619 983703/07714097341
2. WHALLEY FALCONS	Whalley Village Hall	WED	Eric Ronnan	01254 822555/
3. BEST CENTRE RAPTORS	The Best Centre, Network 65, Hapton	MON	Richard Tokeley	01282 455068/07970490191
4. SLAYERS	Hyndburn TTC	WED	Mike Hindle	01254 703291/07710596735
5. HYNDBURN TTC D	Hyndburn TTC	WED	Catherine Fewster	01282 831648/07851197002
6. NO TEAM ALLOCATED - FREE WEEK				
7. HYNDBURN TTC E	Hyndburn TTC	WED	Mick Moir	07531674059
8. WHALLEY MERLINS	Whalley Village Hall	WED	Eric Ronnan	01254 822555
9. BEST CENTRE PHANTOMS	The Best Centre, Network 65, Hapton	MON	Darren Wright	01282 455068/07736473609
10. DOALS VIKINGS	Doals Community Centre, Weir	WED	Neil Hepworth	07873834942
11. KSB E	Kay St Baptist Church, Rawtenstall	TUES	Joel Cooper	01254 234998/07794669002
12. NO TEAM ALLOCATED - FREE WEEK				



# WEEKLY FIXTURES

*Premier and First Division 11 teams on a 12 team Matrix, 20 fixtures per team. Second and Third Division 10 teams on a 12 team matrix, 18 fixtures per team)*

*Please remember that Team 12 represents a vacant week across all four divisions. For the Second Division Team 11 is also a vacant week, whilst for the Third Division Team 6 is also a vacant week.*

W/C 22 <sup>nd</sup> Sept			W/C 29 <sup>th</sup> Sept			W/C 6 <sup>th</sup> Oct			W/C 13 <sup>th</sup> Oct			W/C 20 <sup>th</sup> Oct			W/C 27 <sup>th</sup> Oct
1	v	12	7	v	5	1	v	10	5	v	12	1	v	8	Fred Holden
2	v	11	8	v	4	2	v	9	6	v	4	2	v	7	Preliminary
3	v	10	9	v	3	3	v	8	7	v	3	3	v	6	Round
4	v	9	10	v	2	4	v	7	8	v	2	4	v	5	
5	v	8	11	v	1	5	v	6	9	v	1	11	v	9	
6	v	7	12	v	6	12	v	11	10	v	11	12	v	10	

W/C 3 <sup>rd</sup> Nov			W/C 10 <sup>th</sup> Nov			W/C 17 <sup>th</sup> Nov	W/C 24 <sup>th</sup> Nov			W/C 1 <sup>st</sup> Dec			W/C 8 <sup>th</sup> Dec		
5	v	3	1	v	6	Fred Holden	3	V	12	1	V	4	2	V	12
6	V	2	2	V	5	First	4	v	2	2	v	3	3	v	1
7	v	1	3	v	4	Round	5	v	1	9	v	7	4	v	11
8	v	11	10	v	8		6	v	11	10	v	6	5	v	10
9	v	10	11	v	7		7	v	10	11	v	5	6	v	9
4	v	12	12	v	9		8	v	9	12	v	8	7	v	8

<u>W/C 15<sup>th</sup> Dec</u>	<u>W/C 5<sup>th</sup> Jan</u>			<u>W/C 12<sup>th</sup> Jan</u>			<u>W/C 19<sup>th</sup> Jan</u>	<u>W/C 26<sup>th</sup> Jan</u>			<u>W/C 2<sup>nd</sup> Feb</u>		
<u>Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> Divisional</u>	1	v	2	12	v	1	Fred Holden	5	v	7	10	v	1
<u>Handicap Day</u>	8	v	6	11	v	2	Second	4	v	8	9	v	2
League Catch-up	9	v	5	10	v	3	Round	3	v	9	8	v	3
	10	v	4	9	v	4		2	v	10	7	v	4
	11	v	3	8	v	5		1	v	11	6	v	5
	12	v	7	7	v	6		6	v	12	11	v	12

<u>W/C 9<sup>th</sup> Feb</u>	<u>W/C 16<sup>th</sup> Feb</u>			<u>Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> Feb</u>	<u>W/C 23<sup>rd</sup> Feb</u>			<u>W/C 2<sup>nd</sup> March</u>			<u>W/C 9<sup>th</sup> March</u>	<u>W/C 16<sup>th</sup> March</u>		
Fred Holden	12	v	5	ELTTL Closed	8	v	1	3	v	5	Fred Holden	6	v	1
Third	4	v	6	Championship	7	v	2	2	v	6	Semi-final	5	v	2
Round	3	v	7		6	v	3	1	v	7		4	v	3
	2	v	8		5	v	4	11	v	8		8	v	10
	1	v	9		9	v	11	10	v	9		7	v	11
	11	v	10		10	v	12	12	v	4		9	v	12

<i>W/C 23<sup>rd</sup> March</i>			<i>W/C 30<sup>th</sup> March</i>			<i>W/C 6<sup>th</sup> April</i>			<i>w/c 13<sup>th</sup> April</i>			<i>W/C 20<sup>th</sup> April</i>
12	v	3	4	v	1	12	v	2	2	v	1	Catch-up week
2	v	4	3	v	2	1	v	3	6	v	8	Monday 20 <sup>th</sup> April
1	v	5	7	v	9	11	v	4	5	v	9	Vets & Super Vets
11	v	6	6	v	10	10	v	5	4	v	10	Competitions
10	v	7	5	v	11	9	v	6	3	v	11	
9	v	8	8	v	12	8	v	7	7	v	12	

Fred Holden Final

**No fixtures on Easter Monday 6<sup>th</sup> April 2015**

**Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> April provisional Date for Presentation Night at Accrington Golf Club**

**Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> May provisional date for AGM at Hyndburn Table Tennis Centre**

# Other Competitions

*Please note that no competitions will run if the entry in the singles is less than eight players and in the doubles competitions is less than 16 players.*

## **Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> December Divisional Handicaps Day**

Divisional Handicaps Day for each division to be played at Hyndburn TT Centre. The event will open at 9.00 for those who want a knock up, with the event itself starting from 9.30. Further details will be provided nearer the date.

## **Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> February ELTTL Closed Championship**

The annual ELTTL Closed Championships will take place at Hyndburn TT Centre, consisting of Singles, Doubles, Handicap Singles and Handicap Doubles. The event will open at 9.00 for those who want a knock up, with the event itself starting from 9.30. Further details will be provided nearer the date.

## **Monday 20<sup>th</sup> April Vets and Super Vets Competition**

The Vets and Super Vets Competition was moved last year from early January to April, with all the matches being played over one night. This has been moved back a further week to the 20<sup>th</sup> April, to put it into the final Catch-up week of the season. Further details will be provided nearer the date.

# Rules

## East Lancashire Table Tennis League Rules – (Last revised & agreed at the AGM in May 2014)

- 1a** The League shall be called the EAST LANCASHIRE Table Tennis League and shall be open to clubs/teams in the district subject to the approval of the General Committee.
- 1b** The League shall be non profit making, any surplus shall be ploughed back into the league and shall not be for the financial gain of any individual
- 2.a** The League shall be governed by the General Committee comprising Officers of the League who shall be elected (see Rule 2b and 3) at the AGM held in May each year. Co-opted members may be included at the Committee's discretion.
- 2b** Only fully paid up registered (affiliated) members can serve on any Committee, partake in any League activities or take advantage of any discounts.
- 3** Officers shall be the Chairman, Vice Chairman, Secretary, Treasurer, Fixtures Secretary, plus other members elected (coaching, schools, development, ladies, juniors, press and/or HTTC rep). Members will be elected for a period of two years and will then be due for re-election. Should any member be absent, without reasonable excuse from three meetings in any one season, he or she shall be automatically retired.
- 4** The league shall be affiliated to Table Tennis England (TTE) and the LTTA. The current rules of Table Tennis adopted by these organisations shall apply to all matches in the league.
- 5** All clubs and individuals joining the league shall be deemed to accept the rules of the league on admission and as such, the General Committee shall have the power to fine, suspend or expel any player or club as deemed necessary if found guilty of misconduct or breach of the league rules.
- 6** No election of officers or alterations to the rules can be made except at the AGM or a special meeting called for that purpose. Any rule changes shall be submitted in writing to the League Secretary within 21 days of the AGM to allow these proposals to be considered & circulated prior to the AGM.
- 7** All registered players shall be entitled to attend the AGM. Each team shall have one vote at this meeting. The officers, as in rule 3, shall be elected at the AGM. All decisions reached shall be by majority vote.
- 8.** All meetings to be chaired by the Chairman or an appointed deputy whose decision on points of order shall be final. Where votes are equal, the chairman shall have a casting vote. Five people entitled to vote shall form a quorum at all meetings.
- 9** All applications for league membership shall only be made to the Fixtures Secretary
- 10** All fees shall be paid prior to the commencement of the league programme (normally September) and will include; LTTA registration, individual membership, team fees, & for those playing out of Hyndburn TT Centre, room fees, and table fees.
- 11a.** All matches shall be played on or before the dates stated on the official fixture list. Matches can only be postponed for good reason. If a match is postponed, both teams must submit a signed score card indicating who asked for the postponement and the reason given or send an email to the Fixtures Secretary with the same information. No more than three postponements per team per season are allowed. Failure to comply with the above rules may result in the guilty teams being fined points, When awarding points in accordance with rule 11a; the points for, should be based on an average over the season; the points against, should be nil. **Please note that no fixture may be postponed without obtaining the agreement of the opposing team at least 24 hours before the commencement of the fixture, unless by mutual agreement in exceptional circumstances i.e. extreme weather conditions but not player illness or non-availability.**

**11b.** A match can be postponed without penalty if a team cannot field three players due to a town team commitment. The opposition secretary must agree to re-arrange the match in accordance with rule 11a above.

**12** Any change of secretary, venue match night address or telephone number shall be notified immediately to the Fixtures Secretary. In addition the opposition team secretary shall be notified as soon as possible.

**13** All secretaries must provide a telephone number where they can be contacted & an email address (email will be the normal way the Fixtures Secretary sends out information & requests information to and from team secretaries). **IMPORTANT:** however you contact each other, say to cancel or postpone games etc, if you use a text or email you must make sure an acknowledgment has been given back to you so you know they have received the cancellation information. Simply sending a text or email and assuming you have cancelled is not acceptable without confirming they have received it).

**14** If a team resigns from the league, all points will be removed and all monies forfeited.

**15.** Fees (per season) & entry to the league. All secretaries shall forward to the Fixtures Secretary their entry form indicating the team name, home night and venue, players to be registered, each player's individual TTE registration number, & simultaneously send the fees due as indicated on the entry form (as agreed at the AGM) to the Treasurer. For teams playing out of the Hyndburn TT Centre places at the centre shall be allocated on a first come first served basis subject to rule 10. All teams playing from the Hyndburn regional table tennis centre will be charged the agreed rate decided at the AGM and stated on the entry form for the season to cover table fees. The team secretary shall be responsible for all charges applicable to his/her team and that rule 10 is adhered to. Fees shall be paid by cheque, payable to "The East Lancashire Table Tennis League". Where cash is paid, a signed receipt must be obtained.

**16** The season shall begin at the AGM held in May prior to the season commencing.

**17** Each team shall register sufficient players to enable it to fulfil the entire league and cup matches without intermission as no team can cancel league or cup matches more than three times in a season.

**18** Teams from all divisions can have up to six players registered at any one time, however Teams from within the lowest division may have up to 10 players registered at any one time if it involves at least 50% junior players and has been subject to approval by the Committee.

**19a** Any points won by an unregistered player(s) will not be counted nor awarded retrospectively. The opposition will be awarded the points as if that player(s) had not been present.

**19b. All players must be registered with both Table Tennis England and the League and have paid their membership fees before taking part in any match. Any player requesting to be registered with the League after the original entry form has been submitted and after the teams have been set in their divisions will be subject to approval by the committee to ensure such a player does not unfairly change the nature of the competition. The committee may refuse a registration or impose limitations if for any reason they think a registration of a player will affect the spirit of fair competition. If any additional information is found subsequent to this registration the committee have a right to impose, at a later date, any condition that were not imposed at the time of registration where it is felt a distortion of fair competition has arisen mid-season. (NOTE: at the entry form stage teams can register any player they choose but the committee retain the right to judge what standard and division any particular team should then be placed). Only in exceptional circumstances will any new registrations be permitted after January 1st; once again the full approval of the committee is required.**

**20** During the season any transfers to another team are to be made in writing to the League Secretary for consideration by the General Committee. If approval is given, the player can play for his/her new club four days later, providing that the transfer takes place before January 1st and no previous transfer by that player has taken place during that season. No transfers may take place after Jan 1st at all, apart from when

a player plays a 6th game as reserve for a higher team and thus becomes automatically transferred to the higher team as in rule 25 below.



**21** Any player having a handicap of 6 or less must play at least 25% of the remaining league matches otherwise any points won will be discounted. Playing in a doubles game does not qualify as a match.

**22** For any player to be included in the Merit Table he/she must have played a minimum of 50% of possible matches during the season.

**23** The Home team shall enter the playing order of its players on the scorecard first, then the away team. The games should then usually be played in the order of the card with discretion to leave doubles until the end, unless by mutual agreement games are played out of order due to a player being delayed or someone needs to go early etc but this should not be abused. For the 2014-15 season the Match Card must give details of which players have played in the Doubles – the player's numbers will be sufficient.

**24** No player shall be eligible to take part in the semi-final stages of any individual knock-out competition or team handicap unless he/she has played in at least six league matches in the current season and cannot have played for a different team earlier in that season, with the exception of the divisional handicap events, where a minimum of at least two games having been played is only required.

**25** Any team can nominate reserves providing, they are from a lower division and have a lower ranking number than any of the existing permanent registered squad players as known from the latest merit tables published on the league web at the date of the games a reserve is required, (if in doubt ring to check eligibility of reserve with the Fixtures Secretary before playing). A reserve can only play for one team per division up to 5 times in a season and will automatically be transferred permanently to that team after playing 6 matches (and can no longer play from that point for the team the reserve had been originally registered with in the lower division). Players from anywhere in the league can be signed on for a team in a cup match, but they can only play for one team in a season.

**26** All matches shall commence no later than 7:30 PM. One player must be in attendance at 7:30, the second player at 8:15 and the third player no later than 8:45 PM. The opposing side can claim the points of those sets, which could have been played if the opponent had been present. These times are reduced by 15 minutes for games being played at the Hyndburn TT centre. Any disputes regarding points to be claimed through this rule will be subject to the Committee who will have the final say on the matter.

**27** The home team secretary has the sole responsibility to notify the Fixtures Secretary of the result of the match. Secretaries should always endeavour to ensure the scorecard is returned to the box in the Hyndburn centre or posted to the Fixtures Secretary or a scanned copy emailed to the Fixtures Secretary no later than a week after the match was played. Very late and persistently late offenders may have penalty points deducted at the discretion of the Committee.

**28** In the event of two or more teams having the same number of points at the end of the season, their positions shall be re calculated and re adjusted by awarding two points for each match won and by awarding one point for every match ending in a draw. If still the same it will be decided by head to head statistics over the two games verses each other in the season.

**29** Fred Holden Cup matches have priority over the league matches and are counted as due to be played in the weeks set aside in the programme on the regular home night of the home team at the home team's venue, or in the case of the semi-final and Final stages in the same week as scheduled in the programme on a night to be agreed to be played at a neutral venue or at a venue agreed by the two teams involved.

**30** In a group or round robin competition, all members of the group shall compete against each other and shall gain two match points for a win, 1 point for a loss in a played match and 0 points for a loss in an unplayed or unfinished match. The ranking order shall be determined primarily by the number of match points gained. If two or more members of the same group have gained the same number of match points

their relative positions shall be determined only by the results of the matches between them, by considering successively the number of match points, the ratio of wins to losses first in individual matches (for a team event), games and points, as far as is necessary to resolve the order. If at any step in the calculations the positions of one or more members of the group have been determined while the others are still equal, the results of the matches in which those members took part shall be excluded from any further calculations needed to resolve the equalities in accordance with the procedures above. If it is not possible to resolve the relative positions shall be determined by lot. This does not apply to Fred Holden Cup matches

**31** Each division is based normally on having ten teams, each team will play home and away. At the end of the season the top two teams in each division will be promoted. The bottom two in each division will likely be relegated depending on the number of teams dropping out or new teams coming in. If a division has only nine teams then only one would be relegated but two promoted. The Committee may promote more than two teams in some circumstances and has discretion to decide where any newly formed teams should be placed as well as putting more than 10 teams in a division if it deems it necessary. The Committee also have the right as per rule 19b to 'promote' any team whose make up of players through changes or additions to previous seasons, in the Committee's opinion has changed their standard sufficiently to be too good for their original division. (It will not be normal practice to demote teams who due to team personnel changes have become weaker, unless they had been automatically demoted, or at the start of a season were requesting to drop a division which would be subject to the discretion of the Committee).

**32** In the event that a situation arises that is not covered by the rules, the Committee has the authority to make a decision which is final. This does not constitute a precedence but may become a rule at the next AGM if considered appropriate.

#### GENERAL INFORMATION (NOT RULE CHANGES)

1. For casual play, practicing or coaching the session charge is £3 per player. For league matches the charge shall be £10.00 per table per home match at Hyndburn Table Tennis Centre.
2. **The new plastic balls. TT England have sanctioned the use of the new plastic 3\* balls for this season but, we can continue to use the celluloid ball for this season only. Teams can use either 3\* ball for matches, with the home team deciding which to use.**



# Calculating Handicaps using player's rank

In an attempt to produce handicaps from actual player performances rather than from what players think they should be, a ranking system was created which was linked to our handicap system, this has been in use over the past seven seasons. To set up the system each point on the handicap chart was deemed to be equal to 35 racking points. A handicap of 0 is equal to 2600 ranking points so a handicap of 70 will be equal to 150 points. A full list is shown below.

Hd	Rank	Hd	Rank	Hd	Rank	Hd	Rank	Hd	Rank	Hd	Rank	Hd	Rank
0	2600												
1	2565	11	2215	21	1865	31	1515	41	1165	51	815	61	465
2	2530	12	2180	22	1830	32	1480	42	1130	52	780	62	430
3	2495	13	2145	23	1795	33	1445	43	1095	53	745	63	395
4	2460	14	2110	24	1760	34	1410	44	1060	54	710	64	360
5	2425	15	2075	25	1725	35	1375	45	1025	55	675	65	325
6	2390	16	2040	26	1690	36	1340	46	990	56	640	66	290
7	2355	17	2005	27	1655	37	1305	47	955	57	605	67	255
8	2320	18	1970	28	1620	38	1270	48	920	58	570	68	220
9	2285	19	1935	29	1585	39	1235	49	885	59	535	69	185
10	2250	20	1900	30	1550	40	1200	50	850	60	500	70	150

The results from every match played are used to constantly update players ranking values, so a player who is currently on a roll would be gaining more ranking points resulting in his handicap going down, the opposite would occur for a player going through a bad patch, their ranking total will drop and their handicap would go up. Handicaps are updated before the start of the divisional handicaps, before the start of the preliminary cup round, before the closed competitions and before every further cup round including the final. The Handicap Officer has the authority to review a player's rank subject to Committee approval. The chart for awarding and deducting ranking points is shown below, this was copied from the ETTA

Chart for Awarding Ranking Points				
	Expected Result		Un-expected Result	
Ranking Difference	Winner	Loser	Winner	Loser
0 – 24	+12	-8	+12	-8
25 – 49	+11	-7	+14	-9
50 – 99	+9	-6	+17	-11
100 – 149	+8	-5	+21	-14
150 – 199	+6	-4	+26	-17
200 – 299	+5	-3	+33	-22
300 – 399	+3	-2	+45	-30
400 – 499	+2	-1	+60	-40
500 and over	0	0	+75	-50

# How to play an individual handicap match (not Fred Holden Cup)

Details for calculating and playing handicapped table tennis in this league

<u>Difference</u>	<u>Start</u>
1	1
2	2
3	3
4	4
5 - 7	5
8 - 9	6
10 - 11	7
12 - 13	8
14 - 16	9
17 - 19	10
20 - 23	11
24 - 28	12
29 - 34	13
35 - 41	14
42 - 49	15
50+	16

1. All games are played up to 21 points.
2. The difference of handicap of both players when checked in the handicap table will give the start.  
E.g. Tony Blair on 19 plays David Cameron on 71. So  $71 - 19 = 52$ , a difference of 52 when checked on the chart at the top of this page gives a start of 16, so Tony Blair starts on 0, David Cameron starts on 16 in each game.
3. The player with the highest handicap has the choice to serve first.
4. At least one player MUST start from love (0).
5. The maximum start allowed for any player is 16 points.
6. For calculating handicaps for doubles matches, add together the handicap numbers for the doubles team and divide by two, round up to the next whole number. Do the same for the opposing team and use the table above to calculate the start. For example: Nick Clegg (0) and Gordon Brown (30) making up one team would have a handicap total of 30, divide by 2 = 15. If they played David Cameron (19) and Margaret Thatcher (56) with a total of 75, divided by 2 = 37.5, which rounds up to 38. This means that Clegg and Brown would give Cameron and Thatcher  $38 - 15 = 23$ , a difference of 23 gives a start of 11.

# New handicap system for Fred Holden Cup

## 2014/2015

1. Each player's handicap rate as issued by the Handicap Officer prior to each round of the Cup is inserted onto the scorecard and the total of all three players is used as the team handicap which is their starting score.
2. Each match between individual players consists of 4 sets played up to 11. Remember 4 sets have to be played for each individual match. The score for each set is added to the team score and a cumulative total is kept.
3. Every single point in each set counts towards the team's total score so the more points won the better.
4. First player to reach 11 wins that set, no need for 2 clear points to win it.
5. After everyone has played each other the cumulative total for each team determines who has won the match. The highest cumulative team total wins the match.
6. As usual, amended handicap rates for each player will be issued before each round of the Fred Holden Cup.
7. You will notice that the Fred Holden handicap rates for the players are exactly double the standard handicap rate.

**Example** (based on 2012/2013 teams) of how to fill in the new handicap scorecards for the Fred Holden Cup handicap matches:-

You will notice in this example that KSB F just win this match by 3 points.

East Lancashire Table Tennis League FRED HOLDEN CUP Handicap Match													
	HOME team						Handicap rate		AWAY team				Handicap rate
	BURNLEY BOYS CLUB								KSB F				
1	MARTIN WYATT						4	1	BERNARD MILNES				102
2	DAVE KAY						12	2	PAUL MILNES				120
3	ANDREA HARRISION						14	3	SIMON MILNES				126
	Team handicap starting score						30		Team handicap starting score				348
	Set 1		Set 2		Set 3		Set 4		Score		Cumulative H                      A		
											30	348	
1v2	11	2	11	2	11	2	11	3	44	9	74	357	
3v1	11	2	11	2	11	2	11	3	44	9	118	366	
2v3	11	2	11	2	11	2	11	3	44	9	162	375	
3v2	11	2	11	2	11	2	11	3	44	9	206	384	
1v3	11	2	11	2	11	2	11	3	44	9	250	393	
2v1	11	2	11	2	11	2	11	3	44	9	294	402	
3v3	11	2	11	2	11	2	11	3	44	9	338	411	
2v2	11	2	11	2	11	2	11	3	44	9	382	420	
1v1	11	2	11	2	11	2	11	3	44	9	426	429	
Signed				Signed				Winners					
								KSB F				426	429

# Fred Holden Cup Scorecard Templates

The templates below can be used to score your match in the Fred Holden matches, the completed scorecard then either scanned and emailed to Mike Turner, or sent via post. The following templates can be scanned/photocopied for when you progress further than the first 4 rounds!

East Lancashire Table Tennis League FRED HOLDEN CUP match													
HOME team						Handicap rate	AWAY team						Handicap rate
1							1						
2							2						
3							3						
Team handicap starting score							Team handicap starting score						
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1v2													
3v1													
2v3													
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1v1													
Signed				Signed				Winners					

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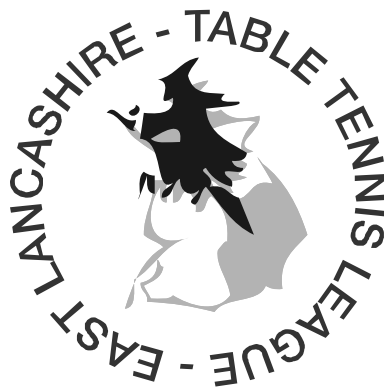
# Updated Website!

The website has been updated further, now results can be seen immediately and in much more detail.

- *Merit Table*
- *League Table*
- *Individual Player Results*
- *Individual Team Results*
- *Scorecards*
- *Archive of previous years*

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## Presentation Evening:-



**At the  
Accrington Golf Club  
Oswaldtwistle  
on  
Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> April 2015**