

TOURNAMENT PRESPECTUS 2023 ABA PREMIER LEAGUE TABLE TENNIS CIRCUIT

This Prospectus is aimed to support the entry procedures of the players, coaches, and other technical delegates for the 2023 Aba Premier League Table Tennis (“APL” or “The League”) tournament.

1. AUTHORITY The **2023 Aba Premier League Table Tennis** tournament will be hosted and organised by Voidant Broadcasting Limited under the auspices and authority of the Abia State Table Tennis Association

2. DATE **Monday 2 October 2023 to Sunday 5 November 2023**

3. VENUE Benedon Event Centre, Umungasi, Aba

4. EVENTS Mens’ Singles

5. SHEDULE

Tournament	Week	Day	Month	Date	Time
Ranking	1	Monday	October	2nd	2pm-6pm
League	2	Monday	October	9th	2pm-6pm
	3	Monday	October	16th	2pm-6pm
	4	Monday	October	23rd	2pm-6pm
Super 4	5	Sunday	November	5th	2pm-6pm

Draws for each weekly round will be held one hour before the start of play for that week.

6. RULES The League will be conducted in accordance with the current Laws of Table Tennis as modified or complemented by this prospectus.

7. EQUIPMENT All equipment tables, nets, balls, and racket coverings must be of ITTF specification.

8. ELIGIBILITY The League is an Open tournament.

9. ENTRY FEES The entry fee will be N1,000 per player for each week of play.

10. KEY DEADLINES Entry for each week’s play will close by 10:00am on play day.

11. PLAYING SYSTEM The playing system will be as published in League Playing System document.

12. DRAWS The seeding and draw for each stage of The League will be in accordance with the Playing System Document

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- 13. PRE-TOURNAMENT MEETING** A pre-tournament meeting between The Leagues' officials, players' coaches, players' representatives, and other relevant stakeholders one week before The League begins and subsequently as may be needed throughout the duration of The League.
- 14. MATCH OFFICIALS** As approved by the Tournament Director.
- 15. OBLIGATIONS**
- A. By entering the Championships, participants agree to abide by all ITTF rules and by the rules and regulations of the LOC. All entered players agree to be under the auspices of The League and its agents in all matters concerning television coverage, video, internet web casting, motion picture coverage, and photographic coverage of any kind. Participants release all rights, or rights held by their agents or sponsors, in all matters relating to television and web casting coverage, video and motion picture coverage, and photographic coverage of any kind; and hence accept such coverage during The League. A participant's refusal of above listed coverage may be subject to suspension or dismissal from the competition. Any participant, when called upon, must appear promptly to press conferences, or medal presentations and follow the procedures set by The League.
- B. By entering The League, each player must ensure that they know that their personal data will be shared with The League for the purpose of facilitating and enhancing their participation in The League who, in turn, undertake not to share it with any unauthorized person in any way.
- C. In the context of betting, participants in The League shall follow the ITTF Code of Ethics (Chapter 6 of the ITTF Handbook). They shall not, by any manner whatsoever, infringe the principle of fair play, show unsporting conduct, or attempt to influence the course or result of a competition, or any part thereof, in a manner contrary to sporting ethics. Any violation of this principle shall be disciplined according to provisions of ITTF regulation 3.5.3.
- D. By entering The League all players undertake to abide by the ITTF's anti-doping rules in effect (Chapter 5 of the ITTF Handbook).
- E. By entering The League, all players undertake to abide by the Code of Ethics and ITTF Anti-Harassment Policy and Procedures (Chapter 6 & 7 of the ITTF Handbook).
- F. By entering The League, each player must ensure that they have medical insurance for the duration of The League.

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G. To the extent permitted by law, The League and the LOC will not be liable for any direct (where unforeseeable), indirect or consequential loss or damage suffered by any player or any other participant of The League for their participation in The League. The League's total aggregate liability to each player or each such other participant of The League for any foreseeable direct losses, costs, damages, or liabilities is limited to the price received by The League from each such person from their participation. Loss or damage is foreseeable if either it is obvious that it will happen or if, at the time an agreement was made, both the ITTF and such person knew it might happen (for example, if the participant discussed it with the ITTF at the time of registration).

H. Each player and other participant will be responsible for all costs, losses and liabilities incurred by The League because of any damage to The League property caused by them, their actions or the actions or omissions of those under their supervision or control whilst on the premises of The League.

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| 16. TOURNAMENT
DIRECTOR | Ifeoma Isaac |
| 17. COMPETITION
MANAGER | As designated by the Tournament Director |
| 18. REFEREE | As designated by the Tournament Director |
| 19. LEAGUE
PRESIDENT | Dike Dimiri |
| 20. Website | www.abaplt.com |

EVENT DOCUMENT**1. Tournament Design**

The 2023 ABA Premier League Table Tennis is a knock-out based open tournament. Its goal is to develop a professional table tennis league in Aba by promoting table tennis skills, professionalism among table tennis players and officials and developing standard playing infrastructure. Players will be able to earn ranking points, get ranked based on their points earned and win performance-based prize money.

a. League Format

- I. The League will be played on a knock-out basis with the winner of each match determined from the best of 3 sets between 2 competing players.
- II. The League will last six weeks from 2 October 2023 to 5 November 2023 at the Benedon Event Centre, Aba
- III. The league is divided into three phases, Ranking (week 1), League (week 2 to 4), Super Four (week 6).
- IV. After week 1, players will be ranked based on their results from matches played in week 1. This ranking will be used for seeding players in week 2 and recomputed after each week's play to seed players for the subsequent weeks.
- V. Players will be able to earn points for each knock-out match won from week 1 to week 4.
- VI. Three points will be earned for each match won and no points for any loss.
- VII. The final league standing for players will be determined at the end of week 4.
- VIII. The top four players on the league table at the end of week 4 will qualify for the Super Four knock-out which will be held in week 6.
- IX. Players will also earn points for winning matches during the Super 4 to determine the final league table positions.
- X. The winner of the Super 4 will be crowned the League champion.

b. Prize Money

- I. An overall winner will be determined during each week's match day from weeks 1-4
- II. Every player who makes it to the round of 16 in each play week will qualify to receive prize money based on the prize money schedule.

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c. Prize Money Schedule

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	Ranking	League			Super 4
Date	Oct-02	Oct-09	Oct-16	Oct-23	Nov-05
	Week 1	Week 2	Week 3	Week 4	Week 6
	Prize	Prize	Prize	Prize	Prize
Position	N	N	N	N	N
1st Prize	29,500	40,000	40,000	40,000	50,000
2nd Prize	25,500	36,000	36,000	36,000	40,000
3rd Prize	12,000	17,000	17,000	17,000	30,000
4th Prize	9,000	14,000	14,000	14,000	25,000
Position 5 to 8 (each)	6,000	9,000	9,000	9,000	
Positon 9 to 16 (each)	3,500	6,000	6,000	6,000	