

## **Bristol & District Table Tennis Association**

### **Junior League – Season 2008 – 2009**

#### **General Information and rules:**

1. Open to young persons under 18 years of age on 1st January 2008 (ie born after 1<sup>st</sup> January 1991).
2. Entry fee for each team will be £6.
3. Player registration – £3 each plus a £5 playing fee. Players may play only for one school/club during the season. Clubs/schools with more than one team should register in order of ability, i.e. the best players in Team A.
4. Teams to consist of two players (although several registered players may play in each match), each playing up to two singles and one doubles match. One point scored for each set, maximum of 5. Each game shall be played to 11 points, best of 3. Knock up time will be limited to 1 minute.
5. Clubs may register as many players as they wish in each team. Once registered, players may not then play for another team in that division without authority of the Organising Secretary. Players may play up in a more senior division at any point and will become bound in that division after playing 3 matches up. Players may not play for different teams on the same day without authority of the Organising Secretary.
6. Matches will be played on a specified Sunday, when all teams will assemble to play at one multi-table venue.
7. Play will begin at 9.00 am, and for all Divisions, so teams must arrive before start of play to receive organisational instructions.
8. A schedule of matches for each day will be supplied. Matches between teams from different clubs will take preference on each day of competition.
9. Matches between teams from the same club will appear on the schedule, but may be played at the clubs home venue

provided one of the named organisers witnesses the match. Such matches must be played before the last round of group or divisional matches.

10. Score sheets will be supplied and will be returned to the organiser by the relevant home secretary as soon as possible, including score sheets for any 'in-club' matches and any team's new registrations, with payment.
11. The home team will be players A & B and the away team players X & Y. The order of play will be:

A v X : B v Y :Doubles: A v Y : B v X

12. Players will be expected to complete the score sheet correctly, ensuring that game scores are correct and allotted to the correct player. Players with the same surname must be identified by a first name not initial.
13. Umpiring of matches, will be as identified on the score sheet, this is a mandatory activity for all players. Where possible the umpiring of the doubles will be by a neutral player/person, not associated with either club.
14. The total number of sets won will determine the final league placing.
15. In the event of a tie at the end of the season, final placing will be determined by the results between the two tied teams

16. Postponements.

Despite publishing dates and times of fixtures, there is bound to be occasions throughout the season where teams fail to turn up or turn up with only one player. The following rules, shall apply:

- 16.1 Given sufficient notice ie before 7pm on the Wednesday before the scheduled Sunday (to enable us to re-plan fixtures) we should allow each **team** (not club) to postpone a **maximum of one** set of matches during the season. This will obviously not apply to the final set of matches.

- 16.2 If a team turns up on the day with one or more player missing they can use one or more substitutes **from a lower division only**.
- 16.3 If a team cannot raise a full team, their fixtures for that Sunday cannot be held over to another week. In the event that there are no suitable substitutes, then the outstanding games will be awarded to the opposing team. If a team can only raise one player, then their two singles matches should be played as normal and the results recorded. The remaining two singles and the doubles will automatically go to the team with two players.
- 16.4 If two teams are due to play each other and neither side has a full team, then the points for any outstanding singles games will be shared equally between the two teams. The doubles will simply not count.
- 16.5 If both teams fail to field a single player, then the match will be declared void and no points awarded to either side.