

2019
SCHOOL
GAMES

U13 & U15 Mixed Table Tennis

Tuesday 19th March 2019

Venue - University of Salford

Competition Pathway

1 SGO Area Events
Open to all schools in the area/borough with the winning school from each borough being invited to the School Games County Final

NB. An athlete can only represent their school in one event at the Greater Manchester School Games County Finals

2 Greater Manchester School Games County Final
This stage is organised in partnership with the English Table Tennis Association and comprises of 10 schools representing each of the boroughs in Greater Manchester.

Teams

U13 players must be from year 7 and/or year 8.
U15 players must be from year 9 and/or year 10.
Boys and girls will compete in mixed teams.
Teams must consist of 4 players.
Players must play in ranked order i.e. the stronger player ranked number 1.
No player may have Table Tennis England ranking points.

Equipment

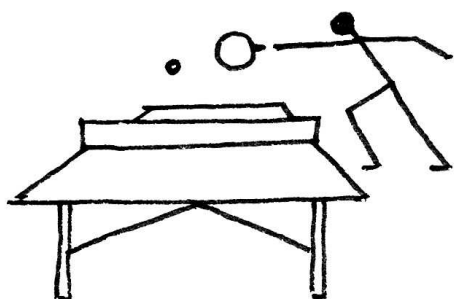
All matches should be played on a standard table tennis table.
Standard table tennis balls/bats shall be used throughout.
Suitable sportswear must be worn. No white clothing shall be permitted at the county stage and beyond and it is recommended this rule is applied at SGO area level also.

Officials

It is not a necessity for each table to have an umpire or scorer; however it is advised that a nominated adult from each school act as overall match referees to deal with any disputes. It may be advantageous to utilise some Sport Leaders to act as table officials.

Competition Format

At SGO area/Borough level, local organisers will decide on the format i.e. 'home & away' leagues, Central Venue festivals or one off tournament. Leagues are the preferred model to encourage regular participation.
Each tie (school v school) should ideally consist of 4 games of singles and 2 games of doubles. This can be flexible depending on time, number of teams/tables etc.



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Playing the Game

A suggested format has been produced by the ESTTA to ensure a level of consistency; however there can be a degree of flexibility in running SGO/Borough level competition. Each match should be best of three games to 11 points.

Players have to win by two clear points.

Alternate serves every two points, unless both players have scored 10, in which case service changes every point.

A coin toss can decide who serves first, or to start play at either side of the table.

The player serving first in the games receives first in the next game.

In service the ball bounces on the server's side first.

A point is won/lost when the player misses the ball, the ball bounces twice, the ball does not land on the table or does not clear the net.

In doubles, every serve must be made from and to the right-hand side of the table. Players must then strike the ball alternately in strict rotation. The player first to receive service becomes the next server. After serving for two points, a player must move from the right hand side of the table to allow his partner to receive serve.

Fair Play

The ideals of good sportsmanship and respect should permeate throughout all competitive and recreational sport. They are displayed by someone who abides by the rules of a contest, respects their opponents and accepts victory or defeat graciously.

Health & Safety

Before all matches this must be read and adhered to:

Long hair must be tied back.

No jewellery to be worn.

All loose clothing must be tucked in and shoelaces tied.

No chewing gum or sweets.

Players should bring plenty of drinks.

All players are advised to warm up appropriately before each match.

Medical supplies that players may need should be brought with them on the day i.e. asthma inhalers.

All team teachers must ensure their pupils are under adult supervision at all times, even when not playing. During this time teams can watch the other matches or in some cases will have the opportunity to practice (tables permitting).

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Please ensure students have been briefed on health and safety.

Entry deadline Friday 1st March

If you enter past this deadline your school will not appear in pre-press material

