

BOURNEMOUTH & DISTRICT TABLE TENNIS ASSOCIATION

TIMES & DIRECTORY HANDICAP CUP

1. The Times & Directory Handicap Cup will take the form of a knockout tournament where participating registered players have been individually handicapped.
2. Only teams entered by their clubs will be included in the tournament to a maximum of 64 teams.
3. The Executive Committee shall issue specific rules prior to the start of the competition these rules shall generally follow the normal rules for matches.

RULES FOR TIMES & DIRECTORY

1. A team will consist of three players.
2. A match will consist of nine singles.
3. A player must have played in the league at least once (**3 singles**) before playing in the T&D competition.
4. A players team shall be that for which he or she was first registered for the current season.
5. Only under extreme circumstances and with the approval of the Tournament Secretary can a team bring up a player from any lower division.
The player can play for that team twice only, and then for no other team except for the one he or she was originally registered in.
The player will be given the same handicap as the player they are replacing, unless they have a lower handicap, whereupon they will use their lower handicap.
This rule applies up to but not including the Semi-Final stage of the competition.
6. Players registered after November 1st shall not be eligible to play.
7. Matches shall be played on the allocated weeks on the home teams normal night.
8. Handicapping shall be done by the Executive Committee.
9. A player with no published handicap will play off scratch.
10. The competition shall be on a knockout basis.
11. Games will start on given handicaps and will be played up to 31, where a third deciding end is played the players shall change ends when the first player reaches half of his or her required number of points.
If the score reaches 30 all, the game shall be played to 31 only (no deuce).
If a player is on a minus handicap then he/she can play off a scratch handicap by adding the minus handicap figure to the opponent's handicap and to the required score of 31. Both players and Umpire must agree to this method of scoring.
12. Players playing off identical handicaps will continue to play off their handicaps.
13. Semi-finals and the Final will be played at a neutral venue as arranged by the Tournament Secretary.
14. The order of play shall be as per BDTTA RULE 15-7. At least SIX matches must be played.
15. The expedite rule shall not apply.
16. Any query, complaint or dispute must be raised with the Tournament Secretary who is the Official Referee for the competition. If necessary, he/she will place them before the Executive Committee and act on its instructions; its decision being final.
17. A 'Plate' competition will be run for teams losing their first match; ie: preliminary or first round
However, a team conceding their first match (preliminary or first round) will be deemed to have withdrawn from the competition. If the team going forward subsequently lose their first round match they will go onto the 'Plate' competition. If it is a second round match which is lost, they will be ineligible to enter the 'Plate' competition.
18. Service will be 2 serves unless one handicap is even and one is odd, then one serve will be served to even it up.
19. All match results should be entered on the correct match card and returned to the Tournament Secretary.