Sept 2017

Dear Teacher in charge of Table Tennis

**Leeds Y8 & Y10 Girls and Boys Table Tennis Competition**

It is with great pleasure that I would like to invite your school to the Leeds Schools Table Tennis League 2017/18. This was a new competition introduced last year which was very popular allowing pupils to play regular fixtures against other Leeds schools.

**Pathway details:**

There is no competition pathway.

**League format:**

Schools will be invited to attend three central venue fixtures at venues geographically closest once all entries have been received. Schools will need to attend all three events and ‘no shows’ will mean points are forfeited.

The event will be delivered by Table Tennis England in partnership with Leeds United Foundation

**Each boys team will comprise of four players and girls will be two players** The girls and boys teams are separate and it is not compulsory to enter a team in both. All matches will comprise of singles (no doubles) and players in the boy’s event should be ranked in ability from one to four and play against opposing similarly ranked players. In the girl’s event both players will play singles against the opposing two players. Matches will be played on a round robin format with fixtures being determined once entries have been confirmed.

**Dates:**

**Tuesday 7th November 2017 (venue tbc)**

**Thursday 7th December 2017 at (venue tbc)**

**Wednesday 17th January 2018 at (venue tbc)**

**All 3.30-5.30pm.**

Venues include: Horsforth, Benton Park, GSAL, South Leeds Academy, Cardinal Heenan.

**League Final: Thursday 8th February at Cardinal Heenan TBC.**

Please ensure your teams are supervised by a member of staff at all times. Students will be required to score their own games.

Any questions please do not hesitate to get in touch.

Yours sincerely

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Leeds North West SSP

On behalf Leeds SGOs.

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**Y8 &Y10 Table-Tennis Format & Rules**

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| **Format** | Team Competition- 4 per team |
| **Age Groups** | Y8 and under boys  Y10 and under boys |
| **Team & squad numbers** | 4 per team |
| **Further Information** | <http://www.estta.org.uk/> |

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| **Format** | Team Competition- Pairs 2 per team |
| **Age Groups** | Y8 and under girls  Y10 and under girls |
| **Team & squad numbers** | 2 per team |
| **Further Information** | <http://www.estta.org.uk/> |

**Competition Format Boys**

* All are singles matches and should be played in the following format:

**TEAM A TEAM B**

* + - * Player 1 v Player 2
      * Player 2 v Player 1
      * Player 3 v Player 4
      * Player 4 v Player 3
      * Player 1 v Player 1
      * Player 2 v Player 3
      * Player 3 v Player 2
      * Player 4 v Player 4

**Competition Format Girls**

* All are singles matches and should be played in the following format:

**TEAM A TEAM B**

* + - * Player 1 v Player 2
      * Player 2 v Player 1
      * Player 1 v Player 1
      * Player 2 v Player 2

**Competition Rules**

**Scoring**

* Each game is played to 11 points. If both players score 10 points, then the game shall be won by the first player or pair subsequently gaining a lead of 2 points.
* Each match is the best of 3 games.
* This can be flexible in Partnership rounds to accommodate space, time and no. of teams.
* A player shall score a point
  + if his opponent fails to make a correct service
  + if his opponent fails to make a correct return
  + if, after he has made a service or a return, the ball touches anything other than the net assembly before being struck by his opponent
  + if the ball passes over his court or beyond his end line without touching his court, after being struck by his opponent
  + if his opponent obstructs the ball
  + if his opponent strikes the ball twice successively
  + if his opponent, or anything his opponent wears or carries, moves the playing surface
  + if his opponent, or anything his opponent wears or carries, touches the net assembly
  + if his opponent’s free hand touches the playing surface the rally is a let
  + if in service the ball, in passing over or around the net assembly, touches it, provided the service is otherwise good or the ball is obstructed by the receiver or his partner
  + if the service is delivered when the receiving player or pair is not ready, provided that neither the receiver nor his partner attempts to strike the ball
  + if failure to make a service or a return or otherwise to comply with the Laws is due to a disturbance outside the control of the player
  + if play is interrupted by the umpire or assistant umpire
  + comes to rest on the receiver’s court
  + in singles leaves the receiver’s court after touching it in the direction of the net.

**Serving & Receiving**

* Service shall start with the ball resting freely on the open palm of the server’s stationary free hand. The server shall then project the ball upwards, without imparting spin, so that it rises at least 16cm. As the ball is falling the server shall strike it so that it touches first his court and then, after passing over or around the net assembly, touches directly the receiver’s court.

## **Y8 & Y10 Table Tennis Competition 2017/18**

### **Entry Form**

**Tuesday 7th November 2017 (Horsforth, GSAL)**

**Thursday 7th December 2017 (Benton Park, South Leeds Academy, Horsforth, GSAL)**

**Wednesday 17th January 2018 at (Cardinal Heenan, Horsforth, GSAL)**

**Venues will be confirmed once the entry deadline has passed.**

**All 3.30-5.30pm.**

#### School: ………………………………………………………………………………..

#### Name of Teacher in charge:………………………………………………………

Email: ……………………………………………

Contact Number………………………………….

I wish to enter the following number of teams (it may be possible to enter more than one team dependant on the number of entries received)

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| **Category** | **No teams** |
| Boys Y8 |  |
| Boys Y10 |  |
| Girls Y8 |  |
| Girls Y10 |  |

Please return by Friday 20th October 2017

To Pete Thompson:

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