



# LYG Table Tennis 2026

## Entry Information & Rules

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### Event Overview

**Date:** Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> July 2026

**Event Timings:** 08:30-16:45 approximately

**Venue:** Copper Box Arena, Queen Elizabeth Olympic Park, London, E20 3HB.

**Contact:** [info@londonyouthgames.org](mailto:info@londonyouthgames.org)

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### Entry Information

**Squad Entry Deadline:** Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> June 2026.

**Squad Size:** Minimum – 2 & Maximum – 8 per gender.

**Competitions:** Boys and Girls (compete separately).

**Eligibility Criteria:** Any player(s) that has a national **rating** within the top 100 (boys) and top 40 (girls) for the U17 age category in May 2026 are ineligible to compete. The **ratings** can be accessed via the following link: [Ratings](#).

### Age Categories

Age Category	Oldest DOB	Youngest DOB	Likely School Year
U16	01/09/2009	N/A	Year 11 and under

### Replacements:

Each borough is permitted two replacements per gender; the replacement must be in the same age and gender as the original entry and in line with the Eligibility Criteria. For example, an U16 girl must be replaced by an U16 girl and not have a national rating in the top 40 of the U17 age category from the list published on the 11<sup>th</sup> June 2025. Replacements are where you can bring an undeclared competitor to replace a registered competitor not attending on the day. No additions will be allowed even if a borough does not have the maximum squad number. All replacement details must be provided at registration on the day.

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## Full Rules & Regulations

**TT 1** The London Youth Games Table Tennis competition will run in accordance with [the Laws of Table Tennis](#) as set by Table Tennis England.

**TT 1.1** Should any rules listed below contradict those outlined by the Table Tennis England, these rules will supersede those.



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**TT 1.2** It will be at the discretion of the Event Referee and LYG personnel as to the application of these rules, and any subsequent decision made as a result will be final.

**TT 1.3** The London Youth Games Table Tennis competition will follow the [Transgender Guidelines](#) outlined by Table Tennis England.

### TT 2 Age Category

**TT 2.1** The following age groups and respective maximum date of births will apply to the London Youth Games Table Tennis Competition:

Age Category	Oldest DOB	Youngest DOB	Likely School Year
U16	01/09/2009	N/A	Year 11 and under

**TT 2.2** Any player(s) that have a national **rating** within the top 100 (boys) and top 40 (girls) for the U17 age category in May 2026 are ineligible to compete. The **rating** can be accessed via the following link: [Ratings](#).

**TT 2.3** Competitors are not permitted to enter this competition if they are ineligible. No exceptions will be made.

**TT 2.4** It is the responsibility of competitors/parents/team managers/local authority staff to ensure all competitors details are entered correctly at the time of submission, and that they are eligible to compete for their borough under the [London Youth Games' Games Rules](#), and in accordance with the age groups outlined for the competition.

**TT 2.4.1** In the instance a competitor is found to be ineligible, they will be disqualified from the competition entirely, and the borough will receive a points penalty as per the Games Rules.

**TT 3 Squad Size** Boroughs are permitted to enter a minimum of 2 competitors and a maximum of 8 competitors.

**TT 3.1** Boroughs are permitted to bring all 8 competitors entered to the event on the day however only 4 will be able to play per match.

**TT 4 Kit & Equipment** Rackets must have a black rubber on one side and the other must be either red, pink, violet, green and blue as well as red are allowed to be used on one side. Competitors will not be permitted to use solvent-based glue on rackets. Plastic table tennis balls will be used.

**TT 5 Competition Format** Round robin groups (dependant on entries) with top 8 teams progressing to the knockout stage. There will be a 3<sup>rd</sup> place match in the knockout stage. Those not progressing to the knockout stage will have the option to stay and play non-scoring matches or to leave early.

**TT 5.1** Each match consists of 3 sets (doubles, 2v2, 1v1 – played in this order).

**TT 5.2** Each set is best of 3 games.

**TT 5.3** Each game is to 11 points.

**TT 5.4** Teams must umpire their own matches during the group stages.



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**TT 5.5** Knockout and medalled matches **may** be umpired by Officials.

**TT 5.6** Team Managers must nominate players in order of merit on the first match card and hand it to the registration desk.

**TT 6 Overall Scoring Points** will be awarded for each game to give a borough's overall score for the event.

**TT 6.1** The following points will be awarded:

- 1 point awarded for a win per team match.
- 0 points for a loss per team match.

**TT 6.1.1** Group positions are ranked on:

- Points accrued
- Games for
- Points for

**TT 6.2 Final Positions** Teams will be allocated points according to their group position if they do not qualify for the knockout stage, all teams achieving same group position will be awarded equal position and points. Points allocated based on final position in the knockout stage.

**TT 6.3 Incomplete competition** if the competition is cancelled or suspended, the following steps will be used to calculate a final result:

- The furthest completed stage of competition that will be used to countback.
- Any teams tied on position will be separated based on the rules above which determine group positions using averages.
- The minimum competition required to determine a result is a completed stage.

**TT 7 Medals & Trophies** Medals and trophies will be awarded as follows:

**TT 7.1** Overall Borough medals will be awarded to 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> placed teams per gender and trophy awarded to the winning team per gender.