

# Blackpool & District Table Tennis League

## About us

Blackpool & District Table Tennis League is the largest league on the Fylde Coast consisting of thirty six teams of three or more players, teams play at eleven clubs in three divisions from Fleetwood to Lytham St. Annes.

The league has seen an increase in players and teams over recent years. It's an ideal opportunity for new or existing players who would like to play more regularly, a great way to keep fit, develop new skills and socialise with friends, pitting your skills against players of a similar standard.



## Format

- Teams play each other in a division of 12-14 teams, between the months of September and April on a home and away basis, depending on the home night of each team.
- A match consists of 10 games, 3 singles each and 1 doubles.
- There are currently 11 Clubs in the league that enter teams into one or more divisions.
- Teams are made up of a minimum of three players, but we recommend 4-5 players register for a team to ensure all the fixtures can be fulfilled.

## Venue

Your home team venue needs to be available one evening a week from 7:00pm to appx 10:30pm, with a playing area a min 9m x 4m in size and lighting 2.5m above the floor at a min level of 250lux, your Table Tennis table should be in good condition and ideally ITTF approved. We would be happy to visit if unsure on any of the above and can also advise on where you can get a table should you need one.

## How to join

New clubs and teams are welcome and can register **by 10<sup>th</sup> July** each year by contacting the League Secretary via email at [blackpoolttc@gmail.com](mailto:blackpoolttc@gmail.com). The secretary will contact you to confirm your venue is suitable and will send you a team

entry form and player registration to complete by the above date.

If you wish to join an existing club please contact any of the [club secretaries](#) listed on our website, some may be able to accommodate new players or teams before the season commences, and some may also seek additional players throughout the season.

We also hold an open practice session on a Monday night at Blackpool Sports Centre from 8pm to 9:30pm, where you can meet other players and club contacts and practice before the season commences.

## Next Steps

Clubs are required to appoint a Club Secretary, who is the key contact for all their teams within the league. Each team also has a nominated team captain, who is the point of contact for their team.

League registration fees: Clubs pay a £10 deposit, £10 per team and £16 per senior player and £8 per junior player, which includes provision of a handbook. Players also require an annual Table Tennis England Player Membership, currently £16 per adult and £8 per junior, renewable in July, which covers the whole year.



## Did you know?

There are ten open [social sessions](#) which take place along the Fylde coast, ideal for those who haven't played for some time, or league players looking for some extra practice. They are weekly sessions organised by local groups & clubs and are open to anyone who would like to get in touch. Call in at the times specified or get in touch via the contact details shown on the website via the link above.

See details of our [junior coaching](#) sessions.



## Want to know more?

Contact the League Secretary via the email above for any further queries or questions you may have or speak to one of our committee members on a Monday night at the open session   [www.bdttl.co.uk](http://www.bdttl.co.uk) Facebook: [@blackpoolttc](#)