



Joola Irish National Championships 2021
Saturday 23/Sunday 24 October 2021
DCU Sports Centre, Ballymun Road, Glasnevin, Dublin
 (Irish Ranking Tournament – Class 1)



Closing Date : 5pm, 8 October 2021

Referee: Con O’Ceadagh NU, NR

Assistant to the Referee: Niall O’Flaherty

	Please "X" each event entered Name	Male/ Female & D.O.B.	Junior Events			Senior Events					Admin Fee (+ €3 per player)	€ Due	
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Entered by							Phone:						
<u>ALL ENTRIES TO GO THROUGH THE GOMEMBERSHIP ON THE TTI WEBSITE</u>													

Event	Eligibility	
Mini-Cadet	Born in 2008 or later	<i>Players may enter the senior event, plus the two youngest age groups for which they are eligible</i>
Cadet	Born in 2006 or later	
Junior	Born in 2003 or later	
U-21	Born in 1999 or later	
Senior	Open to Mini Cadet players and older	

- Born on the island of Ireland **and/or**
- Hold proof of residence for 6 years or longer
- The onus is on the player to prove their eligibility to enter any event, if requested to do so by the Tournament Referee, at or before the event.



Format of Events: (Subject to sufficient entry numbers)

Senior singles events:

Groups to knockout (top two in each group advance to knockout). Top seeds in Men's singles (up to eight seeds) and Ladies' singles (up to four seeds) may be seeded directly into Knockout stage.

Junior events (U-18, U-15, U-13):

First round groups, top two advancing to knockout, remainder to Plate event. Where possible, subject to entry numbers, normal format of groups into KO may apply in some events. Playoffs will take place where possible.

Boys' & Girls' U-18:

Depending on entry numbers, up to top four seeds may receive a bye to KO/2nd Round stage (at discretion of tournament referee).

Event Categories

Unfortunately, due to social distancing protocols, and HSE/SI indoor-space capacity guidelines, and in order to limit the numbers in the hall, a number of categories will not take place at these Championships, including all Doubles events and several Singles events.

Table Tennis Ireland, the Management Committee, and the Events Committee, ask for the cooperation of all our clubs and entrants with the attempts to resume competitive domestic activity. The circumstances and implementation of protocols, event restrictions, format changes and entry limits are not ideal, however we will hope to learn from this event with regard to limitations and/or relaxations that might be applied for future events. Please note that we expect to have a limited number of official Umpires at the event, and players must be available to Umpire per the regulations.

Event start times and check in times will be posted on the TTI Website. Please note that there will also be limitations on arrival times. Players will not be permitted to be in the hall in advance of, or following their elimination from, their own event, and should not arrive at the venue ahead of the times stated or updated on the TTI Website. Groups/times will be posted on the website two days before the tournament.

Provisional Times		Provisional Times	
Saturday 23rd		Sunday 24th	
Senior Men	0900	Junior Boys	0900
Senior Women	0900	Junior Girls	0900
Cadet Boys	1400	Mini Cadet Boys	1400
Cadet Girls	1400	Mini Cadet Girls	1400
		U21 Men	1800
		U21 Women	1800

* *Please watch Table Tennis Ireland web-site for updates*

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	Entry Fees (€) (add fees for each event entered to calculate total payment due)											
	MS	LS			U-21					U-13	U-15	U-18
Fee (Senior)	25	25			25							
Fee (Junior)	15	15			15					15	15	15

PLUS €3 per player Administration Fee

The **eligibility criteria** for players in the National Closed Championships are as follows:

- Affiliated to the ITTA and in good standing **and**
- Hold an Irish passport **OR** British passport from N.I. **and/or**

All players and coaches are advised to **check the Table Tennis Ireland web-site to confirm that all players are entered into the appropriate events.**

Joola Prime 3*** Plastic White Balls will be used at this event.

Please note the additional Protocols that will be in place for this event.

Tournament Regulations

1. No **late entries** will be accepted (as per Table Tennis Ireland policy).
2. **No refunds will be paid out after entries are entered into the draw format.**
3. Event Exclusions apply as follows;

Mini Cadet players may enter Mini Cadet, Cadet & Senior only
Cadet players may enter Cadet, Junior & Senior only
Junior players may enter Junior, U21 and Senior only

Maximum entry numbers may apply to different events. In the event of numbers being capped, the general rule of last in=first out will be applied, however, if necessary, certain events may also have entries restricted or rejected on the basis of ranking.

4. **Date of Birth required** for all age-restricted events.
5. No refunds for players who enter events for which they are not eligible: **please check your entry form carefully.**
6. All matches will be played according to the Rules and Regulations of Table Tennis Ireland and the I.T.T.F.
7. Competitors must be **affiliated** to Table Tennis Ireland. **An affiliation check will be carried out by Table Tennis Ireland prior to the event.**
8. Players will be scratched if not present and ready to play when called upon.
9. All competitors will be required to **Umpire**.
10. The draw will be **seeded** in all main events. **Byes** may be allocated in Senior Singles and in U-18 events as per Table Tennis Ireland regulations.
11. Matches will be **“Best-of-5”** (except early round Plate matches: “Best-of-3”)
12. Group standings as per I.T.T.F. Regulation 3.7.5 for group competition.
13. The decision of the **Referee** will be final on points of law and in all cases of dispute. The decision of the **Umpire** will be final on points of fact.
14. Due to the revised format, time between playing rounds will be condensed, and players should expect to play rounds in quick succession to each other.
15. **Under-13 designated Coach** to be named at Check-in.
16. Table Tennis Ireland policy on **Video/Photography** will apply. Details must be registered with organizers.
17. Doping control tests may take place.
18. Table Tennis Ireland including all its Branches, Leagues, Committees and others who are affiliated to Table Tennis Ireland reserves the right to cancel, postpone, discontinue or abandon any event or tournament at any time and for any reason whatsoever (hereinafter “an occurrence”). Where such an occurrence arises, the liability of Table Tennis Ireland shall be limited to a maximum of a refund of the entrance fees paid by the entrant. Table Tennis Ireland does not accept

responsibility or liability for any associated and/or consequential losses (including, but not limited to travel or accommodation expenses), whether monetary or otherwise, incurred by the entrant. Table Tennis Ireland does not accept responsibility or liability in respect of any costs, expenses or other losses incurred by spectators, officials, coaches, members of the media or other attendees of any event or tournament.

19. COVID-19 restrictions, protocols and conditions will be in place. All participants must have familiarised themselves with these details.
20. **Acceptance of these Regulations is itself a condition of entry**

COVID-19 Protocols

- **Players, registered Club Coaches and designated TTI Officials are the only people allowed to be present in the hall.**

NO PARENTS, PARTNERS, FAMILY MEMBERS, FRIENDS, SUPPORTERS, OR OTHER PERSONS WILL BE ALLOWED IN THE HALL. Participants must leave the venue after the conclusion of their event.

Each Club must register their Coaches in advance. No more than 3 Coaches allowed per Club.

- All participants must wear a face mask or visor at all times other than when warming up or playing.
- All participants should have their own hand sanitizer, and follow appropriate hygiene and distancing protocols. Appropriate hygiene and distancing protocols apply in the hall, aisles, seating area, toilets, showers, changing rooms, corridors, cafes and any ancillary spaces. Per HSE guidelines, generally persons are considered a close contact if they are 15 minutes or more within the vicinity of an infected person, and within two metres of them.
- All participants must wash/sanitize their hands on arrival in the building and hall, and each time they return to the hall.
- Players should remain at the same end of the table for an entire match, and should not swap ends between sets or in the final set. Either player may, with specific reason, request special permission from the Referee for this derogation from the rules to be suspended.

- In any case, tables should be wiped down with antiviral spray between all matches/practice sessions, where the next table users will be different from the previous users.
- Players should avoid touching the table surface, however players may now use their towel every 2 points rather than every 6 points.
- Participants must sneeze or cough into their elbow, not into their hands or in an unguarded way. Used tissues should be binned or flushed immediately, and hands washed. All participants should have their own hand sanitizer. Spitting on the ground, floor, hands or into bins is prohibited. Spitting should only be done, in a guarded manner, in a sink or toilet.
- Participants who feel unwell should not attend at the venue.
- Handshakes, high fives and fist bumps are not allowed outside a participants own Club grouping.
- Tables will be separated at least in accordance with the TTI COVID-19 Return to Play Protocols.
- Any suspected case which presents at the event will be addressed in accordance with the TTI RTP Protocols.
- HSE COVID-19 guidelines will be displayed at the venue.
- The TTI COVID-19 Officer will be in attendance at the event, and will be responsible for managing the appropriate implementation of the guidelines. Participants in breach of the TTI COVID-19 Protocols could be subject to disciplinary action.
- Certain regulations may be amended, added or removed, according to any revised government guidance and/or the local requirements or decisions of the venue, Referee, Events Committee or COVID Officer.