



JOOLA Leinster Open 2022
Saturday 15/Sunday 16 January 2022
National Indoor Arena, Abbotstown, Dublin
 (Irish Ranking Tournament – Class 2)



Closing Date : 5pm, 7 January 2022

Referee: Con O’Cearaigh IU, 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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<u>ALL ENTRIES TO GO THROUGH THE GOMEMBERSHIP ON THE TTI WEBSITE</u>												

Event	Eligibility	
Mini-Mini Cadet (U11)	Born in 2011 or later	
Mini-Cadet (U13)	Born in 2009 or later	
Cadet (U15)	Born in 2007 or later	
Junior (U19)	Born in 2003 or later	
Under 21	Born in 2000 or later	
Senior	Open to Mini Cadet players and older	
Veterans	Born in 1982 or earlier	
Restricted	Outside Top 20 Men/Top 10 Women or equivalent	

PROVISIONAL EVENT START TIMES – subject to change					
		Saturday 15th		Sunday 16th	
		Senior	0830	Mini Cadet U13	0900
				Junior U18	0900
		Cadet U15	1400		
		U21	1400	Restricted	1200
		Veterans	1400		
		U 11	1400		

* [Please watch Table Tennis Ireland web-site for updates](#)

CLOSING DATE: 31 December 2021, 5pm

	MS	LS	Vet	U-21	Rest.		U-11	U-13	U-15	U-19	
Fee (Senior)	25	25	20	25	20						
Fee (Junior)	15	15		15	15		10	15	15	15	

PLUS €3 per player Administration Fee



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, U-11):

First round groups, top two advancing to knockout, remainder to Plate event. Where possible, subject to entry numbers, normal format of groups into groups into KO may apply in some events. Playoffs will take place where possible. Depending on entry numbers, up to top four seeds may receive a bye to KO/2nd Round stage (at discretion of tournament referee).

Restricted Singles – Exclusions apply to Ireland Ranked Top 20 Men and Top 10 Women, or equivalent, at the discretion of the 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 their own event, and should not arrive at the venue ahead of the times stated on the TTI Website. Groups/times will be posted on the website two days before the tournament.

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. Players may enter the **senior event, the restricted event and up to two age limited events.** Players may only enter their own age group and their next oldest eligible age group, eg U11 and Min-Cadet; Mini Cadet & Cadet; Cadet & Junior; Junior and U21. 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. Participants not meeting the necessary requirements will be denied access to the venue.
20. **Acceptance of these Regulations/C19 Protocols is itself a condition of entry.**

COVID-19 Protocols

- **Players, registered Club Coaches and designated TTI Event 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.

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.
- **All adult participants, coaches or officials must provide proof of vaccination to gain access to the event. For the avoidance of doubt, ‘adult participants’ are principally those who are ineligible to participate in underage events, ie those Born 2002 or earlier. Final year Junior category participants, ie Born 2003, will also be required to produce proof of vaccination. Participants Born 2004 or later are not required to present proof of vaccination. Proof of vaccination is the EU or NHS Digital Covid Certificate or equivalent. Please note that Certificates/QR Codes will be scanned. Failure to provide the necessary valid documentation will result in exclusion from the venue – please assist our volunteers and cooperate with the requirements for the event. Please do not enter/attend if you are unable to meet the requirements for entry, as denial of entry may offend.**

- All participants accept that their attendance at the event will be recorded, in the event of future requirements for contact tracing.
- For additional peace of mind, it is suggested that all participants should download the HSE COVID-19 App for their phone.
- 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, or who have, in the previous 48 hours, been ill/symptomatic, 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.
- Additional COVID-19 guidelines/protocols may be applied in the event of updated or revised guidance for the sector. In the event of full or part cancellation or deferral of events, full refunds will be available.
- 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.