

ANNUAL REPORT 2025

A Sport for All, A Sport for Life

Annual Reports 2025



ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Saturday 7th June 2025 10.30am

Pavilion Building National Sports Campus, Snugborough Rd, Blanchardstown, Co. Dublin 15, D15 DY62

The Board would encourage all members who plan on attending the AGM on Saturday 7th of June 2025, to read the Annual Reports in advance of the meeting.



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1. Introduction to Table Tennis Ireland

Table Tennis Ireland (TTI) is the National Governing Body for Table Tennis on the island of Ireland, responsible for developing and growing the sport. Formed in 1937, TTI represents the interests of our members by promoting, coordinating, administering and operating our sport.

Our Vision: A Sport for All, a Sport for Life!

We want to see table tennis played widely through a large network of self-sufficient community clubs and for it to be recognised as both a sport that brings active fun to all but also as a performance and Olympic sport.

Our Mission:

- To develop table tennis in Ireland through local branches, clubs and schools in order to attract and retain players, coaches and volunteers in the sport.
- To create enjoyable and fulfilling opportunities with table tennis events which cater for all ages and abilities.
- To promote the sport widely using innovative digital technologies, championing our star players and raising the profile.
- To provide strategy, governance and leadership in the promotion of the sport.

Our Values:

- Transparency
- Inclusivity
- Excellence and professionalism
- Respect and fairness
- Receptive to change
- Fur

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The core work of TTI is to grow participation in the sport, to provide a pathway for players to achieve their goals, to educate coaches, to attract volunteers, officials and referees, and to help clubs develop and grow.

We are affiliated to the ITTF (International Table Tennis Federation), the ETTU (European Table Tennis Union), the OFI (Olympic Federation of Ireland), PI (Paralympics Ireland) and are members of the FIS (Federation of Irish Sport).

We are a Sport Ireland (SI) funded body and are signed up to the SI Code of Governance as a Type C organisation. Further details can be found on the TTI and Sport Ireland Website.

Legal Name: Irish Table Tennis Association,

Company Limited by Guarantee **Trading Name**: Table Tennis Ireland

Registered Office: Irish Sports HQ Sport Ireland National Sports Campus

Blanchardstown, Dublin 15

Registered number: 119313

Independent Auditors: OSK Audit Ltd East Point Plaza, East Point, Dublin 3

Bankers: Bank of Ireland, 33-34 Arran Quay, Smithfield,

Dublin 7

Website: www.tabletennisireland.ie

2. Notice of Annual General Meeting

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Annual General Meeting of the Irish Table Tennis Association Company Limited by Guarantee will be held in the <u>Pavilion Building National Sports Campus,</u> <u>Snugborough Rd, Blanchardstown, Co. Dublin 15, D15 DY62</u> on the 7th day of June 2025 at 10.30am for the following purposes:

- 1. To approve the Minutes of the last Annual General Meeting.
- 2. To receive the Annual report of the Board
- 3. To receive and consider the Directors' and Auditors' Report and the Financial Statements for the year ended 31st December 2025.
- 4. To authorise the Directors to appoint and fix the remuneration of the Auditors.
- 5. Reviewing Company Affairs and Annual Report
- 6. Chair's Report
- 7. CEO and Executive Report
- 8. To elect the following Officers:
 - a. Directors
 - b. Company Secretary
- 9. To appoint:
 - a. President
 - b. Vice Presidents
 - c. Disciplinary Committee
 - d. Appeals Committee
- 10. Motions (see attached)
- 11. AOB

By Order of the Board,

David McNally CEO Dated this 16th day of May 2025

The following documents can be downloaded: Financial Statements and proxy vote form

Notes: Only fully paid affiliated members who are registered seven days before the date of the AGM are entitled to attend. A fully affiliated paid member entitled to attend and vote at the abovementioned meeting is entitled to appoint a proxy to attend and vote in his/her stead. A proxy need not be a member of the Company. This form must be deposited at the Registered Office of the Company, by email, not less than 48 hours before the time for holding this meeting. **10.30am on Thursday 5**th **June 2024.**

3. Minutes of 2024 Annual General Meeting

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4. Financial Statements and Auditors Report for Year Ended 31/12/2024.

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5. Finance Report

Year Ended 31 December 2024

1. Overview

The Irish Table Tennis Association CLG has concluded the financial year 2024 with a positive surplus, reflecting prudent financial management and effective use of grant funding. The organisation remains committed to promoting and developing table tennis across Ireland.

2. Financial Highlights

	2024 (€)	2023 (€)
Total Income	576.533	456,965
Total Expenditure	542,780	482,800
Surplus / (Deficit)	33,753	-25,835
Retained Earnings (Year-End)	66,619	32,866

3. Restricted and Unrestricted Funding and Grant Management

Aside from Core, Affiliation and Club membership and some small development income all other grant funding is restricted and can only be spent against the criteria of the grant applied for. Deferred grant income at year-end was €159,468, down from €238,006 in 2023. All Sport Ireland grants were used in accordance with their intended purposes, with no duplication of funding.

Sport Ireland - Deferred Grants

	Opening Balance	Grant Received 2024	Grant Released 2024	Closing balance
Core Funding Grant	€ 50,000	€ 210,000	€ (260,000)	.€
Dormant Account Funding Grant	109,539	31,000	(38,830)	101,709
Women in Sport Grant	12,156	30,000	(23, 203)	18,953
Special Projects and Programmes Grant	3,650	-	(686)	2,964
Covid-19 Return to Sport Grant	1,300	-	(112)	1,188
Covid-19 Restart Grant	35,127	-	(7,874)	27,253
CEO Recruitment Grant	16,141	-	(16,141)	-
Her Moves Grant	10,093	9,000	(11,692)	7,401
	238,006	280,000	(358,538)	159,468
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4. Income and Expenditure Overview (a selection)

		2024	2023		
Area	Income	Expenditure	Income	Expenditure	
Affiliation and Membership Fees	19,742		13,963		
Vetting fees		677		320	
Insurance		9,742		8,396	
League app		2,264		1,023	
Domestic events	11,523	17,913	8,248	14,940	
Coach Education	16,705	16,802	4,870	6,399	
Junior/Senior International events	48,298	60,108	73,892	97,864	
Para International Events	16,997	17,873	21,760	25,257	

6. Balance Sheet Summary

- Fixed Assets: €8,404 (net of depreciation (€9186)

- Current Assets: €281,097 - Current Liabilities: €222,882

- Net Assets: €66,619

7. Audit Opinion

The independent auditors, OSK Audit Limited, issued an unqualified opinion, confirming that:

- The financial statements give a true and fair view.
- The company is a going concern.
- No material misstatements were found.

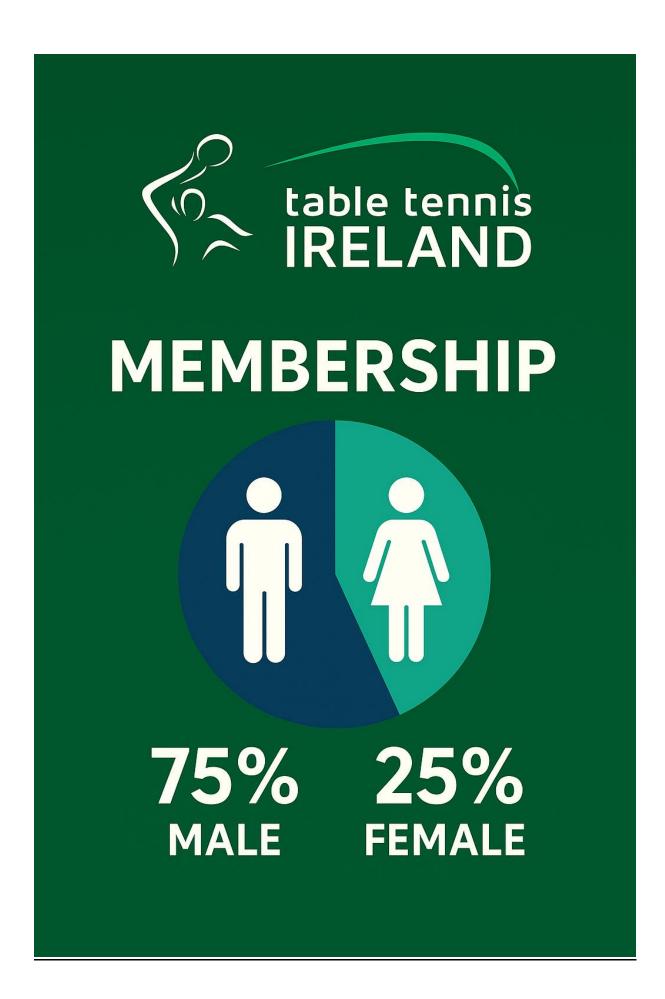
8. Governance & Risk

The Board continues to monitor financial sustainability, with a focus on:

- Diversifying income sources.
- Managing risks related to funding volatility.
- Ensuring compliance with all regulatory and grant conditions.

9. Conclusion

The Association has demonstrated strong financial stewardship in 2024, achieving a surplus and maintaining a healthy cash position. Continued investment in development, inclusion, and performance programmes remains a priority.



6. Company Secretary Report

Mrs. President, Ladies and Gentlemen, I am pleased to present the Company Secretary Report.

The Role of the Company Secretary:

Every Irish company is legally obliged to appoint a Company Secretary. Under the Companies Act 2014 the duties and powers of the Company Secretary largely comprises of those delegated by the Directors. In the absence of a suitable Company Secretary to take on the role in 2023 Table Tennis Ireland arranged for CCS Corporate Secretaries (through OSK our Auditors) to take on the role of Company Secretary in terms of dealing with the CRO and registering of new Directors and any other interactions with the CRO. All other company secretarial tasks and functions such as minute taking and record management were carried out by Catherine Finegan in 2024. In January 2025 Catherine Finegan became the Registered Company Secretary for the Irish table Tennis Association. Catherine has worked with Table Tennis Ireland for two years now as Finance and Governance Officer and she is a Qualified Accounting Technician and member if the Accounting Technicians Ireland (formerly IATI which is the leading professional body for accounting technicians on the Island of Ireland). Catherine, has completed several Company Secretary courses in 2024 with Sport Ireland and Carmichael House in preparation for the role and she serves the TTI Governance working group who are currently engaged in the Governance review of the organisation

Corporate Governance:

Effective governance is crucial as it ensures accountability, transparency, and alignment of the organisation's activities with its mission and values. Non-profit governance relies heavily on the Board of Directors overseeing the organisation's operations, ensuring compliance with legal and ethical standards, and safeguarding the interests of all stakeholders, including all benefactors and funders of the organisation, all players, Volunteers and beneficiaries, and the community.

It is a requirement for the Company to be compliant with the Governance Code for Sport, and I am pleased to remind the members that the Irish Table Tennis Association has been compliant with the Code since December 2021. However, this compliance and public statement is due to be renewed in 2025. A Governance working group has been engaged with Carmichael House over the past year. An intensive full review of the organisation's Governance is being carried out. By mid-year review of 2025, we will be able to declare (at the very least) that the Irish Table Tennis Association is partially compliant (with explanations) with the Governance Code for Sport as a Type C organisation.

Board Composition 2024:

Chair: Arnold Morgan

Director: Dr. Pat McCloughan

Director: Sanjeev Shelar

Director: Greg Yarnall Director from June 2024

Director: Marie Power Director from June 2024

Director: Dilyara Boncheva Director from June 2024

Resignations: Kathy Enderson Resigned in October 2024 as Finance Director. We thank Kathy for all her hard work and support to the Board and Staff and wish her well in her future projects.

Company Secretary: CSS Corporate Secretarial Services Limited up to December 2024 and Catherine Finegan from January 2025.

Board Meetings: There were 9 Board meetings held in 2024. Attendance of Directors is stated in the table below:

The Board currently has gender balance with a 60:40 split of Male: Female Directors.

	Meeting								
Directors	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
Arnold Morgan	Present								
Kathy Enderson	Present	Present	Present	Present	Present				
Pat McCoughlan	Present								
Dilyara Boncheva		Present	Present		Present	Present	Present		
Sanjeev Shelar		Present							
Greg Yarnall					Present	Present		Present	Present
Marie Power					Present	Present		Present	present
In attendance									
David McNally	Present								
John McKenna	Present	Present							
Catherine Finegan						Present	Present	Present	Present

Statutory Compliance:

I confirm that all statutory documentation required to be filed with the Companies Registration Office has been filed. The next annual return date of the company is the 22nd of August 2025. Following approval of the Financial Statements, the Board can arrange for the annual return and Financial Statements to be submitted in advance of the deadline.

Updates in Company Law:

No updates relevant to the organisation for 2024

The Registers and Minute Book:

The Board has met nine times since the last AGM. Minutes of the Meetings are prepared for approval and placed in the Minute Book of the company. Minutes of General Meetings are prepared during the meeting or shortly thereafter and are also placed in the Minute Book of the Company. The Members have an opportunity to consider and adopt the minutes of General Meetings at the AGM. The Company Registers and Minute Book are maintained at the Registered Office Address.

Catherine Finegan

Acting Company Secretary **Table Tennis Ireland**. May 2025



CLUB AFFILIATION

- 1. Engaged 39 Clubs
- 2. Not Engaged 59 Clubs

Engaged Clubs

- 1. Fully Affiliated –14 Clubs
- 2. Filled Out Form and Paid Fees
 -15 Clubs
- 3. Filled Out Form Only 8 Clubs
- 4. Uploading Documentation 4 Clubs

7. Chair and Directors Report

Arnold Morgan, Chair - Table Tennis Ireland

It is once again my privilege to present this report to the members of Table Tennis Ireland, having been elected as Chair in 2023.

I would like to extend my sincere thanks to the Board, staff, committees, provincial branches, leagues, clubs, volunteers, and officials for their unwavering support, energy, and enthusiasm throughout the year. Your commitment and the generous giving of your time are the foundations upon which our sport continues to grow and thrive.

This brief report does not aim to capture the full extent of work undertaken to keep TTI functioning effectively. Rather, it provides an overview and sets the stage for the more detailed reports that follow. We've also introduced some changes to the format this year to ensure these AGM Reports are more user-friendly and easier to engage with.

The Board

The following directors were elected in 2024:

- Sanjeev Shelar
- Dilyara Boncheva
- Marie Power
- Greg Yarnell

They joined the existing Board comprising Kathy Enderson (Finance Director), Pat McCloughan, and myself, bringing the total to seven directors.

I would like to thank all Board members for their willingness to serve and for sharing their expertise in helping to develop and promote the sport. Over the past year, the Board held nine meetings, focusing on key areas such as governance, finance, budget planning, mid-year reviews, and audit and risk.

Several directors also contributed to a major Governance Review, which the Board looks forward to finalising shortly.

Special thanks go to Kathy Enderson, our Finance Director, for her commitment during the first half of the year. With support from CEO David McNally, Catherine Finnigan, and staff, Kathy played a vital role in producing key financial reports. She stepped down mid-year, and I wish to acknowledge her valued advice and guidance throughout her tenure. A new Finance Director will be proposed later in this meeting, along with several new directors.

Provincial Branches

The role of our provincial branches, and their contribution to both table tennis and local communities, is greatly appreciated. These branches are led by volunteers with strong knowledge of their local landscapes, and their voices are vital to TTI's success.

To support this, I have held a number of formal and informal meetings with provincial chairs to provide space for discussion, feedback, and problem-solving where needed.

Membership

Membership continues to grow, supported by the introduction of new categories designed to engage recreational, social, and league players. Initiatives such as Bat and Chat, Parkinson's Table Tennis, the work of our Regional Development Officers, and the Women in Sport programme have proven successful in engaging new communities.

The League App also continues to grow in popularity, improving the management and enjoyment of league play. That said, female participation across all age groups remains an ongoing concern—one that is not unique to our sport, but that we are committed to addressing.

Events

The increased use of event management software has helped streamline tournament operations across the provinces. While not a new tool, its wider adoption has enhanced efficiency and coordination.

It is, however, disappointing to note that table tennis remains unclassified as a High-Performance sport in Ireland. This does not reflect the talent and dedication shown by our players and coaches. Despite this, TTI remains committed to supporting athletes with high-performance aspirations within the limits of our available resources.

School-level participation has increased in several provinces. The appointment of Regional Development Officers (RDOs) in each province is expected to help further this progress—but success will depend on active collaboration and support from each provincial branch.

Irish Veterans Association

The Irish Veterans Association continues to go from strength to strength. Congratulations and thanks to all involved for their commitment and excellent organisation.

Para Table Tennis

Our Para Table Tennis athletes continue to inspire with their performances at home and internationally. Colin Judge continues to lead by example, and it is encouraging to see a new generation of Para players beginning to emerge.

Umpires and Referees

Our sport cannot function without the commitment of umpires and referees. I extend my thanks to everyone who has taken on these vital roles. As ever, we welcome more volunteers to support this crucial area of the game.

Staff

Finally, on behalf of the Board and the membership, I wish to express heartfelt thanks to our CEO David McNally, and to the dedicated staff in both Dublin and Lisburn. Your work on behalf of Table Tennis Ireland is greatly appreciated and recognised by all involved in the sport.

Arnold Morgan Chair, Table Tennis Ireland



COACH EDUCATION

43 NEWLY QUALIFIED LEVEL 1 COACHES 11

9 NEWLY QUALIFIED LEVEL 2 COACHES 1

NEW COACH DEVELOPER

8. CEO Report 2024

Mr. President, Chairman, Ladies and Gentlemen, we are pleased to present the CEO Executive/management Report to Members for 2024/2025 Season.

CEO Report – Table Tennis Ireland Annual Report 2025

1. Participation and Development

Participation

Equipment and Resources: An audit of school-based equipment is underway to assess underused resources and optimise local development opportunities. The most significant resource to be launched in 2024 was the introduction of the Community and Club Development Officers (CCDO's) in Connacht and Leinster from September 2024 and in Munster from April 2025. In Connacht, the CCDO role expanded from two to three days weekly, supporting grassroots projects and club development. A shortage of equipment and volunteers remains a challenge, particularly in rural regions, and is being proactively addressed through Local Sports Partnerships (LSPs).

Third-Level Education: Partnership with Munster Technological University (MTU) delivered two Activator Courses to 40 students. These will support future delivery in schools and community programmes from September 2025.

New Clubs and Affiliation: Three new clubs were established in Leinster, including adult and junior clubs. Structured support was provided for youth planning, equipment access, and coaching. In Connacht, community engagement and school taster sessions led to new clubs in Ballinagare, Riverstown, and Drumshanbo. Additional development is underway in Westport, Kinlough, Ballycastle, and Carrick-on-Shannon, where a second Bounce Table Tennis club is planned.

Coaching Development: 43 Level 1 and 9 Level 2 coaches were certified during the period. Five new CPD workshops included Coaching Teenage Girls, Autism in Sport, and Technical Skills Development, Female Leadership and LGBTQ+ Awareness reaching a total of 41 participants. Recognition of Prior Learning (RPL) policies were developed to enable non-traditional entry to Level 2 coaching. One new coach developer progressed through the Sport Ireland Coach Developer Programme, with additional candidates to be identified in due course. Notably, the first Level 1 coaching course in Connacht in many years took place in May 2025. New activator awards are being developed for PE teachers and tutors in Mayo, Sligo, and Leitrim, with plans to expand into Galway and Roscommon.

Erasmus+ Learning: Staff exchanges with Borussia Düsseldorf and new projects with partners in Portugal and Finland if successful will aim to enhance inclusion and grassroots pathways.

Club and Community Development

Club Engagement: 39 clubs (40%) are currently engaged with TTI, with 14 fully affiliated and a further 27 progressing through the affiliation process. This reveals a need for more targeted outreach to reactivate non-engaged clubs.

Community Outreach: Bat & Chat sessions were used to initiate community hubs in Ballymun and Newbawn-Raheen, contributing to long-term membership and social participation growth. A notable inclusion project in Ballycastle (Mayo), run in partnership with SICAP and Mayo LSP, used table tennis to support International Protection Applicants. Connacht LSPs have expressed strong interest in replicating similar inclusion models.

Schools Engagement: Two roadshow pilot programmes in Wexford and Carlow reached over 1,013 primary school pupils, with follow-up festivals and school-club linkage plans underway. Active Schools Week 2025 is expected to further extend reach. In Connacht, after-school clubs were revived in Killala, Ballina, Boyle, and Riverstown. Plans are in motion for a Connacht Schools Competition in 2025/2026.

Activator and Coaching Courses: A total of seven Activator Awards and four Level 1 coaching courses were delivered during the reporting period, resulting in 43 newly qualified Level 1 coaches (32 male, 11 female). Nine coaches (8 male, 1 female) also received Level 2 certification. These achievements significantly enhance local development capacity across all provinces.

Women in Sport: Over 1,090 participants engaged in 47 WIS and Her Moves activities. The Young Leaders Officiating Award and PingPong Art programmes have targeted 190 female students and young leaders, with tailored activator content delivered in third-level institutions (e.g., MTU).

Community Growth: Social and inclusive participation increased through Bat & Chat sessions, with positive uptake in Longford and Wexford. Four regional events specifically targeted female players, and new community club affiliations have begun to emerge as a result.

Pathways and Performance Development

Significant progress has been made in developing both development and pathway performance systems:

Domestic Pathways: Youth classifications and national events demonstrated increased depth, particularly in junior entries, which rose by 76% in 2024.

International Representation: Irish athletes competed in over a dozen international competitions including WTT events, European Championships, and World University Games. Peadar Sheridan, Anjali Singh and others continued to excel at international level, while the European Youth Olympic selection highlights our strengthening junior performance base.

Para Table Tennis: Multiple athletes consistently represented Ireland on the global stage. A total of 19 Irish athletes competed in Para events including Sheffield, Malmo, and the ITTF Para series in Poland and Finland. Domestic inclusion programmes supported disability sport in youth and adult populations.

2. Brilliant Events

Table Tennis Ireland successfully delivered a comprehensive events calendar, from grassroots to performance level, with rising participation and enhanced quality.

National Championships 2025: Held in Craigavon, the Championships drew 154 players and recorded a near 19% rise in entries. The event received outstanding feedback for organisation, hospitality and communications. The implementation of tournament software improved efficiency and participant experience.

Classifications & Inter provincials: Junior classifications saw a 76% increase in entries compared to 2023. The Interprovincial Championships noted slight improvement in entries, with targeted actions underway to increase female participation.

International Representation: Irish athletes competed in more than a dozen major events, including the European Youth Championships, WTT Austria, and World University Games. Players have maintained visibility on the international stage.

Para Representation: TTI supported para athletes at multiple international events, continuing to build an inclusive and high-performing para pathway. Consistent involvement of athletes highlights our commitment to performance and inclusion.

Event Feedback and Improvements: Surveys show a strong satisfaction rate, with positive feedback on venue quality, match scheduling, and officiating. Areas for improvement include livestreaming, scheduling consistency and broader female representation.

3. Building Profile

Progress in communication, visibility, and stakeholder engagement has enhanced the public profile of the organisation.

Media and Livestreaming: Increased use of digital channels, including livestreams, social media and post-event interviews, supported greater visibility and engagement. National Championships and major competitions featured more prominently online.

Partnerships and Collaborations: Strategic collaboration with Erasmus+ partners, including Borussia Düsseldorf, helped inform our inclusion work. Further Erasmus proposals involving Portugal and Finland are underway to expand grassroots access.

Community Visibility: TTI's Her Moves article publication on Sport Ireland's platform highlighted our creative approach to engaging teenage girls in sport. Additional recognition came through successful school programmes and growing relationships with Local Sports Partnerships.

Profile of Leadership: Coach educators and Development officers have played visible roles across national CPD and school-based initiatives, reinforcing a presence in both professional and volunteer settings.

4. Organisational Strength and Capability

Table Tennis Ireland is committed to excellence in governance, transparency, and effective leadership:

Governance Code: TTI has maintained compliance with the Sport Ireland Governance Code since 2021. A comprehensive governance review is complete in partnership with Carmichael House, and the organisation expects to confirm at least partial compliance (with explanations) as a Type C organisation by mid-2025. The Board will now take in and consider the review to discuss and bring forward any proposals to the membership.

Board Development: Three new directors joined the Board in 2024, contributing to greater diversity and breadth of experience. A new Company Secretary, was appointed in January 2025, strengthening governance oversight. The Board recognises that further succession planning needs to be done to strengthen the Board's skill set.

Meetings and Records: Nine Board Meetings were held in 2024. All required statutory filings are up to date, and preparations are underway for the annual return deadline of August 2025.

Strategy Monitoring: The Strategy Tracker has been updated regularly, allowing for clearer oversight of progress across strategic objectives. Staff reports contribute directly to tracking outcomes and informing decision-making.

Club Engagement Strategy: While 39 clubs remain actively engaged, a clear need for outreach to the 59 non-engaged clubs has been identified. A segmented engagement and affiliation strategy is being actioned to address this.

Monitoring and Evaluation: The Strategy Tracker continues to be used to monitor progress across all themes, with input from staff reports integrated to inform strategic decisions.

Funding and Reporting: All statutory filings are up to date. Submissions to Sport Ireland, including for WIS funding and Erasmus+ grants, position the organisation well for future development funding.

Conclusion

The period from January 2024 to May 2025 has been one of alignment, growth, and renewed ambition. The foundations laid through structured development, collaboration, and innovation provide a platform for sustainable impact in the years ahead. As we prepare for the next cycle of strategic planning and compliance renewal, I would like to thank our Board, staff, volunteers, players, and partners for their continued commitment to the growth and integrity of our sport.

The period has been one of consolidation and renewal. The foundations laid across participation, events, visibility, and governance will support Table Tennis Ireland in reaching its long-term strategic goals. As we move into the next phase, the organisation is well positioned to scale impact and deliver inclusive, high-quality opportunities for all participants. The progress made demonstrates the potential for tailored, regional approaches within TTI's national framework. By embedding community development, coach education, and inclusion at the heart of its strategy, Table Tennis Ireland is building resilient foundations that will sustain future growth.

David McNally

Chief Executive Officer

Table Tennis Ireland

May 2025



9. Safeguarding Report

Safeguarding Report 2024/2025

During the period following the last AGM I have worked closely with CEO David McNally and Adrian Brown to review and amend the risk assessment required by Sport Ireland. This was submitted in early 2025. In February 2025 a new Social Media Consent form was developed by Julia, which was reviewed and signed off. David and I have also recently signed off on a Joint Vetting Agreement with Special Olympics Ireland for Table Tennis.

I am currently in the process of working on amendments to our current safeguarding policy which will be a cohesive document covering both jurisdictions. This will also include the safeguarding of vulnerable adults as well as children/young people.

This coming year I hope to be able to link in with clubs and finalise the formulation of a formal overnight stays policy, which has proved to be a little challenging. I will be looking to club officers for their input around their experiences and ways in which we can achieve this in the event that we do not have a female coach able to be present for such trips and one which will provide parents/guardians with reassurance.

Since the last years AGM there have been:

43 - Garda vettings

6 - Access NI requests

Currently there are 7 Garda Vettings & 0 Access NI requests being processed

Last year saw Table Tennis Ireland started providing Safeguarding Level 1 training. Molly has been the person who has co-ordinated these and she has provided her own report in relation to this. To date we have provided the following:

2024:

Two level 1 trainings September & December

<u>2025:</u>

One level 1 training in January

Another was due to be held in March with another NGB; however, the event was unable to go ahead due to numbers.

One Level 2 course for Club Children's Officers took place in May

There have been no safeguarding concerns raised directly with me by any of our clubs since last year's AGM. I remind people that if there is anything they need in respect of advice, support or guidance to email me at safeguarding@tabletennisireland.ie

We are still in need of a Provincial Safeguarding Officer for Connacht. If there is anyone who would be interested in this position, then please get in touch with me via the email address above.

The work of Safeguarding will continue with the planned reviews of policy and procedures, along with assisting clubs towards necessary high standards of safeguarding.

I would like to thank David McNally and Arnold Morgan for their support and encouragement during this last year and also our provincial safeguarding officers, Adrian Brown, Annette Murtagh and Eoin Kelly for their work and continued commitment to safeguarding in our sport. Thanks also need to be extended to our admin staff who do a lot of work behind the scenes including attending meetings, I would especially like to thank Molly who answers any queries and emails I forward to her without any hesitation, it really does make tasks so much easier.

C.D. Mohes

Clair Hughes

Nation Safeguarding Officer

10. Motions for 2025 AGM

The Munster Branch

Motion1

In light of the current percentages of eligible members for the respective branches, who are entitled to vote at general meetings, that TTI carry out a review of the current bloc voting arrangements for general meetings and make the necessary changes to reflect current membership levels effective as soon as possible.

Motion 2

That TTI take as given that every province should be able to host an Open Championships and be financially supported by TTI to do so.

Motion 3

That TTI release a calendar of international events, as targeted by Performance/Para coaches, as early as possible in the 2025/26 season and beyond, in order to allow for the earlier block booking of accommodation/flights etc by TTI and to allow players and families of junior players to provide early expressions of availability if selected.

11. AOB

