



# UCD HOME COUNTRIES INTERNATIONAL 2025



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# CHAIRPERSON'S MESSAGE

It gives me great pleasure to welcome the Home Countries teams and supporters to Dublin for what promises to be an inspiring weekend of table tennis. This Championship stands as a testament to the collaboration and shared values that unite our sport across these islands.

In recent years, Table Tennis Ireland has been working with renewed focus to deliver on our Strategic Plan 2022–2028, strengthening pathways for players, supporting clubs, and ensuring that table tennis is truly a sport for all. We have seen growth in participation, the introduction of new community and health-based programmes, and increasing engagement across schools, clubs, and provinces.

These achievements are the result of the dedication of our executive team, staff, and countless volunteers who work tirelessly to develop the sport at every level. Their commitment embodies the inclusive and forward-looking spirit of Table Tennis Ireland.

As we welcome our Home Countries friends, we celebrate not only international competition but also the unity, respect, and shared love of the game that bring us all together.

**Arnold Morgan**  
Chair, Board of Table Tennis Ireland



# PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

It is a great honour in my new role as President, on behalf of Table Tennis Ireland, to welcome all our friends from England, Scotland, Wales, the Isle of Man, Guernsey, and Jersey to Dublin for the 2025 Home Countries Table Tennis Championships.

Table tennis has a long and proud history in Ireland, with the first national associations established over 90 years ago and Irish players having competed with distinction across Europe and beyond. Hosting the Home Countries once again provides us with a wonderful opportunity to celebrate that history and to showcase the passion, hospitality, and sporting spirit that defines our game here.

This event has always represented more than just competition — it is about connection, camaraderie, and shared pride in our sport. I extend my sincere thanks to all the teams, coaches, officials, and volunteers who continue to make this Championship such a special occasion on the table tennis calendar.

I wish every player success on the tables, and I hope that you all enjoy your time in Ireland, taking home not only medals but also fond memories and friendships that last well beyond the final point.

Do not hesitate to engage in those vital times of conversation during this special tournament as we celebrate our Region and seek to support each other!

**Alan Strong MBE**  
**President, Table Tennis Ireland**





## University College Dublin

### Ireland's Global University

University College Dublin (UCD) is the largest University in Ireland, with over 38000 students drawn from across 152 countries, set on a parkland estate of 133 hectares, and is one of Europe's leading research-intensive Universities, ranked within the top 1% worldwide of higher education institutions.

International students make up over 25% of the UCD student body, pursuing courses in a wide variety of disciplines such as Law, Science, Business, Medicine, Engineering, and Arts, including undergraduate BSc degree courses in Sport & Exercise Management and Sport Health & Exercise Science, as well as the graduate MSc in Sport Management.

In addition to world leading academic standards, UCD is proud of a cultural and sporting tradition which has been at the forefront of Irish life since the foundation of the University. Over 150 student societies and student sports clubs are active in UCD, including our Table Tennis Club, which has not only been at the competitive edge of third level table tennis through a strong talent identification, coaching and scholarship programme, but separately has also created or fostered dozens of senior national and international players, including internationals, Irish-ranked #1s, and National Champions, such as Eoin Byrne, Tom Davis, Alex Gillen, Colin Judge, Noelle Lennon, Katie McGlone, Art McLaughlin, Gavin Maguire, John Murphy, Joey Nelson, and Ashley Robinson.

Most of these players named above have previously had the honour of competing at a Home Countries International, and this weekend is the chance for this generation of players to take home their titles and achieve personal milestones in their own table tennis career. The best of luck to all competitors.



# COLIN JUDGE – THE PARALYMPIAN



**A true symbol of resilience and determination, Colin Judge has become one of Ireland's most inspiring sporting figures. Born without legs and one arm, Colin discovered table tennis as a young boy — and what began as a pastime quickly turned into a lifelong passion and pursuit of excellence.**

Representing Ireland on the international stage, Colin has competed at multiple European and World Championships, and proudly represented his country at the Tokyo 20 and Paris 24 Paralympic Games. His journey has not been without setbacks, including injuries and the challenges of competing at the highest level, but Colin's unwavering focus and belief have continually driven him forward.



Beyond medals and rankings, Colin's greatest impact lies in his example. He represents what's possible when courage meets opportunity — showing young players, with or without disabilities, that barriers can be overcome through hard work, self-belief, and love for the game.

Today, Colin continues to inspire the next generation, both on and off the table, embodying the spirit of inclusion, representation, and perseverance that defines himself and Table Tennis Ireland.

# MONASTEREVIN PING PONG CLUB: A STORY OF PASSION, PERSEVERANCE, AND COMMUNITY

What began as one person's simple love for table tennis has grown into a vibrant, welcoming community hub in Monasterevin — thanks to the quiet determination and open-hearted spirit of Pauline Marterer.

Originally from France, Pauline's earliest memories of table tennis are filled with laughter and sunshine — games played with friends during summer camps and family holidays. After settling in Ireland, she rediscovered her passion for the sport at Newbridge Table Tennis Club. When the club closed for the summer, Pauline found herself missing the rhythm of play and the sense of connection it brought. Instead of waiting for the next season to begin, she decided to create something new.

When a local community hall became available, Pauline and a friend saw an opportunity to bring table tennis to Monasterevin. With a few donated tables, some second-hand finds, and plenty of enthusiasm, Monasterevin Ping Pong Club was born.

A single phone call to Leinster CCDO Ivanna Yates marked a turning point. Pauline had noticed growing interest from local teenagers and wanted to create a space for them to play and connect. With support from Table Tennis Ireland (TTI), she completed the steps to affiliate the club — including Garda vetting and safeguarding training — and launched a youth club that quickly became a popular fixture in the community.



# ***But Pauline's vision didn't stop there.***

After a conversation with Ivanna, the idea of a summer camp emerged. Pauline embraced it wholeheartedly, reaching out to families and organising what became a hugely successful event. The enthusiasm and smiles of the young participants led naturally to the creation of a kids' club, expanding the club's reach to even more age groups and families.

At Table Tennis Ireland, we are proud to stand alongside Pauline and the Monasterevin Ping Pong Club on this journey. From practical support and guidance to the encouragement provided by our CCDO network, this story reflects the power of collaboration — and how sport can bring people together in lasting and meaningful ways.

Looking ahead, Pauline's energy and commitment continue to inspire. With support from Kildare Sports Partnership, she and Ivanna will soon be introducing table tennis to local schools through taster sessions — helping more children discover the joy of the game and the sense of belonging that comes with it. Over the summer, friendly challenge matches with nearby social clubs added another layer of fun and connection, reinforcing the club's growing community spirit.

Today, Monasterevin Ping Pong Club stands as much more than a place to play — it's a reflection of what happens when passion meets purpose, and when people come together around a shared dream. "No dream is too big, and nothing is out of reach. Reading about my achievements made me realise how far I've come — step by step, things just fell into place. I followed my instincts, welcomed ideas from others, and never hesitated to ask for help. Some plans took time to grow, others, like Ivanna's summer camp idea, came to life overnight! I'm deeply grateful to Table Tennis Ireland for helping me move forward so smoothly and efficiently."

**Written by Pauline Marterer**





# IT STARTED WITH A SLIDE:

## How Table Tennis for MS Found Its Home in Wexford

Written by Ivanna Yates Leinster CCDO

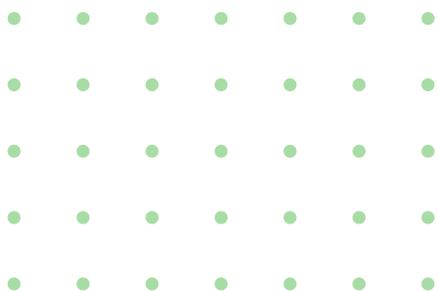
When asked to deliver a presentation on how you would set up a Multiple Sclerosis Table Tennis in the community group, I didn't expect it to bounce beyond the interview room. But sometimes, the best ideas start with a slide and end with a serve.

With a background in sports development and a passion for inclusive activity, this was a vision close to my heart. As the new Leinster CCDO, I saw the potential immediately, and, with a few well-placed conversations at a conference, the idea began to rally support.

Thanks to the wonderful collaboration with Ben Hunt from Sports Active Wexford, and the warm welcome from Newbawn Community Centre and Newbawn-Raheen Table Tennis Club, a weekly Bat & Chat session was born – tailored for individuals with MS and Parkinson's.

Over five weeks, we served up the basics of table tennis in a relaxed, laughter-filled environment. Rain or shine, the group showed up, paddles in hand and smiles on faces. The 11am tea break became a highlight – not just for the biscuits, but for the banter.

The final session was emotional, but not the end. The club has lovingly taken the group under its wing, ensuring the rallies continue. And yes, there was talk of a foreign trip to take on the world of table tennis... so watch this space!



# The UCD Home Countries International Timetable

## Friday 7th November

**Warm up:** 9.00am to 11.00am

**Welcome and opening remarks:** 11.00am

### Team Event

**Sessions One:** 11.30 am

**Session Two:** 2.00pm

**Session Three:** 4.30pm

## Saturday 8th November

### Continuation of Team Event

**Warm up:** 8am to 8.45am

**Session Four:** 9.00am

**Session Five:** 11.00am

**Session Six:** 2.00pm

**Session Seven:** 4.30pm.

(Each session should last between 90 - 120 mins)

**Presentation of team event:** 6.30pm (subject to change)

## Sunday 9th November

### Singles and Doubles events

**Warm up:** 8am to 8.45am

**Session Start:** 9.00 am

**Session Finish:** 1.00pm

# Cadet Boys

Nation	Players	NPC (Non-Playing Captain)					
Ireland	Clifford Tan, Christopher Allsop	Conn Higgins	●	●	●	●	●
England	Sinan Surensay, Ryan Goodier	—	●	●	●	●	●
Scotland	Joe Mulhern, Dean Robertson	Danilo Celli	●	●	●	●	●
Wales	Oliver Harvey, Jenson Denton-Smith, Dylan Williams	Cerys Evans	●	●	●	●	●
IOM	Liav Lanin, Henry Weaver	Malc Lewis	●	●	●	●	●
Guernsey	Luke Evans, Oliver Sparks	Becks O’Keefe	●	●	●	●	●
Jersey	Theo De Poerck, Callum Allaway	Miguel Freitas					

# Cadet Girls

Ireland	Eimear Hutchinson, Nuria Goldston	Jennifer Thompson
England	Soraya Rahmani-Walentynska, Alyssa Nguyen	—
Scotland	Kiishi Adekola, Alexandra Hart	Natalie Gallan
● ● Wales	Ffion Evans, Evelyn Turner-Samuels, Penny Muil	Nathan Thomas
● ● Guernsey	Keira Eldridge, Isla Bretel	Becks O’Keefe
● ● Jersey	Ella Devlin, Ruby Devlin	Leon Pierre

# Junior Boys

Nation	Players	NPC				
<b>Ireland</b>	Ben Watson, Aedan McGivern, Vincent Ni	Alan Hurley	●	●	●	●
<b>England</b>	Zac Greenhough, Pablo Ramirez Rioja	—	●	●	●	●
<b>Scotland</b>	Gavin Yuan, Daniel Tibbetts	Gordon Muir	●	●	●	●
<b>Wales</b>	Harry Street, Aneurin Evans	Lloyd Gregory	●	●	●	●
<b>IOM</b>	Amit Lanin, Dan Levine	Maggie Mulhern	●	●	●	●
<b>Guernsey</b>	Oskar Cleal, Micah Cohen	Ben Foote	●	●	●	●
<b>Jersey</b>	John Le Fondre, William Cornthwaite, Jack Mills	—				

# Junior Girls

<b>Ireland</b>	Anjali Singh, Grace Looney	Jing Yi Graham				
<b>England</b>	Eva Eccles, Rachael Iles	—				
<b>Scotland</b>	Maja Wojcicka, Nichole Lee	Lisa Notarangelo				
<b>Wales</b>	Lily Walters, Amelie David	Nancy Yeh				
<b>Guernsey</b>	Olivia Gilbert, Emily Gavey	Ben Foote				

# Senior Men

Nation	Players	NPC
<b>Ireland</b>	Paul McCreery, Tom Davis, Alex Gillen, Adam Faulkner, Tom Colvin (Ireland B)	Marcus McDonnell / John Fall
<b>England</b>	Isaac Kingham, Jakub Piwowar	—
<b>Scotland</b>	Colin Dalgleish, Martin Johnson	Stephen Gertsen
<b>Wales</b>	Callum Evans, Harri Doherty	Lloyd Gregory
<b>IOM</b>	Scott Lewis, Darren Smethurst	Maggie Mulhern
<b>Guernsey</b>	Garry Dodd, Joshua Stacey	Garry Dodd / Maurice James

# Senior Women

<b>Ireland</b>	Sabina Devereux, Mia O’Rahilly Egan	Tara Fusco
<b>England</b>	Ella Pashley, Sienna Jetha	—
<b>Scotland</b>	Faye Leggett, Alisa Khalid	Iain Rhind
<b>Wales</b>	Danielle Kelly, Lowri Hurd	—
<b>Guernsey</b>	Juliette Yeaman, Maija Hansen	Maurice James
<b>Jersey</b>	Hannah Silcock, Freya Allaway	Luc Miller

# THANK YOU!

## A Huge Thank You to Our Referees, Umpires and Volunteers!

Table Tennis Ireland would like to extend our sincere thanks to all the referees, umpires officiating and volunteers at the UCD Home Countries International 2025.

Without your dedication, professionalism, and commitment to fair play, events like this simply wouldn't be possible. You are the unsung heroes of the competition — ensuring that every match is played in the right spirit and to the highest standards.

### **Umpires:**

**Scotland:** Li Lin Forest, Sinclair Houston

**Wales:** Petter Higgins, Jackie Williams

**Isle of Man:** Darren Shaw, Mike Levine

**Jersey:** Martin Upper, Judy Cornthwaite

**Guernsey:** Frank Copollo, Steve Martin

**Ireland:** Siddeswara Prasad, John White, Norman McBride, Jimmy Sterling, Ala Al Janabi, John Finn, Brenda Burns, Niall O'Flathery, Jeremy Lappin, Brian Finn, John Dempsey, Joe Colvin, John Stalker, Jay McAllister

### **Referees:**

Adrian Brown

Conn Ó Ceadaigh

**From everyone at Table Tennis Ireland, thank you for the vital role you play in making the Home Countries International such a success.**

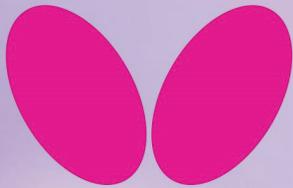
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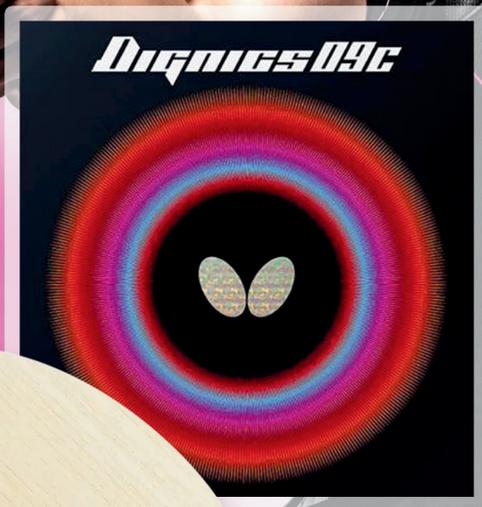
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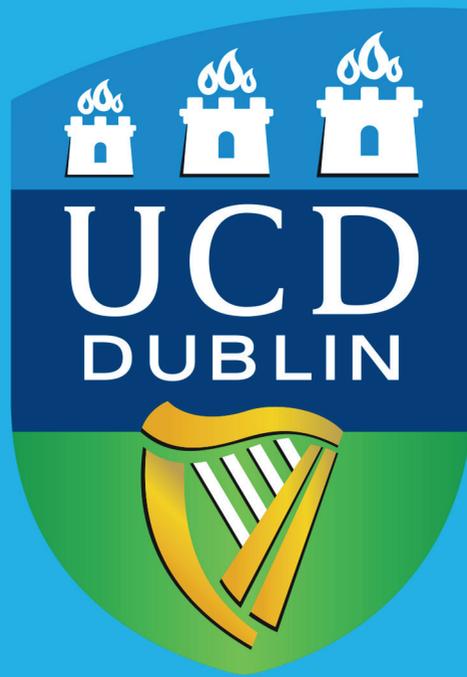


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