



**A SPORT FOR ALL,
A SPORT FOR LIFE**

ANNUAL REPORT
2025

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ABOUT TABLE TENNIS IRELAND

Table Tennis Ireland is the National Governing Body for Table Tennis on the island of Ireland, responsible for developing and growing the sport. Formed in 1937, Table Tennis Ireland represents the interests of its members by promoting, coordinating, administering and operating the sport at all levels.

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*
- *Fun*

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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.

<p>Legal Name: Irish Table Tennis Association, Company Limited by Guarantee</p> <p>Trading Name: Table Tennis Ireland</p> <p>Registered Office: Irish Sports HQ Sport Ireland National Sports Campus Blanchardstown, Dublin 15</p> <p>Registered number: 119313</p>	<p>Independent Auditors: OSK Audit Ltd East Point Plaza, East Point, Dublin 3</p> <p>Bankers: Bank of Ireland, 33-34 Arran Quay, Smithfield, Dublin 7</p> <p>Website: www.tabletennisireland.ie</p>
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SECTION 1

CHAIR AND DIRECTORS REPORT

Season 2025–2026

It is my privilege to present this report to the members of Table Tennis Ireland.

This has been another positive year for Table Tennis Ireland. The organisation has continued to grow and develop, supported by the dedication of our members, volunteers, staff, clubs, branches and partners throughout Ireland.

I sincerely thank the Board, staff, committees, provincial branches, leagues, clubs, volunteers, coaches, officials and members for their continued support and commitment throughout the year. Your time, energy and enthusiasm are vital to keeping our sport active, vibrant and growing.

I would also like to extend a special thanks to Sport Ireland, Sport Northern Ireland, the many local councils, and our valued sponsors and funding partners for their continued financial support and investment in our sport. Their contribution plays a vital role in enabling Table Tennis Ireland to deliver programmes, support clubs and athletes, host events, and expand participation opportunities across the island of Ireland.

While this report cannot capture the full extent of the work undertaken during the year, it provides an overview and introduces the more detailed reports that follow.

Our vision remains:

"A Sport for All, A Sport for Life."

This vision continues to guide the implementation of our Strategic Plan, providing a framework for growing participation, strengthening clubs and governance, developing pathways for players, coaches and officials, and ensuring the long-term sustainability of Table Tennis Ireland.

Participation initiatives continue to expand across Ireland, helping to introduce new people to the sport while promoting health, wellbeing, inclusion and social connection within local communities.

A major highlight of the year was the successful hosting of the Home Countries International Championships, bringing together teams from Ireland, England, Scotland and Wales and showcasing our ability to deliver major events to a high standard.

The Board

The Board remained focused on governance, financial oversight, risk management and organisational sustainability. Several new Directors joined during the year, bringing valuable expertise and experience to support the continued development of the organisation.

The Board met regularly throughout the year. Details of Board attendance and activity are set out elsewhere in this Annual Report.

The Governance, Audit and Risk Committee continued its important work in strengthening governance structures and developing a comprehensive risk management framework, helping to

ensure that Table Tennis Ireland remains a well-governed and sustainable organisation.

Branches

Provincial branches remain central to the development of table tennis throughout Ireland. Their committees and volunteers continue to support clubs, leagues, competitions and participation initiatives within their local communities.

The Board values the important role played by the branches and greatly appreciates the commitment, experience and dedication of those who serve within them. The Board also recognises the challenges that branches can face in maintaining volunteer structures and delivering on their responsibilities. We remain committed to working collaboratively with the branches and providing support wherever possible to help them continue their important work.

Events and Performance

The continued development of our events programme has been encouraging. Participation in classifications, championships and provincial events increased, while improvements to tournament management systems enhanced the experience for players, organisers and officials.

Although table tennis is not currently recognised as a High-Performance sport in Ireland, our athletes continue to achieve impressive results internationally through their dedication and the support of coaches, officials, volunteers and families.

Veterans, Para Table Tennis and Officials

The Irish Veterans Association remains one of the strongest and most active parts of our table tennis community, making a significant contribution to the sport through participation, competition and social engagement. Congratulations to the organisers and participants for their continued commitment and success.

Our Para athletes continue to inspire through their performances, determination and commitment. The continued development of the Para pathway provides encouragement for the future and reflects the growing strength of the programme.

Our umpires and referees remain essential to the successful delivery of competitions at all levels. Their professionalism, dedication and willingness to volunteer their time are greatly appreciated. The recently established Umpire Ambassador Programme is a welcome development that will help support the recruitment, development and retention of officials in the years ahead.

Acknowledgements and Looking Ahead

I would like to acknowledge the professionalism and commitment of our Chief Executive Officer, David McNally, and the staff team, whose work has been central to the progress achieved during the year.

While much has been achieved, our priorities remain clear: supporting clubs, growing participation, strengthening governance, developing coaches and officials, supporting athletes, and ensuring that Table Tennis Ireland remains a strong, sustainable and inclusive organisation.

There is every reason to be optimistic about the future as we continue working towards our vision:

"A Sport for All, A Sport for Life."

Arnold Morgan
Chair
Table Tennis Ireland
AGM 2026

SECTION 2

CEO'S REPORT

Season 2025–2026

Dear Members of Table Tennis Ireland,

After another year of brilliant table tennis across the island of Ireland, it is a genuine pleasure to report to you for our 2026 AGM. This has been another year of growth — in membership, in club numbers, in coaching capacity, and in results on the international stage. Our sport is in better shape and the energy and commitment of our members, volunteers, coaches, and staff has made that possible.

This report is structured around the four themes of our Strategic Plan 2022–2028. The detailed reports of our staff and committees are in the appendices; what follows are the highlights.

THEME 1 PARTICIPATION AND SPORT DEVELOPMENT

Membership growth has been the standout story of the season. We are growing, and growing fast.

1,629

members — up 44.7% year-on-year, our strongest rate of growth to date.

43

affiliated clubs — with 11 new clubs joining this season.

1,601

participants in Women in Sport and Her Moves programmes, across 71 events involving 39 partners.

36

new Level 1 coaches qualified this season, with a Level 2 course currently underway.

We have invested significantly in community and inclusive programmes. Parkinsons (and other) Bat and Chat has expanded to additional locations with a national rollout now planned. School roadshow pilots in Wexford and Carlow reached over 1,000 primary pupils. Old clubs are being revived and we continue to partner with LSPs and community organisations — including a programme in Ballycastle supporting International Protection Applicants — to bring table tennis to new communities. We have also recently partnered with Meath Co. Co. Cavan and Louth to have a Full time CCDO in those counties.

This season we launched our Club Development Webinar Series, providing structured online support to clubs on youth planning, equipment, and governance. This is an important step toward the Club Standards Programme target in our Strategic Plan.

In coaching, beyond the formal Level 1 and Level 2 courses, we have expanded our CPD offering — delivering workshops on Coaching Teenage Girls, Talent Identification, Sports Psychology, and a coaching exchange session with Borussia Düsseldorf. Two of our staff — Gavin Maguire and Jing Yi Graham — have qualified as a Coach Developer and as a Coach Developer Assessor respectively, meaning TTI can now independently deliver and quality-assure our coaching programmes. This is a significant milestone.

Safeguarding and vetting for coaches and volunteers remains a standing priority. Good progress has been made this season and there is further structured work to be completed in 2026/2027 to reach full and consistent compliance across all provinces. We will not be complacent in this area.

In performance, our national training structure continues to strengthen. Five two-day squad camps were delivered alongside three Senior-only camps with Head Coach Colum Slevin, and athletes competed across a wide range of international events. In Para Table Tennis, I am pleased to report that a draft High Performance and Performance Pathway Strategy is nearing readiness for Board review — a significant step in formalising our Para programme for the long term.

THEME 2 BRILLIANT EVENTS

We delivered a strong events calendar this season at every level of the game. Participation grew across the board.

421

entries at the National Championships — steady year-on-year growth with excellent participant feedback.

192

entries at Junior Classifications — up from 64 just two seasons ago. A tripling of participation that reflects the health of our junior pipeline.

89

Senior Classification entries — more than double the previous season.

The Home Countries International, hosted at the National Basketball Arena in Dublin in November, was among the highlights of the season both on and off the court. Seven nations competed, and the event attracted €4,000 in sponsorship — the first time a TTI domestic event has secured external commercial support. We will build on this in the season ahead. Tournament management software has now been deployed across events, improving scheduling and the experience for all participants.

THEME 3 BUILDING PROFILE

Nothing builds the profile of our sport like results, and Season 2025/2026 delivered some of the most memorable performances in TTI's recent history. Some personal highlights:



Peadar Sheridan — Gold in the Cadet Boys Team event AND individual Gold at the Prague Grand Prix.



Senior Women's Team — Mia O'Rahilly-Egan and Sabina Devereux won Gold at the Home Countries International, relegating England to Silver for the first time in many years.



Senior Men, Junior Girls (Silver) and Junior Boys, Cadet Boys (Bronze) at the Home Countries.



Colin Judge — Bronze at the ITTF World Para Challenger in Poland following his appearance at the Paris 2024 Paralympic Games.

Patrick Vaughan reached the Czech Open final, beating world numbers 8 and 11, and was selected for the Paralympics Ireland Futures programme — a remarkable achievement.

We have also launched our Umpire Ambassador Programme this season — a new initiative to rebuild and develop our officiating workforce across Ireland. I want to record a sincere personal thank you to Tom Mitchell for his leadership and commitment in driving this programme forward. His contribution has been invaluable.

Work on our brand, communications, and digital presence has continued.(see Social Media report) Research and Evaluation grants of €36,000, are currently being delivered in partnership with Munster Technological University, give us an independent evidence base that strengthens our credibility with funders and potential commercial partners.

THEME 4 ORGANISATIONAL STRENGTH AND CAPABILITY

The organisation continues to grow in strength and stability. Eight Board meetings were held in 2025 with strong Director engagement. Catherine Finegan's appointment as Company Secretary in January 2025 has brought important continuity to our statutory compliance. We are compliant with the Sport Ireland Code of Governance in all key areas, all statutory filings are up to date and we remain fully tax compliant. Work on the Risk Register and Management System has now been completed by the Governance Audit and Risk Committee and attention will now switch to the Constitution and rules and regulations review and consultation process.

Financially, this has been a year of planned investment. Total income grew by 20.7% to €695,892 and our reserves remain healthy at €62,203. An unqualified audit opinion was received from OSK Audit Limited. New grants secured — including Healthy Ireland, Research, Evaluation, and the Digital Catalyst Fund — represent real progress on additional funding successes.

Year Ended 31 December 2025	2025 (€)	2024 (€)
Total Income	695,892	576,533
Total Expenditure	700,308	542,780
Operating Surplus / (Deficit)	(4,416)	33,753
Retained Reserves	62,203	66,619
Net Cash at Bank	264,195	232,008

My sincere thanks to our staff across the country, to our coaches, volunteers, umpires, referees, committee members and club officers across the island of Ireland — without whom none of this work would be possible. Thank you to Sport Ireland, Paralympics Ireland, our provincial branches, and to our players and their families who give so much to this sport. This has been a year to be proud of.

David McNally

Chief Executive Officer, Table Tennis Ireland | AGM 2026

SECTION 3

COMPANY SECRETARY'S REPORT

Year Ended 31 December 2025

Mr. President, Ladies and Gentlemen, I am pleased to present the Company Secretary Report for the year ended 31 December 2025.

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 comprise those delegated by the Directors. Catherine Finegan was appointed as the Registered Company Secretary for the Irish Table Tennis Association CLG at the 2025 AGM in June 2025. Catherine has worked with Table Tennis Ireland for three years — previously as Finance and Governance Officer, and as of September 2025 as Operations and Finance Manager. Catherine also sits on the TTI Governance Audit & Risk Committee and the TTI EDI Working Group.

Corporate Governance

Effective governance ensures accountability, transparency, and the alignment of the organisation's activities with its mission and values. Non-profit governance relies on the Board of Directors to oversee operations, ensure compliance with legal and ethical standards, and safeguard the interests of all stakeholders — including funders, players, volunteers, beneficiaries and the community.

The Irish Table Tennis Association has been compliant with the Governance Code for Sport since December 2021 as a Type B organisation, and as a Type C organisation since January 2024. The Association renewed its declaration of compliance to Sport Ireland in January 2026.

Board Composition 2025

The Board composition during 2025 was as follows:

1. Chair: Arnold Morgan
2. Director: Pat McCloughan
3. Director: Sanjeev Shelar
4. Director: Greg Yarnall
5. Director: Jennifer Thompson (from June 2025)
6. Director: Karine Adobet (from June 2025)
7. Director: Stephen Gray (from June 2025)
8. Finance Director: Michael Carson (from June 2025)
9. Director: Sugandha Singh (from June 2025)
10. Company Secretary: Catherine Finegan (from 1 January 2025)

Marie Power, Dilyara Boncheva and Louise McCarron all resigned as Directors during 2025. We thank them sincerely for their service and wish them well in their future endeavours.

Board Meetings 2025

There were 8 Board meetings held in 2025. Director attendance is recorded in the table below:

Meetings 2025	1	2	3	4	Induction	5	6	7	8
Directors									
Arnold Morgan	present	present	present	present	N/A	present	present	present	present
Pat McCloughan	present	present	present	present	N/A	present	present	Apologies sent	present
Greg Yarnall	present	present	Apologies sent	present	N/A	present	present	present	present
Sanjeev Shelar	Apologies sent	Apologies sent	present	present	N/A	Apologies sent	present	present	present
Marie Power	Apologies sent	present	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Dilyara Boncheva	Apologies sent	present	Apologies sent	present	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Jennifer Thompson	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	present	present	present	present	present
Karine Adobet	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	present	present	present	present	present
Sugandha Singh	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	present	present	present	Apologies sent	Apologies sent
Stephen Grey	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	present	present	present	present	present
Michael Carson	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	Apologies sent	present	Apologies sent	Apologies sent	Apologies sent
Louise McCarran	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	present	present	Apologies sent	Apologies sent	Apologies sent
In attendance:									
David McNally	present	present	present	present	present	present	present	present	present
Catherine Finegan	present	Apologies sent	Apologies sent	present	Apologies sent	present	present	present	present

present	present
Apologies sent	Apologies sent
N/A	N/A

Statutory Compliance

I confirm that all statutory documentation required to be filed with the Companies Registration Office (CRO) and the Register of Beneficial Owners (RBO) has been filed. The next annual return date of the company is 22 August 2026. Following approval of the Financial Statements at the AGM, the Board will arrange for the annual return and Financial Statements to be submitted in advance of that deadline. All new Directors appointed at the 2026 AGM will be registered with the CRO and RBO.

Updates in Company Law

The Company Secretary confirms that the Organisation has monitored all relevant legislative and regulatory developments during the year and has taken appropriate steps to ensure ongoing compliance. Key areas of note are:

1. Revenue Disclosure & Payroll — Coaching and Casual Staff

TTI notes recent Revenue developments impacting the treatment of coaching and casual staff, with updated Revenue guidance increasing the likelihood that such individuals are deemed employees for tax purposes, requiring the operation of PAYE, PRSI and USC. Enhanced Reporting Requirements (effective from 1 January 2024) require real-time reporting of certain non-taxable payments, expenses and benefits. The organisation has reviewed its policies in this area and continues to take appropriate steps to ensure full compliance with all Revenue obligations.

2. Automatic Enrolment Retirement Savings System Act 2024

The auto-enrolment pension scheme under the Automatic Enrolment Retirement Savings System Act 2024 commenced on 1 January 2026. This requires eligible employees to be automatically enrolled into a pension scheme, with mandatory contributions from both employer and employee, together with a state contribution. The Organisation has assessed the impact of these requirements and is taking appropriate steps to ensure ongoing compliance.

3. EU (Gender Balance on Boards) Regulations 2025

The Company notes the introduction of the European Union (Gender Balance on Boards of Certain Companies) Regulations 2025, which require certain listed companies to achieve a minimum of 40% representation of the underrepresented gender among non-executive directors by June 2026, with enhanced reporting and governance obligations. While these requirements apply primarily to large, listed entities, they reflect an increasing regulatory focus on diversity and board composition which Table Tennis Ireland supports as a matter of good practice.

Registers and Minute Book

The Board has met eight times since the last AGM. Minutes of all meetings are prepared for approval and placed in the Minute Book of the Company. Minutes of General Meetings are prepared during or shortly after the meeting and are also placed in the Minute Book. 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: Irish Sports HQ, National Sports Campus, Snugborough Road, Blanchardstown, Dublin 15, D15 DY62.

Catherine Finegan

Company Secretary, Table Tennis Ireland

Table Tennis Ireland | May 2026

SECTION 4

FINANCE AND GOVERNANCE AUDIT & RISK COMMITTEE REPORT

FINANCE REPORT

Year Ended 31 December 2025

During 2025, Irish Table Tennis Association CLG recorded total income of €695,892 — an increase of €119,359 (21%) compared with 2024 (€576,533). This increase reflects continued investment and programme delivery, supported primarily through Sport Ireland funding.

Total expenditure for the year amounted to €700,308, resulting in a small operational deficit of €4,416 for the year (2024 resulted in a surplus of €33,753). The Association finished the year with reserves of €62,203 (2024: €66,619), demonstrating that the small deficit was absorbed without impacting the organisation's financial stability.

€695,892

Total Income (+21%)

€700,308

Total Expenditure

€4,416

Deficit (manageable)

€62,203

Reserves at Year End

Financial Summary — Year on Year

	2025 (€)	2024 (€)
Total Income	695,892	576,533
Total Expenditure	700,308	542,780
(Deficit) / Surplus for the Year	(4,416)	33,753
Reserves at Year End	62,203	66,619
Cash at Bank	269,741	234,861

Commentary on the Deficit

The deficit of €4,416 was very small in the context of total income of nearly €696k. It arose primarily from two factors:

11. Revenue Disclosure — Changes in how Revenue Ireland views Coaching contractors required the organisation to review and adjust payroll treatment, resulting in additional employment costs.
12. Home Countries International (November 2025) — Income of €6,251 against expenditure of €21,792 resulted in a net loss of €15,541. This was the largest single domestic-event loss of the year. The event was not budgeted accurately and several costs were substantially higher than originally anticipated. Despite the financial pressure, the event was very well planned and successfully delivered, receiving excellent feedback from participants and stakeholders.

The deficit was manageable and fully covered by existing reserves. The Association operated close to break even while delivering significantly more programmes and activity than in the previous year.

Income — Grant Funding Breakdown

The majority of income came from Sport Ireland and other grants. Key funding streams included:

13. Women in Sport (Sport Ireland) — Funding all women and girls' initiatives.
14. Core Funding (Sport Ireland) — Administration, domestic events, performance, coaching, salaries and non-funded operating expenses.
15. Dormant Accounts Fund — Participation and development programmes, equality, diversity and inclusion work.
16. Her Moves — Dormant accounts funding for women and girls' participation projects.
17. Research & Evaluation (Sport Ireland) — Partnership with Munster Technological University.
18. Digital Catalyst Fund (Sport Ireland) — Digital systems, organisational capacity building, governance and compliance.
19. Erasmus+ Grant — Strengthening connections between schools and table tennis clubs for youth participation.
20. Paralympic Ireland Grant — High Performance and Pathway Para athlete events, planning and training.
21. Healthy Ireland Grant — Table Tennis for Health, engaging adults with chronic conditions.

Additional income was raised through affiliation fees, membership and licences, WIS and Dormant Accounts programmes with clubs, schools and LSPs, events and tournament entry fees, and player levies for international Para and Performance events.

Expenditure — Key Allocations

Total expenditure of €700,308 supported the following areas:

22. Participation and development programmes nationwide
23. Women and girls' initiatives
24. Equality, diversity and inclusion work
25. Para High Performance and Pathway
26. Governance and risk management improvements
27. Research and evaluation partnerships
28. Day-to-day running of the Association
29. Office staff and additional staff to support growth

Cash at Bank & Deferred Grants

The cash balance of €269,741 at 31 December 2025 includes restricted grant funding for 2026 programmes. This money cannot be used freely and must be held until the associated programmes are delivered. Cash balance does not equal surplus.

Deferred grants are ring-fenced, audited and reserved for specific programmes already approved and scheduled for delivery. The breakdown of deferred income (total: €172,396) is as follows:

Grant	Amount	Purpose / Notes
Dormant Account Funding	€90,753	Received December 2025 for 2026 programmes
Women in Sport Grant	€15,714	Balance of grant received July 2025, spread to June 2026
Special Projects & Programmes	€784	Deferred to fund Umpire Uniforms
Covid-19 Return to Sport	€88	Unspent — to be used towards Umpire Uniforms
Covid-19 Restart Grant	€27,253	Deferred to fund CCDO work in 2025/2026 ongoing projects
Her Moves Grant	€9,177	Received December 2025 for 2026 programmes
Digital Catalyst Grant	€3,627	Received 2025, spans 3 years
Healthy Ireland Grant	€25,000	Received 2025, for project in 2026
TOTAL DEFERRED INCOME	€172,396	Ring-fenced — not available for general use

Reserves Policy

The Association's reserves policy is to maintain a minimum level equivalent to approximately four months of core operating expenditure in order to safeguard financial stability and manage cash flow risks. This policy forms part of the wider Finance Policy, available on the organisation's website.

Reserves of €62,203 are at an appropriate level for risk management and cash flow. They are not excessive and provide necessary protection for timing differences in grant funding.

Audit Opinion

The independent auditors, OSK Audit Limited (Statutory Audit Firm, East Point Plaza, East Point, Dublin 3), issued an unqualified opinion dated 27 April 2026, confirming that the financial statements give a true and fair view, the company is a going concern, and no material misstatements were found.

The full Audited Financial Statements for the year ended 31 December 2025 are available as a separate document and have been circulated to members in advance of the AGM.

Catherine Finegan

Operations & Finance Manager, Table Tennis Ireland
Table Tennis Ireland | May 2026

AUDIT & RISK COMMITTEE REPORT

Year Ended 31 December 2025

The Audit Committee is chaired by Robert Cashell. Following last year's AGM there was a change in membership, with Alan Strong and Greg Yarnall joining the Committee.

Committee Membership

- Robert Cashell — Chair
- Alan Strong
- Greg Yarnall
- Pat McCloughan

The CEO David McNally and Catherine Finegan attend meetings in an advisory capacity.

Governance Context

Under the Sport Ireland Code of Governance for Sporting Organisations, Audit Committees are mandatory for Category C organisations.

Committee Charter

The Audit Committee Charter was reviewed and updated during the year to reflect the inclusion of Governance and Risk as part of the Committee's remit. The updated Charter was forwarded to the Board of Directors for approval.

Functions of the Committee

The functions of the Audit & Risk Committee are to oversee and provide advice and assurance to the Board on the following areas:

- Internal Control
- Risk Management
- Governance
- External Audit
- Financial Management

Activity During the Year

The Committee met three times during the year. Good progress has been made in establishing a formal risk management framework, and a draft risk register was approved by the Committee for presentation to the Board.

The Chair participated in the TTI Strategy Day in November 2025.

The Committee reviewed the draft Financial Statements for the year ended 31 December 2025 and recommended their adoption to the Board. A clean audit opinion has been issued by OSK Audit

Limited. The Chair spoke directly with the Audit Partner and received confirmation that the auditors were satisfied with the operation of the internal control system.

Looking Ahead

The next key task for the Committee is the review of the Constitution — in particular the categorisation of membership and how this should be reflected in Board composition. This work will be progressed during the 2025/2026 season.

Robert Cashell

Chairperson, Audit & Risk Committee, Table Tennis Ireland
Table Tennis Ireland | May 2026

SAFEGUARDING REPORT

Season 2025–2026

During the period following the last AGM, I have continued to work closely with CEO David McNally and colleagues to maintain and develop the safeguarding framework required by Sport Ireland.

Vetting and ID Verification

This year saw a strengthening of our vetting procedures, including the introduction of an ID verification process at club level. Volunteers in clubs are now asked to verify and check IDs before submitting vetting forms. This has been rolled out across the organisation but requires further embedding, and clubs are encouraged to contact us if they need any assistance with this process. Further guidance is available through the Sport Ireland Safeguarding Toolkit on their website, and through TTI's own Club Development Handbook.

It is important to remind all clubs and members that it is illegal for any volunteer to be working with children without first being vetted. This is not optional and Table Tennis Ireland takes its responsibilities in this area very seriously.

Since the last AGM there have been:

- 35 Garda Vetting processed 10 Currently being processed
- 22 Access NI Requests processed 0 currently being processed

Safeguarding Statement and Risk Assessment

TTI's Safeguarding Statement and Risk Assessment are in place. All clubs are required to have these in place as part of the club affiliation process. Clubs are breaking the law if they do not have and display a Safeguarding Statement — whether in their club premises, on their website, or on their social media channels. This year, TTI will be actively checking that affiliated clubs have these in place.

Training and Education

In March 2026, Table Tennis Ireland delivered a joint Governance Basics and Safeguarding webinar, which represented a positive step in raising awareness across the membership. However, it is clear that there is more work to be done, particularly around updating our policy and strengthening education and awareness of safeguarding responsibilities for children and young people at club level. Education and awareness delivery will be progressed through TTI's Coach and Volunteer Education programme going forward.

The development of a revised, cohesive safeguarding policy — covering both jurisdictions and including the safeguarding of vulnerable adults as well as children and young people — remains a priority and will be taken forward by TTI in the coming period.

I remind everyone that if you need advice, support or guidance, please contact safeguarding@tabletennisireland.ie.

Vacancies

The role of National Safeguarding Officer is becoming vacant and TTI will be commencing recruitment as soon as possible. In the meantime, any queries should be directed to safeguarding@tabletennisireland.ie.

We are still in need of a Provincial Safeguarding Officer for Connacht. If anyone is interested in this role, please get in touch via the same email address.

Acknowledgements

I would like to thank David McNally and Arnold Morgan for their support during the year, and our Provincial Safeguarding Officers for their continued commitment. Thanks also to the admin team, and in particular to Molly, for their work throughout the year.

National Safeguarding Officer, Table Tennis Ireland
Table Tennis Ireland | May 2026

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SECTION 5

COACH EDUCATION REPORT

Season 2025–2026

This report provides an overview of coach education and volunteer development activity delivered by Table Tennis Ireland during the 2025–2026 season.

Activator Awards

Nine Activator Award sessions were delivered across all four provinces during the season:

- Carlow IT — October — 37 participants (M: 26, F: 11)
- Cavan — November — 10 participants (M: 5, F: 5)
- Sligo & Leitrim — September — 11 participants (M: 4, F: 7)
- Ulster — November — 11 participants (M: 4, F: 7)
- Stranmillis — January — 16 participants (M: 4, F: 12)
- Mayo SP — March — 20 participants (M: 13, F: 7)
- MTU — 27 participants (gender breakdown to be received)
- Clare — 11 participants (M: 5, F: 6)
- Wexford / Wicklow — 5 participants (M: 1, F: 4)

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Activator Award
Courses

148+

Total Participants

36

New Level 1 Coaches

2

New Coach Developer
Assessors

Level One Coaching Courses — Completed 2025/2026

Four Level 1 courses were run under the new syllabus during the season:

- Leinster Level 1 — 14 June & 12 July 2025. Co-delivered by Marcus McDonnell and Gavin Maguire (final assessment for coach developer training), assessed by Alan Strong. 7 coaches qualified (1F, 6M); 4 could not attend Day 2.
- Ulster Level 1 — 5 October & 7 December 2025. Tutors: Jennifer Thompson and Amanda Mogey. 6 qualified (2F, 4M); 5 to complete (3F, 2M).
- Munster Level 1 — 7 September & 2 November 2025. Tutor: Conn Higgins. 9 qualified (1F, 8M); 3 to be reassessed or did not wish to complete.
- Leinster Level 1 — Began 7 February & 11 April 2026. Tutor: Jing Yi Graham. 14 have completed all requirements to date (4F, 10M).

Total newly qualified Level 1 coaches this season: **36** (Male: 28, Female: 8).

Level One Coaching Courses — Planned Remainder of 2026

- Female-only Level 1 — October 2026. To be delivered by Jing Yi Graham. Pilot to assess completion rates in a female-only environment.
- Ennis, Clare — 26 September & 28 November 2026. Central location serving both Connacht and Munster.
- Ulster Level 1 — Q3/Q4 2026.

Level Two Coaching Course

The Level 2 course is scheduled for 16–17 May with Day 3 on 23 May 2026. Eight candidates are registered (3F, 5M).

Coach Developer Programme

- Gavin Maguire — Completed Coach Developer course, submitted final assessments September 2025, officially graduated February 2026.
- Jing Yi Graham — Completed Coach Developer Assessor training December 2025 – January 2026, graduated February 2026.
- Table Tennis Ireland now has two Coach Developer Assessors.
- Aleksander Bartusik — Currently towards the end of the Coach Developer Programme with Sport Ireland. Online workshop (June) and formal learning remaining; expected to submit final assessments for the September 2026 deadline.
- Jennifer Thompson and Jing Yi Graham both completed Coaching Teenage Girls tutor training. TTI now has three Coaching Teenage Girls tutors (with Marcus McDonnell).

Continuing Professional Development (CPD)

CPD workshops delivered during the season:

- Jigsaw One Good Coach — 14 October 2025 (6 participants: 1F, 5M)
- Coaching Teenage Girls (WIS funding) — 23 October 2025 (6 participants: 2F, 4M) & 19 January 2026 (9 participants)
- ITTF Talent Identification — 28 October 2025 (4 coaches: 2M, 2F)
- Sports Psychology — Sustaining Motivation, Development and Passion — 24 March 2026 (5M)
- Coach from Borussia Düsseldorf — April 2026

Table Tennis Ireland developed a partnership with Jigsaw charity providing members with a free online workshop during Mental Health Awareness Week, alongside on-demand resources covering mental health for coaches and young people. A further partnership was established with Student Sport Ireland to open Level 1 coaching opportunities to third-level students through the Women's Student Coaching Academy.

Research & Evaluation

Table Tennis Ireland was successful in obtaining both a Research and an Evaluation grant from Sport Ireland, in partnership with Munster Technological University (MTU). The research project will explore how formal coaching courses foster coach effectiveness and how informal learning can be better integrated. Data collection is underway through coach surveys. The evaluation will assess all aspects of the Women in Sport programme, measuring impact and identifying areas for improvement.

European Erasmus+ Project

An application was submitted for an Erasmus+ Sport Small Scale Partnership grant (€60,000), partnering with a table tennis club in Portugal and the Finnish Table Tennis Federation. The project aims to develop programmes and pathways between schools and communities to grow grassroots and youth involvement across partner countries.

Erin McBride / Molly Doyle

Coaching Education Officer, Table Tennis Ireland

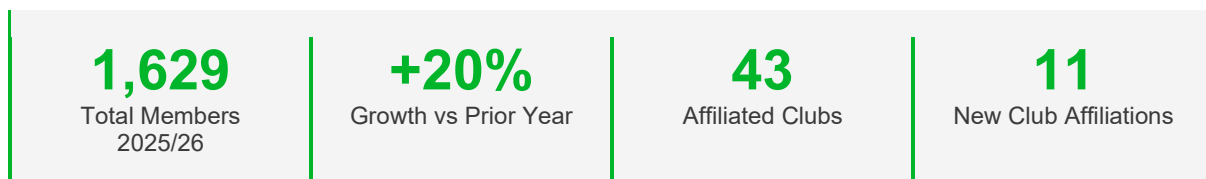
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SECTION 6

MEMBERSHIP, AFFILIATION & EVENTS

Season 2025–2026

We have had a highly successful year across both Events and Memberships. Over the past twelve months, we have seen strong and sustained growth in membership numbers, reflecting increased engagement and interest across the sport. Participation in events has risen significantly, with more individuals attending and actively contributing than in previous years.



Membership Overview 2025/2026

Total individual membership for the 2025/2026 season reached 1,629 — an increase of 45% on the prior year (1,037 in 2024/2025). The full breakdown by category is shown below:

Table Tennis Ireland — Membership Growth Analysis 2023/24 to 2025/26									
<i>Source: TTI Annual Membership Reports. *Categories introduced in 2025/26. N/A = not applicable / not available for that year.</i>									
Membership Category	Total 2023/24	Total 2024/25	YoY Growth 23/24→24/25	Total 2025/26	YoY Growth 24/25→25/26	Overall Growth 23/24→25/26	Male 2025/26	Female 2025/26	Female % 2025/26
COMPETITIVE MEMBERS									
Senior Club/League Player	249	463	85.9%	431	-6.9%	73.1%	339	92	21%
Under 19	149	183	22.8%	224	22.4%	50.3%	171	53	24%
Senior	65	75	15.4%	81	8.0%	24.6%	67	14	17%
Veterans	170	199	17.1%	187	-6.0%	10.0%	153	34	18%
Junior Club/League Player	52	211	305.8%	112	-46.9%	115.4%	83	29	26%
RECREATIONAL MEMBERS									
Senior Recreational – Club Bat & Chat	N/A	N/A	N/A	82	NEW*	NEW*	54	28	34%
Senior Recreational – Community	N/A	N/A	N/A	129	NEW*	NEW*	75	54	42%
Junior Recreational – Club Bat & Chat	N/A	N/A	N/A	35	NEW*	NEW*	22	13	37%
Junior Recreational – Community	N/A	N/A	N/A	64	NEW*	NEW*	47	17	27%
OFFICIALS, COACHES & VOLUNTEERS									
Coach / Official / Volunteer (Senior)	151	150	-0.7%	231	54.0%	53.0%	125	106	46%
Coach / Official / Volunteer (Junior)	N/A	N/A	N/A	4	NEW*	NEW*	4	0	0%
OTHER MEMBERS									
Associate Member/Hnn Life member	29	52	N/A	49	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Single Event Licence	56	28	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
TOTAL	921	1361		1629					

Year-on-Year Membership Analysis

The most notable change is the significant expansion of recreational programmes. The introduction of the Bat & Chat membership categories has added 305 new members — a clear indicator of the successful growth of accessible, social formats of participation.

Within competitive categories, the picture is mixed. Under 19 membership continued its upward trajectory, growing from 183 to 224 — a 22% increase and a 50% rise since 2023/24 — signalling a strengthening youth pipeline. Senior membership grew modestly from 75 to 81 (+8%), while the Coach, Official and Volunteer category saw substantial growth, rising from 150 to 231 (+54%), reflecting the organisation’s expanding workforce and volunteer base. Senior Club/League Player numbers declined slightly from 463 to 431 (-7%), as did Veterans (199 to 187, -6%) and Junior Club/League Players (211 to 112, -47%). It is worth noting that the introduction of the new recreational categories may account for some of this shift, with members who previously registered as club players now opting for recreational memberships instead. On gender participation, females represent 28% of total membership in 2025/26. The strongest female representation is found in the Senior Recreational Community category (42%), Senior Bat & Chat (34%), and the Coach/Official/Volunteer cohort (46%) — suggesting that recreational and leadership pathways are proving particularly effective in attracting and retaining female participants.

Club Affiliation 2025/2026

During the 2025/2026 season, 11 new clubs affiliated with Table Tennis Ireland, bringing in over 100 new members. The total number of affiliated clubs is 43, representing a small increase from 2024/2025 — though some clubs that had previously affiliated did not renew this season.

An analysis of the broader club database highlights the following engagement picture:

- Fully Affiliated — 14 clubs (31%): All required steps completed, including form, fee payment and documentation upload.
- Form Submitted & Fees Paid — 15 clubs (33%): Significant progress made but documentation not yet complete.
- Form Only — 8 clubs (18%): Initial interest shown but no further progress.
- Uploading Documentation — 4 clubs (9%): In the process of submitting required documents.
- Not Engaged — 59 clubs (60% of full database): Little or no recent interaction. Note: a proportion of these clubs may no longer be operational, meaning this figure is likely inflated.

Domestic Events 2025/2026

Table Tennis Ireland delivered the following domestic events calendar during the season, from grassroots to national championship level. Key events are summarised below:

Event	Location	Date	Notes
National Championships	Dublin	22–23 March 2026	154 entries
Senior Classifications	Dublin	August / September 2025	43 entries
Junior Classifications	Dublin	September 2025	120 entries (+76%)
Inter-Provincial Championships	Dublin	April 2026	10 Munster teams
All-Ireland Schools Finals	Dublin	23 rd April	21 teams
Home Countries International	Dublin	November 2025	7 nations
Doubles Irish nationals	Craigavon	May 2026	70 entries

National Championships 2026

The National Championships were held at the National basketball Areana with 154 players and a near 19% rise in entries. The event received outstanding feedback for organisation, hospitality and communications. The continued implementation of tournament software improved efficiency and participant experience.

Participant feedback highlighted strong satisfaction with venue quality, match scheduling and officiating. Areas identified for future development include livestreaming quality, scheduling consistency and broader female representation across events.

Classifications

- Senior Classifications — held in Dublin, August/September 2025. 43 entries (steady growth from 41 in 2023).
- Junior Classifications — held in Dublin, September 2025. 120 entries — a 76% increase on 2023 (68 entries), demonstrating exceptional growth in the youth competitive base.

Inter-Provincial Championships 2026

The Interprovincial Championships saw an improvement in entries compared to the prior year, with strong performances across all provinces. Munster entered 10 teams. Targeted actions remain underway to increase female participation across provinces in future editions.

International Competitions 2025/2026

The season saw exceptional international representation from Irish players. Selected highlights include:

- Home Countries International (Dublin, November 2025): Gold for Senior Women (Mia O'Rahilly-Egan & Sabina Devereux), relegating England to Silver for the first time in many years. Silver: Senior Men, Junior Girls. Bronze: Junior Boys, Cadet Boys.
- Prague Grand Prix: Cadet boys Peadar Sheridan and Christopher Allsop won Gold in the Under-15 Team event; Peadar also won individual Gold.
- WTT Youth Contenders Luxembourg — September 2025 and April 2026.
- European Youth Series — Croatia, Serbia and Portugal.
- Easter Cup Flensburg, Eurominis, Primary Schools International.
- Upcoming: Prague Grand Prix, Senior Schools International, European Youth Championships.

Philip Ryan

Club Affiliation Membership & Events, Table Tennis Ireland
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SECTION 7

WOMEN IN SPORT REPORT

Season 2025–2026

This report covers the period June 2025 to May 2026, providing a statistical and narrative overview of Women in Sport (WIS) programme activity across all four pillars of the Sport Ireland WIS Policy: Active Participation, Coaching & Officiating, Leadership & Governance, and Visibility.

250+Young Leaders
Completions**1,200+**

Girls via PingPong Art

17,000+WIS Week Social
Reach**15**

Bat & Chat Groups

Schools Pathway Programme — Young Leaders Award

The Young Leaders Award, offered to teenage girls across participating secondary schools, continued to demonstrate strong engagement throughout 2025–26. The programme provides two distinct development pathways — Coaching and Officiating — giving girls the opportunity to build leadership skills and gain experience in roles beyond traditional participation.

Over 250 teenage girls completed the programme — broadly in line with the 2024/25 season, reflecting the programme's sustained appeal among LSPs and schools. A standout highlight was the involvement of seven teenage girls from St. Raphaela's Secondary School, who served as Young Officials at the All-Ireland Schools Final. Their participation showcased that table tennis offers a meaningful role for everyone — player, coach or official.

Primary Schools Pathway Programme

The Primary Schools Pathway Programme continued to perform strongly. Analysis of participation data highlights two key findings:

- **Gender Balance at Entry Level:** Participation is broadly 50/50 between boys and girls at primary school level — and in a number of schools, girls outnumbered boys. This demonstrates that when table tennis is introduced early, it resonates equally across genders and provides meaningful access for girls.
- **Fundamental Movement Skills:** An increasing number of young people are presenting with challenges in balance, hand-eye coordination and core movement skills. These trends align with wider national concerns about reduced physical literacy among children, and table tennis is well-placed to address these needs.

Glow with PingPong

The newly developed Glow with PingPong initiative was launched in March 2026 as part of the 2026 programme cycle. Designed specifically for teenage girls and aligned with the Her Moves 8 Principles, sessions are delivered in a dark, glow-effect setting, integrating familiar dance skills with introductory table tennis movements. Interest has been strong, with many Local Sports Partnerships already signed up. Full implementation is scheduled for September 2026.

Coaching & Leadership Development

Two female coaches qualified as Level 1 coaches through the season, with more having expressed interest in the planned female-only Level 1 course later in 2026. Significant CPD support was delivered to female coaches via leadership programmes, with an emphasis on lifelong learning and quality over certification.

"I became a coach because table tennis has given me so much over the years and I would love to share that with other players. Having female coaches in table tennis really matters — it shows that women belong in leadership roles in sport and helps create a more inclusive environment." —

Donna Ryan

Visibility & Branding

Marketing activity during WIS Week (2–8 March 2026) delivered record engagement levels. Across Facebook and Instagram, 15 programmes and posts reached more than 17,000 viewers — the highest level of interaction to date. A new WIS logo and banner were launched at the start of the season, reflecting the fun, social and dynamic nature of the programme.

The PingPong Art Her Moves programme continues to go from strength to strength. Around 1,200 teenage girls have now played table tennis through this vibrant, creative and confidence-building initiative. Updated content for both the WIS and Her Moves webpages was developed to ensure consistent messaging and improved accessibility for participants and partners.

WIS Funding Application 2026

The WIS Funding Application 2026 has been submitted to Sport Ireland. The three-year strategic plan focuses on the following priority areas:

- Increase female participation and membership — converting participation numbers into active, retained members.
- Broaden female capacity at club level through the Club Development Scheme, supporting the creation of a Female Development Framework.
- Establish a structured Player Pathway — providing enhanced support and mentoring to clubs and female participants to increase the number of women in grassroots leadership roles as coaches, officials and volunteers.

Jing Yi Graham

Women in Sport Co-ordinator, Table Tennis Ireland

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SECTION 8

PARTICIPATION REPORT

Season 2025–2026

An All-Island Annual Review – Provinces: Leinster | Munster | Ulster | Connacht

Note: The Connacht report in this document covers activity to Q4 2025. A full 2025/26 update will be appended in due course.

Executive Summary

This report consolidates participation data and narrative accounts from TTI’s provincial CCDO activity across Leinster, Munster, Ulster and Connacht for the 2025/26 programme year.

Across the four provinces, TTI has reached thousands of young people and adults through schools programmes, community clubs, coach education, competitions, and inclusion initiatives. Key headline figures are summarised below.

1. Leinster – CCDO Annual Report

Lead: Ivanna Yates, Participation Lead – TTI

Overview

Another year and we have seen significant growth in participation across our schools and community/club groups. Our strategic focus on growing participation and membership, inclusivity, and structured support has begun to yield measurable impact.

Growing Participation and Membership

Through club support, community engagement and building trust with individuals, we have encouraged strong growth in participation and membership. The Carlow Bat and Chatters group is a key example of how a community group can become a sustainable social club:

Initial engagement was through a 4-week block of come-and-try sessions in collaboration with Active Carlow. Following this, a further 6-week block was introduced under TTI with an online booking fee of €20 per person. The cost of hall hire and annual affiliation was covered by this income, with a further 4 weeks of funding supporting continued weekly sessions. With 25 current members the club is now sustainable and operating weekly social sessions. Connections were also made with a nearby club, and some challenge games have been played.

Brilliant Events

As part of the primary schools’ pathway programme, a festival event is held at the end of each 6-week block where pupils get to demonstrate what they have learned in a fun, relaxing environment. This year (September 2025–May 2026), a total of 412 primary school students participated in festivals – an increase of 40% on the prior year.

As part of the development of a schools’ pathway towards school leagues, an open challenger event was held during the All Ireland Schools Finals Day. Several entry-level primary and secondary schools from Leinster who have been involved in the pathway programme over the past two years were invited to play challenge games and see the top schools in action. Two secondary schools

confirmed attendance – Celbridge Community School and Creagh Secondary, Gorey. Both schools were delighted to participate and create connections. This is planned as an annual event with a larger number in attendance going forward.

Schools and Club Development

As part of this year’s objectives, we enhanced the primary school pathway programme to provide a clear progression for players within and beyond the school environment. Participation grew from 1,013 pupils in 2024/25 to 1,500+ to date in 2025/26 (1st–6th class).

A full programme package was established, including starter packs for schools, guided session plans for teachers, and integrated Activator Award training. A school festival concluded each programme. This was well received by LSPs and teachers alike. In Leinster, collaboration took place with three LSPs: Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown, Sports Active Wexford, and Kildare Sports Partnership.

In 2024/25 there were 16 schools in the initial pilot. In 2025/26, 19 schools are participating, with 4 additional schools entering year 2 challenge games. In Wexford, the second year of running the programme has seen 4 new schools join with affiliation, to begin a local interschools league programme. Two primary schools have now started after-school table tennis clubs.

Coaching, Safeguarding and Education

As part of the schools’ pathway programme and the introduction of the Activator Award as an integrated component, a total of 37 teachers from 19 schools have been trained.

Para Development and Inclusion

A coach is currently working in the NRH on an interim basis. A key challenge identified is not knowing when an individual is being discharged, which means signposting opportunities can be lost. Further work is required and best practice is being developed in partnership with the coach.

Programmes have been delivered to Special Education Schools and day services to establish a pathway to enhance Para Development. Three schools in Wicklow were engaged for the adapted pathway programme. Two schools are interested in establishing challenge games between them, though access to a suitable festival venue remains a challenge. In Bagenalstown, Co. Carlow, four weeks of sessions were delivered with Beam Day Service at the community hall. This location has potential to become a Para Hub in partnership with Active Carlow and Kilkenny Recreation and Sports Partnership.

NextGen events continue to be worthwhile and thanks are extended to Paddy Vaughan who assisted at the event on 30th November. On 2nd June, an Activator Award will be delivered as part of the Ability Coaching Programme in Longford, giving individuals with additional needs or from disadvantaged areas the opportunity to become inclusive coaches. Proposals for the Disability Gateway programme are being designed, with implementation targeted for Q4.

Women in Sport and Gender Balance

Schools are encouraged to enter a girls’ team as part of the schools programme. In November, an open challenger event was held encouraging teenage girls to compete in a low-key, fun environment – participants who had previously stopped engaging with clubs enjoyed the competition. A Glow programme session was delivered with Sports Active Wexford at Colláiste an Átha in Kilmuckridge. A new CCDO for Meath/Cavan/Louth is in place and has plans to run a Glow with PingPong event at Halloween in collaboration with Badminton Ireland.

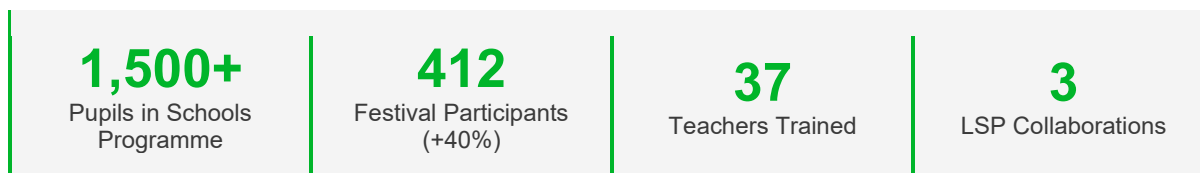
Challenges and Future Plans

The opportunity to take on the role of Participation Lead for TTI – leading the Healthy Ireland Project and building a structure for the Disability Gateway programme – has been welcomed. The HI project is currently behind schedule; mid-year report has been submitted and programme design is in

place, with delivery targeting 4 programmes by end Q3 and a further 2 by Q4. The new CCDO in Meath/Louth/Cavan will take pressure off programme delivery and support Leinster programmes. Supporting Munster and Connacht CCDOs has had its challenges this year but actions are now in place to manage ongoing projects.

Leinster – Key Participation Data

Area	2024/25	2025/26
Primary school pupils in pathway	1,013	1,500+
Schools in programme	16 (pilot)	19 + 4 (Year 2)
Festival participants (primary)	—	412 (↑40% on prior year)
Teachers trained (Activator Award)	—	37 from 19 schools
LSP collaborations	—	3 (DLR, Sports Active Wexford, Kildare SP)
Community groups (e.g. Bat & Chat)	—	Carlow – 25 members sustainable



2. Munster – CCDO Annual Report

Lead: Conn Higgins, Munster CCDO

Overview

One rewarding year completed as Munster CCDO – a privilege to meet so many people actively engaging in our sport. The vision and goal in year one was to spread table tennis across the vast province of Munster. Responses were received from Waterford, Clare and Kerry Sports Partnerships to engage in the TTI Primary Schools Programme.

Waterford

In Waterford, 3 city schools and 3 Tramore schools engaged in the programme: Mercy Girls Primary, St Saviours and Newtown Junior School, along with Holy Cross NS, Scoil Ghlór na Mara and Scoil Christ Rí in Tramore. Some schools had 3×30 min sessions while others had 2×45 min – 13 classes with just over 400 pupils. Great support was provided by coaches from Waterford TT Stars. The culminating schools festival was facilitated by Waterford TT Stars and coordinated by Ivanna Yates who deputised during an absence due to illness. Thanks to Jordan Kelly of Waterford Sports Partnership for her trojan support.

Clare

In Clare, Ennis was the focal point with 5 schools taking part: Ennis CBS, Ennis NS, Ennis Educate Together, Holy Family NS and Scoil Christ Rí. The programme was very successful with over 300 pupils participating. Huge credit to Niall Murphy (Deputy Principal, Ennis Community College) and his Junior Cert pupils who assisted across the various schools. Thanks also to Pat Stokes and Lizzy McMahon of Clare Sports Partnership for their invaluable support.

Kerry

There was a huge response from Kerry primary schools from all ends of the county. 12 schools participated from large town schools to small remote schools: Holy Family Tralee, Caherleaheen NS, St Theresa’s Kilflynn, Castleisland Girls, Loughquittane, Kilcummin, Cullina, Lauragh, Lyreacrompane, Loughfouder, Tahilla, and Valentia Island. Over 450 pupils tasted table tennis. As the geographical spread was large, 2 festivals took place – one in the north and one in the south of the county. Thanks to Diarmuid Brennan of Kerry Sports Partnership for his support.

Programme Challenge

The challenge is to provide an experience for pupils and teachers who would wish to continue to play and coach table tennis into the future. Activator Awards were held with the primary teachers of the 23 schools involved, and also at SETU Waterford.

Club Development

Club development continues to thrive. Great work is being done in developing a hub in Ballinlough, Cork. Beech Hill continues to grow and its inclusive model is excellent. Carrigtwohill numbers are growing. Leaside club is doing well. In Waterford, both SETU club and TT Stars are growing stronger, providing a great outlet for all ages. Clare SP is actively working to create an Ennis hub. It was encouraging to see 4 counties represented at the recent Interprovincial Championships (Cork, Waterford, Clare and Kerry) and 3 counties at the All Ireland Schools Event (Clare, Cork and Limerick).

Community and Inclusion

Table tennis was one of the sports highlighted at the Tipperary Sports Ability Day, with pupils and young adults from special schools participating in a fun-filled day. A 6-week programme is ongoing in SETU Waterford for those experiencing Parkinson’s/Dementia, supported by Waterford Sports Partnership. Sincere thanks to Munster Table Tennis for its invaluable support during the year.

Munster – Participation Data (Programmes Record Database 2025/26)

Programme / Location	Period	Schools / Groups	Sessions	Age Group	Boys	Girls	Total
Clare Primary Schools	Nov–Jan	5	20	3rd–6th	220	140	360
Waterford Primary Schools	Dec–Feb	6	24	3rd–6th	280	200	480
Kerry Primary Schools	Jan–Apr	12	24	3rd–6th	210	190	400
Cork North/East Taster Sessions	Apr–Jun	6	6	4th class	95	85	180
Cork SP/UCC – Her Moves	May	16	—	Mixed	—	160*	169
TOTAL		45	74		805	784	1,580

* Cork SP/UCC – Her Moves: 2 primary schools (50 boys and 50 girls each) excluded from total to avoid double-counting per database note.

45 Schools / Groups	1,580 Total Participants	4 Counties Reached	74 Sessions Delivered
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3. Ulster – Annual Report (Table Tennis Ulster)

Report by Gary O'Hara, Table Tennis Ireland

Growing Participation and Membership

During 2025/26, Table Tennis Ulster offered 12 school competitions across the province – 7 at Post-Primary and 5 at Primary. 65 schools participated (all school affiliations paid £25 forwarded to TTI) with 624 pupils/players (£2 per player from the £5 entry fee also forwarded to TTI). South Lakes LC is planned as the new home for Ulster Schools Table Tennis from next season.

Junior Challenger Series

The Junior Challenger Series was again a successful series this year, with 8 events and a total of 122 individual pupils/players involved – 86 from Post-Primary and 36 from Primary.

Good News Stories

Parkinson's programme continuing to grow and thrive – a number of players competed in a Parkinson's event in Scotland. SportNI Ulster Senior Series thriving with growing numbers (average per event this year: 84). Commonwealth Championships: Ulster is sending Men's and Women's teams to compete at end of July. Four Ulster umpires selected for the World Team Championships in London. Inter Pros: 3 Gold medals and 1 Silver from 4 events on Day 1 alone, with more to come at Junior events. Ulster Open – record 500 entries; continues to be the flagship event in Ireland.

Sports Systems Investment – 2026/27

Table Tennis Ulster has successfully applied for further funding across both the Participation and Performance strands. The plan for 2026/27 builds upon good practice from the past 3 years, continuing SMART target-setting around deliverables and key indicators including workforce, club and school numbers. At the launch of year one in 2024, there were 66 schools and 460 pupils playing competitive table tennis in at least one school competition. This has now grown to 95 schools and over 700 pupils.

With the appointment of a Participation and Inclusion Officer (Mrs Jane Smyth, starting 1 July 2026), TTI Ulster plans to build upon established partnerships with disadvantaged groups – Parkinson's, Dementia, MS and Disability Sport NI – and introduce new initiatives across the province. All key indicators around club and workforce, schools and pathways are moving in a positive trajectory.

Ulster – RAG Performance Summary 2025/26

Measure	Baseline	Target	Actual	RAG / Notes
Active Schools Programme (pupils)	1,000	1,000+	2,500+	● GREEN – Significantly exceeded
Schools involved	66	80	95	● GREEN – Strong growth
Pupils in school competitions	460	600	700+	● GREEN
Junior Challenger Series (players)	268	280	352	● GREEN – 122 different players
Bat & Chat groups	—	3 new	15 total	● GREEN
Coach – Activator Awards	50	65	80	● GREEN
Level 1 Coaches	31	41	40	● GREEN
Officials (Umpires/Refs)	20	27	27	● GREEN – Target met

Measure	Baseline	Target	Actual	RAG / Notes
Young Female Leaders	—	2	2 (24 pupils)	● GREEN
Special schools engaged	—	2	4	● GREEN
SNI Ulster Series (players)	800	960	585 (7 events)	● AMBER – Venue constraints
National titles – Ulster players	10	11	8	● AMBER
Para players representing Ireland	1	2	1	● AMBER
Ulster players in Senior NP	6	9	13	● GREEN – Exceeded
Ulster players rep Ireland (all ages)	29	32	33	● GREEN

4. Connacht – CCDO Annual Report

Lead: Marcus McDonnell, Connacht CCDO | Period: 2025

Key Achievements

- 2 new school clubs established – Coola Post Primary School, Sligo and Davitt College, Mayo.
- 1 new Table Tennis Hub created at Coola Post Primary School for community use, Primary School Blitz's and WIS events.
- Re-establishment of Bunninadden TTC via adult Bat and Chat programme, catering for all levels including former junior internationals.
- Multiple WIS-focused taster sessions in secondary schools to increase female participation and improve gender balance.
- Commitment secured from several schools to enter the Connacht Schools tournament – first representation in several years.
- Community club established in Ballycastle, Mayo, with 4 tables – to act as a hub for IPAS, a nearby primary school and the local community.
- Launch of the 2025/2026 Connacht Junior Challenger Series.
- Strong engagement at the Senior Festival in Sligo with good regional press coverage, creating a new pipeline for community group engagement.
- Delivered Coach Activator Award for Leitrim, Roscommon and Sligo Sports Partnership development officers plus 3 National Learning Network staff.

Next Phase Priorities

Expand the club network (5+ clubs identified as possible targets). Strengthen the Coola TT Hub and replicate the model in the Galway region. Grow the Connacht Junior Challenger Series to 6 events per season. Increase collaboration with SICAP, Galway and Leitrim LSPs. Roll out Pilot Table Tennis for Health Programme with each LSP. Increase the number of qualified coaches in each county.

Observed Challenges

Shortage of coaches, community and branch volunteers to assist with province-wide programmes. Low uptake and engagement from some LSPs. Large pipeline versus limited CCDO time and capacity. Increasing hall rental costs and multisport constraints, and lack of suitable venues with table storage. Sustainable junior pathway is more difficult to maintain given transport demands and geographic spread (effectively each end of the province). Long lead times on certain equipment can impact momentum.

SECTION 9

SOCIAL MEDIA REPORT

Facebook & Instagram | May 2023– June 2026

Source: Meta Business Suite | Prepared by: CEO

~1.7M Combined Content Views	809,216 Facebook Views 2025	476,563 Instagram Views (from Aug 2025)	208,111 Combined Reach 2024–2026
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Note: Instagram tracking began August 2025 for Views/Interactions; Reach tracked from May 2024. All 2026 figures cover January–May only. Year-on-year comparisons and annualised projections are based on available data. — See full dataset in the accompanying Excel workbook.

FACEBOOK

Table Tennis Ireland’s Facebook presence has grown dramatically over the reporting period, with 2025 marking a transformational year in terms of content reach and audience engagement.

Annual Performance — Facebook

Metric	2023	2024	2025	2026 (Jan–May)	2024→2025	2025→2026*
New Followers	152	255	388	192	+52.2%	+18.6%
Content Interactions	—	4,481	16,877	4,290	+276.6%	-39.0%
Link Clicks	3,360	2,683	2,309	235	-13.9%	-75.6%
Page Visits	—	24,422	58,125	21,418	+138.0%	-11.6%
Unique Viewers / Reach	—	—	102,748	97,812	New	+128.5%
Content Views	—	83,832	809,216	326,013	+865.3%	-3.3%

* 2026 annualised projections based on Jan–May actuals (×2.4).

Key Facebook Insights

- Content Views reached 809,216 in 2025 — a transformational number for a small NGB. On track for approximately 783K in 2026 on an annualised basis.
- Interactions up +277% (2024→2025). Clear evidence of content strategy paying off under TTI’s communications approach.
- Page Visits +138% to 58,125. Audience actively discovering and engaging with the TTI page organically.

- New Followers +52%. November 2025 was the single strongest month (68 new follows) — competition season effect confirmed.
- Link Clicks down 14% in 2025 and sharply in 2026. Likely a Meta algorithm effect favouring in-platform content consumption. Monitor closely post website relaunch.

Monthly Facebook Highlights — Peak Months

Month	Views	Interactions	Page Visits	Context
Nov 2025	143,450	2,356	11,087	Home Countries International + National Championships
Jul 2025	108,946	3,096	6,138	Ulster Open / Summer competition season
Mar 2025	123,463	3,450	8,025	National Championships, Blanchardstown
Mar 2026	120,220	1,856	7,589	Interprovincials / National Championships
Apr 2026	103,458	1,508	6,417	Post-Nationals engagement
Feb 2025	57,333	517	5,211	Junior International season

Pattern: Facebook performance peaks consistently in March (Nationals), July (Ulster Open/summer season) and November (Home Countries / Championships). Content strategy should continue to be planned around these fixtures.

INSTAGRAM

TTI’s Instagram presence was formally tracked from August 2025, following the establishment of a structured reporting workflow. Early data shows strong growth and an engaged audience, with peak months mirroring the Facebook pattern.

Annual Performance — Instagram

Metric	2024	2025	2026 (Jan–May)	2024→2025	2025→2026*
New Followers	—	307	218	New	+70.4%
Content Interactions	—	3,562	4,261	New	+187.1%
Link Clicks	39	144	—	+269.2%	—
Profile Visits	2,112	10,117	4,240	+379.0%	+0.6%
Content Views	—	279,941	196,622	New	+68.6%
Reach / Unique Viewers	47,079	114,373	46,659	+142.9%	-2.1%

* 2026 annualised projections based on Jan–May actuals. IG Views/Interactions tracked from August 2025.

Key Instagram Insights

- 476,563 Content Views recorded since tracking began in August 2025 — strong early performance as TTI grows its Instagram presence.
- Reach of 208,111 across 2024–2026. 2025 was a breakout year (114,373 unique viewers). March and November are peak reach months, mirroring Facebook.

- 7,823 Interactions recorded since August 2025. March/November 2025 and March/April 2026 peaks align perfectly with the competition calendar.
- Profile Visits +379% in 2025 (2,112 → 10,117). Growing audience finding TTI on Instagram organically.

Monthly Instagram Highlights — Peak Months

Month	Views	Interactions	Reach	Context
Nov 2025	113,870	1,710	13,142	Home Countries International
Sep 2025	61,454	495	9,222	Junior season / WTT Youth Contenders
Oct 2025	53,843	605	9,147	Competition season in full swing
Mar 2026	76,123	1,673	16,314	National Championships
Apr 2026	66,699	1,541	14,828	Post-Nationals engagement
Mar 2025	—*	1,789	18,093	National Championships (Views not yet tracked)

* Instagram Content Views tracking began August 2025.

Combined Platform Picture

Across both Facebook and Instagram, TTI has achieved approximately 1.7 million combined content views across the full reporting period. The data consistently demonstrates that major events — particularly the National Championships (March), Home Countries International (November) and the Ulster Open (July) — drive the strongest engagement on both platforms.

Platform	Period Tracked	Total Views	Total Reach	Total Interactions	New Followers
Facebook	Oct 2024–May 2026	1,219,061	200,560	25,457	580+
Instagram	May 2024–May 2026	476,563+	208,111	7,823+	525+
COMBINED TOTAL		~1.7 million	~408,000+	~33,000+	1,100+

Recommendation

Establish a monthly export rhythm from Meta Business Suite. Upload data to the tracker quarterly for rolling Board updates. Continued alignment of content calendar with major events will sustain and grow the platform’s reach and engagement. With the planned website relaunch, link click performance should be revisited as a KPI.

SECTION 10

GOVERNANCE STRUCTURE AND ORGANISATION*Governance Structure and Organisation***REGISTERED OFFICE**

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Tel: 01 625 1135

Website: www.tabletennisireland.ie

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

POSITION	NAME
Chair/Director	Mr. Arnold Morgan
Finance Director	Michael Carson
Company Secretary	Catherine Finegan
Director	Pat McCloughan
Communications Director	Sanjeev Shelar
Director	Greg Yarnall
Director	Jennifer Thompson
Director	Karine Adobet
Director	Sugandha Singh
Legal Director	Stephen Grey

PRESIDENTS

POSITION	NAME
Life President	Mr. Joseph Veselsky
Deputy Life President	Mr. Kenneth Strong
President	Mr. Alan Strong

VICE PRESIDENTS

Mr. Patrick O'Brien	Mr. Tony Phillips MBE	Mr. Alan Strong MBE
Mr. Ivan Shorten	Miss Anna Kelly	Mr. Tommy Keenan

LIFE MEMBERS

Mr. Joseph A. Hickey	
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HONORARY LIFE MEMBERS

Mr. Ted Mahaffy	Mr. Arthur Brett	Mr. Kenneth Strong
Mr. Alan Strong MBE	Mr. Tony Martin	Mr. Pat O’Brien
Miss Anna Kelly	Mr. Tony Phillips MBE	Mr. Tommy Caffery
Mrs. Pat Hunter		

OFFICERS

POSITION	NAME
National Safeguarding Officer	Ms. Clair Hughes

STAFF

POSITION	NAME	STATUS
CEO	David McNally	Full time
Finance and Operations Manager	Catherine Finegan	Full Time
Events, Membership and Affiliation Officer	Philip Ryan	Full Time
Volunteer and Coach Education Officer (incorporating Anti-Doping)	Molly Doyle / Erin McBride	Full Time
Community and Club Development Officer – Leinster	Ivanna Yates	Full Time
Community and Club Development Officer – Connacht	Marcus McDonnell	Part Time
Community and Club Development Officer – Munster	Conn Higgins	Part Time
Community and Club Development Officer – Meath/Cavan/Louth	Emma Smyth	Full Time

Women In Sport Co-ordinator	Mrs. Jing Yi Graham	Part Time (contractor)
National Para Coach	Mr. Sam Logue	Full Time
Participation and Inclusion Officer (TTU)	Ms Nicola Clements/Patrick Campbell	Full Time
Operational Supervisor (TTU)	Mr. Gary O’Hara	Part Time
Regional Development Officer (TTU)	Mr. Frank Shirley	Part Time
Regional Development Officer (TTU)	Mr. Aleksander Bartusik	Part Time
Administrative Officer (TTU)	Magdalena Rodycz Middleton	Part Time

APPEALS COMMITTEE

Mr. Keith McGarry	Mr. Chris Cowan	Ms. Triona Leahy
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DISCIPLINARY COMMITTEE

Mr. Kenneth Nixon	Ms. Louise O’Loughlin	Miss Anna Kelly
Mr. Neil Shanahan		

IRISH VETERANS TABLE TENNIS SOCIETY

Mr. Brian Finn (Chair)	Mr. Philip Shaw	Ms. Sharon Brien Gibbons (Treasurer)
Mr. Dave Pender (Secretary)	Mr. Kariem Sabir	Mr. Norman Nabney
Ms. Ger Greene		

RANKINGS

Senior	Philip Ryan
Under 21 & Junior	Philip Ryan

COACHING Working Group

Molly Doyle (TTI in attendance)	Miss Amanda Mogeey	Mr. Conn Higgins
Mrs. Jennifer Thompson	Mrs. Tara Fusco	Mr. Marcus McDonnell

DOMESTIC EVENTS COMMITTEE

Niall O Flaherty (Chair)	Mr. Tony Martin
CEO (In Attendance)	Philip Ryan
Mr. Adrian Brown	Mr. Sean Geoghegan (players Rep)

PARA Development /Pathway COMMITTEE

Mr. Eoin Kelly (Chair)	Mr. Proinsias Collins (Munster)	Mr. John Fall (Ulster)
Mr. Sam Logue (National Para Coach)	Mr. John Finn (Leinster)	Mrs. Delia Boyce (Connacht)
Mr. Sean Geoghegan (Players Rep)	Mrs. Susan Irwin	

PERFORMANCE Pathway COMMITTEE

Mrs. Tara Fusco (Chair)	Mr. Conn Higgins	Mr. Alan Hurley
Mrs Jennifer Thompson	Mr. Paul McCreery	Mr. Marcus McDonnell

OFFICIALS COMMITTEE

Brenda Burns (Chair)	Mr. Arnold Morgan
Mr. Adrian Brown	Mr. Jay McAlister
Mr. Niall O’Flaherty	Mr. Tony Martin

AUDIT & RISK COMMITTEE

Mr. Robert Cashell (Chair)	Pat McCloughan	Alan Strong
Greg Yarnall	David McNally (In attendance)	Catherine Finegan (In attendance)

SECTION 11

ANTI-DOPING REPORT

Season 2025–2026

Introduction

Mr. President, Chair, Ladies and Gentlemen, I am pleased to present the Anti-Doping Officer's report for the 2025/2026 season.

Prevention

The World Anti-Doping Agency (WADA) has identified Table Tennis as a low-risk sport in terms of Anti-Doping. It is our responsibility to ensure all our players and coaches are informed as to the dangers involved with performance enhancing drugs (PED). Table Tennis Ireland endeavours to encourage all involved in our sport to be aware of the negative effects of doping, not just on the individual athletes but on the sport in general. It is recommended that each National Association appoints a single person acting as the official ITTF liaison for all anti-doping matters. Erin McBride is the Anti-Doping Officer of the Association and has completed the Sport Ireland Anti-Doping online course.

Anti-Doping Statement

The aim of our Anti-Doping Statement is to inform all that participate in table tennis of the importance of clean sport for all to enjoy safely. The education of our players and coaches, young and old, is a key factor in the avoidance of players inadvertently committing an anti-doping rule violation. It is important that all players understand the following matters in relation to anti-doping:

- Anti-doping rule violations
- Testing procedures (blood & urine)
- How to check medications
- Therapeutic Use Exemptions
- The risk of supplements and herbal remedies
- Consequences of doping
- A Junior player may not participate in sport unless a parent or guardian has consented to the testing of that minor.

Anti-Doping Education

We took the time to update our website with some of the educational resources provided by Sport Ireland. We made the Anti-Doping Wallet 2025 downloadable to all website users and updated it with the 2026 wallet card in January. We also updated the WADA 2026 List of Prohibited Substances and Summary of Changes in Anti-Doping standards. We have included links to the ITTF Anti-Doping information page and Sport Ireland's resources so that players and coaches are aware of what happens during an anti-doping test. The Anti-doping policy was also reviewed and updated in 2024 and is available on the TTI website.

Anti-Doping Training

National coaches and carded athletes have all been contacted to complete Sport Ireland anti-doping education. In line with the anti-doping education plan, an online workshop by a clean sport educator will be organised for September 2026. All athletes, coaches and parents of athletes will be invited and encouraged to attend.

Erin McBride *Anti-Doping Officer, Table Tennis Ireland*

SECTION 12

PERFORMANCE PATHWAY REPORT

Season 2025–2026

Please find below the Performance Pathway Report for the 2025/2026 season, providing an overview of the strategy and work undertaken by the Performance Pathway Committee and highlighting achievements and successes of our players.

Committee Structure

- Tara Fusco (Chair)
- Paul McCreery
- Conn Higgins
- Marcus McDonnell
- Alan Hurley

New volunteers are still being sought to increase the size of the committee given the increasing workload.

National Training

This season continued improvements to the National Training camp structure with 5 x 2-day camps delivered to Junior Performance, Development and Hopes squads between September 2025 and June 2026. Three Senior-only camps were also delivered with Colum Slevin as Head Coach.

The Hopes Programme continues to thrive with 20 players now on the squad, following successful Hopes trials in September 2025. The Christmas camp in December with Colum Slevin again received extremely positive feedback from players and parents.

5 2-Day National Camps	20 Hopes Squad Players	3 Senior Camps	Gold Prague GP — Cadet Boys
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Events, Results & Achievements

International events attended this season:

- Home Countries International (Dublin, November 2025) — Gold: Senior Women; Silver: Senior Men, Junior Girls; Bronze: Junior Boys, Cadet Boys

- Prague Grand Prix — Gold: Cadet Boys Team (Peadar Sheridan & Christopher Allsop); Gold: Peadar Sheridan individual
- World Student Games – Germany
- European Youth Series — Croatia, Serbia and Portugal
- WTT Youth Contenders Luxembourg — September 2025 and April 2026
- Easter Cup Flensburg
- Eurominis
- Primary Schools International

Upcoming events: Prague Grand Prix, Senior Schools International, European Youth Championships.

Tara Fusco

Performance Manager, Table Tennis Ireland

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SECTION 13

PARA TABLE TENNIS REPORT

Season 2025–2026

Committee Members & Roles

- Eoin Kelly — Chairperson, Para Committee & Munster Rep
- John Finn — Leinster Rep
- Delia Boyce — Connacht Rep
- John Fall / Susan Irwin — Ulster Reps
- Sean Geoghegan — Players Representative

Programme Goals 2025/2026 — Status

- Commence Pathway Programme (2025–2028) — ACHIEVED
- Create funded Development Programme with dedicated coach — ONGOING
- Fill vacant Committee Roles — ACHIEVED
- Increase participation in each Province by 20% — ONGOING
- Grow National squad to 16+ at bi-monthly camps — ONGOING

NRH & National Camps

Paul Ivory replaced Mick Cunningham as NRH Coach during the season — sincere thanks to Mick for his excellent contribution. Eight referrals from the National Rehabilitation Hospital were received, though sustained attendance at subsequent camps remains a challenge for players based far from Dublin.

5 national training camps were held in Dublin, with an average of 10 players per camp. Provincial camps have been discontinued due to a lack of progress in forming provincial squads. Thanks to coaches Sam Logue, Mick and Dave Cunningham, and to volunteers John Finn and John Dempsey.

Funding Call

The Committee welcomes the appointment of Ivanna Yates as Participation Lead and looks forward to working with her and the CCDOs on the Gateway Programme. There are encouraging signs of increased interest from Paralympics Ireland following excellent results at the European Para Youth Games last July.

Goals for 2026/2027

- Continue to roll out the Performance Pathway Programme
- Continue to seek funding for the Gateway Programme, including a dedicated coach for the Para Development Squad
- Grow the National squad to 16+ attending bi-monthly camps

Eoin Kelly

Chairperson, Para Committee, Table Tennis Ireland
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SECTION 14

TABLE TENNIS ULSTER REPORT

Season 2025–2026

It is my privilege to present the Chairman's Report for the 2025/26 season — a year of significant progress for Table Tennis Ulster, marked by increased participation, strong organisational development, and exceptional player performances at every level.

65

Schools Involved

2,500+

Pupils in Schools Prog.

352

Junior Challengers
Entries

500

Ulster Open Entries
(Record)

Executive Committee

Eight Executive Committee meetings were held during 2025/26, alongside numerous sub-committee meetings and external engagements with Sport NI, NICG, Child Protection in Sport Unit, ETTU, MLAs, UK Sport, Munster Branch and local councils. Ala Al Janabi was co-opted to fill the vacancy left by Lorna Watson's departure.

Schools Programme

12 school competitions were delivered — 7 at Post-Primary and 5 at Primary level. 65 schools participated with 624 pupils/players. The Junior Challenger Series ran 8 events with 122 individual players involved (86 Post-Primary, 36 Primary).

Sport NI Review — Key RAG Outcomes

- Active Schools: Target 1,000 pupils — Actual: over 2,500. GREEN.
- Bat & Chat: Target 3 new groups — Actual: 15 total. GREEN.
- Young Female Leaders: Target 2 — Actual: 2 (24 pupils). GREEN.
- Special Schools: Target 2 — Actual: 4 (60 pupils). GREEN.
- Coach Activator Awards: Baseline 50, Target 65, Actual: 80. GREEN.
- Level 1 Coaches: Baseline 31, Target 41, Actual: 40. GREEN.
- Officials: Baseline 20, Target 27, Actual: 27. GREEN.
- Junior Challengers: Baseline 268, Target 280, Actual: 352. GREEN.
- SNI Ulster Series: Baseline 800, Target 960, Actual: 585 (7 events). AMBER — venue constraints noted.
- Ulster players in National Performance Programme: Baseline 6, Target 9, Actual: 13. GREEN.
- Ulster players representing Ireland: Baseline 29, Target 32, Actual: 33. GREEN.

Performance Highlights

- Ulster Open — record 500 entries, the flagship event in Ireland.
- Inter Provincials — 3 Gold and 1 Silver medals from 4 events on Day 1 (with Junior events to follow).
- Commonwealth Championships — Ulster sending Men's and Women's teams in July 2026.

- Four Ulster umpires selected for the World Team Championships in London.
- Hope Squad (Ulster): Baseline 40, Target 50, Actual: 55.
- Development Squad: Baseline 15, Target 19, Actual: 21.
- Ulster players transitioning to Senior National Programme: 7 (target: 3).

Adrian Brown

Chairman, Table Tennis Ulster

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SECTION 15

MUNSTER BRANCH REPORT

Season 2025–2026

Executive Committee

17 Committee meetings were held during the season with an average attendance of 68%. Executive Committee for 2026/27: Philip Shaw (Interim Chair); Daniel Kovac (Treasurer); Eoin Kelly; Declan Conroy; Gary Mahoney; Stefan Yan Theunissen; Ben Haughton; Catherine Morrissey. Secretary position currently vacant.

245Affiliated Members
(+12%)**366**

Munster Open Entries

1stU13 Boys & Girls at
Interpros**450+**

Kerry Schools Pupils

Participation & Schools

245 affiliated members this season — up 12% on 2024/25. Gender balance: 21% Female, 79% Male (slight reduction from previous season). 12 primary schools participated in Cork invitational events — up two from last season. Outside Cork, responses were received from Waterford, Clare and Kerry Sports Partnerships:

- Waterford: 3 city schools and 3 Tramore schools, 13 classes, over 400 pupils. Support from Waterford TT Stars coaches.
- Clare (Ennis): 5 schools, over 300 pupils — very successful.
- Kerry: 12 schools from large town and remote rural locations, over 450 pupils. Two festivals — North and South of the county.

Brilliant Events

The 2026 Munster Open was a great success — 366 entries, a 100% increase on the previous Munster Open — allowing the Branch to avoid the financial losses typically associated with this event. A special Parkinson's category was introduced, with 4 entries received. The Munster Veterans Championships were hosted in Waterford for the first time, thanks to the SETU Arena and TT Stars Waterford.

At the 2026 Inter Provincials, Munster entered 10 teams from 4 counties — the biggest representation in over 20 years — and achieved the best results in the same period. Both U13 Boys and Girls teams won their respective categories. U15 Girls finished second. Samanta Pusinskaite from Leeside won the Colum Slevin Award for best overall Junior performance.

In the All-Ireland Primary Schools Championships, two Cork schools — St. Anthony's Boys NS and Scoil Nioclais NS — won the Boys and Girls Championships respectively. Munster players from Leeside TT Club made up 3 of the 8 players on the Irish Primary Schools International teams.

Ranking Events

Entries were up 20% compared to last season, with events held outside Cork County for the first time in several years:

- 5 October — Cork: 108 entries

- 23 November — Waterford: 101 entries
- 14 December — Cork: 73 entries
- 22 February — Waterford: 87 entries

Inclusion & Para

Para training camps were integrated into provincial performance camps. Beech Hill, Cork has affiliated to the Mixed Ability Sports International Association (IMAS) and will develop a mixed-ability doubles format for trial in Munster. A 6-week programme for those living with Parkinson's/Dementia was held at SETU Waterford, supported by Waterford Sports Partnership. Kevin O'Callaghan from Beech Hill continues to make exciting progress internationally.

Munster Branch Financial Statement — 1 January to 31 December 2025

MUNSTER BRANCH — INCOME & EXPENDITURE 2025	€
Opening Bank Balance (1 January 2025)	€ 2,985.46
Munster Tournaments	€ 7,757.90
Grants	€ 1,385.62
Sponsorship	€ 250.00
School / Development Income	€ 269.43
Other Income	€ 300.00
TOTAL INCOME	€ 9,962.95
Tournament Expenses	€ 4,961.56
Interpro Expenses	€ 2,465.71
Trophies / Awards	€ 779.00
Administration / Bank Fees	€ 243.37
Other Expenditure	€ 592.36
TOTAL EXPENDITURE	€ 9,042.00
Closing Bank Balance (31 December 2025)	€ 3,906.41

Philip Shaw

Interim Chair, Munster Branch Executive Committee

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SECTION 16

IRISH VETERANS TABLE TENNIS SOCIETY

Season 2025–2026

Staging the Classification at Palmerstown SC on a Sunday marked a new departure for the Society. At the Home Nations in Nottingham, Rita delivered a standout performance winning singles Gold and team Silver alongside Susan and Ruth. Daryl won Silver in the Over 50s singles. Anne Marie and Ger won Silver in doubles.

The Colleens and Dyflin teams performed well at the Veterans British League in Derby. Both teams faced challenges through injury and illness at various points, but the experience gained was well worthwhile. Rita recorded several outstanding results at VETTS tournaments in England, notably at Crawley.

Events Highlights

- Herbie, Neil and Norman delivered an excellent Glenburn event with standout matches.
- Susan, Rodney, Adrian and Adam achieved great success with the Ulster Open in Dungannon.
- Catherine, Eoin, Stuart and the Waterford team hosted the Masters Munster Open for the first time — a brilliant occasion.
- The inaugural team event at Terenure TTC was a great success — eight teams over two weekends.
- New perpetual trophies for the 60s and 70s Championships were generously donated by Kariem and Philip Shaw.
- The IVTTS AGM has been postponed to 24 May 2026.

The tremendous efforts of Sharon and Dave, Dave Pender, Ger, Anne Marie, Viv, Teresa, Lorraine, Jimmy, Tommy Fitzgerald and Jim Storey made the success of all Palmerstown events possible. Sincere thanks also to Delegates Ger, Philip, Kariem and Norman, and to Martin, John, Caroline and the Palmerstown SC team.

Sincere thanks to David, Catherine, Clair, Arnold and Stephen at Table Tennis Ireland for their ongoing advice and support, and to the Leinster Branch for access to their equipment throughout the season. The Society extends its best wishes to all members who are coping with serious illness at this time.

Brian Finn / Dave Pender

Chair / Secretary, Irish Veterans Table Tennis Society

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SECTION 17

LEINSTER LEAGUE REPORT

Season 2025–2026

The 2025/26 season was another highly successful year for the Leinster League, marked by strong growth in participation, competitive matches across all divisions, and continued progress in expanding the game to new players and clubs. A total of 39 teams competed this season, up significantly from 27 last year. To accommodate this growth, an additional division was introduced, bringing the league to six divisions, with a seventh division already anticipated for next season.

This season also saw Monasterevin join the league. Their first year was a very encouraging one, with the club winning 6 of its 12 matches in Division 6 and making a strong start to league competition.

The Junior Leinster League competition was a tremendous success, with approximately 90 young players, including 16 girls, competing on 29 teams across seven divisions. It was a fun-filled and very positive day, clearly showing that there is strong appetite for well-organised events that give young players the opportunity to compete and enjoy the sport. The league greatly appreciates the support of the ITTA team in helping to deliver this event.

The league app continues to be an important support to the running of the competition, helping to simplify administration and strengthen direct engagement with players. We thank the ITTA for its continued support in making this tool available to the league.

League Winning Teams

Division	1st Place	2nd Place
Div 1	Balbriggan 1	Loop 2
Div 2	Leixlip 1	Wayside 1
Div 3	Loop 3	Wayside 3
Div 4	Balbriggan 4	Dunboyne 3
Div 5	ALSSA 1	Leixlip 4
Div 6	Dunboyne 6	Dunboyne 5

Cup Winning Teams

Division	1st Place	2nd Place
Div 1	Balbriggan 1	Loop 2
Div 2	Loop 3	Dunboyne 2
Div 3	Balbriggan 3	Dun Laoghaire 2
Div 4	Leixlip 2	Zion 1
Div 5	Leixlip 3	Dunboyne 5
Div 6	Kildalkey 1	Leixlip 6

Belfast & District League

The representative match against the Belfast & District League was another highlight of the season. Leinster recorded an excellent 3–0 victory in what were closely contested matches throughout. This historic event, hosted by Leixlip TTC, was a great success and was enjoyed by everyone involved.

Overall, the Leinster League continues to go from strength to strength. The increase in team numbers, the success of the junior competition, and the enthusiasm shown across all divisions reflect the strong health of the league. It is also particularly encouraging to see such a wide age range represented, from 11 to 82 years of age, underlining that table tennis is truly a sport for life. While it is positive to see female participation in the league, increasing this further remains an important priority, and we would welcome ideas on how to make the league even more attractive and accessible to all ITTA members. We thank the ITTA for its support of the league and its continued development. Most of all, we thank the players, clubs, and volunteers whose enthusiasm, commitment, and energy are the driving force behind the continued success of the Leinster League.

SECTION 18

CONNACHT BRANCH REPORT

Season 2025–2026

Branch Committee 2025/26

Chairperson: Niall O'Flaherty

Acting Secretary: Niall O'Flaherty

Treasurer: Kariem Sabir

Children's Officer: Teresa Egan

Para Representative: Delia Winters

Year in Review

The Connacht Branch had a positive year overall. Throughout the 2025/26 season, the branch successfully ran approximately five to six ranking tournaments, all held at the Drum facility in Athlone.

Connacht Open

Unfortunately, the branch was unable to hold its annual Connacht Open this year due to conflicting dates with other events and circumstances outside of our control. The branch is committed to ensuring the Connacht Open takes place in the 2026/27 season.

Acknowledgements

The Connacht Branch extends its sincere thanks to all members of staff at the Table Tennis Ireland office for their continued support and assistance throughout the year.

We also wish to thank all the players who participated in our ranking tournaments throughout the season. Your enthusiasm and commitment to the sport is greatly appreciated.

Looking Ahead

We look forward to welcoming everyone to the Connacht Open in the 2026/27 season and to another great year of table tennis in the province.

Yours sincerely,

Niall O'Flaherty

Chairperson & Acting Secretary

Connacht Branch, Table Tennis Ireland

SECTION 19

AUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

Year Ended 31 December 2025

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