

**NORTHUMBERLAND TABLE TENNIS ASSOCIATION
TEAM HANDICAP KNOCKOUT CUP COMPETITION REGULATIONS FOR SEASON
2014/2015**

(1) Entry to the competition is open to all teams contesting in the Northumbria League 2014-2015 season. Trophies will be awarded to the winners and runners - up.

(2) Entry is free. The draw for the first round was made on 25 September 2014. All subsequent rounds will be drawn at management committee meetings or as otherwise agreed by the committee.

(3) There are no restrictions on the composition of teams that clubs may enter other than all players **must be registered** for that club. Once a player has played for one team in this competition he/she is **cup tied** and may not play for any other team in the current year's competition. A team **conceding** a match **must name their players on the result sheet**. Those players will be **cup tied** and be unable to play for other teams in the club during the season's competition. If no players are named by the conceding team the competition secretary has discretion to allocate names based on league scorecards submitted for the season.

(4) **All players must have a grading to be eligible** to represent their team in this competition. A list of gradings will be sent to each club and will also be available for viewing on the web sites of Cramlington TTC. (www.cramlingtontabletennis.info) and Northumberland Table Tennis (www.nctt.co.uk). Any player who does not have a grading but has played a minimum of 4 matches in this season's league competition must apply to the Management Committee and be allocated a grading before they can compete in the competition. **Any handicap allocated on the limited information of 4 matches may, at the discretion of the Competition Secretary, be recalculated later in the competition based on subsequent results in the league.**

(5) The Club secretary for both team captains will be notified by email of each match. It is the responsibility of the home team to arrange the match and the responsibility of the winning team to notify the Competition Secretary of the result by posting the completed scorecard. The scorecard must be received by the Competition Secretary by the date on the card and failure to do so could result in disqualification for both sides involved, unless, exceptionally, any prior arrangements have been made with the Competition Secretary.

(6) Each match will consist of 9 singles only. Handicaps for each game will be based on the individual gradings of the players competing.

(7) The responsibility for the correct calculation of handicaps lies with the 2 team captains and should be agreed before the match commences. Any errors discovered after the completion of the fixture will not be accepted as a reason for dispute.

(8) The first round matches should be played during week commencing 27 October 2014 the second round in week commencing 1 December 2014, the third round in week commencing 16 February 2015 and the fourth round in week commencing 16 March 2015. All these weeks are free of league fixtures. Dates for subsequent rounds will be announced. Matches may be brought forward if convenient for the competing teams.

(9) The semi-finals and final will be played at venues mutually agreeable to the competing teams.

(10) Any dispute as to the interpretation of the regulations or any question arising not provided for herewith should be made in writing to the Competition Secretary and the decision of the Management Committee will be binding.