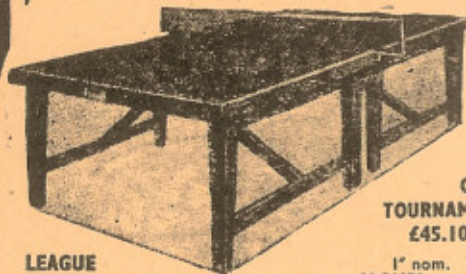




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1953-54	do.	do.	do.	do.
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1955-56	do.	do.	do.	do.
1956-57	do.	do.	do.	do.

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MIDDLESEX TABLE TENNIS ASSOCIATION

Rules and Regulations

NAME

- 1—The Association shall be called the Middlesex Table Tennis Association.

OBJECTS

- 2—The objects of the Association shall be as follows :—
 (a) To act as the controlling and governing body of the game of Table Tennis in the Middlesex County Area, subject to any overriding decisions of the National Executive Committee of the English Table Tennis Association.
 (b) To assist and encourage the formation of Table Tennis Leagues and Clubs in the Middlesex County Area, and to promote the game in every possible way.

CONSTITUTION

- 3—The Association shall consist of duly elected Officers, local Associations, local Leagues, Clubs and Individual Members, all being duly affiliated to the English Table Tennis Association, in the Middlesex County area, and also such local Associations and local Leagues not wholly constituted of clubs inside the Middlesex County area but who may be deemed eligible for membership by the National Executive Committee of the English Table Tennis Association.

ELECTION

- 4—Every local Association, local League and directly affiliated Club and Individual enumerated under Rule 3 shall complete the affiliation form in force for the time being, and shall sign same on his behalf or on behalf of the local Association, local League or directly affiliated Club, and each Club Secretary shall complete the form supplied with copies of the Association's Handbook, and shall return same to the Hon. General Secretary in accordance with the directions shown on the form.

(3)

SUBSCRIPTION

5—The Annual Subscription shall be as follows :—

(a) Local Associations and Local Leagues :— 2/- for each team in the Association or League, to entitle each team to one free copy of the Association's Handbook.

(b) Directly affiliated Clubs :— 2/- for each Club affiliating directly, whether a member of a local Association, local League or not.

(c) Directly affiliated Individuals :— 1/- for individuals desiring personal affiliation.

6—All subscriptions shall be paid to the Hon. Treasurer of the Association not later than October 15th each year.

OFFICERS

7—The Honorary Officers of the Association shall be :—a Chairman, Hon. General Secretary, Hon. Treasurer and Executive Committee members. The Association shall have power further to elect a President and Vice-Presidents. All Officers shall retire annually, but shall be eligible for re-election. The Executive Committee shall have power to create and fill any other office which in its opinion is necessary.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

8—(a) The control of the affairs of the Association shall be managed by an Executive Committee, consisting of the Chairman, Hon. General Secretary, Hon. Treasurer and six other elected members, who shall each represent a League. The Executive Committee shall have power to co-opt not more than two other members of the Association.

(b) The quorum necessary for the transaction of the business of the Committee shall be five.

(c) Except as herein otherwise provided, every question at a meeting of the Committee shall be determined by a majority of the members present and voting, every member having one vote except the Chairman, who shall be entitled to a casting vote in the case of an equality of votes.

(d) The Committee may delegate any of its duties to Committees consisting of such persons as it thinks fit. Any Committee so formed shall, in the performance of the duties so delegated, conform to any regulations that may be imposed on it by the Executive Committee.

(e) The Committee shall have power to fill casual vacancies in the membership of the Committee, but any member or members so appointed shall hold office only until the next Annual General Meeting of the Association.

(f) Forms of nomination for the election of Officers, including the Executive Committee, shall be forwarded by the Hon. General Secretary to all Secretaries of local Associations, local Leagues and directly affiliated Clubs in membership at least 28 days before the date fixed for holding the Annual General Meeting. Each local Association, local League or directly affiliated Club shall be entitled to nominate as many persons as there are vacancies to be filled, and no more. No nomination will be effective unless received by the Hon. General Secretary within fourteen days of the issue of the nomination paper.

(g) The voting for the election of Officers, including the Executive Committee, shall be by postal vote (if there are more valid nominations than vacancies to be filled), which shall be conducted in such a manner as may be determined from time to time. Each elector shall be entitled to vote for as many candidates as there are vacancies to be filled. Scrutineers shall be appointed by the Executive Committee to determine any questions as to the validity of nomination papers, and ascertain the result of any postal vote held under the provisions of this rule.

(h) The voting for the election of Officers, including the Executive Committee, shall be determined as follows :—Each affiliated local Association, local League or directly affiliated Club shall be entitled to one vote for each vacancy, but whereas the vote of a directly affiliated Club shall be worth one point, the vote of a local Association or local League shall be worth ten points.

(i) Subject to the control of the Annual General Meeting, the administration of the Rules and Regulations of the Association shall be vested solely in the Executive Committee, who shall decide all matters relating to inter-county matches, inter-league matches, other representative matches, teams, open tournaments, closed tournaments, conferences, etc., as affecting the Association. The Executive Committee shall also decide any other questions falling within its jurisdiction, and affecting the well-being of the game in the area covered by the Association.

(j) Each Sub-Committee appointed by the Executive Committee shall elect its own Chairman and Secretary (where necessary), one of whom will be responsible for presenting to the Executive Committee, at its ensuing meeting, the report of the Sub-Committee.

FINANCE

- 9—The financial year of the Association shall end on May 31st in each year and an audited statement of accounts up to and including this date shall be presented annually.
- 10—The funds of the Association shall be lodged at a bank and all cheques, drafts, etc., drawn on the account shall be signed by any two of the three Officers, Chairman, Hon. General Secretary and Hon. Treasurer.

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

- 11—The Annual General Meeting of the Association shall be held during July when the annual report of the Executive Committee and balance sheet, together with the statement of accounts, shall be presented.

(a) At least twenty-eight days' notice specifying the place, the date and hour, shall be given to all affiliated local Associations, local Leagues and directly affiliated Clubs and Individuals. Attendance at the Annual General Meeting shall be open to all affiliated members.

(b) Resolutions affecting all matters concerning the Constitution of the Association to be subject to block voting.

(c) Other matters may be decided by voting on a show of hands at the discretion of the Chairman.

(d) In block voting, each directly affiliated Club shall be entitled to one vote, each affiliated Association and League to a number of votes equal to one-half of its affiliated team strength or to the nearest higher whole number, but no directly affiliated individual is entitled to vote.

(e) Proxies will only be recognised if they have been given in writing, and refer to a specific decision on a specific resolution proposed.

(f) Before any resolution affecting the Constitution of the Association can be declared carried, at least three-fifths of the total votes cast shall be in favour of the Resolution.

(g) It shall be the duty of the Annual General Meeting to elect two Auditors, who shall take office from the day following the meeting.

SPECIAL GENERAL MEETING

- 12—A special General Meeting of the Association shall be convened on a resolution of the Executive Committee, or within five weeks of a receipt by the Hon. General Secretary of a resolution signed by the authorised representatives of at least one-half of the affiliated Associations and Leagues, and Rule 11 respecting circulation of notices and procedure shall apply as at the Annual General Meeting. A Special General Meeting shall have the same power of control of the Association as the Annual General Meeting.

ALTERATION OF RULES

- 13—(a) No addition to, or alteration or rescission of, the Rules shall be effected unless at the Annual General Meeting or at a Special General Meeting convened for the purpose. Any proposed addition to, or alteration or rescission of, the Rules shall be submitted in writing to the Hon. General Secretary before May 31st, or together with the demand for a Special General Meeting.

(b) All proposed additions, alterations or rescissions to the Rules shall be circulated to all affiliated members, together with the Agenda, not later than fourteen days before the date fixed for an Annual or Special General Meeting.

- 14—In the event of any question or matter arising which is not provided for in the foregoing Rules, such question or matter should be dealt with by the Executive Committee, subject to confirmation by the Annual General Meeting or Special General Meeting convened for the purpose, whose decision shall be final.

GENERAL REGULATIONS

- 15—All players permanently residing in the County of Middlesex and who are registered with any members of the Association shall hold themselves in readiness to play for any team representing the Association, and shall not play for any other body against the Association, except with the approval of the Executive Committee.

- 16—The playing regulations of the English Table Tennis Association shall be observed in all competitions and matches under the jurisdiction of the Middlesex Association.



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NATIONAL COUNTY CHAMPIONSHIPS

1955-56 FINAL TABLES

PREMIER DIVISION

	P	W	L	D	For	Agst.	Pts.
Surrey	7	7	0	0	50	20	14
MIDDLESEX	7	5	2	0	43	27	10
Yorkshire	7	5	2	0	41	29	10
Gloucestershire	7	4	2	1	45	25	9
Essex	7	3	3	1	39	31	7
Lancashire	7	2	5	0	23	47	4
Warwicks.	7	0	6	1	22	48	1
Sussex	7	0	6	1	17	53	1

SECOND DIVISION - SOUTH

	P	W	L	D	For	Agst.	Pts.
MIDDLESEX	6	6	0	0	48	12	12
Surrey	6	4	2	0	39	21	8
Kent	6	4	2	0	38	22	8
Essex	6	3	3	0	34	26	6
Hampshire	6	2	3	1	22	38	5
Hertfordshire	6	1	4	1	25	35	3
Bedfordshire	6	0	6	0	6	54	0

JUNIOR DIVISION - SOUTH

	P	W	L	D	For	Agst.	Pts.
MIDDLESEX	5	5	0	0	41	9	10
Suffolk	5	4	1	0	31	19	8
Kent	5	3	2	0	28	22	6
Essex	5	2	3	0	23	27	4
Sussex	5	1	4	0	22	28	2
Hertfordshire	5	0	5	0	5	45	0

Results of Middlesex matches in the County Championships were:—

Match

No.

PREMIER DIVISION

1. Middlesex beat Warwicks. 7—3 at Nuncaton.
2. Middlesex lost to Yorkshire 8—2 at Barnsley.
3. Middlesex beat Lancashire 9—1 at Acton.
4. Middlesex lost to Surrey 6—4 at Guildford.
5. Middlesex beat Gloucester 6—4 at Staines.
6. Middlesex beat Sussex 7—3 at Worthing.
7. Middlesex beat Essex 8—2 at Tottenham.

Match
No.

SECOND DIVISION - SOUTH

8. Middlesex beat Kent 6—4 at South Ruislip.
9. Middlesex beat Surrey 7—3 at Harefield.
10. Middlesex beat Hertfordshire 9—1 at Oxhey.
11. Middlesex beat Essex 7—3 at Dagenham.
12. Middlesex beat Hampshire 10—0 at Bournemouth.
13. Middlesex beat Bedfordshire 9—1 at Henthon.

Match
No.

JUNIOR DIVISION - SOUTH

14. Middlesex beat Sussex 8—2 at South Ruislip.
15. Middlesex beat Kent 8—2 at Chatham.
16. Middlesex beat Suffolk 8—2 at Lowestoft.
17. Middlesex beat Hertfordshire 9—1 at Rickmansworth.
18. Middlesex beat Essex 8—2 at Whitechapel.

Match
No.

OTHER MATCH

19. Middlesex beat the Rest of England 6—4 at Lime Grove.

The following players appeared in these matches :—

	League	Match Nos.
Miss D. Bridger	Acton	14. 15. 16.
Miss M. Cherry	N. Middx.	6.
Mrs. R. Cornett	Acton	3. 4. 10.
Miss D. Ellis	Acton	8. 9. 12.
Mrs. J. Faulkner	Staines	1. 2. 5. 6. 7.
Miss M. Fry	N. Acton	2. 7. 8. 9. 10. 11. 12.
Miss J. Harrower	Barnets	14. 15. 16. 17. 18.
Miss M. Hicks	Acton	14. 15. 17. 18.
Miss J. Hodson	N. Middx.	13.
Miss D. Rowe	Acton	1. 3. 4. 5. 7. 19.
Mrs. S. Spielberg	Staines	10. 11.
L. G. Adams	Acton	1. 2. 3. 4. 5. 6. 19.
R. Bradstreet	N. Middx.	13.
D. C. Burridge	Acton	
	W. London	1. 2. 3. 4. 5. 6. 7. 19.
E. Hodson	N. Middx.	14. 15. 16. 17. 18.
L. Hoffman	N. Middx.	8. 9.
A. Lamprell	N. Middx.	17. 18.
L. Landry	Wilkesden	10. 11. 12. 13. 14. 15. 16. 17. 18.
I. Redfean	Acton	8. 9. 10. 11. 12. 13.
A. Rhodes	Wembley	7. 8. 9. 10. 11. 12. 13.
S. Rose	Central	14. 15. 16.
M. H. Thornhill	Staines	1. 2. 3. 4. 5. 7. 19.

At the conclusion of the season the following players were awarded their County Badges.

Second Team. I. Redfean.

Junior Team. S. Rose, Misses D. Bridger, J. Harrower, M. Hicks.

COUNTY UMPIRES

The following comprises the Middlesex Panel of County Umpires at the close of the 1955/56 Season :

Mr. S. Addison.	Mr. C. Lederman.
Mr. J. Amsbury.	Mr. J. H. Lemson.
Mr. C. L. Anderson.	Mr. G. H. Linton.
Mr. N. K. S. Baker.	Mr. D. Lipman.
Mr. G. C. Beard.	Mr. D. P. Lowen.
Mr. N. Boddy.	Mr. W. J. Lucas.
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Mr. K. E. Buck.	Mr. G. McPherson.
Mr. L. R. Charlier.	Mr. C. R. Mayne.
Mr. D. Collinson.	Mr. A. V. Meyera.
Mr. A. J. Commib.	Mrs. P. Milburn.
Mr. E. A. Connell.	Mrs. E. Mildenhall.
Mr. S. R. Dane(*)	Mr. W. H. Milttenhall.
Mr. C. Davidson.	Mr. I. Mongredien.
Mr. E. B. Davies.	Mr. L. W. Monkton.
Mr. H. J. Denningberg.	Miss I. Moss.
Mr. J. Dollond.	Mr. N. Nicholson.
Mr. H. T. Edwards.	Mr. E. T. D. Offer(*)
Mr. H. Finch.	Mr. H. E. Pearce.
Mr. S. C. Fowkes.	Mr. M. L. Perkins.
Miss M. Fry.	Mr. L. R. Phillips.
Mr. A. Gross.	Mr. R. Purser.
Mr. S. J. Hardy.	Mr. N. K. Reeve.
Mr. G. R. Harrower.	Mr. W. Richards.
Miss H. Hartshorn.	Miss M. Rowntree.
Mr. C. K. Hatcher.	Mr. W. G. Smith.
Mr. D. C. Havard.	Mr. R. A. Stafford.
Mr. J. D. R. Hind.	Mr. R. W. Starks.
Mr. H. Hipworth.	Mr. L. Stilwell.
Mr. S. R. Hoddy(*)	Mr. W. T. Webb.
Mr. H. L. Humphries.	Mr. A. West.
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Mr. W. J. Kelly.	Mr. C. Youngs.
Mr. R. D. Larritt.	Mr. E. C. Zabitt.

(*) National Umpires.

Any details regarding the Middlesex County Umpires Scheme can be obtained from :

Mr. R. W. Boorer,
50, Southdown Avenue,
Hanwell, W.7.

MIDDLESEX CLOSED CHAMPIONSHIPS

The Association's Closed Championships took place at Messrs. Ultra Electric's Sports and Social Club on 4th and 5th February 1956 and the final results are given below.

MEN'S SINGLES - FINAL

M. Thornhill beat L. Landry 21-18, 21-18.

WOMEN'S SINGLES - FINAL

Miss M. Fry beat Miss D. Ellis 21-12, 21-12.

MEN'S DOUBLES - FINAL

E. Hodson and L. Landry beat M. Thornhill and D. Miller 21-17, 18-21, 21-15.

WOMEN'S DOUBLES - FINAL

Miss M. Fry and Miss D. Ellis beat Miss M. Stafford and Miss J. Williamson 10-21, 21-5, 21-14.

MIXED DOUBLES - FINAL

L. G. Adams and Miss M. Fry beat K. Craigie and Miss M. Cherry 18-21, 21-12, 21-10.

BOY'S SINGLES - FINAL

L. Landry beat E. Hodson 21-16, 21-13.

GIRL'S SINGLES - FINAL

Miss J. Harrower beat Miss M. Hicks 17-21, 21-10, 21-15.

1955-56 INTER-LEAGUE CHAMPIONSHIPS

Final Positions

PREMIER DIVISION

	P	W	L	F	A	Pts.
Acton	6	5	1	35	19	10
North Middlesex	6	4	2	32	22	8
Staines	6	4	2	31	23	8
North Acton	6	4	2	30	24	8
Wembley	6	3	3	23	31	6
Willesden	6	1	5	23	31	2
Central	6	0	6	15	39	0

SECOND DIVISION

North Middlesex 2nds	6	6	0	42	12	12
Central 2nds	6	4	2	30	24	8
Willesden 2nds	6	3	3	28	26	6
Uxbridge	6	3	3	24	30	6
North Acton 2nds	6	3	3	23	31	6
Barnets	6	2	4	27	27	4
Acton 2nds	6	0	6	15	39	0

THIRD DIVISION

Wembley 2nds	5	5	0	41	4	10
Acton 3rds	5	3	2	28	17	6
North Acton 3rds	5	3	2	23	22	6
Barnets 2nds	5	3	2	19	26	6
Film Renters	5	1	4	13	31	2
South West Middlesex	5	0	5	10	35	0

JUNIOR EAST ZONE

North Middlesex	4	4	0	33	5	8
Barnets	4	2	2	19	17	4
Willesden B	4	0	4	4	32	0

JUNIOR WEST ZONE

Willesden A	4	4	0	29	7	8
Wembley	4	1	3	14	22	2
Staines	4	1	3	11	25	2

North Middlesex became Junior Champions by beating Willesden 'A' 6-3 in the play off.

MIDDLESEX INTER-LEAGUE CHAMPIONSHIPS

competing teams :

SENIOR

Premier Division

Second Division

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- B. Acton
- C. Central
- D. North Acton
- E. North Middlesex
- F. Staines
- G. Wembley

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- A. North Acton 2nds
- B. Central 2nds
- C. Barnets
- D. Willesden 2nds
- E. Wembley 2nds
- F. North Middlesex 2nds
- G. Uxbridge

Third Division

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- A. Acton 2nds
- B. Wembley 3rds
- C. North Acton 3rds
- D. South West Middlesex
- F. Barnet 2nds

JUNIOR

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- A. North Middlesex
- B. Wembley
- C. Barnets
- D. Willesden 'A'
- E. Willesden 'B'
- F. Ealing Youth
- G. Staines

FIXTURES

(The first letter indicates the HOME League in every case)

1956

Period Commencing :—
29th October

19th November

10th December

1957

7th January

28th January

18th February

11th March

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MIDDLESEX INTER-LEAGUE CHAMPIONSHIPS

Rules and Regulations

- 1.—The competition shall be known as the Middlesex Inter-League Championships.
- 2.—There shall be a Premier Division, a Second Division, and as many other Divisions (Third, Fourth, Junior etc.) as are necessary.
- 3.—Leagues may enter as many teams as they wish.
 - (a) In the Senior Divisions, at the end of each season, promotion and relegation shall be on the basis of the highest and lowest team in each division transferring to the next higher or lower divisions respectively. Only first teams shall play in the Premier Division, and where the team eligible for promotion to it is not a first team, the next highest team, not being a second team, subject to its having finished no lower than third if the division consists of five or more teams, or second if less than five teams, shall have the right to challenge the team due for relegation for the place in the Premier Division. Where promotion to a division does not take place there shall be no relegation.
 - (b) In the Junior Divisions the highest teams in each division shall compete in play-offs at the end of the season on a 'knock-out' basis for the Junior Championships. The venues for all play-offs to be by mutual agreement and if such be impossible they shall be arranged by the Executive Committee. Drawn playoffs

shall be decided by total games won and if still at equality by the number of points won.

- 4.—The winner of the Premier Division shall be entitled to hold the Norman Pegg Challenge Trophy for one season.
- 5.—Where there are four teams in a division, they shall each play each, home and away in the same season, but where there are more than four teams, they shall play each other only once per season, home and away in alternate seasons.
- 6.—The Home League shall retain the whole of any proceeds from a match.
- 7.—A match shall consist of 9 ties, each the best of three games, comprising six men's singles, two ladies' singles and one ladies' doubles.
- 8.—Subject to any arrangement mutually agreed upon, the order of play shall be as follows (A, B and C being the home men in order of merit, D, and E being the home ladies in order of merit and X, Y and Z being the away men in order of merit, V and W being the away ladies in order of merit) : C v Z, Ladies' Doubles, A v Y, B v X, E v W, C v Y, B v Z, D v V, A v X.
- 9.—Two points shall be awarded for a win.
- 10.—All matches must be played during the period fixed with the exception that matches may be played earlier by mutual consent. Postponements will not be granted unless through exceptional circumstances, such postponement to be authorised in writing by the Hon. Secretary of the Competition. Failure to play a match at the proper time may result in a match being awarded.

- 11.—It shall be the duty of the home league match secretary to submit to the away league match secretary two dates at least 14 days before the commencement of the period in which the match is due to be played, and the away league must accept one of these dates at least 7 days before the commencement of the said period. No match shall be played, or date offered, to clash with a Middlesex County match, or during the period of the Closed Championships. The away league may appeal against any suggested date which clashes with the final stages of an Open Tournament. The Friday and Saturday of a one-week or longer Open Tournament shall be construed as the final stages. A date-clash with a county match in which Middlesex is not concerned shall not become the basis of an appeal. Any appeal must be received by the Hon. Secretary of the Competition at least 8 days before a period is due to commence.
- 12.—Any home league failing to offer two dates 14 days before the commencement of the period concerned shall pay a fine of five shillings for the first offence and one pound for all subsequent offences. Any away league failing to accept one date 7 days before the commencement of the period concerned, or lodging an appeal under Rule 11 shall pay a fine of one pound for each and every offence. The away league may also be called upon to pay if an appeal is considered ill-founded. Any fines must be sent to the Hon. Treasurer immediately upon request of the Hon. Secretary of the Competition.
- 13.—All players to be registered in order of merit, at the commencement of the season (15th October) with the Hon. Secretary of the Competition. Additional players can be registered, and the order of

merit altered, on the 1st of each subsequent month. No player may play for more than one league in the competition in any one season, and all players must be duly registered members. Registered players shall be entitled to represent their league if :—

- (a) They play in at least 50% of their Club's league matches, to be calculated at the time of the playing of each inter-league match in question.
- or (b) They shall have represented the league in a previous season, subject to not having subsequently played for another league.
- or (c) They shall be permanently resident in the area controlled by, and available to play for, the Middlesex Table Tennis Association, and shall never have represented any league in the competition in any previous season.

If any disputes occur on these points, the Executive Committee's ruling to be final and binding.

- 14.—A player having played more than once for any higher team, shall not be eligible to play for any lower team, unless with the express permission of the Executive Committee. In the first period fixtures, a player appearing for a higher team is ineligible to play for a lower team in the same period. The first three men and two lady players in a League's order of merit are eligible to play for their first team only.
- 15.—The Annual Subscription shall be 7/6d. for each team entered in the Senior Divisions and 5/- for each team entered in the Junior Divisions.

- 16.—The County Executive Committee shall decide any point upon which these Rules are silent, and their decision shall be final and binding on all parties.
- 17.—Any player participating in the Junior Section shall be under eighteen years of age on the preceding 1st October.

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1956	
September 8th- 9th	East of England
September 26th-29th	FRENCH JUNIOR TOURNAMENT.
October 6th	National County Championships fixture
October 11th-13th ...	North of England
October 20th	National County Championships fixture
October 21st	Portsmouth
October 23rd	Champion County v. The Rest
October 27th	Yorkshire
October 27th-28th ...	Sussex
November 1st- 4th ...	AUSTRIAN
November 3rd	Hull and East Riding
November 3rd- 4th ...	Bucks
November 10th	Hartlepool
November 10th-11th ...	ENGLISH & Kent Junior
November 9th-11th ...	YUGOSLAV
November 14th-18th ...	HUNGARIAN
November 16th-17th ...	Birmingham
November 17th	National County Championships fixture
November 24th	Peterborough
November 24th	Dorset
November 23rd-25th ...	South of England
November 25th-27th ...	SCANDINAVIAN
November 26th- December 1st	Central London
December 1st	Bath
December 8th	National County Championships fixture
December 6th- 7th } December 10th-15th }	Middlesex (Herga)
December 16th-22nd ...	North West Kent

1957

January 5th	Yorkshire Junior
January 12th	National County Championships fixture
January 18th-19th ...	Welsh
January 20th	Southampton
January 25th-26th ...	IRISH
January 26th-27th ...	Kent
January 26th	Lancashire
February 1st- 2nd ...	Midland
February 2nd	National County Championships fixture
February 4th- 9th ...	South London
February 9th	Pontefract
February 9th-10th ...	BELGIAN
February 11th-16th ...	Surrey
February 16th-17th ...	FRENCH
February 23rd	Wilmott Cup and J. M. Rose Bowl Semi Finals and Finals
February 23rd	Finals Eagle/Girl National Junior T.T. Tournament
February 23rd-24th ...	SWISS
Feb. 23rd-March 2nd ...	West Middlesex
March 2nd-3rd	GERMAN
March 7th-15th	WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS (STOCKHOLM)
March 16th	Grimsby
March 16th	Cheshire Junior
March 16th	West of England
March 23rd	National County Championships fixture
March 25th-30th	Essex
April 2nd- 6th	ENGLISH Open Championships (Wembley)
April 13th	Finals Daily Mirror National T.T. Tournament
April 20th-22nd	North East England

OPEN TOURNAMENTS—in or near Middlesex

For the convenience of our members we give below details of the Open Tournaments to be run in and around Middlesex during the season.

1956

November 3rd-4th—**BUCKS.**

Venue: Slough Community Centre.

Organiser: L. Thompson, 'Auchmead', The Avenue, Sunnymeads, Wraysbury, Bucks.

November 23rd-25th—**SOUTH OF ENGLAND.**

Venue: Powas Samas Welfare Hall, Aurelia Road, Croydon.

Organiser: C. A. Bourne, 15a, Red Down Road, Coulsdon, Surrey.

November 26th-December 1st—**CENTRAL LONDON.**

Venue: Manor Place Baths, Camberwell, S.E.5.

Organiser: Mrs. E. G. Johnson, 141, Ingram Road, Thornton Heath, Surrey.

December 6th-7th, 10th-15th—**MIDDLESEX (Herga).**

Venue: The Herga Lawn Tennis Club, Courtfield Avenue, Harrow, Middlesex.

Organiser: P. France, 53, Rickmansworth Road, Pinner, Middlesex.

1957

February 4th-9th—**SOUTH LONDON.**

Venue: Manor Place Baths, Camberwell, S.E.5.

Organiser: Mrs. E. G. Johnson, 141, Ingram Road, Thornton Heath, Surrey.

February 11th-16th—**SURREY.**

Venue: Mitcham Baths, London Road, Mitcham, Surrey.

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February 23rd-March 2nd—**WEST MIDDLESEX.**

Venue: The West Ealing Club, Mervyn Road, W.13.

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March 25th-30th—**ESSEX.**

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MIDDLESEX (Herga) OPEN— November 28th—December 3rd
 M.S. Thornhill beat Lindsey 15-21, 24-22, 21-14.
 W.S. Rook beat Fry 21-8, 21-19.
 M.D. Adams/Miller A. R. beat Thornhill/Raybold 21-19, 14-21, 21-14.
 W.D. Rook/White beat Harbey/Gaston 21-11, 21-13.
 X.D. Thornhill/Rook beat Adams/Fry 21-15, 19-21, 21-19.
 B.S. Landry beat Giles 21-14, 21-16.

WEST MIDDLESEX OPEN— February 28th—March 10th

M.S. Burridge beat Rhodes 21-13, 21-16.
 W.S. Head beat Rowe D. 21-16, 21-19.
 M.D. Adams/Burridge beat Hunt Densham 21-17, 21-12.
 W.D. Head/Piper beat Isaacs/Baker 21-19, 21-14.
 X.D. Adams/Fry beat Jones I./Baker 15-21, 21-11, 21-6.
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Men's Doubles	G. Stewart and J. Veness
Women's Doubles	No Competition
Mixed Doubles	f
Men's Veteran Singles	J. Barber
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Individual Champions

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Men's Doubles	M. Herring and E. Spielberg
Women's Doubles	Miss J. Bottrill and Miss R. Connell
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SINGLES

1. The Table

The table shall be in surface rectangular 9ft. in length, 5ft. in width; it shall be supported in such a way that its upper surface shall be 2ft. 6ins. above the floor, and shall lie in a horizontal plane.

It shall be made of any material and shall yield a uniform bounce of not less than 8 in. and not more than 9 in. when a standard ball is dropped from a height of 12 in. above its surface.

The upper surface of the table shall be termed the "playing surface"; it shall be non-reflecting, of a dark colour, with a white line $\frac{1}{2}$ in. broad along each edge.

The lines at the 5ft. edges or ends of the playing surface shall be termed "end lines". The lines at the 9ft. edges or sides of the playing surface shall be termed "side lines".

2. The Net and its Supports

The playing surface shall be divided into two courts of equal size by a net running parallel to the end lines and 4ft. 6in. from each. The net, with its suspension, shall be 6ft. in length; the upper part along its whole length shall be 6 in. above the playing surface; its lower part along the whole length shall be close to the playing surface. The net shall be suspended by a cord and attached at each end to an upright post 6 in. high; the outside limits of each post shall be 6 in. outside the side line on the same side.

3. The Ball

The ball shall be spherical. It shall be made of celluloid, white, but not brightly reflecting; it shall not be less than $\frac{1}{4}$ in. nor more than $\frac{1}{2}$ in. in circumference; it shall not be less than 37 grains (2.40 grammes) nor more than 39 grains (2.53 grammes) in weight.

4. The Racket

The racket may be any material, size, shape or weight, provided it be not white, light covered or reflecting.

5. The Scoring of Points

A game shall be won by the player who first wins 21 points, unless both players shall have scored 20 points, when the winner of the game shall be he who first wins two points more than his opponent.

6. The Choice of Ends and Service

The choice of ends and the right to be server or striker-out in every match shall be decided by toss, provided that, if the winner of the toss choose the right to be server or striker-out, the other player shall have the choice of ends, and vice versa, and provided that the winner of the toss may, if he prefer, require the other player to make the first choice.

7. The Change of Ends and Service

After five points the striker-out shall become the server and the server the striker-out, and so on after each five points until the end of the game or the score 20 all. At the score 20 all, the striker-out shall become the server, and the server the striker-out, and so on after each point until the end of the game. The player who served first in a game shall be striker-out first in the immediately subsequent game, and so on until the end of a match.

The player who started at one end in a game shall start at the other in the immediately subsequent game, and so on until the end of the match. Where the match consists of only one game, or, where it consists of more than one game, in the deciding game of the match, the players shall change ends at the score ten.

8. Out of Order of Ends or Service

If a player serves out of his turn, the player who ought to have served shall serve as soon as the mistake is discovered, unless a group of five services shall have been completed before such discovery, when the service in the subsequent groups of services shall continue in the sequence as originally established, the discontinuity being ignored. In any circumstances, all points scored before the discovery shall be reckoned.

If the players shall not have changed ends when ends should have been changed, the players shall change ends as soon as the mistake is discovered, unless a game shall have been completed since the error, when the error shall be ignored. In any circumstances, all points scored before the discovery shall be reckoned.

9. The Order of Play

The server shall first make a good service, the striker-out shall then make a good return, and thereafter server and striker-out shall each alternately make a good return.

10. A Good Service

The service shall begin by the server projecting the ball by hand only, without imparting of spin, up into the air.

The ball shall then be struck so that it touches first the server's court and then, passing directly over or around the net, touch the striker-out's court.

The free hand, while in contact with the ball in service, shall be open, with the fingers together, thumb free and the ball resting on the palm without being cupped or pinched in any way by the fingers.

At the moment of the impact of the racket on the ball in service, the latter shall be behind the end of the server's court and between an imaginary continuation of the side lines.

11. A Good Return

A ball having been served or returned in play shall be struck by the player so that it pass directly over the net or around the net and touch directly the opponent's court; provided that, if the ball having been served or returned in play, returns with its own impetus over the net or round the net, it may be struck, while still in play, by the player so that it touch directly the opponent's court.

12. A Let

The rest is a let:—

(a) If the ball served in passing over the net touch it or its supports, provided the service either be otherwise good or be volleyed by the striker-out.

(b) If a service be delivered when the striker-out is not ready, provided always that he may not be deemed to be unready if he attempt to strike at the ball.

(c) If either player be prevented by an accident, not under his control, from serving a good service or making a good return.

(d) If either player lose the point, as provided in Law 13 (c), (d), (e) or Law 14 owing to an accident not within his control.

13. A Point

Either player shall lose a point :—

(a) If he fail to make a good service, except as provided in Law 12.

(b) If a good service or a good return having been made by his opponent, he fail to make a good return, except as provided in Law 12.

(c) If he, or his racket, or anything that he wears or carries, touch the net or its supports while the ball is in play.

(d) If he, or his racket, or anything that he wears or carries, move the playing surface while the ball is in play.

(e) If his free hand touch the playing surface while the ball is in play.

14. A Point

Either player shall lose the point :—

(a) If, before the ball in play shall have passed over the end lines or side lines not yet having touched the playing surface on his side of the table since being struck by his opponent, it come in contact with him or anything that he wears or carries.

(b) If at any time he volley the ball, except as provided in Law 12 (a).

15. In Play

The ball is in play from the moment at which it is projected from the hand in service until :—

(a) It has touched one court twice consecutively.

(b) It has, except in service, touched each court alternately without having been struck by the racket intermediately.

(c) It has been struck by either player more than once consecutively.

(d) It has touched either player or anything that he wears or carries except his racket, or his racket hand below the wrist.

(e) On the volley it come in contact with the racket or the racket hand below the wrist.

(f) It has touched any object other than the net supports, or those referred to above.

16. Further Definitions

The period during which the ball is in play shall be termed a rest.

A rest the result of which is scored shall be termed a point.

A rest the result of which is not scored shall be termed a let.

The player who first strikes the ball during a rest shall be termed the server.

The player who next strikes the ball during a rest shall be termed the striker-out.

If the ball in passing over the net, or round the net, touch it or its supports, it shall, nevertheless, be considered to have passed directly, except as referred to in Law 12 (a).

"Round the net" shall be considered as including "under or round the projection of the net and supports outside the side line."

If the ball in play come into contact with the racket or racket hand, not yet having touched the playing surface on one side of the net, since last being struck on the other side, it shall be said to have been volleyed.

The racket hand is the hand carrying the racket; the free open hand is the hand not carrying the racket.

DOUBLES

17. The above laws shall apply in the Doubles Game, except as below.

18. The Table

The surface of the table shall be divided into two parts by a white line 1 in. broad, running parallel with the side lines and distant equally from each of them. This line shall be termed the service line. The part of the table surface on the nearer side of the net and the right of the service-line in respect to the server, shall be called the server's right half-court, that on the left in respect to him, the server's left half-court. The part of the table surface on the farther side of the net, and the left of the service-line in respect to the server, shall be called the striker-out's right half-court, that on the right in respect to the server the striker-out's left half-court.

19. A Good Service

The service shall be delivered as otherwise provided in Law 10, and so that it touch first the server's right half-court or the centre line on his side of the net, and then, passing directly over or round the net, touch the striker-out's right half-court or the centre line on his side of the net.

20. The Choice of Order of Play

The pair who have the right to serve the first five services in any game shall decide which partner shall do so, and the opposing pair shall then decide similarly which shall first be striker-out.

21. The Order of Service

The first five services shall be delivered by the selected partner of the pair who have the right to do so, and shall be received by the selected partner of the opposing pair. The second five services shall be delivered by the striker-out of the first five services and received by the partner of the server of the first five services. The third five services shall be delivered by the partner of the server of the first five services and received by the partner of the striker-out of the first five services and received by the partner of the striker-out

of the first five services. The fourth five services shall be delivered by the partner of the striker-out of the first five services and received by the server of the first five services. The fifth five services shall be delivered as the first five services. And so on, in sequence, until the end of the game or the score 20 all, when the sequence of serving and striking-out shall be uninterrupted, but each player shall serve only one service in turn until the end of the game.

In a one-game match, or in the deciding game of a match of more than one game, the pair that served the first five services has the right to alter their order of striking-out or that of their opponents at the score 10.

22. Out of Order of Striking-out

If a player act as striker-out out of his turn, the player who ought to have acted as striker-out shall be striker-out as soon as the mistake is discovered, unless a group of five services shall have been completed before such discovery, when the sequence of serving and striking-out shall continue as originally established, the discontinuity being ignored. In any circumstances, all points scored before the discovery shall be reckoned.

23. The Order of Play

The server shall first make a good service, the striker-out shall then make a good return, the partner of the server shall then make a good return, the partner of the striker-out shall then make a good return, the server shall then make a good return, and thereafter each player alternately in that sequence shall make a good return.

24. Further Amendments and Additions

LAW 6. Alter "server," "striker-out," "winner," "he," to their respective plurals; alter "player" to "pair."

LAW 7. Delete first two sentences of first paragraph. In the third sentence, first paragraph, and in the second paragraph, alter "player" to "pair," "players" to "pairs," "striker-out" to "strikers-out."

LAW 12 (b). Insert "or his partner" after "striker-out"; "they" in place of the first "he"; "the striker-out" in place of the second "he."

LAW 12 (c). Insert "any" in place of "either."

LAW 12 (d). Insert "pair" in place of "player"; "their" in place of "his."

LAW 13. Insert "pair" in place of "player."

LAW 13 (a). Insert "the server" instead of "he."

LAW 13 (b). Insert "one of their opponents in proper sequence" in place of "his opponent"; "they" in place of "he."

LAW 13 (c). Insert "either partner" in place of the first "he."

LAW 13 (d). Insert "either partner" in place of the first "he."

LAW 13 (e). Insert "of either partner," after "hand" and "the" in place of "his."

LAW 14. Insert "pair" instead of "player."

LAW 14 (a). Insert "their" in place of the first "his"; "one of their opponents in proper sequence" instead of "his opponent"; "either partner" instead of "him."

LAW 14 (b). Insert "either partner" in place of "he."

LAW 15 (c). Insert "any" in place of "either"; add "or by any players out of proper sequence except as provided in Law 22."

LAW 15 (d). Insert "any" in place of "either."

ADD AS LAW 15 (g). "In service it has touched the server's left half-court of the striker-out's left half-court."

Appendix to Laws

KNOTTY POINTS

(Decisions of the Rules Committee of the International Table Tennis Federation)

1. Edge Balls

The phrase "table surface" is to be interpreted as including the top edges and corners of the table top, and a ball in play which strikes these latter is therefore good and still in play; though if it strikes evidently the side of the table top below the edge, it becomes dead and counts against the last striker.

2. Ball Returned with Empty Hand

If a player drop his racket, he cannot return the ball with empty hand. (See definition, "the racket hand is the hand carrying the racket".)

3. Racket Thrown at Ball

If in returning the ball the racket leave the player's hand, it is a good return only if it were still in his hand at the moment of contact with the ball (see Law 11, "a ball . . . shall be struck"), and if it do not touch the net or move the table surface (Law 13 (c), (d)) before the ball is out of play.

4. Missed Service

If a player in attempting to serve, miss the ball altogether, it is a lost point (Laws 10 and 15), because the ball was in play from the moment it left the server's hand, and a good service has not been made of the ball already in play.

5. Volleyed Net Service

A net service is a let not only if otherwise good but also if it be volleyed by the striker-out. (See Laws 12 (a) and 14 (b).)

6. "Open hand" in Service: Physical Disability:—

Strict observation of the prescribed method of service may be waived where the umpire is notified, before play begins, that compliance by the player in question is prevented by physical disability.

7. Ball Fractured in Play

If the ball split or become otherwise fractured in play, *affecting a player's return*, the result is a let (Law 12 (c)). It is the umpire's duty to stop play, recording a let, when he has reason to believe that the ball in play is fractured or imperfect; and to decide those cases in which the faulty ball is clearly fractured in actually going out of play, and in no way handicaps the player's return, when the point should be scored. In all cases of doubt, however, he should declare a let.

8. Fixtures

A moving spectator, a neighbouring player, a sudden noise, i.e., any neighbouring object *in movement* except a partner should be regarded as an accident not under control (Law 12 (c)), interference from which implies a let. A stationary spectator, fixed seating, the umpire, the light, a nearby table, a continuous sound of even volume, i.e., any *relatively constant or motionless* hazard, should not be so regarded, and complaint against interference from it during play should be regarded as void.



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