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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.—To act as the controlling and governing body of the game of table tennis in that area defined by the English Table Tennis Association as the 'County of Middlesex', subject to any over-riding decisions of the English Table Tennis Association.

**CONSTITUTION**

- 3.—The Association shall consist of:—
- (i) President, Vice-Presidents, Honorary Life Members and duly elected officers.
  - (ii) Local associations, local leagues and directly affiliated clubs, all of whom shall be duly affiliated to the English Table Tennis Association and who shall be either within the County of Middlesex or deemed eligible for membership by the English Table Tennis Association.
  - (iii) Directly affiliated individual members.

**ELECTION**

- 4.—Applications for affiliation to the Association shall be made on the current affiliation form by a responsible officer of the applicant Association, League or Club, who shall sign it and return it in accordance with the directions thereon. Applications for individual membership shall be made on the current application form, signed by the applicant.

### SUBSCRIPTION

- 5.—The Annual Subscription shall be as follows:—
- (a) Local Associations and Local Leagues: 6d. per team place plus 6d. for one reserve place, for each team in the Local Association or League. The number of team places in a League or Association shall be calculated as determined by the English Table Tennis Association.
  - (b) Directly affiliated Clubs: 5/- for each Club affiliating directly whether a member of a local Association, Local League or not.
  - (c) Directly affiliated individual members: 5/-.
- 6.—All subscriptions shall be paid to the Hon. Treasurer of the Association not later than 15th November each year.

### HANDBOOK

- 7.—Each local league, local association, club (whether affiliated directly or through a league) and directly affiliated individual shall be entitled to receive free a copy of the Association's Handbook.

### PRESIDENTS AND VICE-PRESIDENTS

- 8.—The President and Vice-Presidents shall be elected annually by the Annual General Meeting.

### HONORARY LIFE MEMBERS

- 9.—(a) The distinction of Honorary Life Member may be conferred for special or long service in connection with table tennis in Middlesex.
- (b) The distinction shall be conferred only at a General Meeting of the Association and candidates shall be nominated only by the Executive Committee.

### OFFICERS

- 10.—The Honorary Officers of the Association shall be Chairman; Hon. General Secretary; Hon. Treasurer.

### EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

- 11.—(a) The affairs of the Association shall be managed by an Executive Committee, consisting of the President, Chairman, Hon General Secretary, Hon Treasurer, eight other elected members, and the English Table Tennis Association Councillor if not one of the above. All members of the Committee shall retire annually, but shall be eligible for election.

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

(c) At its first meeting after the Annual General Meeting, the Executive Committee shall elect from its members a Deputy Chairman.

(d) The Executive Committee shall have power to co-opt not more than two other members of the Association; to fill casual vacancies in its membership; and to create and fill any other office which in its opinion is necessary. Of the members so appointed, only co-opted members shall have the right to vote at Executive Committee meetings, and all of them shall hold office only until the next Annual General Meeting of the Association.

(e) 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. In the event of equality of votes, the Chairman shall have a second, or casting vote.

(f) The Committee may delegate any of its duties to Sub-Committees, consisting of such persons as it thinks fit. Any Sub-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.

(g) Forms of nomination for the election of Officers, and other members of 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.

(h) The voting for the election of Officers, and other members of the 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.

(i) The voting for the election of Officers, and other members of 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.

(j) The election of the English Table Tennis Association Councillor shall be carried out as laid down by the English Table Tennis Association.

(k) 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 on all matters relating to inter-county 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.

(l) 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

- 12.—The financial year of the Association shall end on 31st May in each year and an audited statement of accounts up to and including this date shall be presented annually.
- 13.—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 following: Chairman, Hon. Treasurer, Hon. General Secretary, Deputy Chairman.

#### ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

- 14.—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 shall 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 the Auditors, who shall take office from the day following the meeting.

(h) The ruling of the Chairman on any points of order on the application of Rule 12 to the conduct of A.G.Ms. shall be final unless challenged by not less than two members. Unless two-thirds of the members present vote to the contrary when the point is put to the vote, the Chairman's ruling shall stand.

(i) Without first obtaining the consent of the Chairman, no member shall be allowed to speak more than once upon any subject before the meeting or on a point of order; or explanation except the mover of the original motion. The mover of a motion, having exercised his right of reply, the motion shall be put to the vote immediately.

(j) No motion or amendment having been accepted by the chair, shall be withdrawn without the unanimous consent of the meeting. Should any member dissent, the addendum must be proposed and seconded and treated as an ordinary amendment.

(k) Motions for the previous question next business or the closure may be moved and seconded only by those who have not previously spoken in the debate on the subject before the meeting.

### SPECIAL GENERAL MEETING

15.—A special General Meeting of the Association shall be convened on a resolution by the Executive Committee, or within five weeks of 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 12 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

16.—(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 15th May, 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.

17.—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 appeal to the Annual General Meeting or Special General Meeting convened for the purpose, whose decision shall be final.

### GENERAL REGULATIONS

18.—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.

19.—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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## COUNTY TABLE TENNIS CHAMPIONSHIPS

### 1967-68 FINAL TABLES

Premier Division	P	W	D	L	For	Agst.	Pts.
Essex .....	7	7	0	0	52	11	14
Yorkshire .....	7	5	0	2	38	25	10
Sussex .....	7	5	0	2	32	31	10
MIDDLESEX .....	7	3	0	4	37	26	6
Gloucestershire ...	7	3	0	4	30	33	6
Cheshire .....	7	3	0	4	30	33	6
Surrey .....	7	2	0	5	24	39	4
Lancashire .....	7	0	0	7	9	54	0

### Second Division (South)

Kent .....	6	6	0	0	51	9	12
MIDDLESEX II .....	6	4	0	2	33	27	8
Hampshire .....	6	3	0	3	31	29	6
Hertfordshire .....	6	3	0	3	29	31	6
Surrey II .....	6	2	1	3	29	31	5
Bucks. ....	6	2	1	3	26	34	5
Sussex II .....	6	0	0	6	11	49	0

### Junior Division (East)

Essex .....	5	4	1	0	41	9	9
Hertfordshire .....	5	4	1	0	34	16	9
MIDDLESEX .....	5	3	0	2	36	14	6
Norfolk .....	5	1	1	3	17	33	3
Northants .....	5	1	1	3	13	37	3
Suffolk .....	5	0	0	5	9	41	0

### Bernard Crouch Trophy Competition

Essex .....	4	4	0	0	24	12	8
Surrey .....	4	2	0	2	18	18	4
MIDDLESEX .....	4	0	0	4	12	24	0

Results of Middlesex matches were:

### Premier Division

Match No.

1. Middlesex lost to Sussex 4—5 at Finchley.
2. Middlesex beat Lancashire 7—2 at Bolton.
3. Middlesex beat Cheshire 7—2 at Chester.
4. Middlesex lost to Gloucestershire 4—5 at Finchley.
5. Middlesex lost to Essex 3—6 at Loughton.
6. Middlesex lost to Yorkshire 4—5 at Southall.
7. Middlesex beat Surrey 8—1 at Reigate.

### Second Division (South)

8. Middlesex II beat Sussex II 9—1 at Finchley.
9. Middlesex II beat Surrey II 6—4 at Finchley.
10. Middlesex II beat Hampshire 6—4 at Southampton.
11. Middlesex II beat Herts. 6—4 at Fulham.
12. Middlesex II lost to Bucks. 4—6 at High Wycombe.
13. Middlesex II lost to Kent 2—8 at Canterbury.

### Junior Division (East)

14. Middlesex lost to Herts. 4—6 at Finchley.
15. Middlesex lost to Essex 3—7 at Hendon.
16. Middlesex beat Northants 10—0 at Wellingborough.
17. Middlesex beat Norfolk 10—0 at Finchley.
18. Middlesex beat Suffolk 9—1 at Lowestoft.

### Bernard Crouch Trophy Competition

19. Middlesex lost to Surrey 3—6 at Finchley.
20. Middlesex lost to Essex 4—5 at Loughton.
21. Middlesex lost to Surrey 3—6 at Sydenham.
22. Middlesex lost to Essex 2—7 at Finchley.

The following players appeared in these matches:

Mrs. M. Gafney	10
Miss C. Mann -	9, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21, 22
Miss I. Ogas -	22
Miss A. Painter -	15, 16, 18
Miss K. Smith -	1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 14, 17
Miss A. Taft -	8, 11, 12, 13
Miss M. Walker	8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 19, 20, 21
T. Bateman -	19, 20, 21
J. Bender -	9, 10, 11, 12, 13
R. Gibson -	14, 15, 16, 17, 18
L. Gresswell -	21, 22
O. Haslam -	6, 7
R. Jones -	14, 15, 16, 17, 18
R. Lahiri -	12, 22
L. Landry -	1, 4, 5, 8, 9
A. Lindsay -	1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6
R. Maison -	13, 19, 20, 21, 22
D. Offenbach -	11
B. Petch -	8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 19, 20
M. Sugden -	2, 3, 7
M. Waldman -	14, 15, 16, 17, 18
B. Wright -	1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7
S. Wright -	8, 9, 10

The following players were awarded their County badges during the season:

**Senior:** M. Sugden, J. Bender, S. Wright, B. Petch, Miss M. Walker.

**Junior:** R. Jones.

## FIXTURE LIST 1968/69 SEASON COUNTY CHAMPIONSHIPS

### Premier Division

<i>Opponents</i>	<i>Venue</i>	<i>Date</i>
v. Gloucestershire	Away	
v. Warwickshire	Home	16th November, 1968
v. Cheshire	Home	13th December, 1968
v. Kent	Away	14th December, 1968
v. Yorkshire	Away	11th January, 1969
v. Essex	Home	15th March, 1969
v. Sussex	Away	22nd March, 1969

### Division 2 (South)

v. Buckinghamshire	Home	25th October, 1968
v. Hertfordshire	Away	16th November, 1968
v. Kent II	Home	14th December, 1968
v. Surrey	Away	15th February, 1969
v. Essex II	Away	13th March, 1969
v. Norfolk	Home	22nd March, 1969

### Junior Division (South)

v. Sussex	Away	5th October, 1968
v. Berkshire	Away	16th November, 1968
v. Hampshire	Home	11th January, 1969
v. Buckinghamshire	Home	7th February, 1969
v. Kent	Away	15th March, 1969
v. Surrey	Home	22nd March, 1969

### BERNARD CROUCH TROPHY COMPETITION

v. Surrey	Away	28th October— 17th November, 1968
v. Essex	Home	18th November— 8th December, 1968
v. Surrey	Home	6th—26th January, 1969
v. Essex	Away	27th January— 16th February, 1969

These dates are only provisional. Watch the monthly Bulletin for further details of dates and venues.

## COUNTY UMPIRES

The following comprise the active list of the Middlesex Panel of County Umpires at the close of the 1967-68 season.

- |                      |                     |
|----------------------|---------------------|
| *Mr. A. Broadrick    | *Mr. A. V. Meyern   |
| Mr. R. Clark         | Miss I Moss         |
| Mr. E. R. A. Connell | *Mr. N. Nicholson   |
| *Mr. S. R. Dane      | Mr. E. Owen         |
| Mr. K. L. Dewick     | Mr. H. E. Pearce    |
| Mr. H. T. Edwards    | *Mr. L. Pilditch    |
| Mr. A. E. Hammond    | *Mr. L. R. Phillips |
| Mr. H. Hipworth      | *Mr. E. C. Pratt    |
| Mr. L. Hoffman       | *Mr. R. Purser      |
| *Mr. G. James        | *Mr. J. A. Randall  |
| Mr. L. F. Landry     | Mr. N. K. Reeve     |
| Mr. M. J. Lane       | Mr. A. Shepard      |
| *Mr. A. W. A. Leigh  | Mrs. R. Stannard    |
| *Mr. D. Lipman       | Mr. R. S. Webb      |
| Mr. D. P. Lowen      | *Mr. B. R. J. Webb  |
| Mr. B. Mann          | Mr. M. J. Wilkinson |
| Miss C. Mann         | *Mr. J. M. Wright   |
| *Mr. C. R. Mayne     | Mr. R. W. Wright    |

\* National Umpires

In addition there are 57 umpires on the Panel who have not taken any active part in umpiring in Middlesex in recent years.

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### MIDDLESEX CLOSED CHAMPIONSHIPS

The Association's Closed Championships took place at the Old Town Hall, Fulham, S.W.6, on 20th and 21st January, 1968, and the final results are given below:

#### MEN'S SINGLES

B. D. Wright beat L. Landry 21-11, 22-24, 21-18.

#### WOMEN'S SINGLES

Miss K. Smith beat Miss A. Taft 21-10, 21-15.

#### MEN'S DOUBLES

A. Lindsay and B. D. Wright beat L. Landry and D. Offenbach 21-15, 21-11.

#### WOMEN'S DOUBLES

Miss K. Smith and Miss A. Taft beat Miss M. Cherry and Mrs. B. Tregoning 21-17, 21-8.

#### MIXED DOUBLES

B. D. Wright and Miss K. Smith beat A. Lindsay and Mrs. M. Gafney 21-15, 21-17.

#### BOYS' SINGLES

M. Waldman beat R. Gibson 21-18, 21-19.

#### GIRLS' SINGLES

Miss C. Mann beat Miss L. Pacitto 21-19, 21-11.

### MIDDLESEX OPEN CHAMPIONSHIPS

The Middlesex Open Championships were held at the Hanwell Community Centre on 9th and 10th December, 1967. The event was staged by the Middlesex Table Tennis Club in conjunction with the Association. The final results were as follows:

#### MEN'S SINGLES

I. Harrison (Glos.) beat O. Haslam (Middlesex) 21-11, 21-14.

#### WOMEN'S SINGLES

Mrs. M. Wright (Surrey) beat Miss M. Heppell (Northumberland) 21-11, 21-15.

### MEN'S DOUBLES

B. Burn (Northumberland) and A. Hydes (Yorkshire) beat D. Brown and D. Johnson (Essex) 21-13, 21-18.

### WOMEN'S DOUBLES

Miss K. Smith (Middlesex) and Mrs. M. Wright (Surrey) beat Mrs. L. Radford and Miss D. Simpson (Essex) 21-17, 21-12.

### MIXED DOUBLES

B. D. Wright (Middlesex) and Mrs. M. Wright (Surrey) beat S. Gibbs (Essex) and Miss K. Smith (Middlesex) 21-17, 18-21, 21-18.

### BOYS' SINGLES

T. Taylor (Herts.) beat P. Judd (Warwicks.) 11-21, 24-22, 22-20.

### GIRLS' SINGLES

Miss K. Smith (Middlesex) beat Miss J. Heaps (Cheshire) 21-17, 21-13.

### 1967-68 INTER-LEAGUE COMPETITION

	Premier Division					
	P	W	L	For	Agst.	Pts.
Central .....	6	6	0	36	18	12
North Middlesex .....	6	4	2	30	24	8
North Middlesex II ...	6	4	2	29	25	8
Willesden .....	6	2	4	26	28	4
Acton .....	6	2	4	24	30	4
London Civil Service ...	6	2	4	24	30	4
North Acton .....	6	1	5	20	34	2
Division 2						
Wembley .....	6	5	1	38	16	10
Uxbridge .....	6	5	1	33	21	10
S.W. Middlesex .....	6	4	2	32	22	8
Wembley II .....	6	3	3	21	33	6
North Middlesex III ...	6	2	4	18	36	4
Acton II .....	6	1	5	25	29	2
Central II .....	6	1	5	22	32	2

### Division 3

	P	W	L	For	Agst.	Pts.
Staines .....	6	5	1	38	16	10
London Civil Service II .....	6	5	1	36	18	10
North Acton II .....	6	5	1	31	23	10
Willesden II .....	6	3	3	25	29	6
Barnets .....	6	2	4	28	26	4
Barnets II .....	6	1	5	22	32	2
S.W. Middlesex II .....	6	0	6	9	45	0

### Junior Division

Staines .....	5	5	0	31	14	10
Acton .....	5	4	1	30	15	8
Wembley .....	5	3	2	26	19	6
Willesden .....	5	2	3	19	26	4
North Middlesex .....	5	1	4	18	27	2
S.W. Middlesex .....	5	0	5	11	34	0

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**COMPETING TEAMS**

<b>Premier Division</b>	<b>Division 3</b>
Acton	Acton II
Central	Barnets
North Middlesex	Barnets II
North Middlesex II	Central II
Uxbridge	North Acton II
Wembley	South West Middlesex II
Willesden	Staines II
	Willesden II
<b>Division 2</b>	<b>Junior Division</b>
London Civil Service	Acton
London Civil Service II	North Middlesex
North Acton	South West Middlesex
North Middlesex III	Staines
South West Middlesex	Wembley
Staines	Willesden
Wembley II	

**FIXTURES**

Period commencing		
1968		
14th Oct.	Uxbridge	v Wembley
	N. Middlesex II	v North Middlesex
	Central	v Willesden
4th Nov.	Wembley	v Acton
	N. Middlesex	v Uxbridge
	Willesden	v North Middlesex II
25th Nov.	Acton	v North Middlesex
	N. Middlesex II	v Central
	Uxbridge	v Willesden
16th Dec.	Central	v Uxbridge
	N. Middlesex	v Wembley
	Willesden	v Acton

1969		
13th Jan.	Uxbridge	v North Middlesex II
	Acton	v Central
	Wembley	v Willesden
3rd Feb.	N. Middlesex II	v Acton
	Central	v Wembley
	Willesden	v North Middlesex
24th Feb.	Wembley	v North Middlesex II
	Acton	v Uxbridge
	N. Middlesex	v Central

Period commencing

1968		<b>Division 2</b>
14th Oct.	N. Middlesex III	v N. Acton
	Lon. Civil Ser. II	v London Civil Ser.
	Wembley II	v Staines
4th Nov.	N. Acton	v S.W. Middlesex
	London Civil Ser.	v N. Middlesex III
	Staines	v Lon. Civil Ser. II
25th Nov.	S.W. Middlesex	v London Civil Ser.
	Lon. Civil Ser. II	v Wembley II
	N. Middlesex III	v Staines
16th Dec.	Wembley II	v N. Middlesex III
	London Civil Ser.	v N. Acton
	Staines	v S.W. Middlesex

1969		
13th Jan.	N. Middlesex III	v Lon. Civil Ser. II
	S.W. Middlesex	v Wembley II
	N. Acton	v Staines
3rd Feb.	Lon. Civil Ser. II	v S.W. Middlesex
	Wembley II	v N. Acton
	Staines	v Lon. Civil Ser.
24th Feb.	N. Acton	v Lon. Civil Ser. II
	S.W. Middlesex	v N. Middlesex III
	London Civil Ser.	v Wembley II

Period commencing

1968			<b>Division 3</b>
14th Oct.	Staines II	v	Central II
	Barnets II	v	Barnets
	N. Acton II	v	Acton II
	Willesden II	v	S.W. Middlesex II
4th Nov.	Central II	v	Willesden II
	Barnets	v	Staines II
	Acton II	v	Barnets II
	S.W. Middlesex II	v	N. Acton II
25th Nov.	Barnets	v	Willesden II
	N. Acton II	v	Barnets II
	Staines II	v	Acton II
	Central II	v	S.W. Middlesex II
16th Dec.	N. Acton II	v	Staines II
	Barnets	v	Central II
	Acton II	v	Willesden II
	S.W. Middlesex II	v	Barnets II

1969

13th Jan.	Staines II	v	Barnets II
	Willesden II	v	N. Acton II
	Central II	v	Acton II
	Barnets	v	S.W. Middlesex II
3rd Feb.	Barnets II	v	Willesden II
	N. Acton II	v	Central II
	Acton II	v	Barnets
	S.W. Middlesex II	v	Staines II
24th Feb.	Central II	v	Barnets II
	Willesden II	v	Staines II
	Barnets	v	N. Acton II
	Acton II	v	S.W. Middlesex II

Period commencing

1968			<b>Junior Division</b>
14th Oct.			No matches
4th Nov.	Wembley	v	S.W. Middlesex
	N. Middlesex	v	Staines
	Willesden	v	Acton

25th Nov.	S.W. Middlesex	v	Acton
	Staines	v	Wembley
	N. Middlesex	v	Willesden
16th Dec.	Wembley	v	N. Middlesex
	Acton	v	Staines
	Willesden	v	S.W. Middlesex

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13th Jan.	N. Middlesex	v	Acton
	Staines	v	S.W. Middlesex
	Wembley	v	Willesden
3rd Feb.	S.W. Middlesex	v	N. Middlesex
	Acton	v	Wembley
	Willesden	v	Staines
24th Feb.			No matches

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1.—(a) The competition shall be known as the Middlesex Inter-League Championships.

(b) 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 to the Honorary General Secretary before the 15th May, or together with the demand for a Special General Meeting.

(c) Decisions on all proposals submitted under Rule 1 (b) shall be taken on a simple majority, each League represented being entitled to one vote. Proxies will only be recognised if they have been given in writing and refer to a specific decision on a specific resolution proposed.

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, but not more than two in any one Division.

(a) In the Senior Divisions at the end of each season, relegation and promotion shall be on the basis of the two lowest teams in the Premier Division being relegated to the Second Division, and the two top teams in the Second Division being promoted to the Premier Division, subject to the opening paragraph of this rule. Promotion to, and relegation from, the Second Division, and etc., shall be governed in a like manner.

(b) In the Junior Division 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 play-offs shall be decided by total games won and if still at equality by the number of points won.

(c) If two Leagues are level on points, their respective sets average shall determine the position; if level on sets, then games average shall be the deciding factor; if level on games, then points average shall be used to determine the final position.

- 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 each 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 nine ties, each the best of three games comprising, in the Senior Divisions, six men's singles, two ladies' singles, and one ladies' doubles, and in the Junior Division, six boys' singles, one girls' singles, one boys' doubles and one mixed doubles. No boy shall play in more than three ties.

- 8.—Subject to any arrangement mutually agreed upon, the order of play in the Senior Divisions 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, and the order of play in the Junior Division shall be (A, B and C being the home boys in order of merit, and X, Y and Z being the away boys in order of merit); C v Z. Girls' Singles, A v Y, B v Z. Mixed Doubles, C, v Y, B v Z. Boys' Doubles, A v X. All matches must start not later than 7-30 p.m. Any players not available to play when his tie is called shall forfeit that particular tie; 15 minutes shall be allotted to each tie, except where the order of play is altered by mutual agreement of the captains before the commencement of play.

It is the responsibility of the Home League to ensure that a score sheet is sent to the Hon. Inter-League Secretary within 48 hours of each match being played.

- 9.—Two points shall be awarded for a win.
- 10.—At least 14 days before the commencement of the period scheduled for a match, the home league match secretary shall submit to the away league match secretary two dates and the away league shall accept one of these dates at least 7 days before the commencement of the said period. The home league shall notify the Hon. Secretary of the Competition of the agreed date at least 3 days before the commencement of the period. No date shall be offered to clash with a Middlesex County match or the

Middlesex Open, Middlesex Closed, English Open or English Closed Championships. Should it prove impossible to agree a date in the scheduled period for a match, the match may be postponed subject to the following.

Not later than the last day of the scheduled period, both league match secretaries shall notify the Hon. Secretary of the Competition of the date agreed for the match. The match shall then be played on this date, and should either league subsequently be unable to play on this date the match shall automatically be awarded to the other league.

A match not played during its scheduled period for which the Hon. Secretary of the Competition has not been advised of the agreed date in accordance with the above, or has not received a claim for points by default, shall be declared void.

- 11.—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 or for different leagues in successive seasons, 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 per cent. of their Club's league matches, to be calculated at the time of 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.

- 12.—A player having played more than once for any higher team, shall not be eligible to play for any lower team. No player may play below his or her ranked position.
- 13.—The annual subscription shall be 7/6d. for each team entered in the Senior Divisions, and 5/- for each team entered in the Junior Division.
- 14.—Any player participating in the Junior Section shall be under nineteen years of age on the preceding 1st October.
- 15.—The County Executive Committee shall decide on all disputes concerning the contravention or interpretation of any of the foregoing Rules, and shall have power to impose fines as they may deem necessary, such fines being sent to the Hon. Treasurer of the Association immediately upon request of the Hon. Secretary of the Competition. The Committee's ruling on all points shall be final and binding.



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<b>1968</b>	
Sept. 7th/8th	Essex Junior Open <i>News of the World</i> Coaching Finals
Sept. 14th/15th	North Middlesex Open <i>News of the World</i> Coaching Finals
Sept. 21st	Four "T's" Restricted Open
Sept. 21st/22nd	East of England Open
Sept. 29th	Final Junior Trials
Oct. 5th	County Championships
Oct. 6th	Newbury Junior Open
Oct. 11th/12th	North of England Open
Oct. 19th/20th	Sussex Open
Oct. 25th/26th	Merseyside Open
Oct. 26th	North Herts. Junior Open Bristol Restricted Open
Oct. 27th	Merton Restricted Open
Nov. 2nd	Hull and East Riding Open
Nov. 2nd/3rd	Kent Junior Open
Nov. 9th	Birmingham Open. Woolwich Open
Nov. 10th	Warwickshire Junior Open Hastings Tigers Restricted Open
Nov. 16th	County Championships
Nov. 17th	Portsmouth Open
Nov. 23rd	Cumberland Open
Nov. 23rd/24th	Southend Open Woodfield Restricted Open
Nov. 30th/ Dec. 1st	Newbury Open

Dec. 7th/8th	Middlesex Open
Dec. 8th	West of England Open
Dec. 14th	County Championships
Dec. 15th	Swindon Open

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Jan. 2nd/3rd/4th	ENGLISH CLOSED CHAMPIONSHIPS
Jan. 4th	Yorkshire Junior Open
Jan. 5th	Winton Restricted Open
Jan. 11th	County Championships
Jan. 12th	Bournemouth Restricted Open
Jan. 18th	Lancashire Open
Jan. 19th	Oxfordshire Open
Jan. 25th/26th	Kent Open
Feb. 1st	South Yorks. Open
Feb. 1st/2nd	Bucks. Open
Feb. 2nd	Nth. Bournemouth Restricted Open Hythe Restricted Open Burford (Oxon.) Junior Open
Feb. 8th	Midlands Open
Feb. 9th	County Championships
Feb. 15th	Yorkshire Open
Feb. 16th	Portsmouth Junior Open
Feb. 22nd	Tees-side Team Event
Feb. 22nd/23rd	Essex Open
Feb. 23rd	Tees-side Open. Yeovil American Open
Mar. 1st	ENGLISH OPEN Feb. 27th/Mar. 1st

Mar. 8th	Northumberland Open Wisbech Restricted Open
Mar. 9th	Tees-side Junior Open Bedford Restricted Open
Mar. 15th	County Championships
Mar. 22nd	County Championships
Mar. 23rd	Lancashire Junior Open
Mar. 29th	Pontefract Restricted Open
Mar. 29th/30th	Stevenage Open
April 5th/6th/7th	North East of England Open
April 12th	Senior Promotion Challenge
April 12th/13th	Cambridge Open
April 13th	Sussex Junior Open
April 17th/27th	WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS, MUNICH, Germany
April 19th/20th	British Legion Slough Junior Open
April 26th/27th	Junior Promotion Challenge
May 3rd/4th	ENGLISH JUNIOR OPEN Carter Cup & Bromfield Trophy Finals
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September 14th and 15th—

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**Organiser:** L. Pilditch, 16 Hilton Avenue, North Finchley, N.2.

October 6th—

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November 2nd and 3rd—

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November 9th—

**WOOLWICH OPEN**

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November 23rd and 24th—

**SOUTHEND OPEN**

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November 23rd and 24th—

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December 7th and 8th—

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November 30th and December 1st—

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January 2nd, 3rd and 4th—

**ENGLISH CLOSED**

**Organiser:** E.T.T.A. Office.

January 19th—

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### Men

M. H. Thornhill ...	95	R. Wright ...	11
A. Rhodes ...	89	K. R. Craigie ...	10
L. F. Landry ...	77	R. Maison ...	10
D. C. Burridge ...	72	M. Roberts ...	10
L. G. Adams ...	65	M. Waldman ...	10
B. D. Wright ...	65	I. D. Jones ...	9
A. G. St. C. Lindsay ...	52	L. Shopper ...	9
B. E. Crouch (deceased) ...	43	S. Elsley ...	7
V. Barna ...	40	A. Khanna ...	7
D. Creamer ...	40	R. King ...	7
A. Robinson ...	32	J. Martin ...	7
G. R. Harrower ...	30	R. Sharman ...	7
E. Hodson ...	29	S. Wickelholz ...	7
J. W. Lowe ...	24	B. Donnelly ...	6
D. A. Miller ...	23	L. Hoffman ...	6
O. Haslam ...	22	D. P. Lowen ...	6
D. Offenbach ...	22	S. Wright ...	6
S. Jacobson ...	21	L. Flack ...	5
M. Creamer ...	19	S. Greenberg ...	5
L. Gresswell ...	18	J. Hunt ...	5
C. Gosling ...	17	R. Jones ...	5
B. Petch ...	16	V. Rappaport ...	5
N. Iye ...	15	G. Robbins ...	5
B. Hamill ...	14	K. Shoab ...	5
I. Redfearn ...	14	M. B. W. Bergl ...	4
R. Seaman ...	14	R. Bradstreet ...	4
R. Allen ...	13	J. Grantham ...	4
I. Giles ...	12	P. Hart ...	4
J. Bender ...	12	J. O'Hara ...	4
R. Gibson ...	11	C. E. Richards ...	4
E. Marsh ...	11	S. Rose ...	4

E. Seaman ...	4	A. Lamprill ...	2
C. Spencer ...	4	A. Sherwood ...	2
K. Whetlor ...	4	D. Appelbee ...	1
T. Bateman ...	3	J. Bailey ...	1
R. Cartwright ...	3	J. Beach ...	1
H. Collins ...	3	A. Bergl ...	1
H. P. G. Comber ...	3	R. Carpenter ...	1
A. Hancock ...	3	T. Coker ...	1
H. Joyce ...	3	D. Forbes ...	1
P. Parr ...	3	D. House ...	1
M. Sugden ...	3	C. Hughes ...	1
J. Armstrong ...	2	M. Isaacs ...	1
B. Bax ...	2	L. Lewis ...	1
R. Bernstein ...	2	G. W. Marshall ...	1
I. Comer ...	2	G. Muranyi ...	1
A. Dombey ...	2	P. Pizey ...	1
J. Glickman ...	2	T. E. Sears ...	1
J. Hertford ...	2	R. Sutchall ...	1
G. W. King ...	2	R. Short ...	1
R. Lahiri ...	2	L. Thompson ...	1

### Women

Miss D. Rowe ...	109	Miss K. Smith ...	22
Miss J. Harrower ...	55	Mrs. M. Barnes ...	20
Mrs. R. (Rowe) Cornett ...	50	Miss J. Roberts ...	20
Miss M. Fry ...	46	Miss B. Spooner ...	17
Mrs. M. (Hicks) Gafney ...	44	Miss C. Mann ...	16
Mrs. Y. J. (Seaman) Faulkner ...	34	Miss J. Hodson ...	15
Miss M. Walker ...	32	Mrs. M. (Stafford) Symes ...	15
Miss D. Spooner ...	31	Miss M. Cherry ...	14
Mrs. J. (Butcher) Redfearn ...	27	Miss E. Benstead (deceased) ...	13
Miss I. Ogus ...	25	Miss J. Bottrill ...	13
Miss H. Brautigan ...	23	Mrs. R. Lentle ...	12
		Miss R. Connell ...	11
		Miss J. Williamson ...	11

Women (continued)

Miss D. Ellis ...	9	Miss D. Bridger ...	3
Miss M. Franks ...	8	Miss M. Marston ...	3
Miss R. Goodwin ...	8	Miss A. Painter ...	3
Miss S. Light ...	8	Miss P. Pitcher ...	3
Miss A. Taft ...	8	Mrs. M. Bennett ...	2
Miss R. Robins ...	7	Mrs. R. Bromfield ...	2
Miss I. Barker ...	6	Miss J. Abraham ...	1
Miss J. Scott ...	6	Miss B. Atkins ...	1
Miss M. Hope ...	6	Miss E. Britton ...	1
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Speilberg	6	Mrs. H. Collier ...	1
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1965-66	B. D. Wright	1965-66	Miss I. Ogus
1966-67	B. D. Wright	1966-67	Miss K. Smith
1967-68	B. D. Wright	1967-68	Miss K. Smith
<b>MEN'S DOUBLES</b>			
1963-64	A. Rhodes and B. Wright		
1964-65	A. Rhodes and B. Wright		
1965-66	L. F. Landry and O. Haslam		
1966-67	B. D. Wright and A. Lindsey		
1967-68	B. D. Wright and A. Lindsay		
<b>WOMEN'S DOUBLES</b>			
1963-64	Mrs. J. Redfearn and Miss A. Taft		
1964-65	Mrs. J. Redfearn and Miss A. Taft		
1965-66	Miss I. Ogus and Miss K. Smith		
1966-67	Miss M. Walker and Mrs. M. Gafney		
1967-68	Miss K. Smith and Miss A. Taft		
<b>MIXED DOUBLES</b>			
1963-64	B. Wright and Miss I. Ogus		
1964-65	M. Creamer and Mrs. M. Gafney		
1965-66	D. Offenbach and Miss I. Ogus		
1966-67	O. Haslam and Mrs. M. Gafney		
1967-68	B. D. Wright and Miss K. Smith		
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1963-64	A. Robinson	1963-64	Miss M. Stackhouse
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1967-68	M. Waldman	1966-67	Miss M. Walker
		1967-68	Miss C. Mann

### MIDDLESEX INTER-LEAGUE COMPETITION

	Winners	
	Senior	Junior
1946-47	North Middlesex	No Competition
1947-48	North Middlesex	No Competition
1948-49	North Middlesex	West London
1949-50	Central	Acton
1950-51	Acton	Wembley
1951-52	Acton	South-West Middlesex
1952-53	Acton	North Middlesex
1953-54	Staines	North Middlesex
1954-55	Acton	Willesden "A"
1955-56	Acton	North Middlesex
1956-57	North Acton	Willesden
1957-58	Willesden	Barnets
1958-59	Willesden	Barnets
1959-60	Willesden	Barnets
1960-61	Willesden	Wembley
1961-62	Wembley	Wembley
1962-63	Acton	North Middlesex
1963-64	Central	Staines
1964-65	Acton	North Middlesex
1965-66	Acton	North Middlesex
1966-67	Willesden	North Middlesex
1967-68	Central	Staines

## 2-A-SIDE INTER-LEAGUE COMPETITION

	Main Section	Women's Section
1963-64	West London (A. Lindsay and C. Warren).	Wembley (Miss I. Ogus and Miss L. Williams).
1964-65	Willesden (B. Wright and L. Landry).	North Middlesex (Miss M. Cherry and Mrs. B. Tregoning).
1965-66	North Middlesex (J. V. Bender and L. Lewis).	North Middlesex (Miss K. Smith and Mrs. M. Harris).
1966-67	N. Middlesex II (B. Petch and J. Bender).	Acton II (Mrs. Redfearn and Mrs. Barnes).
1967-68	N. Middlesex II (B. Petch and J. Bender)	N. Middlesex I (Miss K. Smith and Miss D. Simpson)

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1.—**The Table.** The table shall be in surface rectangular, 9ft. in length and 5ft. in width; it shall be supported so that its upper surface, termed the "playing surface", shall lie in a horizontal plane 2ft. 6in. above the floor. It shall be made of any material and shall yield a uniform bounce of not less than  $8\frac{1}{2}$ in. and not more than  $9\frac{1}{2}$ in. when a standard ball is dropped from a height of 12in. above its surface. The playing surface shall be dark coloured, preferably dark green, and matt, with a white line  $\frac{1}{2}$ in. broad along each edge. The lines at the 5ft. edges, or ends, shall be termed "end lines", and the lines at the 9ft. edges, or sides, shall be termed "side lines".

For doubles, the playing surface shall be divided into halves by a white line  $\frac{1}{2}$ in. broad, running parallel to the sidelines, termed the "centre line". The centre line may, for convenience, be permanently marked in full length on the table and this in no way invalidates the table for singles play.

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. The net, with its suspension, shall be 6ft. in length; along its whole length its upper part shall be 6in. above the playing surface and its lower part shall be close to the playing surface. It shall be suspended by a cord attached at each end to an upright post 6in. high; the outside limits of each post shall be 6in. outside the side line.

3.—**The Ball.** The ball shall be spherical, with a diameter of not less than 1.46in. and not more

than 1.50in. It shall be made of celluloid or a similar plastic, white and matt; it shall be not less than 37 grains and not more than 39 grains in weight.

4.—**The Racket.** The racket may be of any size, shape or weight. Its surface shall be dark coloured and matt. The blade shall be of wood, continuous, of even thickness, flat and rigid. If the blade is covered on either side, this covering may be either plain, ordinary pimples rubber, with pimples outward, of a total thickness of not more 2mm., or "sandwich", consisting of a layer of cellular rubber surfaced by plain ordinary pimples rubber, turned inwards or outwards, of a total thickness of not more than 4mm. When rubber is used on both sides of a racket, the colours on the the two sides shall be similar; when wood is used for either side it should be dark, either naturally or by being stained, but not painted, in such a way as not to change the friction character of the surface.

The part of the blade nearest the handle and gripped by the fingers may be covered with any material for convenience of grip, and is to be regarded as part of the handle. Similarly, if the reverse side of the racket is never used for striking the ball it may be covered with any material as the limitation of covering materials applies only to the striking surface; a stroke with a side covered with any material other than those specified above would, however, be illegal and result in a lost point.

5.—**The Order of Play; Definitions.** The period during which the ball is in play shall be termed a "rally". A rally the result of which is not scored shall be termed a "let", and a rally the result of which is scored shall be termed a "point".

The player who first strikes the ball during a rally shall be termed the "server", and the player who next strikes the ball shall be termed the "receiver". In singles, the server shall first make a good service, the receiver shall then make a good return and thereafter server and receiver shall each alternately make a good return.

In doubles, the server shall first make a good service, the receiver shall then make a good return, the partner of the server shall then make a good return, the partner of the receiver shall then make a good return and thereafter each player alternately in that sequence shall make a good return.

6.—A Good Service. The ball shall be placed on the palm of the free hand, which must be stationary. Service shall commence by the server projecting the ball by hand only, without imparting spin, near vertically upwards, so that the ball is visible at all times to the umpire and so that it visibly leaves the palm. As the ball is descending from the height of its trajectory it shall be struck so that it touch first the server's court and then, passing directly over or around the net, touch the receiver's court.

In doubles, the ball shall touch first the server's right half-court or the centre line on his side of the net and then, passing directly over or around the net, touch the receiver's right half-court or the centre line on his side of the net. The free hand, while in contact with the ball in service shall be above the level of the playing surface and shall be open, with the fingers together and thumb free, the ball resting on the palm without being cupped or pinched in any way by the fingers. Strict observance 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.

At the moment of the impact of the racket on the ball in service, the ball shall be behind the end line or an imaginary extension thereof.

NOTES: (1) "Struck" means "hit with the racket or with the racket hand below the wrist". The "racket hand" is the hand carrying the racket, and the "free hand" is the hand not carrying the racket. Therefore, a stroke made with the hand alone, after dropping the racket, is "not good", for it is no longer the "racket hand"; a stroke made by the racket alone, after it has slipped or been thrown from the hand is likewise "not good", for the ball is not "struck".

(2) The phrase "playing surface" is to be interpreted as including the top edges of the table-top, and a ball in play which strikes these latter is therefore still in play; if, however, it strikes the side of the table-top below the edge it becomes out of play and counts against the last striker.

(3) "Around the net" shall be considered as being under or around the projection of the net and supports outside the side line. The net end should be close enough to the post to prevent the ball from passing between net and post and to pass so would not be regarded as "around the net".

(4) If a player, in attempting to serve, miss the ball altogether he loses the point, because the ball was in play from the moment it left his hand and a good service has not been made of the ball in play.

7.—**A Good Return.** The ball having been served or returned in play shall be struck so that it pass directly over or around the net and touch directly the opponent's court, provided that if the ball, having been served or returned in play, return with its own impetus over or around the net it may be struck while still in play so that it touch directly the opponent's court. If the ball, in passing over or around the net, touch it or its supports it shall be considered to have passed directly.

8.—**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 alternatively without having been struck with the racket intermediately.

(c) it has been struck by a player more than once consecutively.

(d) it has touched a player or anything he wears or carries.

(e) it has come into contact with the racket or the racket hand below the wrist not yet having touched the playing surface on one side of the net since last being struck on the other side, when it shall be said to have been "volleyed".

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

(g) it has, in a doubles service, touched the left half-court of the server or of the receiver.

(h) it has, in doubles, been struck by a player out of proper sequence, except as provided in Law 15.

9.—**A Let.** The rally is a let:—

(a) if the ball served, in passing over the net, touch it or its supports, provided the service be otherwise good or be volleyed by the receiver.

(b) if a service be delivered when the receiver or his partner is not ready, provided always that a player may not be deemed to be unready if he or his partner attempt to strike at the ball.

(c) if, owing to an accident not within his control, a player fail to make a good service or a good return, or otherwise terminate the rally.

(d) if it be interrupted for correction of a mistake in playing order or ends.

(e) if it be interrupted for application of the Expedite System.

**NOTES:** (1) If the ball become fractured in play, affecting a player's return, the rally is a let. 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; he must also decide whether the ball is fractured in going out of play and in no way handicaps the player's return, when the point should be scored. In all cases of doubt he should declare a let.

(2) A moving spectator, a neighbouring object or player other than a partner in movement or a sudden noise should be regarded as an accident not within control of the player, interference from which implies a let. A stationary spectator, the umpire, the light, a nearby table, a continuous sound of even volume, or any such relatively constant or motionless hazard should not be so regarded and complaint against interference from it during play should be regarded as void.

(3) If a game be unfinished fifteen minutes after it has begun, the rest of that game and the remaining games of the match shall proceed under the Expedite System. At the end of fifteen minutes the umpire shall interrupt play by calling "let". If the interruption occurs during a rally the game shall be re-started by service from the player who served in the rally that was interrupted; if the interruption occurs between rallies the game shall be re-started by service from the player who received in the preceding rally. The return strokes of the receiving player or pair shall be counted out loud, from one to thirteen, by an official other than the umpire.

10.—**A Point.** Except as provided in Law 9, a player shall lose a point:—

(a) if he fail to make a good service.

(b) if, a good service or a good return having been made by his opponent, he fail to make a good return.

(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.

(f) 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 net since being struck by his opponent, it come in contact with him or with anything he wears or carries.

(g) if he volley the ball.

(h) if, in doubles, he strike the ball out of proper sequence, except as provided in Law 15.

(i) if, under the Expedite System, his service and the twelve following strokes of the serving player or pair be returned by good returns of the receiving player or pair.

11.—**A Game.** A game shall be won by the player or pair first scoring 21 points, unless both players or pairs shall have scored 20 points, when the winner of the game shall be the player or pair first scoring 2 points more than the opposing player or pair.

12.—**A Match.** A match shall consist of one game, the best of three or the best of five games. Play shall be continuous throughout, except that either player or pair is entitled to claim a repose period of not more than five minutes duration between the third and fourth games of a five game match.

13.—**The Choice of Ends and Service.** The choice of ends and the right to serve or receive first in a match shall be decided by toss, provided that, if the winner of the toss choose the right to serve or receive first the loser shall have the choice of ends and vice versa, and provided that the winner of the toss may, if he prefer it, require the loser to make first choice.

In doubles, the pair who have the right to serve the first five services in any game shall decide which partner shall do so. In the first game of a match the opposing pair shall then decide similarly which shall be the first receiver. In subsequent games the

serving pair shall choose their first server and the first receiver will then be established automatically to correspond with the first server as provided in Law 14.

- 14.—**The Change of Ends and Service.** The player or pair 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. In the last possible game of the match the players or pairs shall change ends when first either player or pair reaches the score 10.

In singles, after five points the receiver shall become the server and the server the receiver, and so on until the end of the game, except as provided below. In doubles, 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 appropriate partner of the opposing pair. The second five services shall be delivered by the receiver of the first five services and received by the partner of the first server. The third five services shall be delivered by the partner of the first server and received by the partner of the first receiver. The fourth five services shall be delivered by the partner of the first receiver and received by the first server. The fifth five services shall be delivered as the first five and so on, in sequence, until the end of the game except as provided below.

From the score 20-all, or if the game is being played under the Expedite System, the sequence of serving and receiving shall be the same but each player shall deliver only one service in turn until the end of the game. The player or pair who served first in a game shall receive first in the immediately subsequent game.

In the last possible game of a doubles match the receiving pair shall alter its order of receiving when first either pair reaches the score 10.

In each game of a doubles match the initial order of receiving shall be opposite to that in the preceding game.

- 15.—**Out of Order of Ends, Serving or Receiving.** If the players have not changed ends when ends should have been changed, they shall change ends as soon as the mistake is discovered, unless a game has been completed since the error, when the error shall be ignored. In any circumstances, all points scored before the discovery shall be reckoned.

If by mistake a player serve or receive out of his turn, play shall be interrupted as soon as the mistake is discovered and shall continue with that player serving or receiving who, according to the sequence established at the beginning of the match or at the score 10 if that sequence has been changed as provided in Law 14, should be server or receiver respectively at the score that has been reached. In any circumstances, all points scored before the discovery shall be reckoned.

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
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