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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/-.
 - (d) School Leagues and School Clubs may affiliate free of charge.
- 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
1968-69 FINAL TABLES

Premier Division	P	W	D	L	For	Agst.	Pts.
Essex	7	6	0	1	46	17	12
Yorkshire	7	6	0	1	42	21	12
MIDDLESEX	7	5	0	2	44	19	10
Kent	7	5	0	2	39	24	10
Cheshire	7	3	0	4	32	31	6
Sussex	7	2	0	5	24	39	4
Warwickshire	7	1	0	6	15	48	2
Gloucestershire ...	7	0	0	7	10	53	0

Second Division (South)

Surrey	6	5	0	1	46	14	10
MIDDLESEX II	6	4	1	1	38	22	9
Essex II	6	4	1	1	35	25	9
Bucks.	6	3	1	2	37	23	7
Kent II	6	2	1	3	29	31	5
Herts	6	1	0	5	17	43	2
Norfolk	6	0	0	6	8	52	0

Junior Division (South)

Kent	6	6	0	0	48	12	12
MIDDLESEX	6	4	1	1	43	17	9
Sussex	6	3	1	2	33	27	7
Surrey	6	2	1	3	29	31	5
Bucks.	6	2	1	3	26	34	5
Hants.	6	2	0	4	27	33	4
Berks.	6	0	0	6	4	56	0

Bernard Crouch Trophy Competition

Essex	4	3	0	1	24	12	6
MIDDLESEX ...	4	3	0	1	18	18	6
Surrey	4	0	0	4	12	24	0

Results of Middlesex matches were:

Premier Division

Match No.

1. Middlesex beat Gloucestershire 6—3 at Keynsham.
2. Middlesex beat Warwickshire 9—0 at Finchley.
3. Middlesex beat Kent 7—2 at Maidstone.
4. Middlesex beat Cheshire 8—1 at Finchley.
5. Middlesex lost to Essex 4—5 at Southall.
6. Middlesex beat Sussex 6—3 at North Mundham.
7. Middlesex lost to Yorkshire 4—5 at Bradford.

Second Division (South)

8. Middlesex II drew with Bucks. 5—5 at Finchley.
9. Middlesex II beat Hertfordshire 7—3 at Cheshunt.
10. Middlesex II beat Kent II 7—3 at Finchley.
11. Middlesex II beat Surrey 6—4 at Guildford.
12. Middlesex II lost to Essex II 3—7 at Barking.
13. Middlesex II beat Norfolk 10—0 at Ealing.

Junior Division (South)

14. Middlesex beat Sussex 8—2 at Littlehampton.
15. Middlesex beat Berkshire 10—0 at Reading.
16. Middlesex beat Hampshire 9—1 at Finchley.
17. Middlesex beat Buckinghamshire 9—1 at Hendon.
18. Middlesex lost to Kent 2—8 at Sittingbourne.
19. Middlesex drew with Surrey 5—5 at Ealing.

Bernard Crouch Trophy Competition

20. Middlesex beat Surrey 6—3 at Kingston.
21. Middlesex beat Essex 5—4 at Finchley.
22. Middlesex lost to Essex 2—7 at Walthamstow.
23. Middlesex beat Surrey 5—4 at Finchley.

The following players appeared in these matches:

Miss E. Britton	-	22, 23.
Miss M. Cherry	-	9, 10, 11, 12, 13.
Miss S. Hamilton	-	14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19.
Miss M. Hope	-	20, 22.
Miss C. Mann	-	14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21, 23.
Mrs. K. Mathews	-	2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7.
Miss A. Painter	-	16, 17, 18, 19.
Miss A. Taft	-	8, 11, 12, 13.
Miss M. Walker	-	1, 8, 9, 10, 21.
J. Bender	-	8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13.
A. D'Cruz	-	22, 23.
R. Gibson	-	14, 15, 16, 17, 20, 21.
O. Haslam	-	1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 7.
R. Jones	-	14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19.
L. Landry	-	8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13.
A. Lindsay	-	3, 4, 5, 6.
R. Maison	-	20, 21, 23.
B. Petch	-	8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13.
S. Pokroy	-	22.
N. Santon	-	18, 19.
M. Sugden	-	1, 2, 6, 7.
M. Waldman	-	14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21, 22, 23.
B. Wright	-	1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7.

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

Junior: Miss S. Hamilton, Miss A. Painter.

FIXTURE LIST 1969/70 SEASON COUNTY CHAMPIONSHIPS

Premier Division

<i>Opponents</i>	<i>Venue</i>	<i>Date</i>
v. Cheshire	Away	4th October, 1969.
v. Surrey	Away	25th October, 1969
v. Sussex	Home	15th November, 1969
v. Northumberland	Away	13th December, 1969
v. Essex	Away	10th January, 1970
v. Yorkshire	Home	7th February, 1970
v. Kent	Home	21st March, 1970

Division 2 (South)

v. Essex II	Home	2nd October, 1969
v. Kent II	Away	25th October, 1969
v. Hertfordshire	Home	13th December, 1969
v. Surrey II	Home	10th January, 1970
v. Suffolk	Away	8th February, 1970
v. Buckinghamshire	Away	21st March, 1970

Junior Division (South)

v. Buckinghamshire	Away	4th October, 1969
v. Hampshire	Away	15th November, 1969
v. Berkshire	Home	13th December, 1969
v. Sussex	Home	10th January, 1970
v. Surrey	Away	8th February, 1970
v. Kent	Home	21st March, 1970

BERNARD CROUCH TROPHY COMPETITION

v. Surrey	Home	27th October— 16th November, 1969
v. Essex	Away	17th November— 7th December, 1969
v. Surrey	Away	5th—25th January, 1970
v. Essex	Home	26th January— 15th February, 1970

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 1968-69 season.

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

* National Umpires

In addition there are many other 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 Ultra Electronics Ltd., on 8th and 9th February, 1969. The final results are given below:—

MEN'S SINGLES

M. Sugden (Willesden) beat J. Bender (North Middlesex) 21-15, 21-10.

WOMEN'S SINGLES

Mrs. K. Mathews (Central) beat Miss A. Taft (Central) 21-13, 21-16.

MEN'S DOUBLES

M. Sugden (Willesden) and A. Lindsay (Central) beat J. Bender and B. Petch (North Middlesex) 21-15, 21-16.

WOMEN'S DOUBLES

Mrs. K. Mathews and Miss A. Taft (Central) beat Mrs. P. Barnes and Mrs. J. Redfearn (Acton) 17-21, 21-15, 21-14.

MIXED DOUBLES

M. Sugden (Willesden) and Mrs. K. Mathews (Central) beat L. Landry (Willesden) and Miss A. Taft (Central) 21-3, 21-17.

BOYS' SINGLES

N. Santon (Wembley) beat D. Jemmett (North Middlesex) 21-13, 21-14.

GIRLS' SINGLES

Miss C. Mann (Willesden) beat Miss S. Hamilton (Acton) 21-11, 21-9.

MIDDLESEX OPEN CHAMPIONSHIPS

The Middlesex Open Championships were held at the Hanwell Community Centre on 7th and 8th December, 1968. The event was staged by the Middlesex Table Tennis Club in conjunction with the Association. The final results were as follows:—

MEN'S SINGLES

M. Johns (Cheshire) beat O. Haslam (Middlesex) 21-19, 21-19.

WOMEN'S SINGLES

Mrs. P. Piddock (Kent) beat Miss J. Heaps (Cheshire) 21-14, 21-18.

MEN'S DOUBLES

S. Gibbs (Essex) and T. Taylor (Herts) beat B. Wright (Middlesex) and R. Stevens (Essex) 17-21, 21-18, 21-13.

WOMEN'S DOUBLES

Mrs. L. Radford and Miss D. Simpson (Essex) beat Miss M. Heppell (Northumberland) and Mrs. K. Mathews (Middlesex) 16-21, 21-15, 21-15.

MIXED DOUBLES

O. Haslam (Middlesex) and Miss M. Heppell (Northumberland) beat E. Coster (Herts) and Mrs. K. (Middlesex) 21-11, 22-24, 21-13.

BOYS' SINGLES

N. Jarvis (Yorks.) beat S. Heaps (Cheshire) 21-13, 21-13.

GIRLS' SINGLES

Miss J. Shirley (Bucks.) beat Miss S. Howard (Surrey) 21-13, 21-13.

VETERANS' SINGLES

G. Tsow (Warwicks.) beat Z. Schramm (Surrey) 21-17, 16-21, 21-18.

1968-69 INTER-LEAGUE COMPETITION

Premier Division

	P	W	L	For	Agst.	Pts.
North Middlesex II ...	5	4	1	28	17	8
Willesden	5	4	1	27	18	8
Uxbridge	5	3	2	20	25	6
Acton	5	2	3	20	25	4
North Middlesex	5	1	4	22	23	2
Wembley	5	1	4	18	27	2

Division 2

Staines	6	5	1	36	18	10
London Civil Service ...	6	5	1	34	20	10
North Acton	6	3	3	31	23	6
S.W. Middlesex	6	3	3	29	25	6
North Middlesex III ...	6	2	4	21	33	4
London Civil Service II	6	2	4	18	36	4
Wembley II	6	1	5	20	34	2

Division 3

	P	W	L	For	Agst.	Pts.
Central II	7	6	1	42	21	12
Barnets	7	5	2	42	21	10
Willesden II	7	5	2	40	23	10
Acton II	7	5	2	39	24	10
North Acton II	7	4	3	34	29	8
Barnets II	7	2	5	27	36	4
Staines II	7	1	6	21	42	2
S.W. Middlesex II ...	7	0	7	7	56	0

Junior Division

Acton	5	5	0	32	13	10
North Middlesex	5	3	2	29	16	6
Staines	5	3	2	25	20	6
Wembley	5	3	2	20	25	6
Willesden	5	1	4	22	23	2
S.W. Middlesex	5	0	5	7	38	0

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Premier Division

Acton
London Civil Service
North Middlesex
North Middlesex II
Staines
Uxbridge
Willesden

Division 3

Acton II
Barnets II
North Acton II
South West Middlesex II
Staines II
Wembley II
Wembley III

Division 2

Barnets
Central
North Acton
North Middlesex III
South West Middlesex
Wembley
Willesden II

Junior Division

Acton
Barnets
North Middlesex
South West Middlesex
Staines
Wembley
Willesden

FIXTURES

Period commencing

1969

Premier Division

20th Oct.	North Middlesex	v	North Middlesex II
	London Civil Ser.	v	Willesden
	Acton	v	Staines
10th Nov.	Uxbridge	v	Acton
	Staines	v	North Middlesex
	North Middlesex II	v	London Civil Ser.
1st Dec.	North Middlesex	v	Uxbridge
	London Civil Ser.	v	Staines
	Willesden	v	North Middlesex II
22nd Dec.	Uxbridge	v	London Civil Ser.
	Staines	v	Willesden
	Acton	v	North Middlesex

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19th Jan.	North Middlesex II	v	Staines
	London Civil Ser.	v	Acton
	Willesden	v	Uxbridge
9th Feb.	Uxbridge	v	North Middlesex II
	North Middlesex	v	London Civil Ser.
	Acton	v	Willesden
2nd Mar.	Staines	v	Uxbridge
	North Middlesex II	v	Acton
	Willesden	v	North Middlesex

Period Commencing

1969

Division 2

20th Oct.	North Middlesex III	v	Barnets
	Willesden II	v	Wembley
	S.W. Middlesex	v	North Acton
10th Nov.	Central	v	Willesden II
	Barnets	v	S.W. Middlesex
	Wembley	v	North Middlesex III
1st Dec.	North Middlesex III	v	Central
	North Acton	v	Barnets
	S.W. Middlesex	v	Wembley
22nd Dec.	Willesden II	v	North Middlesex III
	Central	v	S.W. Middlesex
	Wembley	v	North Acton

1970

19th Jan.	North Acton	v	Central
	Barnets	v	Wembley
	S.W. Middlesex	v	Willesden II
9th Feb.	North Middlesex III	v	S.W. Middlesex
	Willesden II	v	North Acton
	Central	v	Barnets
2nd Mar.	North Acton	v	North Middlesex III
	Barnets	v	Willesden II
	Wembley	v	Central

Period Commencing

1969			Division 3
20th Oct.	Wembley III	v	Wembley II
	Staines II	v	S.W. Middlesex II
	Barnets II	v	Acton II
10th Nov.	North Acton II	v	Barnets II
	S.W. Middlesex II	v	Wembley III
	Acton II	v	Staines II
1st Dec.	Staines II	v	North Acton II
	Wembley II	v	S.W. Middlesex II
	Wembley III	v	Acton II
22nd Dec.	Barnets II	v	Staines II
	North Acton II	v	Wembley III
	Acton II	v	Wembley II

1970			
19th Jan.	Wembley II	v	North Acton II
	S.W. Middlesex II	v	Acton II
	Wembley III	v	Barnets II
9th Feb.	Staines II	v	Wembley III
	Barnets II	v	Wembley II
	North Acton II	v	S.W. Middlesex II
2nd Mar.	Wembley II	v	Staines II
	S.W. Middlesex II	v	Barnets II
	Acton II	v	North Acton II

Period Commencing

1969			Junior Division
20th Oct.	Wembley	v	Staines
	Barnets	v	Acton
	Willesden	v	North Middlesex
10th Nov.	Staines	v	Barnets
	Acton	v	Willesden
	S.W. Middlesex	v	Wembley
1st Dec.	North Middlesex	v	Acton
	Barnets	v	S.W. Middlesex
	Willesden	v	Staines

22nd Dec.	Staines	v	North Middlesex
	Wembley	v	Barnets
	S.W. Middlesex	v	Willesden

1970			
19th Jan.	Acton	v	Staines
	North Middlesex	v	S.W. Middlesex
	Willesden	v	Wembley
9th Feb.	Wembley	v	North Middlesex
	Barnets	v	Willesden
	S.W. Middlesex	v	Acton
2nd Mar.	Staines	v	S.W. Middlesex
	Acton	v	Wembley
	North Middlesex	v	Barnets

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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 in order of merit at any time but may not play in a match within 7 days of registration. The order of merit can be altered on the 1st of each 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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Aug. 30/31	Teeside Junior Open
Sept. 6/7	Essex Junior Open
Sept. 13	Final Junior Trials
Sept. 20	Four "T's" Restricted Open
Sept. 27/28	North Middlesex Open
Oct. 4	County Championships 1
Oct. 5	Newbury Junior Open
Oct. 10/11	North of England Open
Oct. 18/19	Sussex Open
	North Herts. Junior Open
Oct. 25	County Championships 2
Oct. 26	Merton Restricted Open
Nov. 1	Hull Open
Nov. 1/2	Kent Junior Open
Nov. 8.	Birmingham Open
	Bristol Restricted Open
Nov. 8/9	Woolwich Open
Nov. 15	County Championships 3
Nov. 16	Portsmouth Open
	Hastings Tigers Restricted Open
Nov. 22	Cumberland Open
Nov. 22/23	Southend Open
	Woodfield Restricted Open
Nov. 29/30	Newbury Open
Dec. 6	Yorkshire Open
Dec. 7	Wessex Restricted Open
Dec. 13	County Championships 4
Dec. 20/21	Middlesex Open

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Jan. 1/3	English Closed Championships
Jan. 4	Yorkshire Junior Open
	Winton Restricted Open
Jan. 10	County Championships 5
Jan. 11	Bournemouth Restricted Open
Jan. 17	Lancashire Open
Jan. 18	Oxfordshire Open
Jan. 24	Pontefract Restricted Open
Jan. 24/25	Kent Open
Jan. 31	South Yorks. Open. Bucks. Open
Feb. 1	Hythe Restricted Open
	North Bournemouth Restricted Open
	Bucks. Open. Burford Junior Open
Feb. 7	Midlands Open
Feb. 8	County Championships 6
Feb. 13/14	Merseyside Open
Feb. 15	Portsmouth Junior Open
Feb. 21/22	Essex Open. Teesside Open

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March 7	Northumberland Open
March 7/8	Wisbech Restricted Open
March 8	Bedford Restricted Open
March 15	Swindon Open
March 21	County Championships 7
March 22	Lancashire Junior Open
March 28/30	North East of England Open
April 4/5	Stevenage Open
April 11/12	East of England Open
April 12	Sussex Junior Open
April 18/19	Slough Junior Open
April 18	Senior Promotion Challenge 8
April 25/26	Junior Play Off 9
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1969

September 6th and 7th—

ESSEX JUNIOR OPEN

Organiser: A. W. Dale, 9 Paternoster Close, Waltham Abbey, Essex.

September 27th and 28th—

NORTH MIDDLESEX OPEN

Organiser: L. Pilditch, 16 Hilton Avenue, North Finchley, N.12.

October 5th—

NEWBURY JUNIOR OPEN

October 18th and 19th—

SUSSEX OPEN

Organiser: D. N. Tyler, Prudential Chambers, 1 York Buildings, Hastings, Sussex.

October 18th and 19th—

NORTH HERTS JUNIOR OPEN

November 1st and 2nd—

KENT JUNIOR OPEN

Organiser: G. Daniels, 89 Harvey Road, Willesborough, Ashford, Kent.

November 8th and 9th—

WOOLWICH OPEN

Organiser: M. R. Ellis, 18 Limetree Close, Downsview Estate, Chatham, Kent.

November 22nd and 23rd—

SOUTHEND OPEN

Organiser: M. D. Watts, "Glencagles", 25 Church Green, Sycamore Way, Canewdon, Essex.

November 29th and 30th—

NEWBURY OPEN

December 20th and 21st—

MIDDLESEX OPEN

Venue: Swiss Cottage Centre, N.W.3.

Organiser: Miss I. Moss, 49 Okchampton Road, Kensal Rise, N.W.10.

1970

January 1st to 3rd—

ENGLISH CLOSED

Organiser: D. R. Tremayne, E.T.T.A. Office.

January 24th and 25th—

KENT OPEN

Organiser: G. Daniels, 89 Harvey Road, Willesborough, Ashford, Kent.

January 31st—

BUCKS OPEN

February 21st and 22nd—

ESSEX OPEN

Organiser: A. W. Dale, 9 Paternoster Close, Waltham Abbey, Essex.

February 25th to 28th—

ENGLISH OPEN

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April 4th and 5th—

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April 12th—

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April 18th and 19th—

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May 2nd and 3rd—

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L. F. Landry ...	83	R. Jones ...	11
D. C. Burridge ...	72	E. Marsh ...	11
B. D. Wright ...	72	R. Wright ...	11
L. G. Adams ...	65	K. R. Craigie ...	10
A. G. St. C. Lindsay ...	56	M. Roberts ...	10
B. E. Crouch (deceased) ...	43	I. D. Jones ...	9
V. Barna ...	40	L. Shopper ...	9
D. Creamer ...	40	S. Elsley ...	7
A. Robinson ...	32	A. Khanna ...	7
G. R. Harrower ...	30	R. King ...	7
E. Hodson ...	29	J. Martin ...	7
O. Haslam ...	28	R. Sharman ...	7
J. W. Lowe ...	24	M. Sugden ...	7
D. A. Miller ...	23	S. Wickelholz ...	7
D. Offenbach ...	22	B. Donnelly ...	6
B. Petch ...	22	L. Hoffman ...	6
S. Jacobson ...	21	D. P. Lowen ...	6
M. Waldman ...	20	S. Wright ...	6
M. Creamer ...	19	L. Flack ...	5
J. Bender ...	18	S. Greenberg ...	5
L. Gresswell ...	18	J. Hunt ...	5
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C. Gosling ...	17	G. Robbins ...	5
N. Ive ...	15	K. Shoaib ...	5
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I. Redfearn ...	14	R. Bradstreet ...	4
R. Seaman ...	14	J. Grantham ...	4
R. Allen ...	13	P. Hart ...	4

J. O'Hara ...	4	A. Lamprill ...	2
C. E. Richards ...	4	N. Santon ...	2
S. Rose ...	4	A. Sherwood ...	2
E. Seaman ...	4	D. Appelbee ...	1
C. Spencer ...	4	J. Bailey ...	1
K. Whetlor ...	4	J. Beach ...	1
T. Bateman ...	3	A. Bergl ...	1
R. Cartwright ...	3	R. Carpenter ...	1
H. Collins ...	3	T. Coker ...	1
H. P. G. Comber ...	3	D. Forbes ...	1
A. Hancock ...	3	D. House ...	1
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J. Hertford ...	2	R. Short ...	1
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Miss J. Harrower ...	55	Mrs. K. (Smith)	
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Cornett	50	Mrs. J. (Butcher)	
Miss M. Fry ...	46	Redfearn	27
Mrs. M. (Hicks)		Miss C. Mann ...	25
Gafney	44	Miss I. Ogus ...	25
Miss M. Walker ...	37	Miss H. Brautigan ...	23
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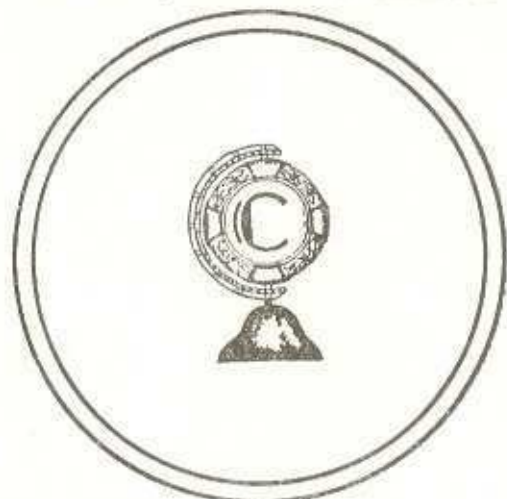
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Miss R. Connell ...	11	Miss P. Pitcher ...	3
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Miss M. Franks ...	8	Miss J. Abraham ...	1
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Miss M. Hope ...	8	Miss E. Castle ...	1
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1947-48	North Middlesex	No Competition	
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1952-53	Acton	North Middlesex	
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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	
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1965-66	North Middlesex (J. V. Bender and L. Lewis).	North Middlesex (Miss K. Smith and Mrs. M. Harris).
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For doubles, the playing surface shall be divided into halves by a white line ½in. 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 pimpled 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 pimpled 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 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, open and flat, with the fingers together and the thumb free. The free hand, while in contact with the ball in service, shall at all times be above the level of the playing surface.

Service shall then begin 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 then 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. At the moment of the impact of the racket on the ball in service, the ball shall be behind the end-line of the server's court or an imaginary extension thereof.

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.

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.

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 alternately 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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