



Merseyside Para Open

A Disability Grand Prix Event

Venue: Greenbank Sports Academy, Greenbank Lane, Liverpool L17 1AG

Organiser: Mark Palmer - Greenbank Sports Academy
Greenbank Lane, Merseyside, Liverpool L17 1AG

Referee: Steve Welch

Date: Saturday 3 and Sunday 4 December 2016

Organising Committee: Mark Palmer, Steve Sullivan

ENTRY DEADLINE: Friday 18 November 2016

This is a BTTAD Ranking Tournament promoted by Greenbank Sports Academy.

TOURNAMENT INFORMATION

1. Entry form – these can be obtained from the organiser. All entry forms need to be returned to the organiser by the closing date of Friday 18 November 2016, and all cheques to be made payable to Greenbank Sports Academy.
2. Entries – **forms received with no fees will not be accepted.** If it is necessary to restrict entries this will be done on the basis of last received, first out.
3. Draw – the draw will be undertaken by Steve Welch (Referee).
4. Admission – there will be no charge for admission as a spectator
5. Playing conditions – play throughout will be with Stiga 3 Star (Orange), 10 Stiga Rollaway, Cornilleau and Donic tables, Butterfly nets and posts, each in an individual court enclosed by surrounds, Canadian Maple 57mm Bio-Cushion Hewetsons Sprung Wooden flooring. Lighting is approx. 1000lux.
6. Scoring machines will be used for all matches.
7. Car Parking – is available in the Greenbank Sports Academy and Greenbank College car parks.
8. Practice – there will be no separate practice facilities, competitors will be permitted to practice on tables not in use at the discretion of the referee.
9. Prizes – medals/trophies will be awarded to Winners, Runners-Up and Third Place.
10. Notification – competitors will receive an acknowledgement of entry, which will include the scheduled playing times for the opening matches in each event.
11. Changing facilities are available. Electronic hoists are available.
12. Refreshments and drinks will be available for the duration from Time Out Café Bar.
13. Doping control tests may take place.
14. Play will commence at 9.45 am.
15. All photographic equipment must be registered with the organiser on arrival.

PROVISIONAL PLAYING SCHEDULE

Saturday 3 December 2016

8.45am Registration
9.30am Opening Remarks
9.45am Class 1-12 Singles
2.30pm Junior Event
2.30pm Class 1-12 Doubles
6.00pm End of Day 1

Sunday 4 December 2016

9.15am Registration
9.45am Open Competition
(If necessary completion of the class singles)
4.30pm Trophy Presentations
5.00pm End of day 2

The details given above are for the guidance of intending entrants. The organising committee reserves the right to modify them in the light of entries received.

Any query relating to your entry should be directed to Mark Palmer 0151 280 7757 / 07576 275 846

EVENT INFORMATION

This Tournament is part of the Disability Grand Prix Event series. In order to gain ranking points entrants should be members of the British Table Tennis Association for People with Disabilities (BTTAD).

There will be four competitions during the weekend.

The Junior and Open Singles events will each be split into 4 categories:

1. Women's Wheelchair
2. Women's Standing
3. Men's Wheelchair
4. Men's Standing

If insufficient entries are received, then the organisers reserve the right to merge male and female categories.

The organisers reserve the right to cancel a banded event if insufficient entries are received. Players would then be placed in the next highest band.

1. Doubles

Doubles pairings may be mixed (male and female). A doubles pairing must be 2 players from either classes 1 – 5 or classes 6 – 10. This means the pair must be either both sitting or both standing.

Players in class 11 may only pair with other class 11 players.

Players from class 12 may only pair with other class 12 players.

If you wish to play in the Doubles and do not have a partner, please put "wanted" instead of giving the name.

2. Junior Singles

The Doubles and Junior events will be run at the same time so players cannot play in both. Players who are eligible for the junior event (born on or after 1/1/1999) must decide which of the two events they wish to play in.

3. Open Singles

There will be three bands. Players may only play in one band but they may elect to play in a higher band if they so wish:

Band A – Players ranked 1 to 12.

Band B – Players ranked 13 to 25

Band C – Players ranked outside the top 25

4. Class Singles

Players will play against other players in their Class. Classes will be split into male and female categories. Organisers reserve the right to merge classes and / or male female categories if insufficient entries are received.

CLASSIFICATION

Entry is open to all players with a disability. Players will be grouped into the following classes:

Wheelchair users:

Class 1 · Profiles – 1, 2, 4 and 5

For those with power loss. Elbow and wrist extension is achieved by swinging movements of the shoulder. All trunk movements are achieved by holding on to the wheelchair with the hand, or back of the wheelchair with the elbow bent. For those with poor co-ordination, there are unorthodox arm and trunk movements. A maximum playing-arm score of 45 points for power, range or co-ordination (P, R or C) is allowed.

Class 2 · Profiles – 3 and 6

For those with power loss. Elbow extension should be possible, but the wrists and hands are weaker. The trunk movements are as in class 1. A maximum playing-arm score of 55 points for power, range or co-ordination is allowed.

Class 3 · Profiles – 7, 8 and 9

Trunk affected by more than 50% loss of power, range, or co-ordination, or maximum score for playing arm is 68, or non-playing arm unable to hold on to chair and a maximum score of 48 for P, R or C.

Class 4 · Profile – 10

Trunk movements to increase reach are only possible by using free arm to prop, hold or push at wheelchair or thigh. P, C or R scores for legs are 20 or below.

Class 5 · Profile – 11

Trunk may be bent forward or raised deliberately in sagittal plane without use of arms. Pushing action with legs is allowed. Scores for P, R or C should be below 45 in each leg.

Standing

Class 6 · Profiles – 12, 13, 17 and 31

Combination of loss of P, R or C in playing arm and legs. Dynamic and static balance moderately impaired.

Class 7 · Profiles – 21, 22, 26 and 29

Mainly arm impairment. Maximum score for P, R or C is 60 for arms. If legs are also impaired a score of 68 is allowed.

Class 8 · Profiles – 14, 18, 19, 20, 27 and 28

One leg severely impaired, or two legs moderately impaired. Maximum P, R or C score for one impaired leg is 30 and for both impaired legs is 60. For hemiplegics maximum leg score is 40.

Class 9 · Profiles – 15, 20, 23 and 25 (very minimal)

One leg impaired. Some people with impairment in both legs may be more suited to this class. Maximum score for P, R or C for one impaired limb is 60 or for both impaired limbs is 68.

Class 10 · Profiles – 16, 24 and 30

Impairment of P, R or C in the non-playing arm or in the trunk. Maximum score for arm is 68 and for trunk is 50.

Class 11 · Profile – 39

Learning disability.

Class 12 · Deaf

Players who are deaf.

CLASSIFICATION / PROFILES

National classifications and / or DSE profiles should be provided. For more information, visit www.disabilitysport.org.uk

TOURNAMENT REGULATIONS

1. ETTA Tournament Regulations apply to this tournament inc. Reg. R, (racket re-rubbing). ITTF Regulations for International Competitions apply except those relating to the matters covered by items marked (x) in this information sheet.
2. Completion and submission of this entry form signifies agreement by the entrant to the conditions of the competition including the variations from ITTF requirements.
4. Competitors will be permitted to practice on tables not in use at the discretion of the Referee.
5. All matches shall be the best of 5 games.
6. If at the completion of the group matches 2 or more members of the group have gained the same number of match points, the equalities shall be resolved as per ITTF regulations 3.7.5.2 or 3.7.5.3.
7. All competitors may be required to umpire at least one match in each event entered.
8. Each match will be controlled by one Umpire whose decision will be final on all matters of fact, the decision of the Referee being final on all matters of law.
9. No competitor or official shall engage in betting on players or matches.
10. Players clothing: Main colour of clothing must be different from colour of ball (x).
11. All competitors must report to the Control Table on arrival, and must not leave the venue without first obtaining permission from the Control Table. Players absent when called upon to play are liable to be scratched.
12. Doping shall not take place either before or during play, and no "gluing up" will be allowed in the sports hall or in any part of the venue. No gluing with glue containing volatile substances is permitted.
13. Should there be insufficient entries in any event, the referee reserves the right to cancel that event/merge such event and/or place the entrant into a similar event.
14. No refunds will be given after the date of the draw.
15. No entry will be accepted unless the following undertaking on the entry form is signed:
 - To observe the regulations of the tournament;
 - To abide by the decision of the Referee and the organising committee;
 - To fulfil the schedule of play arranged for me unless prevented by circumstances beyond my control and accepted as such by the Referee.

VENUE DIRECTIONS

From the end of the M62 (Junction 4) take the extreme left hand lane (before the flyover) that joins the A5058 (Queens Drive). Continue straight on at the lights to a roundabout. Take the 3rd exit and continue to a set of lights – straight on. Move to the right hand lane (marked Queens Drive and City Centre) before another roundabout and travel straight on (2nd lane from the left) through the lights (road marked Queens Drive). Continue through a set of pedestrian lights, under a railway bridge to another set of lights. Turn right into Mossley Hill Road (North), which becomes Greenbank Road. Continue straight on, passing Penny Lane to the right. Greenbank Lane follows shortly on the left hand side. The entrance to Greenbank Sports Academy is situated about 400m further on the left.