

Central Coast Table Tennis Association

Welcome

The committee and members would like to welcome you to our association. This flyer is to provide you with an overview of the association, the structure of the competitions played, some basic rules of the game and some etiquette issues. It also advises what equipment you will need if you wish to play table tennis. If you have any questions please don't hesitate to ask.

Quick History

The association was formed in 1954 on the Central Coast. It incorporates both the Gosford and Wyong areas. The competition has been located in many different halls and locations over the years. The Sea Breeze Café at Umina, East Gosford hall in 1970's and Henry Kendall High School hall from 1985 until 2002. In 2003 we moved to the Central Coast Youth Club. Many players have been through the doors and most of them tend to stay for a long period of time.

Playing Times

Our competition runs from 7:30 pm to 10:30 pm on a Thursday night. This can mean a late night for younger players and parents need to take this into consideration with their school work. We hire space at the Youth Club and over the years have built up a good repour with it's management. We can start setting up tables from 7 pm. The first game is expected to be under way before 7:45 pm. At 10:30pm no new games are allowed to commence with remaining points being split between the teams. You are permitted to start games on other available tables if the captains agree.



Central Coast Youth Club—Niagara Park

Committee

The committee is elected each year at the Annual General Meeting in March/April as per the constitution. Elected officials are the President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, Recorder and two committee members. The committee is a group of volunteers who are there to help. Any assistance such as table set-up is appreciated.

Fees

Like any sport you need to pay so we can provide the facilities to play. We have been able to keep the fees a reasonable low rate for a long time. You will be asked to pay a yearly Registration / Membership fee up front. After that there is a nightly fee of \$2 per Junior, (Under 18) and \$5 per Senior player. The nightly fees are to be placed in the bag provided at each table before the first doubles match starts. The closed championship is free to enter whilst events such as the Country Championships have additional costs that will be provided with the application.

TTNSW Membership

CCTTA is affiliated with Table Tennis NSW. CCTTA will automatically register you as a Social member of TTNSW unless you are already registered. If you wish to play in tournaments run by TTNSW you will have to register at a higher level. If not done initially with CCTTA this can be done online through the TTNSW website. TTNSW membership includes player insurance.

Competitions

We have three major competitions played yearly and one Closed Championships.

- Competition 1 – February to April
- Competition 2 – May to July
- Closed Championships - August
- Competition 3 – September to November

On some occasions we may play another club or associations.

Competition Teams

The three competitions run on the same format and is based on a teams, round robin event. At the end of competition there is a finals series. When you register as a member you will be graded. If you are graded into A or A2 you will be placed into in a team. If you are graded into B or B2 you can enter a team of three to five players. You will be placed into a team if you do not have the numbers to form your own side. Both B & B2 grade players can be given a handicap though this normally only occurs in B2.

Closed Championships

These are “knock out” events only open to registered players. Competition’s are as follows:

- Singles - Open, A2 Grade, B Grade, B2 Grade, Ladies, Juniors, Over 50’s.
- Doubles - Open, A2 Grade, B Grade, B2 Grade, Mixed Doubles.

Monday Night Hit-Ups

There are two locations on the Central Coast that you have an opportunity for a hit-up.

1. Gosford Senior Citizen’s Club, 6 tables, 7pm to 9pm, Albany Street, Gosford, behind Marketplace. \$4 per head.
2. Noraville, Catholic School, Main Rd, 100 metres from the Wilfred Barred Drive roundabout, \$4 per head, 7.00pm, 9 tables.

Junior and New Player Coaching

Unfortunately formal coaching is limited to attending the Monday Hit-Up sessions at the Gosford Senior Citizen’s Club or Noraville clubs. This is a good way for new players to learn some basic skills prior to playing in a competition. You will need to join our association if you wish to participate. This can be arranged upon arrival at the centre.

Tournaments

Due to the Youth Club's quality facilities and size plus the associations size and equipment we have recently been hosting some large tournaments. Most of these will accommodate all playing levels and are a great experience to play in.

Country Championships (Last Weekend in May)

This is a chance to play for our association against other Country teams. It is graded and involves teams playing 5 games in two days in a round robin format. It's a lot of table tennis and a lot of fun. Information provided prior to the event this event.



CCYC Setup 2007 Country Championships

Friendly Matches

On some occasions our association plays other associations in friendly matches. In the past we played against, Orange and Kogarah. We also have a yearly match against Noraville. Keep an eye on our web page for these events.

Basic Rules

For full rules please read the competition rules. This is a basic overview.

1. Service - A separate sheet on how to serve is available upon request and on the internet. If you can learn these basic rules up front it will make it easier for you down the track.
2. Hands on tables - If you place a hand on the table while a point is being played you forfeit that point.
3. Lets - Either player or the umpire may call a let at any point. Common reasons are the ball clipping the net upon service or another ball or player coming into the playing area. The umpire has to agree if a player calls a let.
4. A game is made up of nine singles and two doubles matches. These are called rubbers. Each rubber your team wins gets you one competition point.
5. Singles - Three players from each team play each of the other teams singles players. This makes up the nine rubbers.
6. Doubles - Any players can play in your doubles games, but the same combination cannot play in both doubles matches.
7. All games are up to eleven, two serves each, must win by two points eg 11-7 or 16-14. Each rubber is the best of five games. Eg 3-1 or 3-2.
8. The committee may decide to handicap players. This is usually to help beginners and juniors and is usually limited to the lowest grade.
9. The number of grades and the amount of teams per grade is determined at the start of each competition. We currently have 4 Grades, (A,A2,B,B2), and 8 teams in each.

Team Captains

Each team must have a captain. The committee relies on captains to run the games each night.

Responsibilities are as follow:

1. Organise his/her team line-up for the night. Fill in scoresheet.
2. Organise for the nightly fee to be paid. Team bag supplied at table on the night.
3. Checking, signing and returning of the nightly scoresheet.
4. Controlling player's behaviour in their team.
5. Informing opposing captain that there team cannot play.

Etiquette

We play in close proximity to other tables. We need players to observe some sensible etiquette rules. These are just a matter of common courtesy.

1. If passing behind another table is essential please wait until a point is over. If you have guests coming to watch please advise them of this.
2. No white shirts. - We use white table tennis balls.
3. Rubbish - We do not hire cleaners so please use the rubbish bins provided.
4. Inability to attend. - Please inform your captain if you cannot attend a night so they can make arrangements.
5. Helping putting tables up and down is greatly appreciated.
6. Please watch you language. We have Women and children players.

Table Tennis Bats

You will need to provide your own bat. A bat is made up of a blade with a red rubber on one side and black on the other. To qualify the rubber must have the ITTF logo usually found at the rubber near the handle. If you are a beginner we recommend that a cheap bat can be purchased for around \$20 from any sporting store. As you progress as a player a better quality bat and rubber is recommended. There is a huge amount of variation in blades and rubbers and it is recommended that you talk to an experienced player before choosing a more expensive bat. From time to time we have a visit from Aussie Table Tennis who provide a good range and sound advise.

CCTTA Website – www.cctta.com

We have had a website running since 2005. You can find draws, results, rules, events, life members details etc. This our main source of providing information.

CCTTA Contact

For any questions please contact one of our committee members. You can send e-mails to cctta@bigpond.com or contact:

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