



# BATTS OPEN SINGLES LEAGUE

REGISTER NOW TO JOIN FOR NEXT SEASON!

The BATTs Open Singles League was established in 2017. It is open to all players of any standard, and is extremely flexible, but highly competitive. This information sheet gives you all the important details about the League, and registration is now open for the 2018/9 season.

For the 2018/9 season we shall extend the BATTs Open Singles League enabling even more players to register. We shall also merge this with the BATTs Junior Open League, which has been running for several years.

In the new season – starting in September – we shall hold matches on Friday evenings AND Saturday afternoons. You can play either on Friday or Saturday – whichever suits you best. You don't have to stick to the same day and can switch whenever you choose.

There will be **eight match days** available for each registered player. The League is totally flexible: if you are unable to make it on one or more weeks it is not a problem.

The Singles League has a **purpose-built ranking system**. This enables players to see where they are placed against all other registered participants, and helps us to ensure that players are matched against others of similar standard.

**On Friday evenings play starts at 7pm sharp** and we aim to finish by 10pm.

**On Saturday afternoons play starts at 1pm sharp** and should finish by 4pm.

The match days are shown below.

The League is open to players at ANY level and ANY age. Members and non-members of BATTs are welcome and players enter as individuals and not as part of a team. You can qualify for prizes at the end of the season if you have played at least 50% of the match sessions. Registration is by a simple [online form](#), and payment of the registration fee. Registration fees are as shown below. The fees cover play for the full season of 8 match days:

BATTs Members	£20 (Senior)	£10 (Junior)
Non-Members	£30 (Senior)	£15 (Junior)

Juniors are those born on or after 31<sup>st</sup> December 2000.

Please pay the registration fee when you complete the registration form. We strongly prefer payment directly into the BATTTS account via BACS:

Account 23166968

Sort code 77-13-10

Cheques payable to BATTTS are also accepted (leave them in the BATTTS office for the attention of Graham Frankel.)

The first 48 players to register will be guaranteed a place in the competition on the 8 match sessions, provided you confirm to the organiser by 5pm on the day before the match day. If you fail to confirm, your place may be given to another player from our reserve list.

At the end of the season, cash prizes will be awarded on the basis of overall performance and progress during the season. We expect to have a total cash prize fund of at least £500 – but this will depend on the number of entries we receive.

### Match Dates

Friday 28 <sup>th</sup> September	Saturday 6 <sup>th</sup> October
Friday 26 <sup>th</sup> October	Saturday 27 <sup>th</sup> October
Friday 23 <sup>rd</sup> November	Saturday 24 <sup>th</sup> November
Friday 14 <sup>th</sup> December	Saturday 15 <sup>th</sup> December

Friday 4 <sup>th</sup> January	Saturday 5 <sup>th</sup> January
Friday 1 <sup>st</sup> February	Saturday 2 <sup>nd</sup> February
Friday 1 <sup>st</sup> March	Saturday 2 <sup>nd</sup> March
Friday 12 <sup>th</sup> April	Saturday 13 <sup>th</sup> April

### Playing Format

Groups of either 4 or 6 players will be determined on the basis of known playing strength. For those who took part in the 2017/2018 season, the initial groupings will be based on the ranking points held at the end of the season.

During the session you will play three singles matches against other players in your group. Each match will consist of best of five games, played according to normal rules. All matches you win will contribute to your overall ranking position as well as the results at the end of the season.

### The Small Print

- The decision of the organiser is final on all matters
- Payment of the registration fee must be made at the time of registering.
- In the interests of keeping this as fast-moving competition with play finishing promptly we request the following from all players
  - Play must be continuous.
  - "Knock up" time before each match must be limited to 1 minute.
  - Players must be ready to play and umpire when scheduled on the list
  - You must notify me by 5pm on the Thursday before the match day if you will be playing that week. If you will be playing, you need to tell

me if it is going to be on the Friday or Saturday. If you do not tell me, I cannot guarantee your place.

- If you notify me that you will be playing and then fail to appear, your registration may be suspended for the remainder of the series.
- You must be ready to play at the scheduled start of the session. If you are delayed on the day, we may allow a late arrival if you notify me by text/voice mail before the scheduled start.

## Questions & Answers

*Q. Is this competition right for my level?*

A. Probably! We are happy to accept players with a very wide range of standards. We shall place players in divisions according to their level.

*Q. How will you decide what division I shall be playing in?*

A. Your starting division will depend on our assessment of your playing level. We shall base this on information we have available.

*Q. Do I have to keep to playing on Friday or Saturday each time?*

A. No, you can swap as many times as you like, provided you don't exceed the maximum of eight match sessions during the season.

*Q. Can I play on a Friday and Saturday consecutively in the same week?*

A. Yes, but you are limited to the maximum of eight match sessions during the season.

*Q. Will I play against the same players each time?*

A. It is unlikely that the divisions will remain the same from one match session to the next. Players who finish top of their division are likely to be promoted and players who finish bottom of their division could be relegated.

*Q. Why isn't promotion and relegation automatic?*

A. Not all registered players will necessarily attend every match day. The divisions will be established based on the players who are taking part each time.

*Q. If I miss a week or two will I have to start from the bottom?*

A. No. When you return you will be based in a division appropriate to your earlier results and other information about your playing strength.

*Q. How many divisions will there be each time?*

A. We are aiming for a maximum of 8 divisions each of six players.

*Q. Will I be able to check the results after each match day.*

A. Yes, we shall aim to upload the results immediately after the matches and you will be given a link to view the latest tables and results.

*Q. Does the Open Singles League qualify for ranking points?*

A. We have our own excellent ranking system in use but it is not currently linked with the national ranking scheme. We hope that ultimately it will be possible for our league to generate national ranking points.

*Q. Do I need a TTE Membership to enter this event?*

A. Yes. You will need to have Player Membership, but not the Player License.

You are welcome to ask any other questions.

**Please contact Graham Frankel by email or phone if you have questions or comments.**

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