

BATTS OPEN SINGLES LEAGUE

The BATTS Open Singles League is an exciting new competition that will run at BATTS throughout the season.

Matches will be played on Friday evenings – not every week, but at four week intervals, except for the Christmas and Easter periods. Play starts at 7pm and is expected to finish by 9.45pm – 10pm.

The League is open to players above beginner level, and is open to **any age**.

The competition will be played on 8 tables, and the number of entrants on each match evening will be limited to 48.

It is not essential for all registered players to participate on every match evening. You can qualify for prizes at the end of the season if you have played on at least 50% of the match evenings.

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 evenings:

BATTS Members	£20 (senior)	FREE (junior)*
Non-Members	£30 (senior)	£15 (junior)

* Entry is FREE to BATTS juniors who are part of our coaching squads and paying coaching fees of £25 per month. BATTS juniors **MUST** register to participate. Other junior who attend BATTS coaching and pay per session will be charged £10 for the BATTS Open Singles League.

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

At the end of the season, prizes will be awarded on the basis of overall performance and progress during the season. Prizes will include cash and some **1 to 1 coaching sessions** with one of our top coaches. **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 Evening Dates

Friday 6th October

Friday 3rd November

Friday 1st December

Friday 5th January

Friday 2nd February

Friday 2nd March

Friday 13th April

Friday 11th May

Playing Format

Groups of either 4 or 6 players will be determined on the basis of known playing strength. During the evening 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
- In the interests of keeping this as fast-moving competition with play finishing by 10pm 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 us by 5pm on the day before the match evening if you will be playing on the following day. If you do not tell us, we cannot guarantee your place on the Friday.
 - If you notify us that you will be playing and then fail to appear, we may suspend your registration for the remainder of the series.
 - You must be ready to play at 7pm. If you are delayed on the day, we may allow a late arrival (but only up to 7.30pm) if you notify the organiser by text/voice mail before 7pm.

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 Will I play against the same players each time?

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

Q. Why isn't promotion and relegation automatic?

A. Not all registered players will necessarily attend every match evening. 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 evening.

A. Yes, we shall aim to upload the results immediately after the matches each evening 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. Not at the outset, but we understand that the ranking system is going to be overhauled and we intend to make a strong representation for this to be included in future. We shall have our own ranking system in use to run the Singles League.

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

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

You are welcome to ask any other questions. Please contact Graham Frankel by email, phone, or text.

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