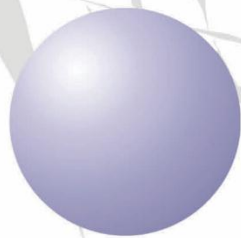




TT Networker

Table Tennis Leadership Award



Developing leadership skills and providing
volunteering opportunities for young people



Introduction

The Table Tennis England “TT Networker — Table Tennis Leadership Award” is open to all young people aged 14+.

The main aims of the award are to:

1. Enable TT Networkers (leaders) to organise safe, enjoyable and purposeful table tennis activities aimed primarily at young people.
2. Provide an introduction into table tennis coaching, organising competitions, umpiring, and Table Tennis development.

This course could be the first step on the coaching, officiating or administration ladder for young people assisting at Table Tennis clubs, after school clubs, youth centres or school holiday schemes.

The TT Networker Award course covers: Leadership Skills (recap), Health and Safety, Equipment, Learning to Play, Table Tennis Laws and Scoring, Organising Table Tennis Activities (fun games, competition formats, school festivals, skills awards), Volunteering (developing your skills), Selling points of table tennis, Where next – local playing and volunteering opportunities.

Course Outcomes

On completion of the course TT Networkers should be able to:

1. plan and deliver a safe table tennis festival for primary aged children.
2. teach/coach some basic table tennis skills.
3. demonstrate an understanding of the laws of table tennis.
4. identify local playing opportunities in table tennis.
5. promote table tennis through an understanding of the benefits of the sport.

Please note: TT Networkers will be expected to work alongside a qualified coach, club development officer, teacher or parent in a supporting role.

Venue

A school sports hall or gym of at least 20m x 10m is required, with chairs and two small tables set up in the corner of the hall that can be used for the theory sections of the course.

Course Equipment and Number of Candidates

There should be a minimum of three table tennis tables with good quality net and posts sets, and a flip chart stand, paper and pens.

The minimum number for the course is 8, the maximum is 18. The minimum number of tables required is: 8 candidates - 3 tables, 12 - 4 tables, 14 - 5 tables, but ideally 1 table per 2 candidates.

Eligibility

Basic playing experience and knowledge of table tennis is recommended, as qualified TT Networkers will be expected to “feed” and join in a game. An interest in sports leadership or table tennis is desirable.

The recommended age range for candidates is 14+, at the discretion of the tutor. Ideally candidates should have achieved the Sports Leaders Award (formerly CSLA).

Duration and Cost

This 4 hour course can be delivered flexibility is to suit i.e. one 4 hour session or two 2 hour sessions, depending on the location of the tutor. The cost of the course, including resources is:

- Up to 12 candidates - **£350**
- Additional packs (>12) - **£12**
- Packs only (no tutor) **£20 per pack**

Tutors

The Table Tennis England Development Officers will appoint a tutor for each course. As well as recommended Table Tennis England tutors, the following people may also be suitable, subject to training and Table Tennis England approval:

- Teachers, School Gamers Organisers
- Table Tennis England qualified coaches

TT Networker Resources

There are several useful resources designed to help TT Networkers deliver table tennis to children (including young disabled players). The course pack includes the following resources, providing practical ideas for skills practices, session planning, and organisation of space and teaching points.

- TT Networker Handbook
- Competition Formats - How to run (Butterfly skills circuit, top table, Table Tennis ladder, knockout, group and draw competitions).
- ITTF Laws of Table Tennis.
- Table Tennis England Junior Umpire Award.

Young Table Tennis Networkers are encouraged to use the resources extensively throughout the course, and use the handbook as a future reference. This will help them to become familiar with the resources, to put the 'theory into practice', and to generate ideas for some of the tasks set during the course.

Tutors should gather information about local table tennis clubs and contacts so that they can provide up to date information for section ten of the course - "Where next — local playing and volunteering opportunities". This information is available from the Table Tennis England website www.tabletennisengland.co.uk, your Table Tennis Development Officer or by contacting the Table Tennis England head office on 01908 208860.

Organising a Course

If you are interested in organising a course for your school or club, please contact your Area Development officer listed overleaf.

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