



***PROPOSITION 4 – 2019/20 MEMBERSHIP FEES**

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ARTICLE 34.3 – ORDINARY RESOLUTION

WE PROPOSE THAT THE ANNUAL TABLE TENNIS ENGLAND MEMBERSHIP FEE FOR THE 2019-20 SEASON IS SET AS FOLLOWS:

£9.00 FOR SENIOR MEMBERS.

£4.50 FOR JUNIOR AND CADET MEMBERS.

RATIONALE

MEMBERSHIP FEES HAVE BEEN RISING YEAR ON YEAR SINCE THE INTRODUCTION OF INDIVIDUAL MEMBERSHIP WHEN THE INITIAL PRICE WAS UNDER £5 FOR A SENIOR MEMBER.

FROM THE PERSPECTIVE OF OUR LEAGUE, THE MOST MAJOR BENEFIT OF MEMBERSHIP AND THE REASON WE HAVE CONTINUED TO SUPPORT THE ANNUAL INCREASES, IS THE LEAGUE MANAGER PLATFORM, PROVIDED BY TABLE TENNIS 365.

WHEN ASKED TO CONTINUALLY JUSTIFY THE REASON FOR PAYING THESE EVER-INCREASING FEES AT OUR OWN AGM, THE ONLY BENEFIT WE CAN REFER TO THAT CARRIES ANY WEIGHT WITH OUR MEMBERS IS LEAGUE MANAGER. SIMPLY PUT WE FEEL IT IS THE SINGLE BIGGEST BENEFIT OF TABLE TENNIS ENGLAND MEMBERSHIP.

LAST YEAR TABLE TENNIS ENGLAND ANNOUNCED THAT THEY WERE MOVING THEIR BACK-OFFICE SYSTEMS AWAY FROM TABLE TENNIS 365 TO ANOTHER PROVIDER AND AT THE TIME, THIS ANNOUNCEMENT WAS PLAYED DOWN, BUT THE REALITY OF THIS DECISION HAS NOW BECOME CLEAR. ALL LEAGUES IN ENGLAND ARE NOW FACED WITH THE STARK REALITY THAT AS OF 1ST AUGUST WE MUST PAY TABLE TENNIS 365 DIRECTLY, AN ANNUAL FEE PER PLAYER OF AT LEAST £7.00 OR THEIR SERVICE WILL CEASE, WHICH WOULD BE A DISASTER FOR OUR LEAGUE, AND WE BELIEVE, ALL OTHER LEAGUES AND OUR SPORT.

THE REASONS FOR THE TABLE TENNIS 365 CHARGE ARE WELL-KNOWN AND WELL DOCUMENTED ON THEIR WEBSITE, BUT IT IS OUR VIEW THAT THESE CHANGES HAVE BEEN FORCED UPON THEM BY A DECISION TAKEN BY TABLE TENNIS ENGLAND AND THAT DECISION WILL HAVE A PROFOUND EFFECT ON OUR LEAGUE.

IN PRINCIPLE WE SUPPORT PAYING THE FEE DIRECTLY TO TABLE TENNIS 365. WHAT WE DO NOT SUPPORT IS CONTINUING TO PAY A MEMBERSHIP FEE OF £16 OR MORE, WHEN THE MOST VALUABLE BENEFIT IS GOING TO BE CHARGED SEPARATELY. WE FEEL IT IS COMPLETELY APPROPRIATE THAT THE TABLE TENNIS ENGLAND FEE IS REDUCED IN ORDER TO RECOGNISE THE LOSS OF VALUE IN TABLE TENNIS ENGLAND MEMBERSHIP.

WE MAKE THIS PROPOSITION IN ORDER TO TRY BALANCE THE DESIRE TO REMAIN AFFILIATED TO TABLE TENNIS ENGLAND AGAINST THE DIFFICULT REALITY OF ASKING OUR MEMBERS TO YET AGAIN PAY AN ANNUAL SUBSCRIPTION WHICH NOW OFFERS SIGNIFICANTLY LESS THAN IN PREVIOUS YEARS.