

Actions from National Council Meeting June 2025

The Action List from the June 2025 meeting is set out below. Appendix A provides an update on the actions.

ACTION LIST (New actions in red)

Action	Owner	Time	Outcome
1. More timely information from TTE eg Board minutes	SL/CB	Sept meeting	
2. Richard Scruton to return to update NC on World team Championships 2026	NH/RS	End of Year	In hand
3a. Share stake-holder engagement document after review	SL	When available	Awaiting publication of review
3b. Raise stakeholder engagement duties with Board	CB/SL		
4. Publish NC – How it Works and Standing Order Docs (see pt 6 of agenda)	NH	Done	
5. Revert to NC with proposals on making the finances more transparent, including Select Committee on Finance	PB	Ongoing	Awaiting proposals
6. County Handbook – to be published and progressed	NH/EW/T C	Final Draft to be submitted to Sept meeting	In hand
7. More publicity around agm. Q&A to be enabled for all members. Better communications (see Item 8)	TTE/NC	AGM 2026	
8a) Research and report insurance information for affiliated v. non-affiliated clubs.	TP/CE	Next meeting	
8b) TTE to provide clearer advice	TTE		
9. Paper on improving opportunities for young girls/cadets	SL		

(Jon Bayliss), SL to convene workshop with AW, RV and JB			
10. Presentation and content of agm to be reviewed and improved	TTE	Discuss at Sept NC meeting ahead of next agm	
11. Consider reintroduction of in-house Grand Prix 2026/27	Comp Com		
12. Timetable/pipeline dates to be managed and shared with NC for changes to regs to ensure meaningful input (Item 12)	NH to discuss with JKB	Sept meeting	In hand
13. Dates for future meetings (Item 14)	NH/SV	Report at next meeting	
14. To ensure NC is consulted on changes to Membership Fees, this should be a standing item on the agenda of January NC meetings	NH/SV to address when preparing the agenda of the Jan NC meeting		In hand

Appendix A – Progress on Actions from June Meeting

1. More timely information from TTE eg Board minutes

In hand. The Minutes of the June Board meeting have now been published and are included in the “Papers for Meeting”. My understanding is that the Minutes of the August Board meeting will be published soon – but perhaps not before the Sept National Council meeting. I will discuss with Sally and Clare how we can co-ordinate so that Board Minutes are published in a timely fashion ahead of National Council meetings.

2. Richard Scruton to return to update NC on World Team Championships 2026

In hand. Richard was not able to attend the Sept NC meeting due to a prior commitment. I am discussing with Richard how best NC can be kept informed on developments with the World Team Championships and be involved in both promoting the event and securing its legacy.

Richard has subsequently been in touch to advise that he thinks that will be much more movement forward and significant decisions at the time of the Star Contender at the Copper Box next month. The ITTF President Petra Sörling will be in London for a short visit and the TTIE board will also be holding a meeting during the week of the Star Contender.

3. Stakeholder Engagement

a. Share stake-holder engagement document after review

b. Raise stakeholder engagement duties with Board

On-hold. As I understand it, publication of the report is awaited. I will seek an update from Sally and Clare on when the report is expected to be published and when it can be made available to National Council.

4. Publish “NC – How it Works” and “Standing Orders” Documents

Done. Both these documents have been published in the “About Us” section of the National Council website.

5. PB to Revert to NC with proposals on making the finances more transparent, including Select Committee on Finance

In hand. I understand from Paul that he is assembling his thoughts on improving the transparency of financial information and will then share his thoughts with National Council.

6. County Handbook – to be published and progressed

Done. A “final draft” of the Handbook has been published with the papers for the September meeting. Comments on the draft are welcome and in addition to comments at the meeting, further comments can be made in the two weeks following weekend. These will be incorporated into the final version. The Handbook will then be handed-over to TTE’s marcomms team for final publication in a similar format to the League Manager’s Handbook.

7. More publicity around agm. Q&A to be enabled for all members. Better communications (see Item 8)

In hand. CB has advised that the Board will be considering how to improve the arrangements for the AGM. She will share the Board’s thoughts on how to improve the AGM with National Council, probably at the January meeting.

8. Insurance Arrangements for Players, Clubs and Leagues

a. Research and report insurance information for affiliated v. non-affiliated clubs.

b. TTE to provide clearer advice

Done. At the National Council meeting, Clive Ellison and Tom Purcell will be sharing their findings of their investigations into the insurance arrangements provided by Table Tennis England and the clarity with which those insurance arrangements are set out. No doubt following the discussion, we will want to seek clarification on a number of points from Table Tennis England and make recommendations on how to improve the clarity and consistency of the information.

9. Paper on improving opportunities for young girls/cadets (Jon Bayliss), SL to convene workshop with AW, RV and JB

In hand. I don't believe that this workshop has taken place. The issue of improving competitive opportunities for young girls/cadets is a priority issue for the Competitions Committee and will no doubt be discussed at its next meeting in October.

10. Presentation and content of agm to be reviewed and improved

In hand. As noted under Action 8, my understanding is that once this issue has been discussed by the Board, Clare will share the Board's thoughts with National Council.

11. Consider reintroduction of in-house Grand Prix in 2026/27

On-going. As part of the on-going implementation of the Competition Review, this will no doubt be one of the options to be discussed by the Competitions Committee.

12. Timetable/pipeline dates to be managed and shared with NC for changes to regs to ensure meaningful input (Item 12)

In hand. I have raised with Jo Keay-Blyth the introduction of a "pipeline management" approach to the management of revisions to Regulations. I have emphasised this could aid the work of the Articles & Regulations Committee as well as providing greater transparency about the process for revising Regulations.

13. Dates for future meetings (Item 14)

For decision. There is a specific paper which discusses options for the remaining meetings in 2025/26.

It has been agreed at a previous NC meeting that the January meeting will take place on Saturday 24 January.

Scheduling the March/April meeting is more of a challenge due to a particularly busy calendar during that period and also avoiding a clash with the Easter weekend. Two possible dates are 28 March and 18 April. Based on clashes and the availability of Sally Lockyer and Clare Briegal, it is recommended that we select 18 April

Finalising the June meeting probably awaits confirmation of the date of the TTE AGM, but possible dates are:

The first draft of the calendar for 2026/27 will be published in December. So at our January meeting we can pencil in dates for September 2026 and January 2027.

I am being more proactive in liaising with Sue Wressell over diary management so that we select dates for our meeting that mean either Sally or Clare (preferably both) are able to attend the meetings.

14. To ensure NC is consulted on changes to Membership Fees, this should be a standing item on the agenda of January NC meetings

In hand. NH and SV will ensure that Membership Fees are a standard item on the January meeting of National Council so that the need to consult with National Council on Membership Fees is clear.