



# Table Tennis Rother

## Table Tennis the Way You Like It

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### **The Basic Role of the Umpire**

As part of your Junior Umpiring Award you are required to umpire a match which will consist of a number of games known as a 'Set' . This could be the best of 3 , 5 or 7 games.

During the games you will be assessed on your knowledge of the rules you completed in your test paper, however, during the matches you must show you know the role of the umpire both before , during and after the matches.

To help you complete this successfully you will find a list of the roles you are expected to know. Make certain you know and understand these before you take the test.

During a match you will need to demonstrate the following roles;

- ⇒ Check the table is clean and wipe with a cloth if needed
- ⇒ Check the net. Make sure it is secure, the net has tension and check the height. To check the height you will need to ask for a net measure. You must ask for that before you start.
- ⇒ Check the players bats. The rubbers MUST be in a good condition, no areas of sponge showing and that the rubbers show the ITTF symbol to say they are approved. Please note if unsure about the sponge as very small areas might be allowed at lower levels. If also demonstrates you know what to do if you are uncertain.
- ⇒ Toss a coin to see who will have the choice of serving. Remember to rules you learnt here.
- ⇒ When starting the match say the name of the person who is serving. For example 'Tom to Serve, Love All' Also indicate with you hand who is serving and after every two points just say service and indicate with your hand which person is to serve.

If you feel nervous during the test try and stay calm and have a short pause. Mistakes happen but its how you handle them that is really important. Make sure you say the score and other instructions out clearly during the games. Remember 'LET' means stop so if a player serves before you are ready you may call a LET. You are in charge of the table.

Don't forget to turn the score numbers over on the scoreboard, if you are using one.

Do remember you are allowed a number of mistakes. If you think you have made one and put it right straight away then that wont count against you. Your assessor will tell you afterwards if you made any mistakes. Also remember we WANT you to pass but if you don't its NOT the end of the world. You can simply learn form the mistakes and try another day. Good Luck,