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RULES.**

1. The League shall be called "THE BARNSELY TABLE TENNIS LEAGUE."

2. The annual subscription of 21s. per Club be paid one week before the commencement of the season, by which date any club not having subscribed be **withdrawn**.

3. The league shall be governed by an executive committee which shall consist of a President, Chairman, Hon. Secretary, Hon. Treasurer, Hon. Competition Secretary, Assistant Hon. Competition Secretary, Hon. Match Secretary and five elected members. The Executive Committee to have power to co-opt additional members as and when deemed necessary. All officers shall retire annually, but shall be eligible for re-election. Any vacancy on this Committee caused by resignation during the season shall be filled by the Committee at the meeting at which such resignation is accepted.

The Executive Committee shall have power to appoint from among its members such sub-committees as may be deemed necessary.

4. A Quorum for a full Executive Committee meeting shall be five.

5. The officers shall be elected annually at a General Meeting which shall ordinarily be held at the close of the season.

5a. All members of the Clubs affiliated to the Barnsley T.T.L. may attend any Annual Meeting.

5b. "Voting" That for purposes of voting at any Annual or General Meeting the Club Secretary or the duly authorised representative of such Club shall be allowed to record a vote for each team which that Club ran in the League during the present or, where such meeting is held in the close season, the past season.

6. The registration fee of two shillings and sixpence per player registered shall be inclusive of player's handbook. Registration not valid unless accompanied by fee.

7. The Rules governing match play shall be those published by the English Table Tennis Association.

8. A Club desirous of joining the League must be proposed by a League Club, and nominated at an Executive Committee meeting or by application at a General Meeting.

9. All teams shall play one Home match and one Away match with every other team in their division of the League.

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10. Teams competing in the League Competition shall consist of three players. Each player of one team shall play each player of the opposing team one set. A set to be best of three games. A game shall be won by the player who first wins twenty-one points, unless both players have scored twenty points each, when the winner shall be the player who first wins two points more than his opponent. In the third game players shall change ends when one reaches a score of ten. The match must be played to a finish, and the team winning the majority of sets shall be awarded two points in the competition.

11. The Home team has first choice of date and must give its opponents at least seven clear days' notice when informing them of the date fixed. Should the Home team fail in this point then the Away team takes choice and may notify the Home team of the date on which it will present itself. The team being advised of the date offered for match must reply within two days confirming the date.

12. In the event of any team not fulfilling an engagement its opponents shall be awarded the match unless another date be mutually agreed upon prior to the date originally fixed. Any team failing to fulfil an engagement, i.e. either the original fixture or the re-arranged match, as the case may be, shall be fined two shillings and sixpence. The score in an awarded match shall be reckoned as 9-nil.

13. All matches shall start not later than 7.30 p.m. In the event of non-attendance of a player or players by 8.30 p.m., or such later time as may be agreed upon by the teams' captains prior to the match his or her games shall be considered lost 2-nil, unless reserves be in attendance. Should a reserve be required to play, he or she shall play on throughout the match. In the event of both teams being one man short the odd set may be claimed by the visiting team.

NOTE.—Where possible, any alteration of the time limits for attendance of players should be agreed upon when arranging the date of the match.

14. The Secretary of the Home team shall notify the Hon. Competition Secretary of the result of the match within 24 hours following the match date, giving the names of the players and the full scores. These must be forwarded on the official cards and must be certified as correct by the visiting captain or his deputy. Any club infringing this rule will be fined 2/6.

15. The Umpires for each game shall be agreed upon mutually, and scoring shall be undertaken alternately by a member of the visiting and home teams. In case of dispute as to who shall score, the visiting captain shall name the scorer. The captains alternately shall choose the order of play in regard to their own players, the visiting captain to have first choice.

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16. The teams obtaining the greatest number of points shall be declared Division Champions. In the case of a Tie, a deciding match shall be played on a neutral table. The League shall award a Cup to the Division Champions, and the club holding a Division Trophy shall provide safe keeping for same, and must return it when requested to do so by the Executive Committee.

17. At the end of the season the teams that hold the two bottom places in Division I shall be relegated to Division II, and the two leading teams of Division II shall be promoted to Division I, providing that the clubs from which the teams are entered apply for and are granted affiliation during the proper period prior to the following season. In all cases the constitution of the Division shall be decided by the Executive Committee. If extra divisions are necessary promotion and relegation to higher and lower divisions respectively to apply as in Division I and II.

18. A player registered with the "A" team of any particular club may be played in the first team of that club providing that the number of his appearances with the first team shall not exceed five in one season. Similarly a player registered with the "B" team of any particular club shall not play in more than five matches in a 1st or 2nd team. Ladies or Youths teams to be considered as a "B" or "C" team.

19. No player shall be eligible to play in a League game until he has been registered three clear days, and each player shall be a bona-fide member of the Club for which he or she may be registered. No player may be registered for more than one club at a time. If a player desires to transfer from one club to another he shall make personal application to the Executive Committee, and the Executive Committee's decision shall be final. A transfer fee of two shillings and sixpence per player shall be payable at the discretion of the Executive Committee. No transfers or registrations shall be allowed after the second Saturday in February. The league shall not register any player who is a registered player of another league.

20. Any club playing an ineligible player shall be fined not less than two shillings and sixpence, and the ineligible player's games shall be reckoned as lost 2-nil.

21. In the event of a team retfing from the League for any reason during the season, no money shall be refunded, and all the matches played by that team shall be declared void.

22. Fines shall be paid within one month, after which clubs owing five shillings or more in fines shall be suspended from playing in all matches until the full amount be paid.

23. All protests with claims shall be in writing, and shall be lodged with the League Secretary within seven days after the match. The club protesting must also send a copy of the claim and protest to the opponents concerned.

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24. Each club must provide suitable accommodation and lighting facilities for matches to the satisfaction of the Executive Committee.

25. The make of the ball to be used in all matches shall be selected from the E.T.T.A. list by the Annual General Meeting and be named in the handbook.

26. The composition of the Divisions of the League Competition shall be decided by the Executive Committee after the closing date for application for membership.

27. The Hon. Treasurer shall present accounts for the preceding year at the Annual General Meeting, such accounts to be audited by two auditors appointed from among the members at the previous Annual General Meeting. The auditors shall retire annually, but shall be eligible for re-election.

28. In the event of any question arising not provided for in the foregoing rules such question shall be referred to the Executive Committee and the decision of that Committee shall be final and binding.

29. No amendment to or alteration of these Rules shall be made except at an Annual General Meeting, when fourteen days' notice shall be given, or by vote of a Special General Meeting which may be called at any time on the requisition of one half of the number of clubs in the League, in which case seven clear days' notice shall be given, or unless all clubs being represented at a General Meeting unanimously agree to such alteration.

Tournament Details

All tournaments will be played under the rules of the E.T.T.A.

Handicapping will be in the hands of the Selection Committee.

All tournaments will be closed to members of clubs affiliated to the Barnsley T.T.L.

The Men's Doubles K.O. will be played throughout the season. Each round will be drawn separately when all Club Secretaries of the players concerned will be informed accordingly.

Winning team must send result to Hon. Competition Secretary within 24 hours of the match being played in all seasonal events.

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In K.O. events teams with choice of table must offer their opponents the choice of at least two dates, excluding Saturdays and Sundays, at least seven days before the first date offered.

Matches not played by the closing date for each round; the offending teams will be scratched.

Standard Playing Conditions

(To be adhered to where possible)

1. **Playing Space.** It shall be free from all obstructions, and in particular from moving spectators and spectators sitting behind the players.

2. **Floor.** The floor shall be firm and even and shall not be unduly slippery. The best floor surface is wood, smooth but not slippery.

3. **Lighting.** Satisfactory lighting is provided by three fairly new 100 watt pearl electric lamps, drawn opposite the middle of the table, one over the net, one six feet on either side of it, at a height of 10 feet, reflected downwards and shaded. Other lighting adopted should come as near to this standard as possible, in particular in respect of strength, equal distribution (especially back from the table) and absence of dazzle.

There should be no unshaded lights beyond the ends of or alongside the playing space likely to reflect on to the table or otherwise to unsight the players and no illuminated light background or object behind the players.

4. **Table.** The table shall comply with Rule 1 of the Laws of Table Tennis, in particular in size, height, regularity, bounce, non-reflection, edge. It may now be of any material, provided it gives the standard bounce.

5. **Net and Supports.** The net and supports shall comply with Rule 2 of the Laws of Table Tennis. The net must extend six inches beyond each side of the playing surface.

6. **Clothing.** A player shall not wear light clothing calculated to unsight his opponent.

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1948

Oct.	25	1 v 8	2 v 7	3 v 6	4 v 5
Nov.	1	1 v 2	6 v 4	7 v 3	8 v 5
"	8	2 v 8	3 v 1	4 v 7	5 v 6
"	15	1 v 4	2 v 3	7 v 5	8 v 6
"	22	3 v 8	4 v 2	5 v 1	6 v 7
"	29	1 v 6	2 v 5	3 v 4	8 v 7
Dec.	6	4 v 8	5 v 3	6 v 2	7 v 1
"	13	8 v 1	7 v 2	6 v 3	5 v 4

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Jan.	3	2 v 1	4 v 6	3 v 7	5 v 8
"	10	8 v 2	1 v 3	7 v 4	6 v 5
"	17	4 v 1	3 v 2	5 v 7	6 v 8
"	24	8 v 3	2 v 4	1 v 5	7 v 6
"	31	6 v 1	5 v 2	4 v 3	7 v 8
Feb.	7	8 v 4	3 v 5	2 v 6	1 v 7
"	14	"Closed" Championship.			
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W. D. Webster (North End)	39	37	2	94.87
N. Race (North End)	36	34	2	94.44
A. Cook (North End)	39	36	3	92.30
R. Rymer (North End)	36	35	3	91.66
C. Goulding (West End)	51	40	11	78.43

Division II

R. Bamford (North End "A")	39	39	0	100.00
F. Newsam (Y.M.C.A.)	39	37	2	94.87
K. Exley (West End "A")	53	29	4	87.87
C. Morris (Y.M.C.A.)	39	30	9	76.92
L. Eagle (North End "A")	36	26	10	72.22
V. Micklethwaite (St. George's)	39	28	11	71.79

Division III.

S. Jessop (Hoyland Mt. Tabor)	57	57	0	100.00
W. Fowler (Wombwell S. of Y.)	37	30	7	87.71
J. Levi (Eagles "A")	57	48	9	84.21
H. Ibbotson (Eagles "A")	57	44	13	77.19
C. M. Webster (Mrs) (North End Lds.)	51	38	13	74.50
H. Lowe (West End "B")	39	29	10	74.35

Division IV.

D. Poole (St. George's "A")	24	21	3	87.50
B. Riley (Wombwell S. of Y. "A")	30	26	4	86.66
P. Tyas (St. Peter's)	42	34	8	80.95
G. Semley (Nalco "A")	42	30	12	71.43
R. Goodwin (St. Peter's)	27	19	8	70.37
D. Lee (Wombwell S. of Y.)	30	21	9	70.00

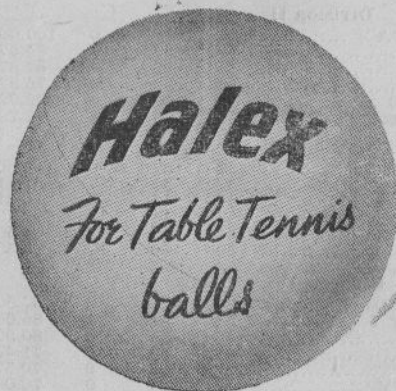
Ladies' Division.

S. Fuller (Beatson Clark)	24	24	0	100.00
M. K. Broadhead (N.E. Ladies "B")	27	25	2	92.59
M. Kitching (Beatson Clark)	50	25	5	85.33
D. Beaumont (N.E. Ladies' "B")	21	17	4	80.95
C. Brown (N.E. Ladies "B")	21	17	4	80.95
I. Parkin (Beatson Clark)	27	21	6	77.77

Youths' Division.

L. Bashforth (Boys' Club)	36	33	3	91.66
T. Markey (Grove Street)	24	22	2	91.25
E. Markwell (Ardsley)	36	31	5	86.11
F. Rooke (Racecommon Road)	33	28	5	84.84
R. Seaman (Racecommon Road)	30	25	5	83.33
K. Yates (Littleworth)	36	30	6	83.33

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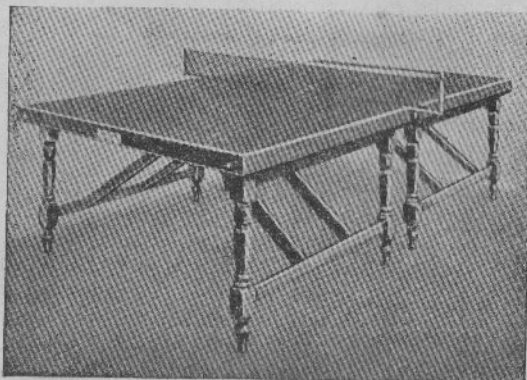
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Final League Tables for Season 1947-48.

Division I.	P.	W.	L.	F.	A.	Pts.
North End	18	18	0	151	11	36
West End	18	15	3	109	53	30
Nalco	18	11	7	89	73	22
Vine Imps	18	10	8	75	87	20
Eagles	18	7	11	71	91	14
Beatson Clark	18	7	11	67	95	14
Wombwell Zion	18	7	11	66	96	14
Carlton Road Hostel	18	6	12	59	103	12
Boys' Club	18	5	13	63	99	10
Road Club	18	4	14	61	101	8

Division II

North End "A"	14	13	1	98	28	26
Y.M.C.A.	14	13	1	98	28	26
West End "A"	14	9	5	77	49	18
St. George's	14	6	8	75	51	12
Oakwell	14	6	8	54	72	12
Beatson Clark "A"	14	6	8	52	74	12
Y.M.C.A. "A"	14	2	12	30	96	4
North End "B"	14	1	13	20	106	2

North End "A" beat Y.M.C.A. in Championship Play-off.

Division III.

Hoyland Mount Tabor	20	18	2	137	43	36
Eagles "A"	20	18	2	134	46	36
Wombwell Service of Youth	20	15	5	132	48	30
North End Ladies	20	12	8	106	74	24
West End "B"	20	11	9	101	79	22
Deaf	20	10	10	79	101	20
Monckton	20	9	11	80	100	18
School of Art	20	9	11	79	101	18
Vine Imps "A"	20	3	17	40	140	6
Regent Street	20	2	18	51	129	4
Wombwell Zion "A"	20	2	18	51	129	4

Hoyland Mount Tabor beat Eagles "A" in Championship
Play-off. (Walk-over).

Division IV.	P.	W.	L.	F.	A.	Pts.
Wombwell Service of Yth. A	14	11	3	89	37	22
Nalco "A"	14	10	4	81	45	20
St. Peter's	14	9	5	77	49	18
Hoyland Mount Tabor "A"	14	8	6	68	58	16
St. George's "A"	14	7	7	60	66	14
Wombwell Parish Church...	14	6	8	57	69	12
North End Ladies "A"	14	5	9	53	73	10
Deaf "A"	14	0	14	19	107	0

Ladies' Division.

Beatson Clark	10	10	0	78	12	20
North End Ladies "B"	10	8	2	67	23	16
St. George's	10	6	4	48	42	12
Wombwell Zion	10	4	6	33	57	8
Nalco	10	2	8	28	62	4
Deaf	10	0	10	16	74	0

Youth Division.

Boys' Club	18	16	2	127	35	32
Racecommon Road	18	14	4	120	42	28
Littleworth	18	12	6	99	63	24
Ardsley	18	11	7	90	72	22
Raley	18	10	8	99	63	20
Grove Street	18	9	9	70	92	18
Sheffield Road Baptists	18	8	10	85	77	16
Pitt Street Methodists	18	5	13	49	113	10
St. Peter's	18	4	14	50	112	8
Deaf	18	1	17	21	141	2

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In 1933 a small band of table tennis enthusiasts got together, mustered sufficient teams to make one division, appointed Mr. Lee, of Wombwell, to be Secretary, called themselves the Wombwell and Barnsley Table Tennis League and introduced competitive table tennis to the district. After two years the Wombwell clubs broke away and formed the Wombwell Table Tennis League, leaving the Barnsley clubs to re-form under the present name.

A glance at the records for those early days will reveal one or two names that still occupy a prominent position in the game—Frank Walker, our Secretary, was appointed to this position in 1935 and has held it ever since; Barnsley Y.M.C.A., the only club from the 1933 days still in existence, although Barnsley Boys' Club and Barnsley North End were formed in 1934.

In 1936 the Wombwell League ceased to function and some of the clubs joined the Barnsley League which was extended to two divisions. A year later the League comprised three men's divisions and, for the first time, a Ladies' League.

The onset of the war in 1939 affected the game considerably and after the first year there was only very limited activity. In 1945, however, the League programme was renewed and since that time it has gone from strength to strength. This season we have thirty-one clubs with sixty-two teams competing in four senior divisions, one ladies' division and one youths' division—a very far cry from the days of 1933 and eloquent testimony to the increased interest which is being shown in this Cinderella of sport.

League matches have, of course, not been our only activity. Many inter-town matches have been played, and in 1936 the first Closed Championships were held. At that time the only event was the Men's Singles, now seven events are catered for and the annual tournament is one of the high lights of the season.

No article on the Barnsley Table Tennis League would be complete without making reference to its Presidents, of which there have been two. The first was the late Mr. T. D. Cook, who was responsible for the inauguration of the Closed Championships and who, throughout the early struggles of the League, rendered invaluable assistance in many ways. In 1945, Mr. J. Ralston became President and has very ably carried on the good work—it is no exaggeration to say that the present sound financial position of the League is due, in no small way, to Mr. Ralston's whole-hearted co-operation and generosity.

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THE 1947-48 SEASON.

Last season proved to be the best ever in the League's history, both from a playing point of view and also a financial one. Let us hope that the pre-war days of a precarious hand-to-mouth existence are gone for good. Twenty-eight clubs entered fifty-three teams in the various divisions of the League and, with the exception of the 1st Division, the final placings at the top of the divisions were not decided until the last few weeks of the season, thus sustaining interest in the League until the last net cord shot drew the curain down for 1947-48.

Teams entered in the Yorkshire Inter-League K.O. Competition but only our Youths team, which reached the semi-final, achieved any success. The Ladies team was eliminated in the first round and the Mens in the first. The following players represented the League in the various K.O. and friendly matches:— Mens: H. Lax, R. Rymer, W. D. Webster, N. Race, Ladies: Mrs. W. D. Webster, Miss D. Cavill, Mrs. A. P. F. Cook. Youths: F. Jones, A. Scarfe, J. Lax, R. Galloway, F. Tyas.

The most progressive innovation of the season was the appointment of Ron Rymer as Honorary Coach to the League. Ideally suited for the job in all ways, Ron has put in a tremendous amount of hard work which, we feel confident, will soon show a dividend in a general improvement of the standard of play in the League. Another innovation which we feel was a step in the right direction was to issue a Bulletin at fairly frequent intervals to keep clubs posted with the latest developments. Les Eagle, who so ably carried out the duties of Editor, is carrying on with the job this year and asks all club secretaries to let him have reports of club activities for inclusion in the Bulletin.

The highlights of the season were the Exhibition at the Barnsley Baths Hall given by Jack Carrington and Co., the Closed Championships held at the Arcadian Hall, and the Annual Dance also held at the Arcadian Hall. All these events were very successful, particularly the Dance, and we look forward to seeing an even larger attendance this year. Talking of large attendances calls to mind the Annual General Meeting and Supper—for the first time on record we almost had to turn people away, over eighty people turning up for the Supper. Let's make it over a hundred this year!

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