

## DEVELOPMENT

### SOUTH WEST - DEVON COUNTY PLAN 2008-12

#### National Vision

'Making table tennis the most popular and most successful indoor sport in England' through the development of a strong club structure using the ETТА PremierClub program.

#### Mission

Working in partnership to create opportunities for everyone to enjoy the sport of table tennis, stay in the sport, and achieve their full potential.

#### Objectives

Start- Increase participation in table tennis.  
Stay- Retain people in table tennis through an effective network of accredited clubs, leagues, coaches, competitions, officials, volunteers, facilities.

Succeed- To give talented players a pathway to national squads, and to help the nation achieve medal success at European, Commonwealth, and Olympic level.

#### Clubs

- Increase number of CLUBMARK accredited clubs to 4 and support our 2 current CLUBMARK accredited clubs: Ilfracombe Table Tennis Club, Okehampton Table Tennis Club
- Support the 9 ETТА Premier Clubs with their further development and encourage CLUBMARK accreditation wherever possible:  
Ilfracombe Table Tennis Club  
Okehampton Table Tennis Club  
Woolwell Table Tennis Club  
Plymouth and District Table Tennis League Club  
Ottery St Mary Table Tennis Club  
Yealmpstone Farm Table Tennis Club  
Exe Table Tennis Club  
West Exe Table Tennis Club  
Great Torrington Table Tennis Club
- Identify and register 2 new Premier Clubs

#### Leagues

- Encourage junior participation in our leagues by investigating new competition formats, school leagues, and promotional campaigns
- Encourage and support leagues to identify new premises, encouraging players to return to the sport and identify potential PremierClubs

#### The County

- Annually review and amend County plan
- Increase opportunities for young players to participate in competitive play outside of their local club and league as a crucial

part of their player pathway

- Identify potential PremierClubs and work with these to improve the club structure within the county

#### Performance/Excellence

- Support and assist in the development of table tennis in FE/HE academies such as Marjons
- Offer opportunities/training sessions for the Counties talented players to get top quality coaching

#### Coaches

- Increase number of active approved coaches from 16 to 40 by working with and supporting the 15 non-approved coaches to become CRB checked and insured, and by encouraging new coaches onto approved courses
- Promote and facilitate the conversion of current coaches onto the new UKCC system
- Identify and support new coaches development by finding subsidies for coaching courses through an awards for all grant
- Advertise and promote coaching opportunities for volunteers and paid coaches
- Aim to increase the number of employed (16+ hrs) community coaches to 2 in the county
- Qualify 2 new UKCC tutors able to deliver coaching courses and raise coaching standards

#### Volunteers

- Help and enable the recruitment of new volunteers in a wide variety of roles in our clubs/leagues e.g. committee roles, development officers, welfare officers, and fund raisers
- Continue to recruit young volunteers through the TT Networker leadership award, and encourage more schools to run it as part of their curriculum
- Establish annual volunteer update and recruitment sessions for clubs and leagues in order to facilitate volunteer development

#### Equality and Child Protection

- Continue to adopt the ETТА Equality policy and Child Protection policies
- Strive to increase participation in 'hard to reach groups' such as ethnic minorities, women and girls, the disabled, the elderly, and low income groups
- Ensure through the gaining of financial support that all active coaches are CRB checked



### Competitions

- Improve quality and maintain number of competitive opportunities for all players and for young people in particular at county and local level through tournaments and junior leagues
- Encourage high profile events into the county such as junior and senior grand prix's, and continue to support the Clare Pengelly Grand Prix

### Facilities

- Support long term facility projects in Ilfracombe and Plymouth, and investigate potential funding sources for them
- Encourage improvement of existing facilities, and the progression of our clubs and leagues into more suitable venues

### Communication

- Use regional website to share resources and good practice among clubs, leagues and coaches in our region
- Use email newsletter bulletins to cut down on paper copies sent out to our members and become more environmentally friendly

### Delivery System for Sport

- Gain greater representation at county and local level, encourage all Premier Clubs to have representation on their local Community Sports Network
- Work towards having representation on every single Community Sports Network where there is a table tennis club in that local area
- Work with Active Devon in partnership to support community coach projects, volunteer subsidies, club accreditation, and to increase participation in table tennis



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