

Butterfly Welsh National Championships 2026



Saturday 21st March & Sunday 22nd March 2026

Tournament Information & Regulations

Venue: Sport Wales National Centre, Sophia Close, Cardiff, CF11 9SW

Referee: Peter Higgins

Deputy Referee: TBC

Referee's Assistants: Cerys Evans

Tournament Organiser: Sarah Palmer

Dates

Event Dates: Saturday 21st March & Sunday 22nd March 2026

Entry Closing Date: Wednesday 4th March 2026

Draw Date: Wednesday 11th March 2026

Ranking List: Issue: February 2026

PROVISIONAL PLAYING SCHEDULE

Saturday		Sunday	
Morning Session		Morning Session	
8:45	Junior Boys Singles Junior Girls Singles Veteran Over 60's Singles Under 13s Boys Singles Under 13's Girls Singles	8:45	Men's Singles Women's Singles Veteran Over 70's Singles
11:00	KO rounds of above to finals Para Class 1-5 Para Class 6-10	11:00	KO rounds of above to finals
13:00	Presentations of morning events	13:00	Presentations of morning events
Afternoon Session		Afternoon Session	
13.30	Cadet Boys Singles Cadet Girls Singles Veteran Over 50's Singles Under 11's Boys Under 11's Girls Singles Senior Mixed Doubles	13.30	Under 21 Men's Singles Under 21 Women's Singles Veterans Over 40s Men's Singles Veteran Over 40s Women's Singles
15.30	KO rounds of above to finals Junior Doubles Veterans Doubles	15.30	KO rounds of above to finals Senior Men's Doubles Senior Women's Doubles
18:00	Presentation of afternoon events	18.00	Presentation of afternoon events

Timing may change depending on the number of entries received.

Competitors may enter only 1 category per time slot.

Doubles events will be run in allocated time slots across the day in accordance with the scheduled draw.



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1. Every entrant must hold a 'Competitive Membership' of Table Tennis Wales, and only members who would qualify to represent Wales by birth or a minimum of 4 years residency may enter.
2. Completion and submission of the entry form signifies agreement by the entrant to the conditions of this competition.
3. The Referee's decision shall be final on points of law, in any dispute as to the interpretation of these regulations, and on any matters not covered by them.
4. Any member taking part in gambling (other than participation in any lottery of similar competition conducted by or with the permission of the organising committee at a tournament approved by the TTW) shall be liable to immediate disqualification from the tournament and expulsion from the premises. Such action will be reported to TTW.
5. Any item of clothing other than socks or shoes shall be in accordance with ITTF clothing regulation 3.2.2.
6. TTW Tournament Regulations including regulation regarding racket re-rubbing and ITTF Regulations for International Tournaments apply to this event.
7. All matches shall be the best of five games. Play throughout will be on a knockout basis with the exception of the first rounds of the singles events, which may, at the discretion of the Referee, be on a group basis. Seeded players and any other players on a national ranking list may be drawn into the competition properly. Senior semi-finals and finals will be the best of seven games.
8. All groups will qualify by date of birth as at 1st Jan 2026 (Cadets 15, Juniors 19, Vets 40 etc.)
9. The Committee reserves the right to restrict entries and cancel events.
10. Players must report to the Recorder's table on arrival and permission to leave the hall must be obtained from the referee.
11. Signing of the entry form constitutes an agreement by the Competitor, under the Data Protection Act 2018, to the storing of his or her name, and address, on a computer system for the sole use of this tournament.
12. In accordance with the agreement with Sport Wales, players should note that anti-doping tests may be undertaken during this tournament.
13. Doping – Doping control tests may take place. The UK Anti-Doping Rules apply to all participants of the sport, including Minors, and they make all participants subject to drug Testing. For the purposes of those rules, the consent of a parent or guardian to the Testing of a Minor is deemed to follow automatically from the fact that the Minor has been permitted by their parent or guardian to participate in Table Tennis. Therefore, any Minors participating in the sport may be subject to drug testing.
14. Retirement from competitions – all records relating to an athlete's retirement will be kept by Table Tennis Wales and shared with UKAD when requested.
15. All players are expected to be umpire and will be refunded their player number fee after they have umpired or told by the referee they are not required. If fees are applicable.
16. The event will be played on Butterfly Europa 25 Tables; the match ball will be Butterfly R40+

