

Junior Open Practice Sessions

This document outlines the guidelines and procedures for the "Junior Open Practice" sessions at the Derby Community Table Tennis Club (DCTTC).

1. Purpose

The purpose of the "Junior Open Practice" sessions is to provide a more relaxed, informal setting that emphasises open play over structured coaching. This allows junior members the freedom to engage in practice matches or work on specific skills.

2. Eligibility & Attendance

All junior members are eligible and encouraged to attend. Parents and guardians are strongly recommended to stay, given the informal nature of these sessions and the limited supervision provided.

3. Parental Responsibilities

Parents who opt to leave their children unattended during these sessions do so at their own risk. These sessions are comparable to a playground; thus, parental supervision is highly recommended.

4. Supervision & Responsibilities

- **At least one Duty Officer with an Enhanced DBS check will be present at each session.**
- The Duty Officer will not have the same level of coaching or child safety responsibilities as during traditional coaching sessions.
- **Individual play or advice can be requested from the Duty Officer.**

5. Requirements for Adult Presence

Every adult in the playing area must possess an Enhanced DBS check. Parents are exempt from this requirement.

6. Playing Guidelines

Open tables will be designated for free play, individual drills, and practice matches. Duty Officers may also play, provided it does not disturb the junior members and tables are available.

7. Attendance During Junior Open Practice Sessions:

During the Junior Open Practice sessions for junior members, the following individuals are permitted to be present:

- Duty Officers with an Enhanced DBS check
- Junior members enrolled in the session
- Parents, guardians, or carers of the junior members

Additionally, adult club members may be present if they are attending the adult session immediately following the junior session.

However, they are only allowed to enter the premises 10 minutes before their scheduled session and cannot remain present throughout the entirety of the junior session.

For any other individuals not covered in the above categories, attendance during a junior session is strictly forbidden unless prior permission has been granted by the supervising Duty Officer.

By participating in the "Junior Open Practice" sessions, members and their parents/guardians agree to adhere to the guidelines and responsibilities outlined in this policy document.