



PRIMARY SCHOOLS INTERNATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS 2026

FRIDAY 10TH – SUNDAY 12TH APRIL 2026



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Dr Keith Powell and the British Primary Championships.

Dumfries Table Tennis Club is the birthplace of both the Scottish Primary and the British Primary School Championships (now known as the Primary Schools International Championships). Both came about through the vision of one man, Dr Keith Powell.

A late starter in table tennis, Keith concentrated his early administrative efforts on founding a coaching programme in Dumfries. Having done so, he realised that eager youngsters could be put off competition by forays into tournaments where there were only two youth age-groups, Under-14 and Under-17. Apart from the Schools Championships, where the youngest age-group was Under-12, there was little outlet for smaller fry to try out their skills.

Having organised primary school events in the Club, Keith turned his attention to the Scottish scene and in 1989 the Scottish Primary School Championships were born. Most of the entrants were local; elder daughter Demelza won the Girls' Singles.

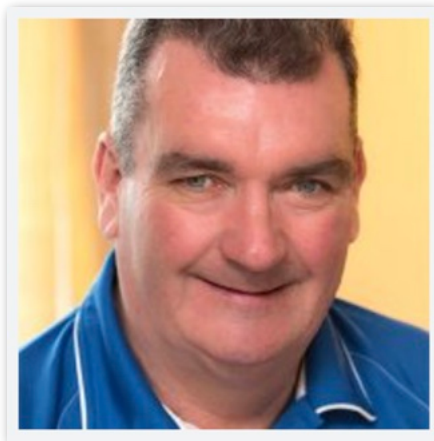
Keith was already working within the wider sphere and in 1990 the inaugural British Primary Schools Championships were held in the Club. NPCs for Scotland were Dumfries Club members David Clifford (boys) and Linda Powell (girls). The Dumfries Club provided most of the girls in the first few years, including Keith's younger daughter Tamara. In those days entries came in from England, Ireland (joint Eire/Northern Ireland), Wales, and, later, the Isle of Man.

Both Championships remained at the Club for several years. It was a popular venue with the other countries as Dumfries is reasonably easy to access by road and rail and not too difficult by air. Eventually, however, it became clear that in order to survive on the national calendars both events would need to go out into the wider world. Since then the Scottish Primary has been held in Perth and Largs.

The British Primary began a circuit of all participating countries. Since its inception the islands of Jersey and Guernsey have also been admitted to the British event, a development which would have pleased Keith very much.

It is always a joy to see the enthusiasm and expertise of the young players, some of whom have first appeared at the tender age of seven or eight and many of whom have gone on to become full Internationals. Keith would have been pleased to see this competition still thriving more than twenty years after he had his bright idea.

A WARM WELCOME



To all Competitors Parents and Friends:

On behalf of Table Tennis Scotland, it gives me great pleasure in welcoming all delegations, officials and friends to our National Sports Centre here at Inverclyde for the 2026 Primary Schools International Championships.

The competitors who are here have qualified for this International through their national qualifiers and have been chosen to represent their country at this event.

We would like to take this opportunity to thank the management and staff here at Inverclyde, for their co-operation and expertise in providing the domestic and catering arrangements for the weekend.

Finally, a word of thanks to the volunteers, referee and umpires, all players, teachers, parents, coaches and friends who have helped with this year's championship, we are most grateful to you all.

Terry McLernon

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Chairperson TTS.

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RULES

1. The event will be held annually by the countries on the dates stated on the rolling programme.
2. Teams from England, Ireland, Isle of Man, Jersey, Guernsey Scotland and Wales are to be invited.
3. Competitors must be under 12 on the 1st September prior to the event taking place the following April.
4. Teams are restricted to 4 boys and 4 Girls, countries unable to field a full team due to a shortage of players may call upon a host country to supply a replacement player or players (no more than 2)
5. No more than 7 teams are allowed in either the boys or girls team event, 1 team from each country, if any country cannot enter a full team, then only 6 teams will play, if only 5 teams entered in either category then the host country initially can enter a B team. If the host country cannot supply a B team, then ask other countries.
6. When the names of competitors are submitted dates of births must be included and players placed in their correct ranking order.
7. There will be a team competition between all participating countries Boys and Girls on a round robin basis. Match sheets may be completed prior to the event from the names submitted by each country.
8. Each Country **must** provide 2 Umpires, the host Country to provide accommodation and food. Countries that do not provide the required number of umpires will be invoiced by host Country for any incremental costs associated with making up the shortfall.
9. The event shall be staged on as many tables needed to allow for each match to be played on 2 tables.
10. The order of the team matches will be 1 v 2, 2 v 1, 3 v 4, 4 v 3, Doubles, Doubles, 1 v 1, 2 v 2, 3 v 3, 4 v 4.
11. The number 1 player must play in the first doubles. NPC's shall declare the doubles pairs to the umpire either at the start of the match or after the 4th singles.
12. 2 match points shall be awarded for a win and 1 point for a draw. In the event of two or more teams tying on match points, the position shall be decided only on the results of the matches between the teams concerned, using set ratio, games ration and if necessary, points ratio.
13. There will be a singles competition for both boys and girls played initially in groups with the top 2 players progressing to the main Knockout draw. A plate event will be held for all non-qualifiers. The **Geoff Gardiner** points system will be used for seeding of the individual events. That being a win over a number -:
 - 1 player = 4 points
 - 2 player = 3 points
 - 3 player = 2 points
 - 4 player = 1 point

Medals

Team Events Individual Events

Medals shall be provided for Winners, Runners Up and Third place in all team events.
Medals shall be provided for Winners, Runners Up and the Losing Semi Finalists of all individual events.

Plate Event

Medals shall be provided for winners and Runners Up in both plate events.

Table Tennis Scotland acknowledges the help of friends and volunteers of the Association and the Umpires, who all give their time generously to ensure the smooth running of the event.

Referee / Child Protection Officer: Senga Thomson

Top Table: Alison Woods, Lorraine Johnston

Umpire Control: Linda Higgins

Scotland Umpires



Senga Thomson (Tourn Ref)

Charlie Brown

Barry Johnston

Stuart Wallis

Catherine O'Neill

Sinclair Houston

Li Lin Forest

Billy Gibbs

Visiting Umpires



Jurie Duvenage

Karen Aitkenhead



John Finn

John White



Peter Higgins



Tim Le Page

Stacey Bretel



Alexandro Silva

Paul Routier MBE

Cameron Hussain (Tournament Organiser)

Terry McLernon MBE (liaison)

Callum Riddoch (Staff)

Catherine O'Neill (Transport)

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ENTRY LIST

 Scotland A	
Girls	Boys
1. Alana Thurston	1. James Huang
2. Lucy Stakim	2. Inniyan Jayaraj
3. Mariah Cassino	3. Leo Stakim
4. Ava Swift	4. Boyd Telfer
NPC: Lisa Notarangelo	NPC: Natalie Gallan

 Scotland B	
Girls	Boys
1. Peony Li	1. Dylan Ritch
2. Navya Jain	2. Strahil Stefanov
3. Hannah Sneider	3. Keir Niven-Duffy
4. Eve Johnson	4. Alfie Mills
NPC: Joan Smith	NPC: Fergus Maclean

 England	
Girls	Boys
1. Bethany Yang	1. Lok Hei (Hayfield) Lam
2. Isabella Xiao Xu	2. Dominic Rimmy
3. Cindy Xiao	3. Jacob Dennison
4. Hattie Xiao	4. Daniyal Janmohamed
NPC: Teresa Bennett	NPC: Dave Pilkington

 Ireland	
Girls	Boys
1. Samanta Pusinskaite	1. Daniel Daly
2. Victoria Sawecka	2. Ryan Li
3. Anna Matsveyeva	3. Jamie Yan Theunissen
4. Yara Mohammad	4. Enoch Huang
NPC: Jennifer Thompson	NPC: Conn Higgins

 Wales	
Girls	Boys
1. Sophie Williams	1. Toby Young
2. Aadhya Pulluri	2. Alfie Giles
3. Ezgi Dion	3. Toby Francis-Lee
4. Evie Gowen	4. Josh Williams
NPC: Cerys Evans	NPC: Sam Havers

 Guernsey	
Girls	Boys
1. Isla Bretel	1. Morgan Finn
2. Katherine Hansen	2. Keil Butt
3. Isabella De Carteret	3. Perran Lomax
4. Isabella Williams	4. Noah Finn
NPC: Becks O'Keefe	NPC: Ben Foote

 Jersey	
Girls	Boys
1. Aimee Moreira	1. Rory Quinn
2. Chole Lee	2. James Cleverly
3. Pippa Cleverly	3. Mason De Sousa
4. Hannah Stakim	4. Alfie O'Flaherty
NPC: Martin Tupper	NPC: Tom Quinn

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PLAYING SCHEDULE

FRIDAY		
Tables BOYS	4pm	Tables GIRLS
1 & 2 5 & 6 9 & 10	ENGLAND v GUERNSEY IRELAND v JERSEY SCOTLAND A v WALES SCOTLAND B v FREE	3 & 4 7 & 8 11 & 12
6.00pm - DINNER		
Tables BOYS	7pm	Tables GIRLS
1 & 2 5 & 6 9 & 10	ENGLAND v SCOTLAND B IRELAND v GUERNSEY SCOTLAND A v JERSEY WALES v FREE	3 & 4 7 & 8 11 & 12
SATURDAY		
Tables BOYS	9.00am	Tables GIRLS
1 & 2 5 & 6 9 & 10	IRELAND v SCOTLAND B SCOTLAND A v GUERNSEY WALES v JERSEY ENGLAND v FREE	3 & 4 7 & 8 11 & 12
Tables BOYS	11.00am	Tables GIRLS
1 & 2 5 & 6 9 & 10	ENGLAND v JERSEY IRELAND v WALES GUERNSEY v SCOTLAND B SCOTLAND A v FREE	3 & 4 7 & 8 11 & 12
1.00pm - LUNCH		
Tables BOYS	2.00pm	Tables GIRLS
1 & 2 5 & 6 9 & 10	ENGLAND v WALES IRELAND v SCOTLAND A JERSEY v SCOTLAND B GUERNSEY v FREE	3 & 4 7 & 8 11 & 12
Tables BOYS	4.00pm	Tables GIRLS
1 & 2 5 & 6 9 & 10	ENGLAND v SCOTLAND A WALES v SCOTLAND B JERSEY v GUERNSEY IRELAND v FREE	3 & 4 7 & 8 11 & 12
6.00pm - DINNER		
Tables BOYS	7.00pm	Tables GIRLS
1 & 2 5 & 6 9 & 10	ENGLAND v IRELAND SCOTLAND A v SCOTLAND B WALES v GUERNSEY JERSEY v FREE	3 & 4 7 & 8 11 & 12
SUNDAY		
Time	Events	
9.00am	Group Matches Boys & Girls Singles DRAW FOR SINGLES EVENTS WILL TAKE PLACE AFTER TEAM EVENT IS COMPLETED	
11.00am	Knockout Rounds Boys and Girls Singles	
13.00pm	Finals Boys and Girls Singles	
13.30pm	Singles Presentations Ceremony	

All future Primary Schools International events
will be held in Cardiff, Wales.

