

# NORTH WEST OPEN 2019

ITSF PRO TOUR

£1,500 ESTIMATED PRIZE FUND

18<sup>TH</sup> – 20<sup>TH</sup> JANUARY 2019

CHESTER

BFA CHALLENGER TOUR 2018/19



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# TOUR INTRODUCTION

The British Foosball Association ('BFA') Challenger Tour is a series of BFA-sanctioned national tournaments held within the 2018/19 season, culminating in the prestigious UK Championships in May 2019. The tour spans the length and breadth of the UK and Ireland and provides players of all ages and abilities with the opportunity to test their skills against fellow table football enthusiasts.

The most successful players will be invited to take part in the UK Championships with the chance to qualify for the International Table Soccer Federation ('ITSF') World Championships in Murcia, Spain, in July 2019.



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# THE BFA CHALLENGER TOUR 2018/19



DATE	TOURNAMENT	CITY	CATEGORY	TABLE
31 AUGUST – 2 SEPTEMBER 2018	£1,500 CHALLENGER TOUR KICK OFF	COVENTRY	NATIONAL	GARLANDO
26 – 28 OCTOBER 2018	£2,000 ITSF DARLINGTON OPEN III	DARLINGTON	ITSF PRO TOUR	GARLANDO
18 – 20 JANUARY 2019	£1,500 NORTH WEST OPEN	CHESTER	ITSF PRO TOUR	GARLANDO
28 FEBRUARY – 3 MARCH 2019	£2,500 ITSF EUROPEAN TORNADO OPEN	LONDON	ITSF MASTER SERIES	TORNADO
5 – 7 APRIL 2019	£1,500 BRISTOL OPEN	BRISTOL	NATIONAL	TORNADO
10 – 11 MAY 2019	UK CHAMPIONSHIPS 2019	COVENTRY	UK CHAMPIONSHIPS	MULTI-TABLE
12 MAY 2019	PREMIER LEAGUE FINAL 2019	COVENTRY	PREMIER LEAGUE	MULTI-TABLE

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## Summary

At the start of 2019 the Challenger Tour heads to the historic city of Chester for the last Garlando tournament of the tour, the ITSF Pro Tour North West Open 2019! This ITSF Pro Tour event is hosted by the legendary Boris Atha so you can expect lots of events for everyone. With plenty of points up for grabs due to it's ITSF status, make sure you book your place!

## Venue

Riley's Sports Bar Chester

Centurion Point

Victoria Road

Chester

CH2 2AX





# EVENT SCHEDULE & FORMATS

Venue open times: Saturday 10am to midnight, Sunday 10am – 10pm. Registration open from 10:15am.

DAY	FRIDAY		SATURDAY											
TIME	8PM	8PM	10AM	12PM	1PM	2PM	3PM	4PM	4PM	4PM	5PM	5PM	5PM	8PM
EVENT	DYP	NATIONAL LEAGUE	OPEN DOUBLES	BEGINNER DOUBLES	AMATEUR DOUBLES	SEMI-PRO DOUBLES	PRO DOUBLES	JUNIOR DOUBLES	OPEN MIXED	PRO AM	SENIOR DOUBLES	WOMEN'S DOUBLES	JUNIOR SINGLES	2 BALL ROLLERBALL
WHO CAN ENTER	ANYONE	ANY TEAM	ANYONE	BEGINNERS ONLY	AMATEURS & BEGINNERS	SEMI PROS, AMATEURS & BEGINNERS	PROS, SEMI PROS, AMATEURS & BEGINNERS	ANYONE AGED 18 OR YOUNGER	ANYONE	ANYONE	ANYONE AGED 50+	ANY FEMALE PLAYER	ANYONE AGED 18 OR YOUNGER	ANYONE OUT OF ALL EVENTS
FORMAT	GSE	LEAGUE	DE	DE	DE	DE	DE	DE	DE	DE	DE	DE	DE	DE
LENGTH	7.1 / 5.3	5.12	5.5 / 5.3	7.1 / 7.1	7.1 / 7.1	9.1 / 7.1	5.3 / 7.1	5.3/7.1	5.3 / 7.1	9.1/7.1	5.3 / 7.1	5.3 / 7.1	5.3/7.1	9.1 / 7.1

DAY	SUNDAY							
TIME	9AM	10AM	12PM	1PM	2PM	3PM	3PM	3PM
EVENT	EVENTS CONTINUE	OPEN SINGLES	PRO SINGLES	SEMI PRO SINGLES	AMATEUR SINGLES	BEGINNER SINGLES	SENIOR SINGLES	WOMEN'S SINGLES
WHO CAN ENTER	ANYONE IN EVENTS CONTINUING FROM SATURDAY	ANYONE	PROS, SEMI PROS, AMATEURS & BEGINNERS	SEMI PROS, AMATEURS & BEGINNERS	AMATEURS & BEGINNERS	BEGINNERS ONLY	ANYONE AGED 50+	ANY FEMALE PLAYER
FORMAT		DE	DE	DE	DE	DE	DE	DE
LENGTH		5.5/5.3	5.3/7.1	9.1/7.1	7.1/7.1	7.1/7.1	5.3/7.1	5.3/7.1



# EVENT DESCRIPTIONS

**Draw-Your-Partner (DYP):** This is a doubles event. Teams are randomly drawn (by a computer). Therefore you might get lucky and get drawn with one of the world's best players. Equally you might get drawn with your mate. These events are often great fun as you get the chance to play with someone you've never played with before (and probably won't again!).

**National League:** If your club wants to arrange a National League fixture against another team, feel free to play this instead of the DYP. We will reserve a table for you.

**Open Singles:** A singles event. Anyone can enter. Intense competition, with players fighting it out to become the Darlington Open III Champion.

**Open Doubles:** A doubles event. Anyone can enter. Intense competition, with doubles teams fighting it out to become the Darlington Open III Champions.

**Senior Singles/Doubles:** Normal singles/doubles events, but can only be entered by players who qualify as Senior under the ITSF system. Senior players must be 50 years old or older.

**Beginner Singles/Doubles:** Normal singles/doubles events, but can only be entered by players ranked Beginner or who haven't been to a tournament before.

**Pro Doubles/Singles:** Normal singles/doubles events for everyone besides Pro-Master ranked players.

**Semi-Pro Doubles/Singles:** Normal singles/doubles events for everyone besides Pro-Master and Pro ranked players.

**Amateur Doubles/Singles:** Normal singles/doubles events for Amateur, Beginner and new players only.

**Open Mixed:** A woman and a man in a doubles team.

**2-Ball Rollerball:** One of the highlights of the tournament. You put two balls in and smash them around. If you score both goals, you get two points. If you score one goal each, no-one gets any points. If one team scores a point, and then stops the ball dead, they are entitled to claim one point - at which point another ball is added to the game and you start thrashing balls around again. There are a few other interesting rules and an amazing variety of tactics - huge fun to play.

**Women's Singles/Doubles:** Normal singles/doubles events, but can only be entered by players who are registered as women under the ITSF system.

**Junior Singles/Doubles:** Normal singles/doubles events, but can only be entered by players who qualify as Junior under the ITSF system. Junior players must be aged 18 years or under.

# HOW TO ENTER



## STEP ONE: BFA MEMBERSHIP

- To enter the tournament you need to be a BFA member. Once you're a member you can purchase a Package and add additional events of your choice.
  - To get or renew your BFA membership now please go to [www.britfoos.com/about/membership](http://www.britfoos.com/about/membership)

## STEP TWO: PURCHASE YOUR PACKAGE & CHOOSE ADDITIONAL EVENTS

- **Early Bird Package:**
  - A very limited number of Early Bird packages will go on sale before the tournament is held, and will be available either until they are sold out or until 6 weeks before the tournament. Early Bird Package price is 10% cheaper than the Regular Package. In order to purchase an Early Bird package, details of the events you're entering and partner(s) you're playing with need to be submitted. <https://britfoos.com/tournament-registration/>
- **Regular Package:**
  - Can be bought from the time the Early Bird packages sell out all and until the day before the tournament. The Regular Package price is approximately 10% cheaper than the Pay on the Day price. As with Early Bird packages, details of your events and partner(s) will need to be submitted to purchase a Regular package. <https://britfoos.com/tournament-registration/>
- **Or Pay on the Day:**
  - It is also possible to pay when you arrive at the tournament, for which the standard entry fees will apply. Each event has a registration and payment deadline in advance of the event start time, so be sure you have paid and entered before this closes.



# PLAYER PACKAGES & SPECIAL OFFERS



BFA RANK	EVENTS INCLUDED IN PACKAGE	PAY ON THE DAY	REGULAR PACKAGE	EARLY BIRD PACKAGE
PRO-MASTER	OPEN SINGLES, OPEN DOUBLES, OPEN MIXED	£45	£40	£36
PRO	OPEN SINGLES, OPEN DOUBLES, OPEN MIXED, PRO SINGLES, PRO DOUBLES	£50	£45	£40
SEMI-PRO	OPEN SINGLES, OPEN DOUBLES, PRO SINGLES, PRO DOUBLES, SEMI-PRO SINGLES, SEMI-PRO DOUBLES	£46	£40	£36
AMATEUR	PRO SINGLES, PRO DOUBLES, SEMI-PRO SINGLES, SEMI-PRO DOUBLES, AMATEUR SINGLES, AMATEUR DOUBLES	£36	£30	£27
BEGINNER	SEMI-PRO SINGLES, SEMI-PRO DOUBLES, AMATEUR SINGLES, AMATEUR DOUBLES, BEGINNER SINGLES, BEGINNER DOUBLES	£24	£20	£18
JUNIOR	50% OFF PAY ON THE DAY PRICE FOR ALL EVENTS			
STUDENT DISCOUNT	25% OFF REGULAR PACKAGE			
RETURNING PLAYER*	25% OFF REGULAR PACKAGE			
BRING A NEW PLAYER**	25% OFF REGULAR PACKAGE			
HIGH ATTENDEE BONUS	ATTEND 4 TOURNAMENTS, GET YOUR 5 <sup>TH</sup> PACKAGE HALF PRICE!			

\*Returning player – not entered a BFA national tournament in since January 1<sup>st</sup> 2016

\*\*Bring a new Player – bring a Beginner to their first BFA national tournament who purchases a Beginner Package

Please note table fees are not included in Packages.

# ADDITIONAL EVENTS & PAY ON THE DAY FEES



## ADDITIONAL EVENTS

In addition to the events included in the Packages, players may choose to enter any of the additional events in the table opposite that they're eligible for.

## TABLE FEE

All tables will be set to free play. To cover the cost of the tournament, a table fee is charged to each player as shown in the table opposite.

EVENT	PRO-MASTER	PRO	SEMI-PRO	AMATEUR	BEGINNER
OPEN SINGLES/DOUBLES	£15	£10	£8	£7	£5
OPEN MIXED	£15	£10	£8	£7	£5
PRO SINGLES/DOUBLES		£10	£8	£7	£5
SEMI PRO SINGLES/DOUBLES			£7	£6	£5
AMATEUR SINGLES/DOUBLES				£5	£4
BEGINNER SINGLES/DOUBLES					£3
PRO AM	£5	£5	£5	£5	£5
DYP	£5	£5	£5	£5	£5
WOMEN'S SINGLES/DOUBLES	£10	£7	£5	£3	£2
SENIOR SINGLES/DOUBLES	£10	£7	£5	£3	£2
JUNIOR SINGLES/DOUBLES	Free				
2 BALL ROLLERBALL	Free				
TABLE FEE	£10	£10	£10	£5	£5

# TRAVEL

## Venue

Riley's Sports Bar Chester  
Centurion Point  
Victoria Road  
Chester  
CH2 2AX

## Telephone

01244 397113

## Website

<https://www.rileys.co.uk/venues/chester>

## By Car

Easily accessible from the A5268, Chester City Centre ring road.

## By Train

Chester Railway Station, 0.8 Miles

## By Bus

Chester Main Bus Station, 0.3 Miles. 5 minute walk to club via Northgate Street

## By Plane

Cheap flights available to:

- Liverpool John Lennon Airport
- Manchester Airport
- Birmingham Airport
- East Midlands Airport



# ACCOMMODATION & PARKING



## Hotels

### Town Centre

- George & Dragon, 1 Liverpool Road, Chester, CH2 1AA
- Roomzzz Chester City Aparthotel, Norroy House, Nuns Road, Chester, CH1 2LJ
- Macdonald New Blossoms Hotel, St John St, Chester, CH1 1HL
- ABode Chester, Grosvenor Road, Chester, CH1 2DJ
- Hallmark Inn Chester (Westminster), City Road, Chester, CH1 3AF
- Hallmark Hotel The Queen Chester, City Road, Chester, CH1 3AH

## Parking

- The venue is below Carphone Warehouse in a shopping precinct just opposite the Northgate Leisure Centre off the inner ring road. On entering the venue you need to enter your car registration accurately on the screen and inform staff to get free all-day parking.

# THE FINE PRINT



- **Event Schedule & Formats:**

- Format notation: GSE: Group stage followed by Single Elimination; DE: Double Elimination.
- Length notation: Points.Games; If DE format: Winner's bracket/Loser's bracket; If GSE format: Groups/Single Elimination.
- ITSF sweatball rules apply for the ITSF-ranked events (at 4-4 in the final game, win by 2 goals up to 8); for non-ITSF events there is no win by two (e.g. 5-4 wins in first to 5 format).
- The Tournament Organiser & Director reserves the right to alter the event formats to aid the smooth running of the tournament in the event of a very high turnout.
- All Saturday events will finish on Saturday, with the exception of OM, PA, SD & WD which may roll over to Sunday in the event of a very high turnout. Events continuing on Sunday will be called at 10am and standard recall procedure will be enforced with a coin toss deciding the winner if neither player is present.
- Please be prompt when called to play a match to avoid the late running of the tournament. Standard recall procedure will be enforced throughout.
- Junior events are restricted to players aged 18 and under. Senior events are restricted to players aged 50 and over. Pro Am teams: Beginners can play with anyone, Amateurs with Pro and below, Semi Pro with Semi Pro and below, Pro with Amateur and below, Pro Masters with Beginner only.

- **Balls:**

- All matches must be played with new ITSF-approved balls. Balls can be purchased at the tournament.

- **Ranking:**

- A player may enter the events according to their latest BFA ranking. To check your BFA ranking, please visit [www.britfoos.com/bfa-rankings](http://www.britfoos.com/bfa-rankings). Overseas players please contact the Tournament Director for confirmation of your ranking.

- **Rules:**

- All matches will be played according to the latest BFA & ITSF rules, which can be found here: [https://www.tablesoccer.org/rules/documents/2016\\_Rulebook.pdf](https://www.tablesoccer.org/rules/documents/2016_Rulebook.pdf)

# THE TEAM



All questions should be directed to the Challenger Tour Director Stephen Lyall at [stephen.lyall@britfoos.com](mailto:stephen.lyall@britfoos.com)

**Challenger Tour Director:** Stephen Lyall

**Tournament Organiser:** Boris Atha

**Tournament Director:** Stephen Lyall

**Desk Helpers:** Jonathan May

**BFA Shop:** Yaka Diaz

**Table Logistics:** Boris Atha, Michael Russell

**Head Official:** Jonathan May

**Official Tournament Photographer:** Dave Ziemann