

Hi to all the BDTTA players!

You will be delighted to know that the Bournemouth and District league finally gets under way for the season 2021/22 from Week Commencing Monday 4th of October 2021.

These last eighteen months have been a very tough time for so many and sadly several of our table tennis colleagues have passed away.

The BDTTA Committee have worked tirelessly to get the new season underway and I am delighted to tell you we have a Premier plus five other divisions (1-5) with mostly eight teams per division.

We are actively working on getting the new handbooks printed but please bear with us on this.

The latest news from the ITTF (Table Tennis Governing Body) is that a new and completely innovative rule is being brought into our game starting the beginning of October 2021.

Following three years of extensive work and trials four new colours have been agreed and approved that CAN be used on your bat on the OTHER side of your black rubber if you so wish!

So it will be permissible to have a bat with Black and Green- Black and Blue- Black and Violet and Black and Pink plus the bat we use now that of Black and Red!

The long awaited trial period saw the ITTF start with a palette of 19 colours but were whittled down to four new colours that can be used on the opposite side to our traditional Black rubber if so desired!

So to recap we can still use our normal Black and Red bats however as an option if so desired we could use one of the new four colours of Green, Blue, Violet and Pink that will be permitted in Local league, National and International tournaments!

These new colours can be used at the start of the new 2021 season from the beginning of October 2021.

A Colourful New Season awaits us all!

See the full story

<https://www.ittf.com/2021/02/03/emotional-theory-colours-new-rubber-colours-decided>

May the Nets and Edges- Be With You!

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