



June 2026

WHAT'S BEEN HAPPENING WITH TTS - WAYNE MCEWAN

Half-way through the year. Blair Davies has erected the St John defibrillator at the front door. This is for use by all the sport groups in the Lindisfarne / Richmond area.

Congratulations to Emma Bathurst and Athena Garcia who got second in the U19 girls' teams in Christchurch at King's Birthday weekend and also to Athena Garcia who got second in the U13 President's girls' team along with Victoria Wang (Christchurch) and Cora Wilson (Marlborough).

Let's put our heads together and come up with some ideas to fundraise for table tennis juniors to play in national events. Are parents and players prepared to have a quiz night / sausage sizzle / sell raffles – let us all get behind our juniors and get some fundraising ideas in place – email your suggestions or talk to one of the Board members.

Southland Girls' High School had three separate table tennis sessions in May and everyone seemed to have enjoyed themselves.

There were good attendances at the Tuesday and Thursday table toppers. Here are some photos of them enjoying themselves.



Rules to follow when serving

A reminder of rules that are not often followed regarding serving, touching the table with your free hand and moving the table. See poster at back of newsletter.

NEW BOARD MEMBER

We welcome Trevor Todd on to the Board. He played table tennis in the 1980s and has now come back to the sport.



COACHING WITH RON GARRETT

Ron will run a second round of coaching from 5 pm Thursday 30 July for beginners and from 5.30 pm Friday 24 July for all other players.

All sessions are one hour and cost is \$20 for four weeks. Details are on noticeboard in hall, or contact Ron at: rongarrett@xtra.co.nz

SOUTH ISLAND TEAMS CHAMPIONSHIP 31 MAY TO 1 JUNE 2026, CHRISTCHURCH

Teams from Otago, Southland, Canterbury, Nelson and Marlborough battled out for regional pride and championship honours.

Men's Team: Andrew Fleming, Captain, Carl Rodmell and Issac Lindsay

Women's Team: Megan Parkinson, Captain, Yuliya Shalina and Emma Bathurst

U19 Girls: Emma Bathurst, Captain and Athena Garcia

U13 Girls: Athena Garcia along with Victoria Wang (Christchurch) and Cora Wilson (Marlborough)

Results show for the top four placings, and where Southland got in the placings.

2026 SI Teams Open Men - 8 teams

- 1 Canterbury Open Men 1
- 2 Canterbury Open Men 2
- 3 Canterbury Open Men 3
- 4 Otago Open Men 1
- 7 *Southland Men's Team*

2026 SI Teams Open Women - 6 teams

- 1 Canterbury Open Women 1
- 2 Canterbury Open Women 2
- 3 Nelson Open Women
- 4 Marlborough Open Women
- 6 *Southland Women's Team*

2026 SI Teams U19 Girls

- 1 Canterbury U19 Girls
- 2 **Southland U19 Girls**
- 3 Canterbury U15 Girls 1
- 4 Marlborough U19 Girls 1

2026 SI Teams U13 Girls

- 1 Canterbury U15 Girls 1
- 2 **Presidents U13 Girls**
- 3 Canterbury U13 Girls 2

Results for Southland Teams:

U19 Girls Teams

2nd Emma Bathurst / Athena Garcia

U13 Girls Teams

2nd Athena Garcia / Victoria Wang (Christchurch) and Cora Wilson (Marlborough)



Athena and Emma 2nd



Issac Lindsay, Andrew Fleming, Carl Rodmell



Carl and Issac in action



Andrew in action



Megan and Yuliya in action



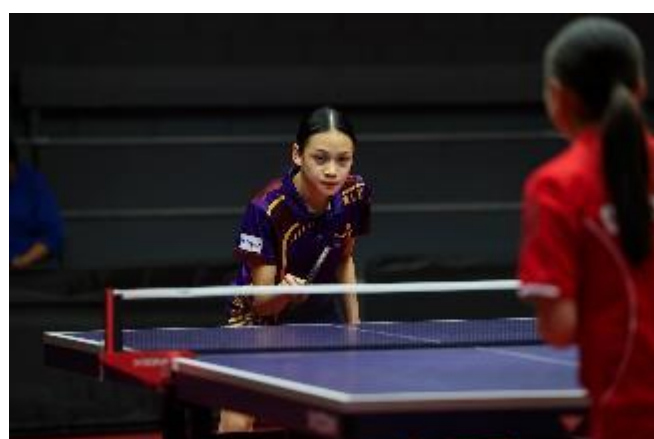
Carl umpiring



All the Women's Teams



Megan in action



Athena in action



Yuliya in action



Emma in action

A FLASH FROM THE PAST ... TAKEN AT THE 2017 SOUTH ISLAND TEAMS



Damian Mitchell, Devin Boutcher (both now in Canterbury), Carl Rodmell and Andrew Fleming

SECONDARY SCHOOL CHAMPIONSHIPS, 17 JUNE 2026

Ron Garrett ran this tournament with help from Deborah Cooper. There were five boys' teams and six girls' teams. Everyone enjoyed themselves and there were some good matches to watch. Thanks to Andrea Beggs of Southland Secondary School Sport for providing medals and prizes.

CARD HIRE

Remember card hire options are available. If interested, contact Wayne McEwan for details. Mobile 0274 363 322 (in the afternoons and evenings only) or email office@tabletennissouth.org.nz

MARK YOUR CALENDARS FOR 2026

Southland Residential Championships is to be held on **Saturday 15 August 2026**.

ANY QUESTIONS

First point of call is Wayne McEwan but if you have any questions, you can ask the Board members who are:

Maurice Rodway (Chairman) (021 221 5801), Richard Cavanagh, Deborah Cooper, Ron Garrett, Trevor Todd (027 232 1393) and Kevin Toomey.



Cheers from operations manager Wayne McEwan and the TTS Board.

A snapshot of some of the players at the secondary schools event 17 June 2026

Athena Garcia (Verdon) and Piper Hoskin (Fiordland College)

Lily McMaster and Emma Bathurst (SGHS Gold)
with Anna Smith and Lucy Smyth (Menzies Green)

Piper Hoskin and Vienna Carter (Fiordland College)

Rowan Brannigan and Evie Rout (SGHS Blue)

Anna Smith, Lucy Smyth (Menzies Green)
Zoe Muir and Hollie Kennedy (Menzies Red) along with their coach Hayley Clarke



Patrick Wilson, Harry Gawith, Dashiell McPherson-Martin (Fiordland College)

Luke Olsen, Sean Salazar and Thiago Otormin (Central Southland College)





First: Girls High Gold – Emma Bathurst and Lily McMaster
Second: Verdon College – Cyrish Sison and Athena Garcia
Third: Girls High Blue – Rowan Brannigan and Evie Rout



First: Fiordland College – Patrick Wilson, Dashiell McPherson-Martin, Harry Gawith
Second: Menzies College White – Charlie Blackmore, Jesse Howe, Wylie O’Leary
Third: James Hargest High – Aatman Parashar and Edmond Steele



TABLE TENNIS

RULES THAT ARE OFTEN

NOT FOLLOWED

1 ILLEGAL SERVICE



Common mistakes:

- Hiding the ball with body or arm
- Not tossing the ball at least 16 cm (6 inches)
- Hitting before it falls
- Tossing the ball sideways

The serve must be visible and vertical.

2 TOUCHING THE TABLE WITH THE FREE HAND



If the hand that does NOT hold the racket touches the table while the point is in play... the point is lost automatically.

3 MOVING THE TABLE



Pushing or moving the table accidentally also results in losing the point.

4 HITTING THE BALL BEFORE IT PASSES OVER THE NET



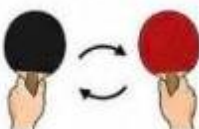
You cannot go over the opponent's side to hit the ball, except when the ball is out and coming back due to spin.

5 OBSTRUCTION



Hitting the ball before it bounces on your side of the table when it was still going toward the table is a fault.

6 CHANGING THE RACKET HAND DURING THE POINT



It is **allowed**! Many players think it is illegal.

7 EXCESSIVE CELEBRATIONS OR SHOUTING



In official tournaments, you may receive warnings if your behavior affects your opponent or the audience.

8 NOT RESPECTING THE ORDER IN DOUBLES



- The serve must be diagonal.
- Players must alternate hitting the ball.

9 BALL NOT VISIBLE DURING THE SERVE



Hiding the ball with your shoulder, torso or other parts of the body is illegal. This is extremely common!

10 EXCESSIVE TIME BETWEEN POINTS



In official competitions, there is control of the pace of the game.



DID YOU KNOW?

Many amateur matches would have dozens of service faults if they were refereed exactly under ITTF rules.

LET'S BE HONEST...

WOULD YOUR SERVE BE LEGAL IN AN ITTF TOURNAMENT?



QUESTION FOR YOU: Which of these rules do you see broken the most at your club?

TTS CALENDAR FOR 2026

Wed 6 May to 12 August	Winter Interclub Competition (15 weeks)
4 July to 17 July	Term 3 school holidays
Friday 17 to Sunday 19 July	Otago Open
Tue 28 July to 15 Sept	Table Toppers Term 3 - 4 to 5 pm, 5 to 8 year olds
Thu 30 July to 17 Sept	Table Toppers Term 3 - 4 to 5 pm, 9 to 11 year olds
Wed 19 Aug to 23 Sept	Spring Interclub Competition (6 weeks)
Sat 15 August	Southland Residentials
26 September to 9 October	Term 4 school holidays
26 September to 4 October	New Zealand Open Championships, Christchurch
Tue 20 Oct to 8 Dec	Table Toppers Term 4 - 4 to 5 pm, 5 to 8 year olds
Thu 22 Oct to 10 Dec	Table Toppers Term 4 - 4 to 5 pm, 9 to 11 year olds