



Elgin Smith from Queenstown



### What are the fundamentals of table tennis?

Answering that question can be tricky, and different coaches have different ideas on this, but the following must be included (and ignore everything else, for now);

1. Grip
2. Stance
3. Footwork
4. Forehand Drive
5. Backhand Drive
6. Backhand Push
7. Forehand Push
8. Serve
9. Return of serve
10. Match Play



That's ten skills you'll need to master and you tackle them in that order.

**The Callies** 2018 Open Championships moved to its new venue the Feathermarket Centre (Selley Hall), due to the tremendous growth over the past few years. The hall accommodated 12 tables, each playing area of 11.5m x 6m. Additional overhead lighting was also installed to meet with the requirements. The venue also allowed us to increase the competitions amongst the players because of the extra tables.

**The Club** once again had a successful 2018 season with many of the players receiving accolades, notably Xiuyan Li, Yaaseen Abrahams, Selvan Sammy, Nathacia Alfreds, Sade' Butler.

**The Club** registered 4 teams to participate in the Union's leagues for the 2019 season, one each in the Premier and First Division and two in the Second Division. The D team consists of all scholars (5 girls and 1 boy) who have come up through our Academy program.

### CALLIES TABLE TENNIS CLUB – 2019 SCHOOLS TOURNAMENT

Callies Table Tennis Club held a Schools Tournament on 14, 15, and 16 June 2019 at the Malabar Community Centre, Port Elizabeth.

The tournament was in line with the Callies development projects at schools and thus comprised these schools. The added bonus was the Club hosted Fairmont High School from Cape Town and Queenstown Primary School.

The tournament events included a boys and girls teams played in a league format, singles events, doubles events and also a mixed teams event. Trophies were awarded to all winners and runners-up.

There were some outstanding new local children who participated in the tournament and we foresee them to be the future stars. Notably, the most promising boy was Elgin Smith from Queenstown.

The Club is very proud and pleased that the tournament in itself was a great success. The Club also foresees that it can organise much better and wider tournaments of this nature in the future.

**The Club** will continue with all its development programs going forward and will soon identify new talent for further assessment and training on a higher level.

### COMPETITORS' OATH

In the name of all competitors,  
I promise that we shall respect  
and abide by the rules  
of the Championship,  
competing with a spirit of  
sportsmanship and fairplay.



### OFFICIALS' OATH

In the name of all Officials,  
I promise that we shall officiate  
in this Championship with impartiality,  
honouring the rules which govern  
this competition and the spirit of  
fairplay which inspires them.



At 41, Egypt's Mohamed Sameh Eid Saleh becomes the first Africa para table tennis player to be featuring in five Paralympic Games after the world number 11 avenge his group loss to Nigeria's Isau Ogunkunle in the final of the men's Class Four on July 1, 2019, to secure the continental sole slot to Tokyo 2020.

From the group stage of the 2019 Africa Para Table Tennis Championships held in Alexandria, Egypt, where he lost 2-3 to the Nigerian, Mohamed Sameh Eid Saleh who is current African champion knew that it would not be an easy ride to Tokyo.

Being the last match of the session, Mohamed Sameh Eid Saleh and Isau Ogunkunle gave the fans something to cheer as both players sized up each other to the admiration of the fans. Even when Isau Ogunkunle was trailing Mohamed Sameh Eid Saleh, it was clear that the match would go into full length.

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**To all Club members and their partners**