



# Notice to Members



## An Exciting Opportunity to Represent Your Country

Have you ever harboured a wish to represent your country at a major sporting event? If so Table Tennis NSW can help you with that ambition.

The Commonwealth Games will be held on the Gold Coast, Queensland in 2018 and Table Tennis is one of the sports.

The organisers need qualified Umpires for every match played at the event. So now is the time to commence your qualification. Australia as the host nation should supply 50% of the Umpires required for this event. That will equate to somewhere between 20 and 35 umpires.

Currently Australia does not have enough umpires to fill these places.

To be eligible to be selected as an Umpire you will need to be accredited as a National Umpire (minimum) and preferably as an International Umpire.

You must follow the path shown in the diagram to the right to qualify for this event.

You must qualify as State Umpire first and then as a National Umpire 2 years (minimum) later. Once you have been a National umpire for 2 years you can then sit for the International Umpires Exam held every even year.

As the Commonwealth Games are to be held in Australia the organisers will be determined, from a cost perspective, to ensure that Australia provides the bulk of the Umpires. This means that once you have qualified as an International Umpire you are in with a great chance to represent your country at the 2018 Commonwealth Games.

Why not get the ball rolling by contacting Stephen Gillespie at [urc@tnsw.org.au](mailto:urc@tnsw.org.au) to register your interest in the first stage.

Once we have at least 6 people interested, we will organise a course and exam.

