

# Update – 1<sup>st</sup> June 2020

## COMPETITIONS

Based on the latest advice from the Government in liaison with the Department of Digital, Culture, Media and Sport (DCMS), who the LTA continues to work closely with in the planning of the safe return of all forms of tennis activity, **the LTA has made the decision to extend the cancellation of all LTA staged and LTA approved competitions (Grade 1 to 6) up to Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> July 2020** which includes County Week and the Scottish Junior Open (Grade 2). This continues with the LTA's approach of reviewing the cancellation of competition, as a result of Covid-19, on a rolling monthly basis.

Some key points to note:

- Some formats of competition will be able to resume before others - Local Tennis Leagues, LTA Youth Box Leagues and internal box leagues/ladders can be played from now, as long as they adhere to the guidelines in place, including social distancing
- LTA approved competitions (Grade 6) such as External Matchplay competitions may be able to restart before this date, further information will be provided when available and before the end of June
- County & District Leagues are **not** able to restart as only gatherings of 6 people are allowed and the majority of match formats would include 8 or more players – however these Leagues may be able to restart before this date, further information will be provided when available and before the end of June.

Although some tennis activity is now allowed, the situation does not yet support the running of competitions until clubhouses are open (especially toilet and ancillary facilities), there is further relaxation around social gatherings and hotels & other accommodation can open (more for national level competition). In addition, and although it would vary by the level of competition, it would need a number of weeks lead in time to restart certain competitions in order to set up and facilitate entry periods and other logistics around competition delivery.

Therefore, if a venue or organiser was due to run a competition graded 1 to 6 up to and including Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> July 2020, **this must now be cancelled**.

The LTA and Tennis West of Scotland continue to update guidance at [www.lta.org.uk/coronavirus](http://www.lta.org.uk/coronavirus) and [www.tenniswos.co.uk](http://www.tenniswos.co.uk) . Should you have any further questions, please refer to these sites in the first instance.

The LTA will be running a **Zoom Call on Friday 5<sup>th</sup> June at 11am and 2pm** to explain the above and answer some questions. Anybody interested will need to register in advance and provide any questions by Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> June – [sign up here](#). Tennis West of Scotland will register to this call.

The LTA's and Tennis West of Scotland's aim is for all competitions to return as soon as possible, in a way that is safe and appropriate for both players and officials, based on Government advice. At this stage, it is hoped for a possible return of competition activity from Monday 27<sup>th</sup> July onwards and it is anticipated that an update on this will be provided towards the end of June.

If you have any questions on competitions within the West of Scotland, please don't hesitate to contact me at [john.stevenson@tenniswestofscotland.org](mailto:john.stevenson@tenniswestofscotland.org)