



SUMMER 2022 – RULES WEST OF SCOTLAND

8 & Under

9 & Under

10 & Under

12– 16 & Under

Open Mixed

Problem Solving Issues & Regulations

West of Scotland Tennis

All rules are subject to change up until 1st April 2022



8&U Age Group Rules (County Tier)

1. Eligibility

Venue

Eligibility

- 1.1 Entry to LTA National League ('the Competition') is open only to LTA registered venues, defined as Associates in Rule 28 of the LTA.

Team Eligibility

- 1.2 Event: **Mixed 8 & under (born in 2014 or later)**.
- 1.3 A venue may enter more than one team in the event
- 1.4 Where a venue has two or more teams in the event, the 'A' team should be the strongest team, and if applicable, the 'B' team should be stronger than the 'C' team etc.
- 1.5 Where a venue has two or more teams in the event, **a player may 'play up' on a maximum of one occasion** without loss of eligibility in their lower team. Once a player has represented a higher team on more than one occasion, they are no longer eligible to represent the lower team. In the case of a venue having two teams in the same division, players will only be able to play for the team they represent in their first match.

Player Eligibility

- 1.6 A player may only:
- i. Represent one venue in the National League Summer competition.
 - ii. Play in a maximum of two age groups.
- 1.7 All players must:
- i. **Have an LTA Advantage Membership number which links to the venue they are competing for.**
 - ii. Be a member of the LTA registered venue they are competing for as of 1 April 2022 and commit to representing that venue.
 - iii. Be of the correct age (see rule 1.2).

2. Competition Structure

- 2.1 County Tier
Teams shall be entered in a County Tier league based on their LTA venue registration code.
Counties may run a **central venue** event at 8&U.

3. Match Arrangements

- 3.1 Time & Date

If a central venue format is being used, the league organiser will be in touch directly with the relevant teams with further information.

- 3.2 Courts and Equipment

- 3.3 Balls

3.4 Match Format

3 teams

Each team will play a match against both other teams. A match shall consist of 8 singles rubbers. The #1 and #2 ranked players will play each other and the #3 and #4 ranked players will play each other in an order determined by the venue supervisor.

2 teams

A match shall consist of 16 singles rubbers with each player playing against all other opposing team players.

There will be no doubles rubbers at 8&U.

Counties using a central venue format are permitted to adjust the match format at their discretion.

3.5 Team Format

A team shall consist of 4 players of any gender. There are no additional players or substitutions permitted at a match.

3.6 Singles Nominations

15 minutes before the start time of each fixture, team captains must nominate in writing (on a National League scorecard) their singles players which should be in order of merit. Appropriate scorecards can be downloaded from the Tennis West of Scotland web site.

Singles Playing Order

Players should play in order of merit as determined by the team captain. Boys and girls may play against one another. Team Captains are encouraged, in the spirit of providing an enjoyable and competitive experience, to nominate in order of playing standard i.e., strongest player should play as singles 1, second strongest player as singles 2 and so on.

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3.7 Rubber Scoring

	Set 1
8&U	Match Tie Break (to 10 points, with 2 clear)

3.8 Match Scoring

A team is awarded 2 points for each rubber won.

3.9 Match Result

The team with the most rubber points shall win the match. If teams are level on rubbers the match shall result in a draw. A team will receive 2 match points on the league table for a match win and 1 match point for a draw.

Both captains must complete and sign the National League scorecards and retain their copy. **The winning captain (or home captain if a draw) must then submit the result online within 24 hours.** The result may be added by the losing team captain if agreed on match day. Any teams found guilty of submitting false results shall be subject to rule 17.2.

3.10 Division Standings

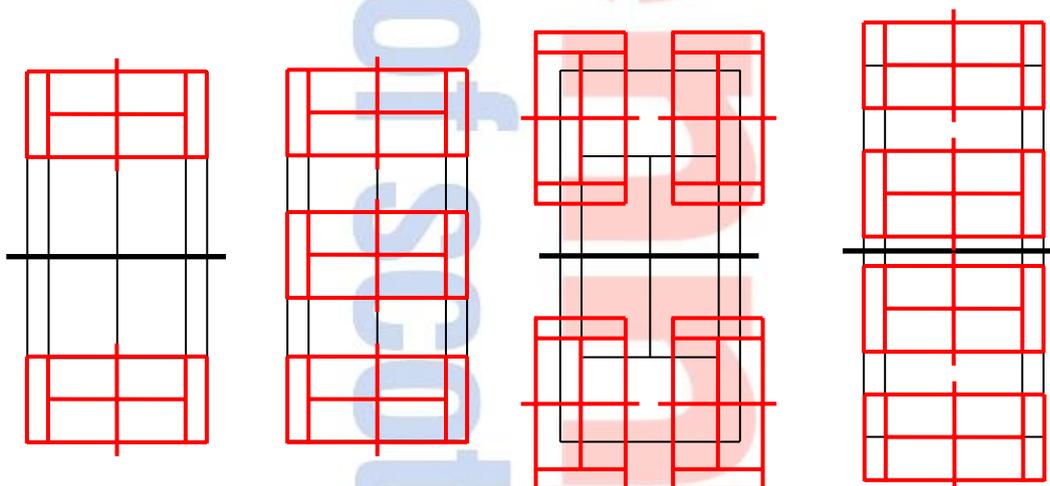
The final standings in each division shall be determined by the following:

- I. The team with the greatest number of match points.
- II. If match points are equal, the team with the greatest number of rubber points.
- III. If only two teams are level on match points and rubber points: their head-to-head result.
- IV. If more than 2 teams are level, the round robin rule in the LTA Competition Regulations will determine the league standings.

Red Equipment & court lay-out

For more information, please visit www.lta.org.uk/8-9-10competitions/

Net Height:	80cm
Recommended Racket Size:	Up to 58cm (23")



9&U Age Group Rules (County Tier)

4. Eligibility

Venue Eligibility

- 4.1 Entry to LTA National League ('the Competition') is open only to LTA registered venues, defined as Associates in Rule 28 of the LTA.

Team Eligibility

- 4.2 Event: Mixed 9 & Under or Girls 9 & Under (born in 2013 or 2014). Passport players will be allowed to play up in line with the Player Passport system.
- 4.3 A venue may enter more than one team in the event.
- 4.4 Where a venue has two or more teams in the event, the 'A' team should be the strongest team, and if applicable, the 'B' team should be stronger than the 'C' team etc.
- 4.5 Where a venue has two or more teams in the event, a player may 'play up' on a maximum of one occasion without loss of eligibility in their lower team. Once a player has represented a higher team on more than one occasion, they are no longer eligible to represent the lower team. In the case of a venue having two teams in the same division, players will only be able to play for the team they represent in their first match.

Player Eligibility

- 4.6 A player may only:
- i. Represent one venue in the National League Summer competition.
 - ii. Play in a maximum of two age groups.
- 4.7 All players must:
- i. Have an LTA Advantage Membership number which links to the venue they are competing for.
 - ii. Be a member of the LTA registered venue they are competing for as of 1 April 2022 and commit to representing that venue.
 - iii. Be of the correct age (see rule 4.2).

5. Competition Structure

- 5.1 County Tier
Teams shall be entered in a County Tier league based on their LTA venue registration code. Each league will be divided into divisions of 3-6 teams.

6. Match Arrangements

- 6.1 Time & Date
Fixtures shall be played on the fixed dates specified. **This age group plays its matches on Wednesday afternoons after school.**
It is both team captains' responsibility to contact each other before the match. There will be flexibility to play before a fixed date if both teams agree and there is prior consent from the league organiser.
There will also be flexibility for teams to play one or more matches on the same day at the same venue with agreement of the opposing teams and the league organiser. If opposing teams don't agree the match is to be played on the fixed date specified.
- Scheduled matches are to start as soon as possible after 4:30 p.m. and no later than 5:00 pm unless both teams agree otherwise, or the league organiser instructs differently. The home team must confirm start time with the away team a minimum of 10 days before the match date. It is both team captains' responsibility to contact each other to confirm start times.
3 rubber points may be deducted from the match accumulated league total at the discretion of the league organiser for non-compliance from either team.
Each team must have an adult captain present at each match. The home team captain shall be responsible for welcoming the away team and organising refreshments (Covid-19 restrictions depending).
- 6.2 Courts and Equipment
The home venue shall provide at least 2 orange courts. Where more than one court surface is used, the away team shall have the choice of court allocation. The home team captain shall supply the court equipment and set up the court in line with the National Competition Framework - www.lta.org.uk/8-9-10competitions/

6.3 **Balls**
The home team shall supply a minimum of 3 orange balls for each rubber.

6.4 **Match Format**
A match shall consist of 8 singles and 2 doubles rubbers.

6.5 **Mixed Team Format**

A team shall consist of 4 players of any gender. There are no additional players or substitutions permitted at a match.

Girls Team Format

A team shall consist of 2 players of any gender. There are no additional players or substitutions permitted at a match.

6.6 **Singles Nominations**

15 minutes before the start time of each match, team captains must nominate in writing (on a National League scorecard) their singles players, in order of merit.

Singles Playing Order

Players should play in order of merit as determined by the team captain. Boys and girls may play against one another. Team Captains are encouraged, in the spirit of providing an enjoyable and competitive experience, to nominate in order of playing standard i.e., strongest player should play as singles 1, second strongest player as singles 2 and so on.

6.7 **Doubles Pairings**

Pair 1:

Singles players 1&2.

Pair 2:

Singles players 3&4.

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6.8 Order of Play

	Court 1	Court 2
Round 1	Doubles 1	Doubles 2
Round 2	Singles 4v4	Singles 3v3
Round 3	Singles 1v1	Singles 2v2
Round 4	Singles 4v3	Singles 3v4
Round 5	Singles 2v1	Singles 1v2

Matches should follow one another immediately.

6.9 Scoring

	Sets 1 & 2	Set 3 (if necessary)
9&U	Tie-Break (to 7 points, 2 clear at 6-6)	Tie-break (to 7 points, 2 clear at 6-6)

6.10 Match Scoring

A team is awarded 2 points for each rubber won.

6.11 Match Result

The team with the most rubber points shall win the match. If teams are level on rubbers the match shall result in a draw. A team will receive 2 match points on the league table for a match win and 1 match point for a draw.

Both captains must complete and sign the National League scorecards and retain their copy. The winning captain (or home captain if a draw) must then submit the result online within 24 hours. The result may be added by the losing team captain if agreed on match day. Any teams found guilty of submitting false results shall be subject to rule 17.2.

6.12 Division Standings

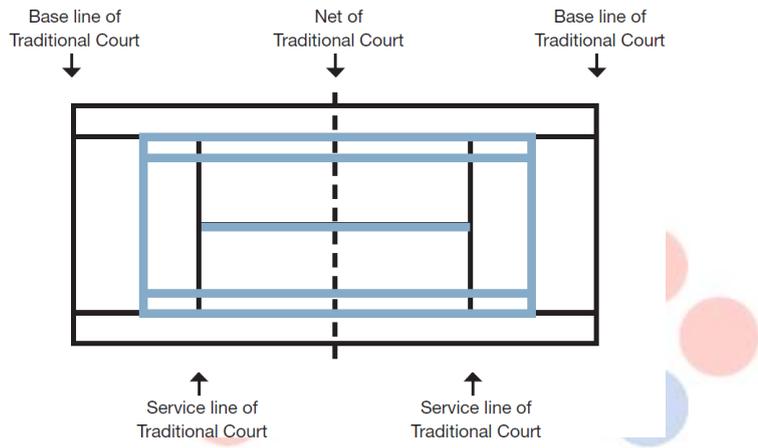
The final standings in each division shall be determined by the following:

- I. The team with the greatest number of match points.
- II. If match points are equal, the team with the greatest number of rubber points.
- III. If only two teams are level on match points and rubber points: their head-to-head result.
- IV. If more than 2 teams are level, the round robin rule in the LTA Competition Regulations will determine the league standings.

Orange Equipment & court lay-out

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Ball:	Orange
Court:	Singles court: 18m x 6.5m Doubles court: 18m x 8.23m
Net Height:	80cm (at middle of net)
Recommended Racket Size:	58cm - 63cm (23" - 25")



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10&U Age Group Rules (County Tier)

7. Eligibility

Venue Eligibility

- 7.1 Entry to LTA National League ('the Competition') is open only to LTA registered venues, defined as Associates in Rule 28 of the LTA.

Team Eligibility

- 7.2 Event: Mixed 10 & Under (born in 2012 or 2013). Passport players will be allowed to play up in line with the Player Passport system.
- 7.3 A venue may enter more than one team in the event.
- 7.4 Where a venue has two or more teams in the event, the 'A' team should be the strongest team, and if applicable, the 'B' team should be stronger than the 'C' team etc.
- 7.5 Where a venue has two or more teams in the event, a player may 'play up' on a maximum of one occasion without loss of eligibility in their lower team. Once a player has represented a higher team on more than one occasion, they are no longer eligible to represent the lower team. In the case of a venue having two teams in the same division, players will only be able to play for the team they represent in their first match.

Player Eligibility

- 7.6 A player may only:
- i. Represent one venue in the National League Summer competition.
 - ii. Play in a maximum of two age groups.
- 7.7 All players must:
- i. Have an LTA Advantage Membership number which links to the LTA registered venue they are competing for.
 - ii. Be a member of the venue they are competing for as of 1 April 2022 and commit to representing that venue.
 - iii. Be of the correct age (see rule 7.2).

8. Competition Structure

- 8.1 County Tier
Teams shall be entered in a County Tier league based on their LTA venue registration code. Each league will be divided into divisions of 3-6 teams. Each team will play each other team in their division at least once.

9. Match Arrangements

- 9.1 Time & Date

Fixtures shall be played on **Friday afternoons** after school. It is both team captains' responsibility to contact each other before the fixture. There will be flexibility to play before a fixed date if both teams agree and there is prior consent from the league organiser.

Matches are to start as soon as possible after 4:30 pm and no later than 5:00 pm unless both teams agree otherwise, or the league organiser instructs differently. The home team must confirm start time with the away team a minimum of 10 days before the match date. It is both team captains' responsibility to contact each other to confirm start times.

3 rubber points may be deducted from the match accumulated league total at the discretion of the league organiser for non-compliance from either team. Each team must have an adult captain present at each match. The home team captain shall be responsible for welcoming the away team and organising refreshments (Covid-19 restrictions depending).

- 9.2 Courts

The home team shall provide 2, 3 or 4 courts of the same surface. Where more than one court surface is used, the away team shall have the choice of court allocation.

9.3 **Balls**
The home team shall supply a minimum of 3 green balls for each rubber.

9.4 **Match Format**
A match shall consist of 4 singles and 2 doubles rubbers.

9.5 **Mixed Team Format**
A team shall consist of 4 players of any gender. There are no additional players or substitutions permitted at a match.

Girls Team Format
A team shall consist of 2 girls. There are no additional players or substitutions permitted at a match.

9.6 **Singles Nominations**

15 minutes before the start time of each match, team captains must nominate in writing (on a National League scorecard) their singles players in order of merit.

Singles Playing Order

Players should play in order of merit as determined by the team captain. Boys and girls may play against one another. Team Captains are encouraged, in the spirit of providing an enjoyable and competitive experience, to nominate in order of playing standard i.e., strongest player should play as singles 1, second strongest player as singles 2 and so on.

9.7 **Doubles Pairings**
Pair 1:
Singles players 1&2.
Pair 2:
Singles players 3&4.

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9.8 Order of Play

	On 2 Courts	On 3 Courts	On 4 Courts
Round 1	Singles 1&2	Singles 1&2, Doubles 2	Singles 1-4
Round 2	Singles 3&4	Singles 3&4, Doubles 1	Doubles 1&2
Round 3	Doubles 1&2		

The team captains can decide an appropriate rest period between rubbers however this should not exceed 30 minutes. The home team captains should check in advance whether the venue has an open league match scheduled for a 7:00 pm start.

9.9 Rubber Scoring

	Sets 1 & 2	Set 3 (if necessary)
10&U	FAST4 <ul style="list-style-type: none">• First to 4 games• Tie-break at 3-3 (to 7 points, 2 clear at 6-6)• No advantage scoring	Match tie-break (to 10 points winning by 2 clear points at 9-9)

9.10 Match Scoring

A team is awarded 2 points for each rubber won.

At 6 points each, a doubles tie-break shoot-out (to 10 points, with 2 clear) shall be played. No bonus rubber point will be awarded to the winning team in a tie-break shoot-out.

Tie-Break Shootout (1 pair):

Player 1:

One of the players from the 1st/2nd singles rubbers.

Player 2:

One of the players from the 3rd/4th singles rubbers.

9.11 Match Result

The team with the most rubber points shall win the match, in the event of a tie, the winner of the tie-break shoot-out will win the match. A team will receive 2 match points on the league table for a match win.

Both captains must complete and sign the National League scorecards and retain their copy. The winning captain must then submit the result online within 24 hours. The result may be added by the losing team captain if agreed on match day. Any teams found guilty of submitting false results shall be subject to rule 17.2.

9.12 Division Standings

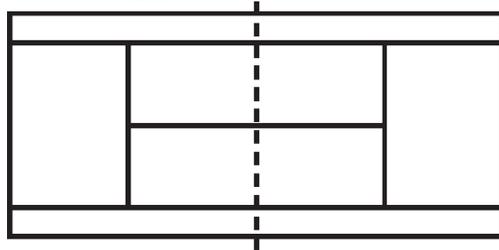
The final standings in each division shall be determined by the following:

- I. The team with the greatest number of match points.
- II. If match points are equal, the team with the greatest number of rubber points.
- III. If only two teams are level on match points and rubber points: their head to head result.
- IV. If more than 2 teams are level, the round robin rule in the LTA Competition Regulations will determine the league standings.

Green Equipment & court lay-out

For more information, please visit www.lta.org.uk/8-9-10competitions/

Ball:	Green
Court:	Singles & Doubles are both played on the singles court
Net Height:	91.4cm (3ft - as per regulation court)
Recommended Racket Size:	63cm - 66cm (25" - 26")



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12&U – 16&U Age Group Rules

10. Eligibility

Venue Eligibility

- 10.1 Entry to LTA National League ('the Competition') is open only to LTA registered venues, defined as Associates in Rule 28 of the LTA.

Team Eligibility

- 10.2 Events:

Girls/Boys 16 & Under (born in 2006 - 2011)

Girls/Boys 12 & Under (born in 2010 - 2011)

10 & Under players **cannot** play up in the 12 & Under competition if born in 2012. Such players will be eligible to play in the 11 & Under competition organised in the autumn competition period.

- 10.3 A venue may enter more than one team in each event.
- 10.4 Where a venue has two or more teams in an event, the 'A' team should be the strongest team based on ratings, and if applicable, the 'B' team should be stronger than the 'C' team based on ratings etc.
- 10.5 Where the venue has two or more teams in an event, a player may 'play up' on a maximum of one occasion without loss of eligibility in their lower team. Once a player has represented a higher team on more than one occasion, they are no longer eligible to represent the lower team.

In the case of a venue having two teams in the same division, players will only be able to play for the team they represent in their first match.

Player Eligibility

- 10.6 A player may only:
- I. Represent one venue in the 8&U-16&U age groups in the National League **Summer** competition
 - II. Play in a maximum of two age groups, including Open Mixed event held in July/August.
 - III. A player may represent one venue in National League events **and** a different venue in Dunlop West of Scotland competitions so long as the player's Advantage Membership is linked to both clubs at the start of each competition.
- 10.7 All players must:
- I. Have an LTA Advantage Membership number which links to the venue they are competing for.
 - II. **Have an ITF World Tennis Number.**
 - III. Be a member of the LTA registered venue they are competing for as of 1 April 2022 and commit to representing that venue.
 - IV. Be of the correct age (see rule 10.2)

11. Competition Structure

- 11.1 County Tier
Teams shall be entered in a County Tier league based on their venue registration code. Each league will be divided into divisions of 3-6 teams. Each team will play each other team in their division once.

12. Match Arrangements

- 12.1 Time & Date
Fixtures shall be played over the weekend specified online. It is both team captains' responsibility to contact each other before the match. There will be flexibility to play on a Saturday or Sunday as determined by the home team or to play before a fixed date if both teams agree.

Fixtures are to start between 10am-4pm unless both teams agree otherwise. The home team must confirm start time with the away team a minimum of 10 days before the match date. **Away teams must still be active in obtaining the time.** 3 rubber points may be deducted from the match accumulated league total at the discretion of the league organiser for none compliance from either team. Each team must have an adult captain (age 18+) present at each fixture. The home team captain shall be responsible for welcoming the away team and organising refreshments (Covid-19 restrictions depending).

In exceptional cases, fixtures may be rescheduled at a later date where 2 or more nominated players in the same team are involved in National Camps, International Representation or other National/International competitions taking place in Great Britain (e.g., County Cup, Junior Internationals) on the same date. This must be approved by the league organiser (in writing) a minimum of 14 days in advance of the original match date.

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12.2 Courts

12.3 The home team shall provide 2, 3 or 4 courts of the same surface. Where more than one court surface is used, the away team shall have the choice of court allocation.

12.4 Balls

12.5 The home team shall supply a minimum of 3 new Dunlop balls for each singles rubber.

12.6 Match Format

- Boys teams
- Girls teams in Division 1

A match shall consist of 4 singles & 2 doubles rubbers. County Tier Division 2 onwards may apply a 2 singles & 1 doubles rubber format.

- Girls teams in Division 2 and below

A match shall consist of 2 singles & 1 doubles rubbers.

12.7 Team Format

A team shall consist of four to six players. Four players shall play one singles rubber each and the 5th and/or 6th player(s) may be selected for one doubles rubber only. Where the format is 2 singles, 1 doubles rubber, a team shall consist of two or three players. Two players will play one singles rubber each and the 3rd player may be selected for the doubles rubber only.

12.8 Singles Nominations

15 minutes before the start time of each fixture, team captains must nominate in writing (on a National League scorecard) their singles players in order of merit in accordance with the singles ITF World Tennis Number. Team Captains are encouraged, in the spirit of providing an enjoyable and competitive experience, to nominate in order of playing standard i.e., strongest player should play as singles 1, second strongest player as singles 2 and so on. If players have the same ITF World Tennis Number, the captain can decide the team order which may change from fixture to fixture. Any player(s) playing doubles only must be nominated at the same time.

Team captains are encouraged to follow the above order of merit criteria however, for the 2022 Summer season only and until the WTN becomes a more accurate indication of playing strength, a captain may order the team differently but still in playing strength.

12.9 Doubles Pairings

Pair 1:
Singles players 1&2.
Pair 2:
Singles players 3&4.

A 5th/6th player can substitute directly for any of the four singles players (e.g., if player number 5 substitutes for the singles player number 2, then player number 5 will play in the number 1 doubles pair). The nominated doubles substitutions must be on site at the agreed start time of the fixture.

12.10 Order of Play

	On 2 Courts	On 3 Courts	On 4 Courts
Round 1	Singles 1&2	Singles 1&2, Doubles 2	Singles 1-4
Round 2	Singles 3&4	Singles 3&4, Doubles 1	Doubles 1&2
Round 3	Doubles 1&2		

There is to be a maximum of 30 minutes rest between rounds.

12.11 Rubber Scoring

	Sets 1 & 2	Set 3 (if necessary)
12&U – 18&U	Tie-break at 6-6	Match tie-break (to 10 points winning by 2 clear points at 9-9)

12.12 Match Scoring

A team is awarded 2 points for each rubber won.

At 6 points each, a doubles tie-break shoot-out (to 10 points, with 2 clear) shall be played. No bonus rubber point will be awarded to the winning team in a tie-break shoot-out.

Tie-Break Shootout (1 pair):

Player 1:

One of the original players from either the 1st/2nd singles rubbers or number 1 doubles pair.

Player 2:

One of the original players from either the 3rd/4th singles rubbers or number 2 doubles pair.

12.13 Match Result

The team with the most rubber points shall win the match, in the event of a tie, the winner of the tie-break shoot-out will win the match. A team will receive 2 match points on the league table for a match win.

Both captains must complete and sign the National League scorecards and retain their copy. The winning captain must then submit the result online within 24 hours. The result may be added by the losing team captain if agreed on match day. Any teams found guilty of submitting false results shall be subject to rule 17.2.

12.14 Division Standings

The final standings in each division shall be determined by the following:

- i. The team with the greatest number of match points.
- ii. If match points are equal, the team with the greatest number of rubber points.
- iii. If only two teams are level on match points and rubber points: their head-to-head result.
- iv. If more than 2 teams are level, the round robin rule in the LTA Competition Regulations will determine the league standings.

Open Mixed Rules

13. Eligibility

Venue

Eligibility

- 13.1 Entry to LTA National League ('the Competition') is open only to LTA registered venues, defined as Associates in Rule 28 of the LTA.

Team Eligibility

- 13.2 Event: Mixed Open.
- 13.3 A venue may enter as many teams as it wishes in the competition but may have no more than 2 teams in any division of the National, Regional or County Tier. This rule applies to men and women separately.
- 13.4 Where a venue has two or more teams in the National and/or Regional Tier the top 4 rated players, may only play for team 'A'. Any other nominated players in the venue may play up or down in line with rule 13.5.
- 13.5 Where a venue has two or more teams in the Competition (County, Regional or National Tiers) a player may 'play up' on a maximum of one occasion without loss of eligibility for their lower team. Once a player has represented a higher team on more than one occasion, they are no longer eligible to represent the lower team. In the case of a venue having two teams in the same division, players will only be able to play for the team they represent in their first match.

Player Eligibility

- 13.6 A player may only:
- i. Represent one venue in the Open (adult) age group in the National League Summer competition.
 - ii. Play in a maximum of two age groups (including Open).
- 13.7 All players must:
- i. Have an LTA Advantage Membership number which links to the venue they are competing for.
 - ii. Have an LTA Rating / ITF World Tennis Number
 - iii. Be a member of the venue they are competing for as of 1 April 2022 and commit to representing that venue.
 - iv. Be born on or before 31 December 2008.
- 13.8 A venue with a team(s) in the County Tier, does not need to nominate players and can play players of any standard.

14. Competition Structure

- 14.1 County Tier
Teams shall be entered in a County Tier league based on their venue registration code. Each league will be divided into divisions of 3-6 teams. County exceptions may apply. Each team will play each other team in their division once.

15. Match Arrangements

15.1 Time & Date

Fixtures are to be played on the fixed dates specified. It is both team captains' responsibility to contact each other before the match. In the County Tier, there will be flexibility to play before a fixed date if both teams agree and there is prior consent from the league organiser. On match day the home team captain shall be responsible for welcoming the away team and organising refreshments (Covid-19 restrictions depending).

County Tier fixtures are to start between 10am-4pm unless both teams agree otherwise.

The home team must confirm start time with the away team a minimum of 10 days before the match date.

3 rubber points may be deducted from the home teams accumulated league total at the discretion of the league organiser for none compliance from either team.

15.2 Court Surfaces

The home team shall provide 2, 3 or 4 courts of the same surface. Where more than one court surface is used, the away team shall have the choice of court allocation for singles and doubles matches.

15.3 Balls
The home team shall supply a minimum of 3 new Dunlop approved balls for each singles rubber. New balls do not need to be supplied for the second round of rubbers.

15.4 Match Format
A match shall consist of 4 singles and 2 doubles rubbers. In the mixed event, a match shall consist of 4 singles (comprising of 2 men's singles and 2 women's singles) and 2 mixed doubles.

15.5 Team Format
A team shall consist of four players. In the mixed event, teams will consist of two men and two women. No substitutes are permitted.

15.6 Singles Nominations
15 minutes before the start time of each match the team captains shall nominate in writing (on a National League scorecard) their singles players in order of their current singles ITF World Tennis Number.
An ATP/WTA singles world ranking must take precedence over a player's ITF World Tennis Number.
If players have the same ITF World Tennis Number, the captain can decide the team order which may change from match to match.

15.7 Doubles Nominations
The team captains shall nominate in writing their doubles pairings 5 minutes after the singles rubbers have been completed.

In the mixed event, the men's singles matches will be matches 1&2 and the women's singles matches will be 3&4. This will be followed by two mixed doubles matches. Doubles pair 1 and doubles pair 2 will be decided using the nomination process above.

15.8 Order of Play

	On 2 Courts	On 3 Courts	On 4 Courts
Round 1	Singles 3&4	Singles 1-3	Singles 1-4
Round 2	Singles 1&2	Singles 4	Doubles 1&2
Round 3	Doubles 1&2	Doubles 1&2	

15.9 Rubber Scoring

County Tier

	Sets 1 & 2	Set 3 (if necessary)
Singles & Doubles	Tie-break at 6-6	Match Tie-break (to 10 points winning by 2 clear at 9-9)

15.10 Match Scoring

A team is awarded 2 points for each rubber won.
At 6 points each a tie-break shoot-out shall be played. No bonus rubber point will be awarded to the winning team in a tie-break shoot-out. A tie-break shoot-out shall consist of two singles tie breaks (to 10 points, with 2 clear) followed by a doubles tie-break (to 10 points, with 2 clear) if necessary. In the event that a team is reduced to 3 players, that team must concede the doubles tie-break. In the event that both teams are reduced to 3 players and the singles tie-breaks are shared, a deciding doubles tie-break (to 10 points, with 2 clear) shall be played between the remaining player and one of the singles shoot-out players. No substitutions or changes are permitted to the players who originally competed in the match. No player may play in more than one tie-break. Players are to be nominated as follows:

Tie-break 1 (Singles):
One of the original players from the 1st/2nd singles rubbers.

Tie-break 2 (Singles):
One of the original players from the 3rd/4th singles rubbers.

Tie-break 3 (Doubles): A pairing comprising any two of the other players who have played in the match. Both singles tie-breaks must take place at the same time.

15.11 Match Result

The team with the most rubber points shall win the match, in the event of a tie, the winner of the tie-break shoot-out will win the match. A team will receive 2 match points on the league table for a match win.

Both captains must complete and sign the National League scorecards and retain their copy. The winning captain must then submit the result online within 24 hours. The result may be added by the losing team captain if agreed on match day. Any teams found guilty of submitting false results shall be subject to rule 17.2.

15.12 Division Standings

The final standings in each division shall be determined by the following:

- I. The team with the greatest number of match points.
- II. If match points are equal, the team with the greatest number of rubber points.
- III. If only two teams are level on match points and rubber points: their head-to-head result.
- IV. If more than 2 teams are level, the round robin rule in the LTA Competition Regulations will determine the league standings.

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Problem Solving Issues & Regulations (All age groups, all tiers)

16. Problem Solving Issues

16.1 Late Arrival

If any nominated player is not ready to play within 15 minutes of a rubber due on court, then the opposing team shall be awarded a walkover for this rubber (by a score of 6-0, 6-0). No substitutions or alteration to the nominations or playing order may be made. The player concerned shall be permitted to play a doubles rubber (and tie-break shoot-out) provided he/she is ready to play when the doubles rubber is due on court. If he/she is not ready when the doubles rubber is due on court the team will be deemed 'incomplete' and Rules 16.2 and 16.6 will apply.

In the event that the entire away team is going to be late for extenuating circumstances (e.g., motorway closure etc) and has contacted the home team in good time, a reasonable degree of flexibility on start time should be shown by the home team.

16.2 Incomplete Teams

If a venue is unable to field a complete team for the whole fixture, then they shall first forfeit the lowest singles rubber and the second doubles rubber, followed by the next lowest rubber and so on. Incomplete teams will begin the fixture with 3 rubber points deducted where one player is missing and 6 rubber points from their match score where two or more players are missing. For example, an incomplete team consisting of 3 players will begin on -3 rubber points and will play 3 singles and 1 doubles rubber only. If the incomplete team win 3 rubbers (+6 rubber points) and lose 1 rubber the overall match score will be 6-3 to the complete team. As such no tie-break shootout is to be played.

The complete team shall be deemed to have won the forfeited rubbers by a score of 6-0 6-0. Where one team is incomplete, the complete team may play any two of the nominated players as the No 1 doubles pair. When it is known before the match that one team is going to be incomplete, the lowest nominated singles player(s) of the opposing team does not have to be present for the fixture.

16.3 Player Retirement

If a player retires during a rubber, the opponent shall be deemed to have won all the remaining games and sets necessary to win the rubber. The player retiring from the rubber shall be eligible to compete in any remaining rubbers/tie-break shoot-out.

16.4 Completion of Matches (due to inclement weather)

If play is suspended after a match has started, then the match shall resume at the point of suspension.

If a match cannot be started due to rain or rain stops play before any rubbers have been completed, then the match may be rearranged on or before the rain date at the original venue as set by the League Organiser. At the discretion of the league organiser, the home venue of a fixture may be reversed in the case of inclement weather and/or courts being unfit for play.

If a team has two matches rained off and schedules the first rained off match for the official rain date and cannot play the second rained off match prior to the rain date, then this second rained off match will be halved with both teams receiving 6 rubber points and 1 match point each. Where promotion/relegation is not affected, matches that are rained off on the agreed rain date will be halved with both teams receiving 6 rubber points and 1 match point each.

Where one or more rubbers have been completed, then the winner of the match shall be the team winning the most number of completed rubbers. 2 points shall be awarded for each completed rubber with any remaining points shared. For the purposes of final league placing calculations, the incomplete and unplayed rubbers shall be deemed shared by a score of 6-4, 4-6. Should each team have won an equal number of rubbers then each team shall receive 6 rubber points and 1 match point.

16.5 Team Withdrawal

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In the event of a team being unable to fulfil a fixture, on the first occurrence, their opponents shall record 12 rubbers and 2 match points, at the discretion of the league organiser. Should the team not fulfil a second fixture, they shall take no further part in the competition. Once a team has been withdrawn, they shall take no further part in the competition. All results against this team will be declared null and void for the purposes of determining the final placing in its group. However, the League Organiser shall have the power to consider a team's position regarding a team walkover with extenuating circumstances, in which case the team receiving the walkover will win all rubbers 6-0, 6-0, and will receive 12 rubber points and a match win.

League organisers may at their discretion allow a team to fulfil their remaining fixtures following a walkover. However, the team will be retired at the end of the league season and as such all results will not be counted in the final league standings calculation.

16.6 Playing out of order / Ineligible Player(s)

If players play out of order in the Open Mixed singles rubbers then the singles rubbers involving those players shall be forfeited by a score of 0-6, 0-6.

If an ineligible player competes then the singles rubber involving the player concerned, and all singles rubbers lower in the team order shall be forfeited by a score of 0-6, 0-6. In addition, that team shall have 3 rubber points deducted from their match score for each ineligible player.

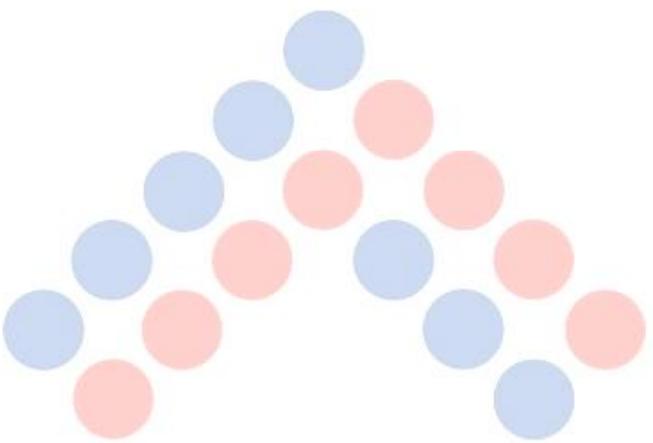
If both teams field a player out of order or an ineligible player, then each team shall be deemed to have lost the singles rubber in a similar manner. Likewise, if a team fields an ineligible player as a doubles only player they shall forfeit that rubber. Where doubles pairings are not in line with the aforementioned rules that team shall forfeit both doubles rubbers.

In the event of a match result being overturned by the League Organiser after the match has been completed which then results in a score of 6 points each then both teams will be awarded a half win (1 match point each).

For 8&U/9&U/10&U age groups any forfeited/incomplete scores (as highlighted in rules 16.1-16.6) will be subject to the appropriate scoring format for that age group.

17. Regulations

- 17.1 All matches in the Competition shall be conducted in accordance with the ITF Rules of Tennis, the Rules and Regulations of the LTA, the LTA Competition Regulations, the LTA Code of Conduct and the National League Competition Regulations (in the event of any inconsistency, the National League Regulations shall prevail). Each player participating in the competition grants and assigns to the LTA the right to make, use and show from time to time and at its discretion, motion pictures, still pictures and live taped or filmed television and other reproduction of him/her during the event and in connection with the promotion of the event without compensation for him/herself. Such promotional activities by the LTA shall not be identified as or represented to be an endorsement by the player of any product/company.
- 17.2 The day-to-day organisation of the Competition shall be carried out by the League Organiser under the auspices of the LTA Competitions Team (CT). The Competition is sanctioned by the LTA under the management of the CT. The CT shall have the power to decide on matters of interpretation of these regulations, to impose penalties including, but not limited to, the deduction of points and suspension for breaches of these Regulations; to suspend or modify any of these Regulations in appropriate circumstances. The CT decision on all matters is final.
- 17.3 Any complaint/dispute shall be made in writing on email to the League Organiser (copying in nationalleague@LTA.org.uk) by the team captain within 48 hours of the complaint/dispute arising. Nevertheless, the League Organiser/CT shall have the power to consider any matter coming to their attention subsequently.
- 17.4 All players are subject to the Rules and Regulations of the LTA (including, without limitation, the LTA's Anti-Doping Programme, the Disciplinary and Dispute Resolution Procedures and the Regulations Concerning Match Fixing, Financial Speculation and Betting) and fully and unconditionally submit to the jurisdiction and authority of the LTA by competing in the Competition.
- 17.5 Where a LTA registered venue is suspended, the LTA Competitions Team shall determine if the venue shall play any further part in the current or further stages of the Competition.



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