RULES OF LEAGUE AND CUP COMPETITIONS
SUMMER 2026 & WINTER 2026-27 SEASONS

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General Rules for all Tennis West of Scotland competitions

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Qualification

1. The league and cup competitions shall be open to clubs and tennis venues affiliated to Tennis West of Scotland, a Company limited by guarantee, and must be currently registered with the LTA. A club or venue becomes affiliated to Tennis West of Scotland once it has entered a team online into that season's staged competitions and has paid its annual affiliation fee which is set at the Annual General Meeting of the Company.

   Team entries will be not accepted from any club which has outstanding team entry fees from the previous season.

2. A club or tennis venue wishing to compete shall enter competitions online by an entry date notified to clubs. An entry fee per team as determined at the Annual General Meeting shall be paid by a date set by the Company.

   Each participating club or venue must assign the key role of a County & District League Contact a.k.a. Club League Administrator (CLA). A club may assign more than one member to this role. A CLA's role is detailed below. Any assigned CLA or assigned team captain must be an LTA Advantage member linked to the club.

KEY CLUB ROLES

a. **CLUB LEAGUE ADMINISTRATOR (COUNTY & DISTRICT LEAGUE CONTACT)**

Enter and edit a team entry.
Edit fixture details.
Assign Team Captain roles.
Add players to teams.
Reschedule, relocate, and swap home/away matches for your club's home matches only depending on league settings.
Change a match result.
Enter a result, update match status.

Tennis West of Scotland recommends that each club assigns more than one member to this role.

b. TEAM CAPTAINS

Once a team captain role has been assigned by the Club Administrator, the team captain will have access to

- Submit results for all of the club's home matches
- Reschedule, relocate and swap home/away matches for their team only if access have been given by the League Administrator.

A User Manual for each role can be found on the League Support website page.

3. All players who participate in competitions must be LTA Advantage Members with their membership number linked to the club/venue they are competing for in advance of that player playing any match. Note that a player's membership may be linked to more than one club/venue.
   A player's gender stated in his or her LTA account must be 'M' Male or 'F' Female if the player wishes to compete in men's or women's competitions.
   Once a player plays in a recorded match, that player will be given a World Tennis Number [WTN]. Information on WTN can be found at www.tenniswos.co.uk

   - *To become an LTA Advantage Member – www.lta.org.uk/advantage – and remember to link your membership number to your club by 'managing your venue' when you log in to your personal player profile.*

4. The playing year will be split into two Seasons-- the Summer Season will run from early March to mid-August and the Winter Season will run from mid-August until early March on dates set annually. No adult shall be allowed to play for more than one club in West of Scotland competitions during either of these seasons unless one of the clubs has not entered any team into the competition into which the player wishes to participate.

   - *A player's LTA membership is linked to both clubs A and B. Player represents club A in competition 1 but club A has not entered a team at any level into competition 2. Player may represent club B in competition 2.*

5. A junior player may represent one club in youth league competitions and a different club in adult league and cup competitions in the same season so long as the player has his/her LTA Advantage membership number linked to both clubs.
   Junior players may play in up to two age groups in the Youth League Summer season and up to two age groups in the Youth League Winter season. Competition age group eligibility changes on 1st January each year. Current competition age groups can be found on the Tennis West of Scotland web site.

COMPETITION AGE GROUPS	
January 2026 – December 2026	
AGE GROUP	For players born in....
8U (RED)	2018 OR LATER
9U (ORANGE)	2017 OR 2018
10U (GREEN)	2016 OR 2017
11U	2015 OR 2016
12U	2014 OR 2015
14U	2012 - 2015 inclusive
16U	2010 – 2015 inclusive
18U	2008 – 2015 inclusive

Arbitration

The LTA Code of Conduct will apply to all players who compete in West of Scotland league and cup competition matches

6. All questions of eligibility, qualification of competitors, or interpretation of rules shall be referred firstly to the League Organiser and, if required, to the Board, whose decision shall be final.

7. Any dispute arising between clubs shall be referred firstly to the League Organiser and, if required, to the Board, whose decision shall be final and binding on both clubs. Should either of the two clubs have a member on the Board, such member(s) shall not participate in voting on the dispute or protest.

8. Complaints relating to any incident occurring during a fixture should be emailed to the League Organiser within 7 days of the date of the fixture.

9. The day-to-day organisation of the league and cup competitions shall be carried out by the League Organiser under the auspices of the Tennis West of Scotland Board of Directors. The League Organiser 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 League Organiser's decision on all matters is final.

10. The Board may delegate all or any of the powers given to them under these rules to a sub-committee appointed by them for the purpose.

11. The Board shall have power to alter or add to these rules as they may from time to time deem expedient, as well as to introduce other competitions and determine the structure and composition of divisions and sections.

Arrangement of Fixtures

12. All match dates which are not scheduled by the League Organiser, shall be arranged by clubs and their team captains by instruction from the League Organiser. The Board shall fix dates between which matches shall be played i.e. the competition period.

    a) Fixtures for the Premier and First Divisions of the summer doubles leagues, together with fixtures for the Singles league, the Summer and Winter Season 60 & Over and 70 & Over Leagues, Winter Leagues and Open Mixed National League competitions, will be scheduled by the League Organiser.
    b) In Leagues where team captains agree match dates with their opponents, home team captains must record the agreed match date online before the start of the competition period. This is carried out by logging into a match and '(re)scheduling date'.
    c) Scheduled dates may thereafter be changed up to a date set by the League Manager if both captains agree to do so.
    d) For all matches, the home team captain must confirm arrangements for the match, by text or by telephone call, with the away captain at least 5 days before the match date and at least 7 days if the match is to be played indoors.
       N.B. If outdoor courts are deemed unplayable due to inclement weather on the match date then a match may be played indoors without notice being given.
    e) The home team will provide post-match hospitality for Summer Doubles matches and team captains should encourage every team member to participate. Hospitality is however optional at Singles League, Winter League and Senior age group League and cup competition matches and its provision [or not] should be confirmed at the same time that match arrangements are agreed.
    f) A club may not host matches if toilet facilities are not available for all players.
    g) The safety of players is the responsibility of the home venue.

13. The club on whose ground the match is played shall provide at least three new Dunlop first grade balls per court but, if the match is played on neutral ground, such expenses shall be divided between the competing clubs unless otherwise arranged.

14. The official ball for all West of Scotland events is the Dunlop ball.

15. Clubs with fewer than three courts shall not be eligible to take part in competitions in which three courts are normally required unless they are prepared (if called on to do so by their opponents when the match date is agreed) to play the match on their opponent's courts, always provided that the opponents have three courts available. The club on whose ground the match is played shall provide balls.
This Rule does not apply to 2-court clubs with floodlights.

Recording Match Scores

16.

a. In all league and cup competitions, the HOME team captain must record player details for both teams and the individual set scores for all rubbers played within 24 hours of the match being completed. If a match is postponed then that match must be 'rescheduled' online to the new agreed match date.
Each team captain will be assigned admin rights by the Club's League Administrator and will login to the league web site with his/her personal LTA login and password.
A team captain's 'User Manual' can be found on the League Support page at www.tenniswos.co.uk

b. A player who has 'played up' from a lower team should be added to the higher team's player list by that player's team captain before the match is played. If this has not been done, the home team captain should add the player to the appropriate team list rather than recording an 'unknown player'.
N.B. Once the league is in progress, an online team list is not the nomination list for that team as players will be added to the list if they 'play up'.

17.

a. Match walkovers must NOT be entered online by a team captain but the details of any claim for a walkover should be e-mailed to the county office, copying the opposing team captain into any correspondence - otherwise the claim will be disregarded. The League Organiser will decide whether a walkover is merited and will record the walkover online and award appropriate penalty points to the team forfeiting the match.

b. In the event of a team not fielding a full team, the match status of the forfeited rubber should be recorded by the home captain as 6-0 6-0 6-0 or 0-6 0-6 0-6. In the event of a retiral, all un-played games and sets are awarded to the opponents e.g. if a pair retires in the first set when winning 4-3, the score would be recorded as 4-6 0-6 0-6. In both cases, the match status should NOT be recorded as 'walkover' or 'retired'

18. If an 'unknown player' is selected (refer Appendix 4) both team captains will receive an automated message from the LTA advising what action to take. Guidance can also be found at www.tenniswos.co.uk Once any issue with the player is resolved, a team captain can login to the match and add the player's name to the match record.
    The eligibility of an 'unknown player' cannot be checked by the League Organiser so, if left on a match record more than 10 days after completion of the match, the player will be deemed ineligible with appropriate penalty points incurred.

19. 24 hours after completion of the match, it is the responsibility of the away team captain to check the recorded result and notify the county office by e-mail if there is any related query.

20. Team captains should be made aware that data cannot be edited (except for Rule 19 above) after being submitted and confirmed and so match details should not be recorded until all information is available. Any error must be notified to the league organiser – either online or by email - within 48 hours of the match being completed.

21. Final dates for the online submission of match scores will be published online and on the web site. Once final league standings have been published by the county office, no amendments will be made to the standings unless an error has been notified to the county office.

22. Team Captains are advised to check online leagues on a regular basis and report problems to the county office, either by e-mail or by comment on the tournament software web site, throughout the period of competition.
    At the end of the competition period, the appropriate penalty will be incurred by both teams in any match for which no match score has been recorded online i.e. the match will be deemed not to have been played.

Postponements and Cancellations

23. In exceptional circumstances, and only if mutually agreed by the clubs concerned, the date of any match in Division 2 or below may be altered to a new date within the competition period set for that competition. The home team captain must 'reschedule' the match date online as soon as possible after agreement is made.
    An agreed date should only be changed in very exceptional circumstances.

24. Any club intending to concede a match shall advise the League Manager by email before the date agreed upon for playing and must copy in the opposing team captain. Careful consideration should be given to any potential concession as it has a very negative impact on all other teams in the division.

25. In the cases of matches postponed on account of the weather or not concluded owing to an agreed time limit or interruption, the home team captain must offer three dates on which to play or conclude the match to the visiting team captain. This offer must be made within three days after the original date of the match.

    Such rescheduled matches shall be played as soon as possible. In competitions in which the League Organiser schedules match dates, any postponed match must be rescheduled for a date before the last scheduled match date. If a match is postponed on the last scheduled match date then the match will be played one week later or before if both teams agree.

    In the event of clubs not reaching agreement within seven days of the original date, notification of this failure to agree a date must be sent by the Secretary of the home club to the League Manager who will then fix a date for the match to be played.

    In the Premier Division and Division 1 of the men's and women's leagues, postponed matches must be arranged to be concluded before the date of the last scheduled match in the competition. If the last scheduled match is postponed, it must be played one week later or before if mutually agreed by both captains.

    If the match is not played on this date, neither team will be awarded points.

26. An entry fee is due for any competition in which the majority of teams have played two or more matches.

Rules of Play

27. All midweek adult league matches (except those being played during May, June and July) shall start not later than 6.30 p.m. unless mutually agreed by the clubs concerned or unless, owing to exceptional circumstances, the League Manager shall have, in advance, approved a later start.

    During May, June and July, such matches shall start not earlier than 7.00 p.m. unless both captains agree to an earlier start time or special arrangements have been made with the League Organiser.

    Weekend matches should start at a reasonable time i.e. not before 10.00 a.m. and not later than 6.30 p.m. The match time is determined by the home team captain.

28. Teams and pairs within teams shall be played in order of playing strength as determined by the team captain, and captains, if requested, shall provide written copies of their teams in order of pairing prior to going on court.
Once an 'ORDER OF PAIRS' in a team has been established in any one competition, this order cannot be reversed.

Example

If Players A and B play together at second pair above Players C and D who play together at third pair then C+D as a pair can never in a future match that season play above A+B as a pair. C or D could partner another player and play above A+B as a pair. Similarly, A or B could partner another player and play below C+D as a pair.

Any player 'playing up' from a lower team cannot be positioned in a pair above another pair which includes a player nominated for any higher team.

FAQ

A player who is 'playing up' from a lower team, and partnering a nominated player of the higher team, must play in the lowest pair.
If two players are 'playing up' then they must be paired together as the lowest pair in the team.
This does not apply to a player 'playing up' into a Premier League team when Rule 29 applies.

29.

(a) In the Men's and Women's Premier leagues and both Division 1 sections, clubs must list not more than 12 nominated players in ranked order by the deadline date set by the League Manager. At the start of each match, a team's doubles pairings will be nominated in accordance with the lowest cumulative total of the nominated positions of the players.

(b) Rule 28 will apply for any player 'playing up' from a lower team.

(c) A player 'playing up' cannot be paired with either the #1 or #2 nominated player of the higher team.

Examples

i. *If the players nominated at positions 2 and 6 play as a pair, and the players nominated at positions 3 and 5 play as a pair then pair (2+6) would play above pair (3+5).*
ii. *A player 'playing up' from a team in Division 2 or below into a Premer League or Division 1 team must be positioned at #3 pair and cannot be paired with either the #1 or #2 ranked player.*
Rule 28(a) will apply to pairs #1 and #2.

30. In the Men's and Women's Summer Doubles leagues, teams in each division or section will play each season against each other team in that division or section.

a) In the Summer Doubles Premier Division and Division 1 competitions, each team will play once against each other team in their division.

b) Thereafter each league will be split with the top four teams in each division playing each other again and the bottom four teams playing each other again. Match points gained in the first round of matches will be retained.

c) In the second round of matches, the team which was at home in the first round of matches will play away in the second round of matches.

d) The order of second round matches will be determined by a team's standing at the end of the first round of matches.

WOMEN	Refer to the above for home and away			
09 June	1 v 4	2 v 3	5 v 8	6 v 7
16 June	1 v 3	2 v 4	5 v 7	6 v 8
23 June	1 v 2	3 v 4	5 v 6	7 v 8

MEN	Refer to the above for home and away			
12 June	1 v 4	2 v 3	5 v 8	6 v 7
19 June	1 v 3	2 v 4	5 v 7	6 v 8
26 June	1 v 2	3 v 4	5 v 6	7 v 8

All matches shall be played under the tournament rules of the LTA, so far as these are applicable to and not inconsistent with the rules of this league.

31. In the Men's and Women's Summer Doubles leagues, teams must consist of six men, or six women, and each pair shall play three sets against the opposing corresponding pair, with a tie break operating at six games all in each set.
Match points will not be awarded to either team if three sets are not played in any rubber unless there is a retiral of a player through illness or injury.
A team which attempts to play a match without the full complement of players shall concede that match unless exceptional circumstances have caused this.
A team shall provide full details of these circumstances to the League Organiser by email within 24 hours of completion of the match – copying in the opposing team captain.

N.B. In Division 2 and below, a club's lowest team in any league competition may, up to a maximum of two times in a season, consist of four players [instead of six] who will play at pairs 1 and 2 or, in the Senior Players' League, two players [instead of four] who will play at pair 1. The team must advise the opposing team in advance whenever possible.

In this un-played rubber, players in both teams should be recorded as 'unknown players' and sets recorded as 0-6 0-6 0-6 or the reverse if appropriate. The 'walkover' option should not be selected. Any automated email to team captains may be ignored.
If the team thereafter concedes a match in the same competition, Rule 40 will apply and the team will be withdrawn from the competition.

Nominations

32.

a. In the Men's and Women's Singles, Summer Doubles and Senior 40 & 60 leagues, clubs with more than one team in any one league shall nominate each team's players online by 10:00 am on the first day of that league's competition period. A team nomination list must have at least the minimum number of players required to play a match.
Online nominations will be downloaded at the above time and retained by the League Organiser for use in resolving any subsequent queries.

b. In the Summer Doubles Premier and both sections of Division 1, not more than 12 players, in numbered order, will be nominated. In those divisions, the ordered nominations must be emailed to the League Organiser no later than 10:00 am on the day of the first scheduled match (refer to Rule 29).
Team orders will be published at www.tenniswos.co.uk with any later amendments to lists highlighted.
Players must also be nominated online by the above deadline in any order.

c. In any one competition, a player can only be nominated for one team.

N.B. Nominatimg players online pre-season will highlight any player who is either not an LTA Advantage member or whose LTA Advantage membership is not linked to the nominating club. It is therefore advisable that nominations are made in advance of the deadline so that such a player can address the issue before the start of the competition period. 'How to' links can be found at www.tenniswos.co.uk

33.

a. Within the Premier and both sections of Division 1, a nominated player may 'play up' to any higher team once without loss of eligibility for their lower team. Within these divisions only, once a player has represented any higher team on more than one occasion, the player is no longer eligible to represent the lower team.

b. Such a player can thereafter become nominated for the next higher team and play again for that team but only if the maximum number of 12 nominated players for that team is not exceeded.
Such a player may replace a player on the higher team's nomination list however any displaced player may not thereafter play for any lower team in that competition.

c. A player may be withdrawn from a team pool but cannot thereafter play for a lower team.

d. In Division 2 and below, a nominated player can 'play up' to the next higher team two times and to any one even higher team once at any time during the competition period. Note exception below.

> Example
> A 5th team nominated team player can play twice for the 4th team and once for a 3rd or even 2nd team. Note however that the player cannot play up from 5th team to 3rd team on a 4th team match date.
> i.e. the 4th team cannot maintain its strength at the expense of the higher 3rd team.

e. Other than in exceptional circumstances approved in advance by the League Organiser, a lower team cannot maintain its strength at the expense of a higher team when both teams play at the same time.

34. Following the submission of team nominations, in the Premier and both sections of Division 1 only, one additional player - not previously nominated for any team - may be added to a team list of nominations up to 31st May so long as the number of players in that pool does not exceed 12. Any displaced player may not subsequently play for any other team.
The name of any such player to be added to a nomination list must be advised by email to the League Manager no later than 31st May. Note that Rule 29(b) applies to such additional players. In the Premier League and both sections of Division 1, the proposed amended rank order of players must also be submitted by the club or team captain for approval.
The club must state in that email that the player is a bona fide member of the club and meets the membership criteria for the club, and that the player is eligible to represent the club in that competition. Before playing any match for the club, the club must ensure that the player is an LTA Advantage Member with membership linked to the club.

If approval has not been provided by the League Manager prior to the match being played, the player is ineligible to play.

35. A club's lowest team in a competition does not require to nominate a pool of players unless any one of that team's players may be required to 'play up' before that player has played a match for the lowest team. If no nomination has been submitted, that player automatically becomes a nominated player for the higher team.

There is no limit to the number of players in a club's lowest team in a competition.

A nominated player is ineligible to play in any lower team at any time.

36. A player omitted from a team nomination list who subsequently plays for a team is deemed to be a nominated member of that team if the maximum number of nominated players is not exceeded.

FAQ

Q. A player who is nominated for the club's 4th team 'plays up' for the club's 3rd team in the first match of the season. Can the player play for the 4th team the following day?

- *Yes, a player can 'play up' at any time during the competition period.*

Q. Thereafter, the first team captain asks the player to 'play up' to the 1st team. Is this allowed?

- *Yes, a player, nominated for a team in Division 2 and below, can 'play up' two times to the next highest team and once for any one even higher team and still be able to play for his/her nominated team. The player cannot thereafter 'play up' to the 2nd team.*

37. Where a match which is to be played on courts

a. without floodlights, the captains of each team should agree a time when, if a final set has not started by that time, a 10-point match tie-break is played and recorded as 1-0 or 0-1.
b. with a time restriction on floodlighting or court availability, any final set which has not started 40 minutes before that time will be played as a 10-point match tie-break is played and recorded as 1-0 or 0-1.

If the home team captain fails to advise the away team captain of any restriction before play starts, the home team will forfeit any incomplete sets if play is stopped.

38. Should the match not be completed due to inclement weather, the match shall be continued from the point at which it was stopped, on the same courts, and by the same players as soon thereafter as possible. If it is impossible for all the same players to play on the continuation, up to two substitutes shall be allowed in the same position as the players for whom they are substituting so that the team plays in the same order as the original selection. The rule only

operates in the absence of mutual agreement between the clubs, i.e. they may agree to replay the whole match - in which case different teams may be selected.
The players who conclude the match are the players who are recorded online.

Rule 25 will apply in relation to arranging a date to complete the match.

39. If a player is not changed and ready to play 15 minutes after the time appointed for the commencement of the match, the defaulting team shall lose the first set on the court concerned to love. 45 minutes after the time appointed for the commencement of the match, if play has still not started the second set is forfeited. If a player is not changed and ready to play one hour and 15 minutes after the time appointed for the commencement of the match, all three sets are forfeited on all courts. No additional penalty is incurred.
Where further rounds apply (e.g. in the Calcutta Cup, or where a league match is being played at a two-court club) this readiness rule shall operate from the start of each round.
The captain of the non-defaulting team must intimate to the captain of the defaulting team before play starts on the court concerned that he/she is invoking this Rule.

40. If a team defaults or concedes a match more than once in a season, all matches played by that team will be declared void, with consequent demotion. In such circumstances, a team in Division 3 or higher in the open and senior players' leagues will be demoted two divisions.

Note that National League rules state that any team giving a walkover cannot participate further in that competition. However, the county office has the power to consider a team's position regarding a team walkover with extenuating circumstances, in which case a team receiving the walkover will win all rubbers 6-0, 6-0 and will receive 12 rubber points and a match win.

41. Any sets won by an ineligible player will be awarded to the opponents. Any sets won by a pair or pairs below the pair containing the ineligible player will also be awarded to the opponents.
In addition, the team fielding the ineligible player will incur a penalty of 2 match points.

42. The League Manager has the discretion to reinstate an ineligible player upon application in writing by his / her club.

43. Championship playoff matches will be played between the Section winners of those Divisions which are split into more than one section. The date of these playoffs will be set in advance by the League Manager and may only be changed or postponed with the agreement of the League Manager. In any Division with

more than two sections, an appropriate playoff format will be played. Match dates will be scheduled and published at the start of the season.
Playoff information and arrangements can be found in **Appendix 1**

44. The winners of the Premier Divisions will be the West of Scotland champions for that season.

45. The club with the highest number of match points in a league shall be the champion club of the division or section.
Should any two teams have equal match points, the number of sets won will determine which team is placed higher. If the number of sets won is equal then the head-to-head result between the two teams followed by percentage of games will decide. Where more than two teams are tied, the number of sets won followed by percentage of games will decide the order.

46. Any team gaining a walkover will be credited with 3 match points with the defaulting team incurring a 3 match point penalty.
At the end of a competition period, both teams in any un-played match will be deemed to have defaulted and the above penalty will be incurred by both teams.

47. Alternative scoring formats

The following scoring options are permitted and, before the start of the match and preferably when the match is confirmed, both team captains will agree the most appropriate format.

League Organiser's order of preference:

(i) Three sets to six with a seven-point tie-break played when games are 6-6.
This is the preferred scoring option.
The formats below should only be played in exceptional circumstances and with both team captains' agreement.
(ii) As (i) but with a championship tie-break [first to ten points and winning by two clear points] played as the third set.
(iii) Three short sets to four with a 7-point tie-break played when games are 4-4.
This is the default scoring format for the 70 & Over Leagues (Refer Rule 51)
(iv) As (iii) but with a championship tie-break [first to ten points and winning by two clear points] played as the third set.

48. One point shall be awarded for each set won. One bonus point will be awarded for each rubber won. The team winning most points will be awarded with 3 match points. If points are equal then the match is a draw with each team receiving 1 match point.
Match points will not be awarded to either team if all rubbers are not played unless there is a retiral by one team.

49. Any team proved to have recorded false information online for the purpose of avoiding penalty or dishonestly gaining advantage will be withdrawn from the league immediately and demoted two divisions.

50. The above principles will apply to the Community Club League however no team nominations will be requested. Players must be LTA Advantage members with their membership linked to the club or venue which they are representing and not have played for any other club or venue in the same summer season. Each team comprises three mixed doubles pairs which should be played in order of strength determined by the team captain. Each rubber will comprise three sets.

Senior Players' Competitions

51. **Men's and Women's 40, 60 and 70 & Over Doubles league** teams must consist of four women, or four men, and each pair shall play three sets against the opposing corresponding pair, with a tie break operating at six games all in each set (40 and 60 & Over) and at four games all in each set (70 & Over).
One of the alternative scoring formats may be used [Rule 47] <u>but only if both captains agree</u> in advance of the match starting.

i. 40 & Over league midweek matches start at 6:30 pm on match dates agreed in advance by team captains within the competition period. Weekend matches will start at an appropriate time determined by the home team captain.
ii. 60 and 70 & Over league matches are scheduled by the League Organiser. The home team captain should confirm the start time when confirming the match. A match start time should not be before 1:00 pm or after 3:00 pm.
iii. Any player, nominated for a lower team, may 'play up' to the next higher team twice during the competition period and remain eligible to play subsequent matches for the lower team. A player may also 'play up' to one even higher team once during the competition period.
e.g. a player nominated for the 4th team can 'play up' to the 3rd team twice and also play up to either the 2nd or 1st team once.
A player cannot 'play up' two teams on the same date as the next higher team has a match.

A team which attempts to play a match without the full complement of players shall concede that match however

- A club's lowest team in this competition may, up to a maximum of two times in a season, consist of two players [instead of four] who will play at pair 1. The team will concede three sets at second pair
0-6 0-6 0-6. The team must advise the opposing team in advance whenever possible.

If the team thereafter concedes a match in the same competition, Rule 33 will apply and the team will be withdrawn from the competition.

52. Seniors eligibility

- 40 & Over league and cup competitions, participating players should reach the age of 40 by 31st December in the year of the competition.
- 55 & Over cup competition, participating players should reach the age of 55 by 31st December in the year of the competition.
- 60 & Over league competitions, participating players should reach the age of 60 by 31st December in the year of the competition.
- 70 & Over league competitions, participating players should reach the age of 70 by 31st December in the year of the competition

53. Where a club has more than one team in the 40 & Over league competition, player nominations must be online by 10.00 am on the first day of the competition period. These are thereafter downloaded and used in the event of any queries or disputes.

Winter 2026 40 & Over 10.00 am on Monday 17th August

No nominations are requested for the 60 and 70 & Over league competitions however, where a club has more than one team in a competition, the same principles of 'playing up' should be adopted.
A player may play for one club in the 60 & over competition and a different club in the 70 & Over competition so long as the player's LTA Advantage membership is linked to both clubs.

54. Senior league teams must consist of two couples played in order of strength determined by the team captain. Once an order of pairs is established in a competition, that order cannot be reversed in the same competition [Refer Rule 28].
Each couple will play three sets against the equivalent couple of the other team. Tie-breaks will operate at 6 games all in all sets.

55. A club may enter one team into each of the **Men's and Women's 40 and 55 & Over KO** competitions. There is no limit to the number of teams entered by a club into league competitions.

56. 40 and 55 & Over KO matches will be played on dates set by the League Manager or on an earlier date. Matches which are postponed because of the weather should be arranged on a mutually agreeable day during the following week and before the date set for the next round.

57. Each team will comprise of two pairs each of which will play a 'best of three sets' rubber against the opposing pair. Any deciding third set will be a match tie-break (MTB) to 10 points, winning by 2 clear points. A MTB counts as 1 game and 1 set and should be recorded as 1-0 or 0-1. The team winning more sets will progress. If sets won are equal then games won will decide. If the number of games won by each team is also the same, the result of the match between the two first pairs will decide the tie.

N.B. When sets are equal but one team has won more games, that team should be recorded online as the 'shoot-out' winner.

58. The match score must be entered online within 24 hours of the match being concluded.

59. A team which has either given a walkover to its opponents in its first match or played two matches is not eligible to participate in any Consolation Event.

60. The Clydesdale Cup competition shall be open to all affiliated clubs. If the entry is sufficient, the draw shall be made in two divisions. Placement into each division will be based on the position of the first men's and first women's team in that season's Summer Doubles leagues.

61. Each team shall consist of 3 mixed couples. The captain of each team shall place pairs in order of playing strength which shall then be placed against the equivalent pairs of the opposing team.

62. Each pair shall play three sets against the opposing corresponding pair with the tie break operating at six games all in each set.
Alternative scoring formats as described in Rule 47 may be used by mutual agreement of team captains.

63. The competition format is an elimination draw with the team winning the majority of sets progressing to the next round. The dates of the various rounds shall be decided by the League Manager.

64. The Senior Calcutta Cup competition shall be open to men's teams from affiliated clubs in Divisions 1, 2 and 3 of the Men's Summer Doubles league competition. A club may enter one team into this competition.

65. The Junior Calcutta Cup competition shall be open to men's teams from affiliated clubs in Division 4 and below of the Men's Summer Doubles league competition. A club may enter one team into this competition.

66. Only players eligible to represent teams in that season's competition may participate. Any player nominated for a lower team may play at any stage of the competition irrespective of the number of times that player may have 'played up' that season in league competitions.

Each team shall consist of 4 players and each fixture shall consist of 4 singles matches and two doubles rubbers. One substitute 5th player may be used for the second round of rubbers. The substitute player's singles WTN (doubles WTN) must be higher than the player he substitutes if the substitute is to play a singles rubber (a doubles rubber). Any substitution including the name of the player who will be substituted must be advised before the match starts and cannot be used to replace a player who retires in the first round of matches.

The format of each rubber will be the best of three tie-break sets with a match tie-break, first to 10 points and winning by 2 clear points, being played at one set all. Alternative scoring formats as described in Rule 47 may be used by mutual agreement of team captains.
Singles players (1 and 2) and (3 and 4) are paired together in doubles.
Singles order is determined by each players Singles World Tennis Number (WTN) on the day of the match.

Play options	A - 3 courts	B - 4 courts
Round 1	Singles 1+2; Doubles 2	Singles 1+2+3+4
Round 2	Singles 3+4; Doubles 1	Doubles 1+2

Play option will be decided by the home team captain and advised to the away team when confirming arrangements for the match.
If rubbers are tied at the end of the match, one 10-point match doubles tie-break shoot-out will be played by one player from each pair.

67. The final shall be played on the grounds of Hamilton Lawn Tennis Club if requested by that club.

68. In each round of the Calcutta Cup, the home team captain must offer at least two dates to the away team at least one week before the first date offered. In the event of failure to agree a date, the match will be played on the 'play by' date with a 1.00 pm start time. The date and time of the final will be decided annually by the League Manager.

69. **Winter Knock-Out Inter-Club Shield** teams will consist of two men and two women. A match will consist of four rubbers – a men's doubles, a women's doubles and two mixed doubles. Rubbers will be the best of 3 sets, with a tie-break in the first two and a championship match tie break (first to 10 points and

winning by 2 clear points) played if one set all. Substitutes are not allowed. The men's and women's doubles will be played first followed by two mixed doubles rubbers.
Alternative scoring formats as described in Rule 47 may be used by mutual agreement of team captains.

70. Clubs may enter only one team into the Winter Knock-out competition.

71. The result of a match is decided by rubbers won. Where rubbers are equal, sets are counted and the team with the most sets is the winner. Where sets are equal, games are counted, and the team with the higher games' percentage is the winner. Games percentage is counted by dividing the number of games won by the total number of games played. If games are equal, the result of the match between the first mixed pairs will decide.

72. If a match is interrupted by inclement weather, the match may be resumed at the score where stopped provided the teams remain the same and the match is resumed on the courts where started. Note Rule 38.

73. The Winter League competitions are run as separate **Monday Floodlight** and **Sunday Afternoon** leagues whose matches are played on a set day of the week. Clubs entering the evening leagues should have three floodlight courts available. Clubs may enter up to two teams in each league but may request entry of additional teams.

74. Matches may be played indoors or outdoors [Refer to Rule 12(e)]

75. Matches shall be played on the dates fixed, unless teams agree to postpone on the day because of bad weather. Postponed matches will be played on the same day of the week one week later, failing which on the first date suitable to both clubs.

76. Teams must consist of 3 ladies and 3 men, and each match in the Monday Floodlight league consists of three mixed doubles pairs played in order of strength determined by the team captain and in the Sunday Afternoon leagues consists of one women's doubles pair, one men's doubles pair and one mixed doubles pair - each of three sets with tie breaks in each set if needed.
Alternative scoring formats as described in Rule 47 may be used by mutual agreement of team captains.

77. In the **Singles league**, an affiliated club may enter up to 2 women's and 2 men's teams. Additional teams may be entered if a club has access to six courts to play two home matches on the same day.

78. Separate women's and men's leagues will operate, divided into divisions and sections as deemed necessary.

79. Each team shall consist of 3 players. Each player must have a World Tennis Number (WTN) and be a current LTA Advantage Member with membership linked to the club that he/she is representing.

'How to' links can be found at www.tenniswos.co.uk

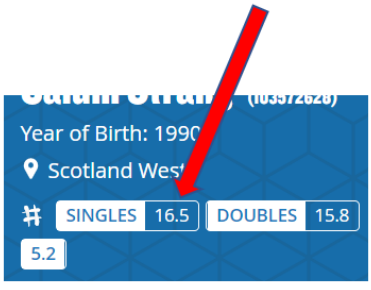
80. Fixtures will be played on Saturdays or Sundays, determined by the home team captain, starting at 10.00 a.m. on the weekend dates fixed by the League Manager and issued before the start of the competition. In the event of a fixture being incomplete or unable to start because of bad weather, the match will start at 10.00 a.m. on the following day; or, if both clubs agree, at 6.30 p.m. on an evening before the next scheduled round of fixtures in this competition.

81. Clubs with more than one team in this competition must nominate players online for all teams by 10:00 am on the first scheduled day of competition (Refer to Rule 32).
A maximum of 6 players may be nominated for a 1st team with any player nominated for a lower team able to 'play up' once. If a player 'plays up' a second time then player becomes nominated for the higher team and cannot thereafter 'play down'.

82. Each rubber will be the best of three tie-break sets with the option of any deciding third set being a full tie-break set or a 10-point match tie-break set recorded as 1-0 or 0-1. If there is no agreement, the third set will be a match tie-break.

83. The team order will be determined by players' singles World Tennis Numbers at the time of the match. It will be the responsibility of each team captain to ascertain current singles World Tennis Numbers before the start of each match as this number changes on a regular basis.

1. www.lta.org.uk
2. 'Compete'
3. 'Find a player profile'
4. Select player



84. If clubs have a women's and a men's team home match on the same day, the men's fixture should start at 10.00 a.m. and the women's tie will start at 12.00 noon.

85. One point shall be awarded for each set won in each rubber. A bonus point is awarded for each rubber win. The team with the higher number of points is awarded 3 match points. Each team receives 1 match point if the result of the match is a draw.

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

1. The team with the greatest number of match points.
2. If two teams are level on points, by sets won.
3. If sets won are equal, then the head-to-head match result.
4. If the head-to-head match is a draw, games percentage.

ROWAN CUP & BULLETIN TROPHY

86. A club can enter one team only into each of the Rowan Cup (Men) and Bulletin Trophy (Women) events.

87. Each event will be split into a 1st and a 2nd Division.

88. Each team will comprise of two pairs. Players must be added to the online player list for that team before the start of play in each round of the competition.

89. A player may play at 'pair 1' or 'pair 2' and may change throughout the competition however an order of pairs, once established, may not be reversed for subsequent rounds.

90. The draw will be an elimination draw with a consolation draw to guarantee each team at least two matches.

91. Each pair will play a best of three sets against the opposite pair with a match tie-break played in any deciding third set. If rubbers are tied at 1-1 no matter the set score, a tie-break shoot out will be played – first to 7 points winning by 2 clear points. A shoot out pair will comprise one player from each of the two pairs which played in that match. The shoot-out will start within 2 minutes of the conclusion of the second rubber.

APPENDICES

APPENDIX 1

SPECIAL ARRANGEMENTS FOR PREMIER & DIVISION 1 SECTIONS

a) In the Men's & Women's Premier League and Divisions 1/1 and 1/2, Stage 1 has 8 teams playing once against each other in match weeks 1 – 7. Any matches in Stage 1 which have been postponed or cancelled must be played no later than the Sunday following the last scheduled Stage 1 date. Such matches can take precedence over other arranged matches.

b) The final standing of a team determines its Stage 2 draw. The top 4 teams will compete in a 'Championship' Group and play once against each other. The position in the draw is determined by the team's final standing in Stage 1 [ref. Rule 30].

c) Teams which finish Stage 1 in positions 5 – 8 will compete in a 'Relegation' Group with position in the draw determined by its final standing in Stage 1.

d) In the Premier and Division 1/1, the team which finishes in bottom place in this Group will be relegated to the next lowest division with the second from bottom placed team qualifying for a 'promotion/relegation' playoff against the second placed team in the Championship Group of the division below.

e) In Division 1/2, the two bottom-placed teams at the end of Stage 2 will be relegated with the third bottom team qualifying for a 'promotion/relegation' playoff against the winner of the playoff between the two teams which finished in second position in both sections of Division 2.

f) The team which finishes top of the 'Championship' Group in both sections of Division 1 will be promoted to the higher division. The team which finishes in second position will qualify for a 'promotion/relegation' playoff against the second bottom placed team in the 'Relegation' Groups of both the Premier and Division 1.

g) The team which finishes top of the 'Championship' Group in each division will be the champion team of that division for that season.

h) Home ties in Match weeks 8-10 take precedence over any other club matches scheduled. For clubs with 6 or more courts, two matches should be played alongside each other in preference to rescheduling.

i) When arranging fixtures at the start of the season, clubs in these leagues should consider not scheduling home ties for Tuesdays or Fridays in match weeks 8 – 10 in June unless they can host two matches at the same time.

APPENDIX 2

PROMOTION & RELEGATION FAQs

Each new season, Tennis West of Scotland invites team entries from clubs for the leagues which it organizes. As each new season's competition is therefore a new competition, no rules are published with regard to promotion and relegation.
Every year, some clubs enter additional teams or withdraw existing teams. If one of these very much outweighs the other, the number of sections within the lower leagues may be changed in order to create sections with the ideal number of teams which is 9 [+/-1] teams. The lowest divisions in any leagues are therefore fluid.

On the assumption that there is no change to the number of teams, the following principles apply to promotion and relegation.

SUMMER DOUBLES [Men's & Women's Leagues]

<u>Premier Division</u>
The bottom team is relegated to Division 1/1
The second from bottom team plays off, at home, against the second top team in Division 1/1 on a date fixed by the league organizer and published before the start of the competition.
<u>Division 1/1</u>
The bottom team is relegated to Division 1/2
The second from bottom team plays off, at home, against the second top team in Division 1/2 on a date fixed by the league organizer and published before the start of the competition.
<u>Division 1/2</u>
The two bottom teams are relegated – one to each of the two Division 2 sections.
The team which ends top of the 'relegation stage' will remain in Division 1/2. The third from bottom team in Division 1/2 i.e. second top of the 'relegation stage' will play off, at home, to the winner of a playoff between the second top teams in each of the Division 2 sections.

In all other Divisional sections, two teams will be promoted. If a team withdraws from a higher league, three teams may be promoted to 'fill' the vacancy created.

In most other Divisional sections, two teams will be relegated however the following scenarios should be noted:

1. If Division 5 is divided into two sections and the lower Division 6 into three sections then two teams will be promoted from each of the three Division 6 sections and three teams will be relegated from the two Division 5 sections.
2. If Division 6 is divided into three sections and the lower Division 7 into four sections then two teams will be promoted from each of the four Division 7 sections and three teams will be relegated from the three Division 6 sections. However, the team with the highest set percentage of the three third from bottom teams will not be relegated.
3. In all sections of Division 7, two teams will be relegated and replaced by two teams from any of the four Division 8 sections.

AUTUMN WINTER DOUBLES [Men's & Women's 40 & Over Leagues]

Leagues are created with 6 [+/-1] teams in each Section of a Division. Matches will be arranged by team captains within an advised competition period.

- In all Sections, two teams are promoted and move into different Sections of the next higher Division. Two teams are relegated and move into different Sections of the next lower Division.
- Either the third-placed or fourth-placed teams in each Section of a Division are switched to the other Section in that Division with the result that no team should play any other team in two consecutive seasons.
- In the two Division 2 sections, one team only is promoted to take the place of the two teams relegated from Division 1 which has only one Section.
- If a team withdraws to leave five teams in a section, only one of the remaining teams will be relegated at the end of the season.

60 & OVER DOUBLES [Men's & Women's Summer/Autumn Leagues]

The principle of two teams promoted and two teams relegated applies where practicable. The 60 & Over Summer and Autumn Leagues operate independently from each other.

70 & OVER DOUBLES [Men's & Women's Summer League]

The principle of two teams promoted and two teams relegated applies where practicable.

YOUTH LEAGUE [Junior Age Groups]

In 2026, Divisions and Sections within Divisions will be compiled each season based on team entries and whether clubs enter teams into Division 1 or Division 2 onwards.

APPENDIX 3

DIVISIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP PLAYOFFS

These are played on dates fixed by the league organizer and published before the start of the competition, between the teams which finish in top position in each section of Division 2 and below.
Home and away is also fixed by the league organizer and published before the start of the competition.
In a Division of three Sections, a round robin league will be played on fixed dates between the three top teams.
In a Division of four Sections, an elimination draw will be played on fixed dates between the four top teams.
There are no championship playoffs in the Premier, Division 1/1 and Division 1/2 leagues. The top team will be the champion of that Division.

CHAMPIONSHIP & PROMOTION / RELEGATION PLAYOFFS

As published at the start of each season, playoff matches will be played on fixed dates over one week in August with a start time of 6.30 p.m. Teams should report early so that play, not the warm-up, has started no later than 6.30 p.m.
Where a 'home' team is without floodlights on the required number of courts, play will start no later than 6.15 pm. The home team captain will decide whether an approved abbreviated scoring format will operate – refer to Rules at www.tenniswos.co.uk

Details of participating teams can be found appended to the final standings published on the Tennis West of Scotland web site and on the league web site.
Playoff matches are also published on the league website.

Arrangements

Team players must be eligible to represent the team according to the nominations submitted by your club at the start of the season and must have played at least once in this season's competition. If any nominated team players are unavailable to play on the match date, players may be brought up from lower teams as long as they have played at least once for the club during this season in the adult league competition and even although they may already have played up twice in the same season for the higher team. With regard to player eligibility, playoff matches are deemed to be part of that year's 'summer' season. [Refer Rule 5]

The home team captain should confirm arrangements as early as possible with the opposing captain and no later than 5 days before the match is due to be played.

If the weather does not allow the match to be played on the due date, it will be played at the same venue one week later (or on an earlier date agreed by both

captains) and will take precedence over arranged matches in any other competitions.

Please note that Playoff dates CANNOT be changed and other matches, scheduled for the same date, must be rescheduled if there is not sufficient number of courts to play both or if the matches involve the same players. If a match needs to be rescheduled because of a playoff match, the home team captain must offer three dates and the away captain must accept one of the offered dates.
If any club does not have sufficient courts to host playoff matches scheduled for the same date, its lowest ranked team must give up home advantage to its opponents who must host the match unless it has insufficient courts due only to another playoff match. The original home team must advise its opponents and the league organiser if 'home and away' is being switched at least two weeks prior to the match date.

Match scores, including names of all players, must be entered online within 24 hours of the match being played.
In the event of a 6-6 draw, the team with more 'games for' will be the winner. If games are equal then the team winning 2 rubbers will be the winner.

Pre-season, a draw will be carried out to decide whether Division 'A' or 'B' winners will play at home in any Championship playoff.
In Promotion/Relegation playoffs, the team in the higher division will play at home.

2026 playoff dates:

Women	Tuesday 11th August
Men	Friday 14th August
3 team Round Robin, 4 team Elimination draws, Division 1/2 /Division 2 playoff	Monday 10th–Friday 14th August

Check dates online.

In divisions of two sections, Section 'A' winners will play at home to Section 'B' winners.

UNKNOWN PLAYERS APPENDIX 4

An 'unknown player' should only be recorded in a match record in exceptional circumstances and must be substituted within 10 days, by either team captain, with the unknown player's name.

Recording an unknown player in a match results in the league organiser being unable to check the eligibility of that player. The League is investigating how to penalise teams whose matches have an unknown player recorded for more than 10 days.

The main reasons for not being able to find a player

- The player is not a member of LTA Advantage. Membership is free for members of venues/clubs registered with the LTA. Join at www.lta.org.uk/advantage
- The player's LTA Advantage membership is not linked to the club which they are representing. Login and manage LTA account.
- The player's gender in his/her LTA account is 'U' – unspecified - resulting in the player not able to be recorded in a men's or women's match. All LTA Advantage members must have completed a 'competition category form'.
- The player is 'playing up' from a lower team and has not previously been added to the higher team's online team list. The team captain who is entering results needs to click on 'add new player' in the team list and select the player. If player cannot be found then it will be for one of the above reasons.
- In Youth League matches, a player may not be eligible to play in the match age group. The League organiser should be advised of this as the result of any rubbers played by this player is void.
- Very seldomly, a junior player's LTA Advantage membership is in the name of a parent with the parent's year of birth. This results in the player not being able to be recorded in an age group competition. The club needs to advise parent to contact the LTA to resolve by submitting a 'Contact Us' form found at www.lta.org.uk

APPENDIX 5

WEST OF SCOTLAND
2026 YOUTH LEAGUES – RULES

8 & Under
9 & Under
10 & Under
11 - 18 & Under
Open Mixed

Problem Solving Issues & Regulations

All rules are subject to change up until 1st April 2026

TENNIS FOR BRITAIN

8&U Age Group Rules

1. Eligibility

Venue Eligibility

1.1 Entry to LTA Youth 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 2018 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, from that point onwards, 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 Youth 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 2026 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

Fixtures shall be played on the fixed dates and times specified. Three sessions are scheduled for each match date. Times are published online. Players should report to their team captain on the viewing gallery 10 minutes before the match start time and wait to be called down to court by the supervisor. This will prevent disruption to matches being played in the earlier session.

As a central venue format is being used, the league organiser will contact all team captains pre-season to provide arrangements and advise the date and time of a pre-season virtual meeting.

3.2 Courts and Equipment

The venue shall provide a minimum of 2 red courts (preferably 4); supply the court equipment and set-up the court in line with the Competition Framework - www.lta.org.uk/8-9-10competitions/

3.3 Balls

The venue will supply a minimum of 3 red balls (sponge for indoor; felt for outdoor) for each rubber.

3.4 Match Format

A match shall consist of 16 singles rubbers if two teams are playing each other. Each player shall play all opposing players. There will be no doubles rubbers at 8&U.

If three teams in a group then each match shall consist of 8 singles rubbers. 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

At least 15 minutes before the start time of each fixture, team captains must nominate in writing (on a scorecard) their singles players which should be 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.

3.7 Order of play

The venue supervisors will have an order of play which will be shared with the team captains.

3.8 Rubber Scoring

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

3.9 Match Scoring
A team is awarded 2 points for each rubber won.

3.10 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.
In a knock-out format, if match points are equal, the team with the higher number of points won will be the winner. If points are equal, the result of the rubber between players 1 v 1 will determine the winner;

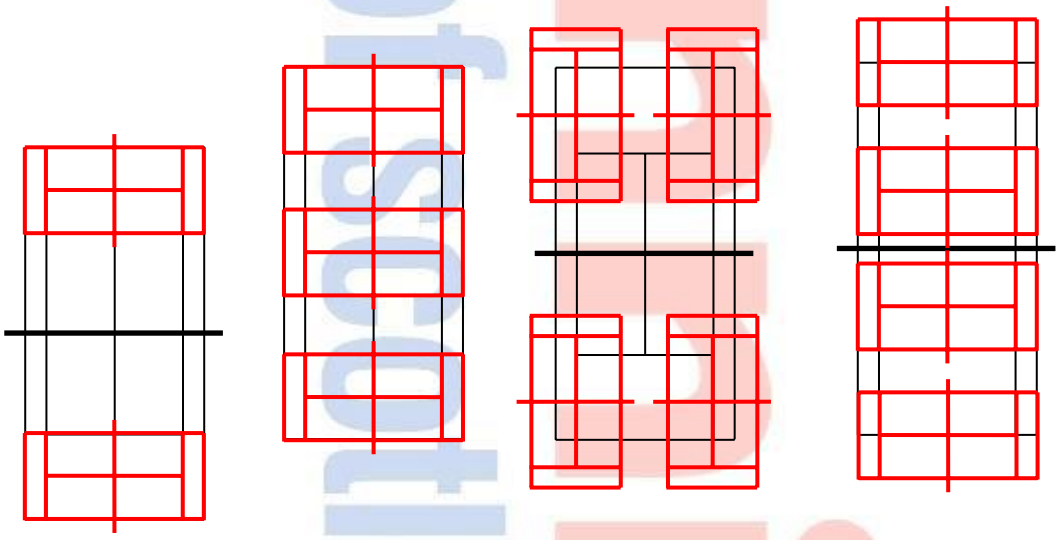
Both captains must complete and sign the Youth League scorecards and retain their copy. The winning captain (or home captain if a draw) must then submit the result online within 48 hours. The result may be added by the losing team captain if agreed on match day. Any teams found guilty of submitting false results shall be subject to rule 17.2.

3.11 Division Standings if competition played as a round robin league.
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/

Ball:	Red (sponge indoor, felt outdoor)
Court:	11m x 5.5m (ok to use badminton court lines)
Net Height:	80cm
Recommended Racket Size:	Up to 58cm (23")



9&U Age Group Rules

4. Eligibility

Venue Eligibility

4.1 Entry to LTA Youth 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 (born in 2017 or 2018). 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, from that point onwards, 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 Youth League Summer competition either at County or National level.
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 2026 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. Each team will play each other team in their division at least once.

6. Match Arrangements

6.1 Time & Date

Mixed League fixtures shall be played on the Wednesday afternoon fixed dates specified. 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.
Girls League fixtures should be played on the day and time scheduled. There will be flexibility to play before a fixed date if both teams agree.

Mixed League matches are to start no later than 5.00 pm unless both teams agree otherwise, and must be completed before the start of adult home matches with a 7.00 pm start time The home team must confirm start time with the away team a minimum of 14 days before the match date. It is both team captains' responsibility to contact each other to confirm start times. By the Tuesday, the week prior to the fixture, the away team must also confirm their team's attendance. 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.

6.2 Courts and Equipment

The home venue shall provide a minimum of 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 Mixed League match shall consist of 8 singles and 2 doubles rubbers. A Girls League match shall consist of 4 singles and 1 doubles rubber..

6.5 Team Format

A Mixed team shall consist of 4 players of any gender. There are no additional players or substitutions permitted at a match. A Girls team shall consist of 2 girls. No additional players are allowed in either 9U competition.

6.6 Singles Nominations

At least 15 minutes before the start time of each match, team captains must nominate in writing (on a 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.

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. There should be no rest period between rubbers other than any required toilet break.

6.9 Rubber Scoring
Singles & Doubles

	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.

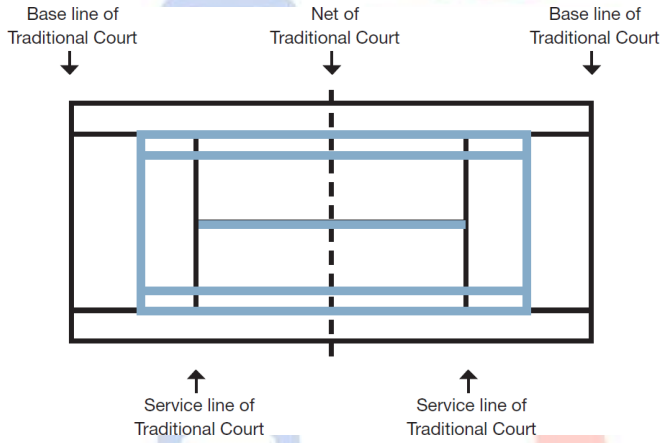
6.11 Match Result
The team with the most rubber points shall win the match. If teams are level on rubbers the match shall result in a draw.
A team will receive 2 match points on the league table for a match win and 1 match point for a draw.
In an elimination match only
At 5 points each, a doubles tie-break 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.

Both captains must complete and sign the Youth League scorecards and retain their copy. The winning captain (or home captain if a draw) must then submit the result online within 48 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
For more information, please visit www.lta.org.uk/8-9-10competitions/

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")

10&U Age Group Rules

7. Eligibility

Venue Eligibility

7.1 Entry to LTA Youth 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 2016 or 2017). 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, from that point onwards, 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 Youth 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 2026 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

Mixed League fixtures shall be played on the Friday afternoon fixed dates specified. It is both team captains' responsibility to contact each other before the fixture.
Girls League fixtures should be played on the day and time scheduled. There will be flexibility to play before a fixed date if both teams agree.

Mixed League matches are to start not later than 5.00 pm unless both teams agree otherwise and must be completed before the start of any adult match with a 7.00 pm start time. The home team must confirm start time with the away team a minimum of 14 days before the match date. It is both team captains' responsibility to contact each other to confirm start times. By the Tuesday, the week prior to the fixture, the away team must also confirm their team's attendance. 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.

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 Mixed League match shall consist of 4 singles and 2 doubles rubbers. A Girls League match shall consist of 2 singles and 1 doubles rubber. The match must be played over 2 rounds of rubbers.

9.5 Team Format

A Mixed League 4-player team shall consist of 4 players of any gender. Up to two additional players may play doubles only.
A Mixed League 2-player team shall consist of 2 players of any gender. One additional player may play doubles only.

A Girls League team shall consist of 2 girls. One additional player may play doubles only.

9.6 Singles Nominations

At least 15 minutes before the start time of each match, team captains must nominate in writing (on a 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 Mixed League Doubles Pairings [4 player teams]

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

9.8 Order of Play [4 player teams]

	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		

Order of Play [2 player teams]

	On 2 courts
Round 1	Singles 1&2
Round 2	Doubles

Team captains should agree an appropriate rest period between rubbers however the match must be completed by 7.00 pm if match courts are required for an adult match.

9.9 Rubber Scoring

	Sets 1 & 2	Set 3 (if necessary)
10&U	FAST4 • 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, 2 clear 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.

There is no shoot-out in a league of 2 player teams.

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.

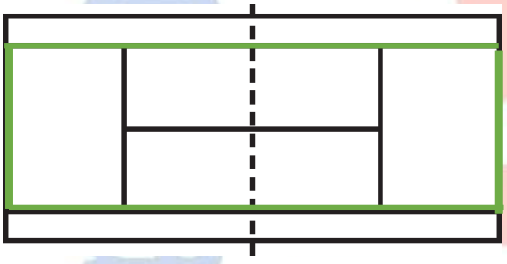
Both captains must complete and sign the Youth League scorecards and retain their copy. The winning captain must then submit the result online within 48 hours. The result may be added by the losing team captain if agreed on match day. Any teams found guilty of submitting false results shall be subject 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")



12&U & 16&U Age Group Rules

10. Eligibility

Venue Eligibility

10.1 Entry to LTA Youth & 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 2010 - 2015)
Girls/Boys 12 & Under (born in 2014 - 2015)

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 singles ITF World Tennis Number as of 1st April 2026, and if applicable, the 'B' team should be stronger than the 'C' team based on singles ITF World Tennis Number 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 (e.g., 'A' team in Premier 16&U) on more than one occasion, from that point onwards, they are no longer eligible to represent the lower team (e.g., 'B' team in County Tier 16&U).
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-18&U age groups in the Youth & National League Summer competition
II. Play in a maximum of two age groups, including the Open Mixed National League. A player may play in two Youth League age groups and play in the Glasgow Property Letting West of Scotland Summer Doubles League..

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 2026 and commit to representing that venue.
IV. Be of the correct age (see rule 10.2)

11. Competition Structure

11.1 LTA Youth League (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 on the fixed dates and times specified. 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. Fixtures scheduled on Saturdays may be played on the immediate day after the match date (next day) if both team captains agree.
Division 1 matches in the 12U and 16U events must be played at the time published online unless both captains agree to play at a different time. Matches in Division 2 and below must be played on the scheduled date at a mutually agreed time.

Fixtures are to start at the online time unless both teams agree otherwise.

The home team must confirm start time with the away team a minimum of 14 days before the match date. Away teams must still be active in obtaining the time. By the Tuesday, the week prior to the fixture, the away team must also confirm their team's attendance. 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 (age 18+) present at each fixture. The home team captain shall be responsible for welcoming the away team and organising refreshments.

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 training camps, International representation or other National/International competitions taking place in Great Britain (e.g., County Cup, Junior Internationals) on the same date.
Participation of nominated players competing in all other activities is not a reason for a match to be rescheduled.

12.2 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.

12.3 Balls

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

12.4 Match Format

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

12.5 Team Format

4-player teams

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.

2-player teams

Where the format is 2 singles and 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.

12.6 Singles Nominations

I. LTA Youth League (County Tier)

At least 15 minutes before the start time of each fixture, team captains must nominate in writing, on a scorecard, their singles players in order of merit in accordance with the ITF World Tennis Number (singles)
Any player(s) playing doubles only must be nominated at the same time.

12.7 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.

12.8 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		

It is recommended that there be a maximum of 10 minutes rest between rounds.

12.9 Rubber Scoring

	Sets 1 & 2	Set 3 (if necessary)
12&U – 16&U	Tie-break at 6-6	Match tie-break (to 10 points, 2 clear at 9-9)

12.10 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 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.

12.11 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 Youth & National League scorecards and retain their copy. The winning captain must then submit the result online within 48 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.

12.12 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.

11&U, 14&U and 18&U Age Group Rules

13. Eligibility

Venue Eligibility

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

Team Eligibility

13.2 Events:

Girls/Boys 18 & Under (born in 2008 - 2015)
Girls/Boys 14 & Under (born in 2012 - 2015)
Girls/Boys 11 & Under (born in 2016 - 2015)

13.3 A venue may enter more than one team in each event.

13.4 Where a venue has two or more teams in an event, the 'A' team should be the strongest team based on singles ITF World Tennis Number as of 1st April 2026, and if applicable, the 'B' team should be stronger than the 'C' team based on singles ITF World Tennis Number etc.

13.5 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.
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 8&U-18&U age groups in the Youth & National League Summer competition
II. Play in a maximum of two age groups, including the Open Mixed National League. A player may play in two Youth League age groups and play in the Glasgow Property Letting West of Scotland Summer Doubles League..

13.7 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 2026 and commit to representing that venue.
IV. Be of the correct age (see rule 10.2)

14. Competition Structure

14.1 LTA Youth League (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.

15. Match Arrangements

15.1 Time & Date

Fixtures shall be played on the fixed dates and times specified. 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. Fixtures scheduled on Saturdays may be played on the immediate day after the match date (next day) if both team captains agree.
Division 1 matches in the 11U, 14U and 18U events must be played at the time published online unless both captains agree to play at a different time. Matches in Division 2 and below must be played on the scheduled date at a mutually agreed time.

Fixtures are to start at the online time unless both teams agree otherwise.

The home team must confirm start time with the away team a minimum of 14 days before the match date. Away teams must still be active in obtaining the time. By the Tuesday, the week prior to the fixture, the away team must also confirm their team's attendance. 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 (age 18+) present at each fixture. The home team captain shall be responsible for welcoming the away team and organising refreshments.

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 training camps, International representation or other National/International competitions taking place in Great Britain (e.g., County Cup, Junior Internationals) on the same date.
Participation of nominated players competing in all other activities is not a reason for a match to be rescheduled.

15.2 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.

15.3 Balls

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

15.4 Match Format

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

15.5 Team Format

4-player teams

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.

2-player teams

Where the format is 2 singles and 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.

15.6 Singles Nominations

I. LTA Youth League (County Tier)

At least 15 minutes before the start time of each fixture, team captains must nominate in writing, on a scorecard, their singles players in order of merit in accordance with the ITF World Tennis Number (singles)
Any player(s) playing doubles only must be nominated at the same time.

15.7 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.

15.8 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		

It is recommended that there be a maximum of 10 minutes rest between rounds.

15.9 Rubber Scoring

	Sets 1 & 2	Set 3 (if necessary)
11U 14U 18U	FAST4	Match tie-break (to 10 points, 2 clear at 9-9)

15.10 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 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.

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 Youth & National League scorecards and retain their copy. The winning captain must then submit the result online within 48 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.

Open (adult) Age Group Rules

16. Eligibility

Venue Eligibility

16.1 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

16.2 Event: Mixed Open.

16.3 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.

16.4 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, from that point onwards, 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

16.5 A player may :

I. Represent one venue in the Open Mixed League and the same or any other venue in one junior age group played in the Summer Season.
II. Represent one venue in the Open Mixed League and another venue in any other Summer Season competition staged by Tennis West of Scotland.

16.6 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 venue they are competing for as of 1 April 2026 and commit to representing that venue.
IV. Be born on or before 31 December 2012.

16.7 A venue with a team(s) in the County Tier, does not need to nominate players and can play players of any standard.

17. Competition Structure

17.1 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.

17.2 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.
On match day the home team captain shall be responsible for welcoming the away team and organising refreshments.

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 14 days before the match date. By the Tuesday, the week prior to the fixture, the away team must also confirm their team's attendance. 3 rubber points may be deducted from the home teams accumulated league total at the discretion of the league organiser for non-compliance from either team.

17.3 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.

17.4 Balls

The home team shall supply a minimum of 3 new ITF approved balls for each singles rubber. In the National and Regional Tier, new balls shall be supplied for each doubles rubber.

17.5 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 rubbers.

17.6 Team Format

A team shall consist of four players – two men and two women. These four players shall play one singles rubber each and thereafter one mixed doubles rubber. The man and women who played at #1 singles cannot combine to play at #2 doubles. If only three courts are used for the match, rubbers should be played as below:

	COURT 1	COURT 2	COURT 3
ROUND 1	MS#1 V MS#1	WS#1 V WS#1	MS#2+WS#2 V MS#2+WS#2
ROUND 2	MS#2 V MS#2	WS#2 V WS#2	MS#1+WS#1 V MS#1+WS#1

17.7 SINGLES NOMINATIONS

At least 15 minutes before the start time of each fixture, team captains must nominate in writing, on a scorecard, their singles players in order of their ITF World Tennis Number singles band

DOUBLES NOMINATIONS

The team captains shall nominate in writing their doubles pairings 15 minutes after the singles rubbers have been completed. All players nominated for doubles must be on site at the time of nomination. The doubles pairings shall be nominated in accordance with the sum of the singles positions of the players in each pairing (see below). Where players are nominated for the doubles rubber(s) only then his/her singles position shall be regarded as:

Number 5 in the case of the 'doubles only player' with the higher singles ITF World Tennis Number band (or current ATP/WTA ranking)

Number 6 in the case of the 'doubles only player' with the lower singles ITF World Tennis Number band

If singles player number 1 plays with 5 and singles player 2 plays with 3 then 2 and 3 shall be the first pair. Where the total is the same, the pairing which includes the player who played in the highest order singles match shall be nominated as the first pair (e.g., if the pairings are 1 + 4 and 2 + 3, then 1 + 4 must be nominated as the first pair). If one player from a team of 4 is unable to play doubles, the nominated pair must play number 1.

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.

17.8 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	

17.9 Rubber Scoring

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

17.10 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.

17.11 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 48 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.

17.12 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.

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

18. Problem Solving Issues

18.1 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 in Summer leagues and 4-0, 4-0 in winter season leagus)). 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.

18.2 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 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. This penalty will be incurred by any team fielding an incomplete team in any Division 1 match in 'yellow ball' competition. The league organiser can consider application of the rule in matches in lower divisions.

The complete team shall be deemed to have won the forfeited rubbers by a score of 6-0 6-0 (Summer) or 4-0 4-0 (Winter). 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.

18.3 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.

18.4 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. New nominations may be submitted, and the match can be restarted. 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 greatest 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 (Summer) or 4-2, 2-4 (Winter) Should each team have won an equal number of rubbers then each team shall receive 6 rubber points and 1 match point.

18.5 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 (Summer) or 4-0, 4-0 (Winter) 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.

18.6 Playing out of order / Ineligible Player(s)

If players play out of order, then the singles rubbers involving those players shall be forfeited.

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. Any completed matches may stand for the purposes of ITF World Tennis Number and the match score must remain in place, however, the overall team score for that particular match will be awarded to the opposing team. 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 Rule 6.7/9.7/12.7/15.7 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/11&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.

18.7 For those teams in the National and Regional tiers, if any disputes occur on the day during the fixture that can't be resolved using the above regulations, the 'on call' referee must be contacted to help resolve any disputes.

19. Regulations

19.1 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.

19.2 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.

19.3 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.

19.4 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.

19.5 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 Competiti