

TENNIS WEST OF SCOTLAND Competitions Calendar

Plan B

The provisional official start of the competition season will not be before **16th August 2020** and will depend on government guidelines at that time.

- All 2020 Summer & Autumn Season league and cup competitions cancelled. Previously scheduled 2020 Summer & Autumn Season league and cup competitions will be played in 2021 as that year's competitions.
- All tournaments or events, scheduled to start before above date, cancelled.
- **Affiliated clubs will be invited to enter teams into a 'one-off' league competition which will operate from August to October 2020 – government guidance permitting.**
 - Separate men's and women's doubles competitions
 - Teams of 4 players [2 pairs] – online entries accepted from 8th July to 28th July.
 - A reduced entry fee of £30 per team entry.
 - Each pair to play 3 sets against opposite pair. The following formats will be permitted.
 - each set first to 6 games winning by 2 clear games. A 7 point tie-break played at 6 games all. A match tie-break – first to 10 points and winning by 2 clear points – may be played as the third set on either court.
 - each set first to 4 games winning by 2 clear games. A 7 point tie-break played at 4 games all. A match tie-break – first to 10 points and winning by 2 clear points – may be played as the third set on either court.
 - 1 point for each set won.
 - Each league will have 6 teams [i.e. 5 matches] except for the lowest divisions which may have 5 or 7 teams with one fewer or one additional fixture. A schedule of set dates will be issued which provides 1 match per team per week during the competition period.
 - Men's league – Wednesdays and Fridays
 - Women's league – Mondays and Tuesdays
 - The top two divisions' matches will be scheduled for Tuesday [Women] and Friday [Men]
 - Matches will start no later than 7.00 pm and no later than 6.30 pm if the home team's venue has no floodlights or has an early venue closing time. The home team captain must confirm the start time at least 5 days before the match is scheduled.
 - Sections within a division will be compiled on a geographical basis, where possible, to minimise travel time.
 - No after-match hospitality provided by the home team.
 - Dunlop balls will be awarded to each team winning a division.
 - Leagues will be compiled using final 2019 standings however final standings in the 2020 competition will **not** determine 2021 league positions [see above]

It is appreciated that there will be players [and some clubs] who will remain uncomfortable participating in such inter-club matches. It is recommended therefore that each club can enter not more than 4 teams into each of the men's and women's competitions and that each team has a pool of at least 6 players linked to it. Formal nominations need not be submitted. Additional teams may be entered if a club can guarantee the full commitment of its members to compete. Such team's home fixtures will be scheduled to be played on the same date and time as another of the club's teams.

- **WINTER LEAGUES**

2020-21 Winter Leagues will operate as normal from October 2020 to March 2021.

- **NATIONAL LEAGUE**

National League West of Scotland - Winter

Online entries will be invited from club teams to participate in this winter's National League in the West of Scotland. With the cancellation of the summer competition, it is anticipated that most junior players will be keen to play. Before online entry opens, please determine the availability and commitment of your players [and parents].

The information below should be noted before entering teams.

- The competition will run from September 2020 to March 2021 on scheduled weekend dates.
- Players' **2021 Dates of Birth** determine the age groups for which they are eligible.
- A player can play in not more than 2 age groups for which he/she is eligible.
- 8U and 9U events will be played as team days at a central venue to be advised. These team days will not be played before 1st January 2021 due to the uncertainty with regard to availability of venues.

AGE GROUP	EVENT	No. Players	Players' DOB	Match Format
BOYS - Division 1	18U	4 players	2003 - 2010	4 singles and 2 doubles rubbers
	14U	4 players	2007 - 2010	4 singles and 2 doubles rubbers
	12U	4 players	2009 - 2010	4 singles and 2 doubles rubbers
BOYS – Div. 2 Onwards	18U, 14U & 12U	2 players	Refer to above	2 singles and 1 doubles rubber
GIRLS – All Divisions	18U, 14U & 12U	2 players	Refer to above	2 singles and 1 doubles rubber
MIXED	10U	2 players	2011	2 singles and 1 doubles rubber
MIXED	9U	2 players	2012	Team days in 2021 – dates tba
MIXED	8U	4 players	2013 - 2014	Team days in 2021 – dates tba

- Online entry will open on Saturday 18th July and close **at midnight on Sunday 9th August.**
- Entry link:- National League West of Scotland Winter
- Please use the same login and password issued at the start of 2020.
- Entry fees [£30] will be included in the 2021 club invoices. 8U & 9U entry fees will be set and advised once the number of team days is confirmed.
- The LTA will publish Rules online at www.lta.org.uk before the closing date for entries.

- **CHAMPIONSHIP EVENTS**

West of Scotland Open
29 October – 01 November Scotstoun Leisure Centre

West of Scotland Junior Doubles
19 / 20 December Scotstoun Leisure Centre

Rowan Cup & Bulletin Trophy
10 January 2021 Scotstoun Leisure Centre

