



AEGON TEAM TENNIS 2013 CAPTAIN'S GUIDE

INCLUDING 8&U -
OPEN RULES

AEGON TEAM TENNIS 2013



Aegon Team Tennis 2013 – Competition Match Dates

The following are the Aegon Team Tennis fixed match dates for all age groups / tiers. Fixed match dates are used to help teams confirm court and player availability at an early stage. Based on feedback received from team captains, organisers and clubs last season the County Tier dates have been separated from the Regional leagues (12&U-Open). This is to help improve player availability for matches at all age groups / tiers.

- Where matches are rained off on their original scheduled match date, they will be re played on the official rain date, or an agreed date before the rain date
- Not all match dates may be necessary due to division sizes
- In Scotland, Open (adult) teams will play in September/October

County Tier 8&U – Open (adult): 2013 Dates

Matches are to be played on the fixed dates specified. There is flexibility to play before a date if both teams agree. Please note that your county may be running a central venue event for 8&U (Mini Red) Team Tennis

| County Tier 8&U | County Tier 9&U | County Tier 10&U |
|-----------------|-----------------|------------------|
| 21 April | 20 April | 21 April |
| 27 April | 11 May | 27 April |
| 12 May | 19 May | 12 May |
| 18 May | 2 June | 18 May |
| 8 June | 9 June | 8 June |
| 22 June (rain) | 23 June (rain) | 22 June (rain) |

| County Tier 12&U | County Tier 14&U | County Tier 16&U | County Tier 18&U |
|------------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|
| 20 April | 21 April | 20 April | 13 April |
| 28 April | 27 April | 28 April | 21 April |
| 11 May | 12 May | 11 May | 12 May |
| 19 May | 8 June | 19 May | 18 May |
| 9 June | 16 June | 15 June | 16 June |
| 23 June (rain) | 22 June (rain) | 23 June (rain) | 22 June (rain) |

Premier 12&U-18&U and National/Regional Open: 2013 Dates

The following are the fixed match dates for the regional leagues (12&U-Open). At the National/Regional Open tier all matches take place at 12pm.

| Premier 12&U | Premier 14&U | Premier 16&U | Premier 18&U |
|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|
| 21 April | 14 April | 21 April | 14 April |
| 28 April | 27 April | 28 April | 20 April |
| 19 May | 11 May | 12 May | 27 April |
| 9 June | 25 May | 19 May | 11 May |
| 15 June | 16 June | 9 June | 16 June |
| 23 June (Rain) | 22 June (rain) | 23 June (rain) | 22 June (rain) |

Premier 12&U - 18&U Finals
National Tennis Centre
Saturday 20 & Sunday 21 July

| County Tier Open (adult) |
|----------------------------------|
| 14 April |
| 28 April |
| 19 May |
| 2 June |
| 9 June |
| 22 June (rain) |
| |
| County Tier Open Playoffs |
| (Open Division 1 Winners Only) |
| Date 1: 14 July |
| Date 2: 28 July |

| National/Regional Open |
|------------------------|
| 7 April |
| 21 April |
| 28 April |
| 12 May |
| 19 May |
| 2 June |
| 9 June |
| 16 June (rain) |

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|------------------------------|
| National Open Playoff |
| Sunday 30 June |
| National Open Finals |
| The West Hants Club |
| Friday 12 - Sunday 14 July |

WELCOME

Team Captains!

Welcome to AEGON Team Tennis 2013 - We hope you and your team are looking forward to an exciting season

This Captain's guide serves as a helpful resource to ensure that the Team Tennis experience of yourself, your players, and all those involved at your place to play is a positive one

The opening pages offer you tools and information to successfully organise your team before, during and after a match

The second half of the guide contains the Competition Rules which need to be followed to ensure matches are played consistently and fairly

Please see below what you can expect to find:

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From Wednesday 1 May 2013, team captains will be able to feedback through an online feedback survey at www.LTA.org.uk/Aegon-Team-Tennis

We hope you find the contents useful and wish your team a successful 2013 season

Good luck!

Thank you!

By taking on the role of Team Captain, you are helping support the tennis experience of many players and are a valued part of the competition. To help you in your role, we have included helpful resources within this guide, and developed the online captain's area at: www.LTA.org.uk/Aegon-Team-Tennis

Team Tennis matches impact on a large number of people ranging from players, parents, club members, club managers and club coaches. Team captain's are in a key position to ensure the match is positive and fun for all those involved

The competition team has 4 essential values we expect from all team captain's taking part in AEGON Team Tennis

Communication – Commitment – Respect – Pride

To support these values, the competition encourage:

1. Regular, timely communication with your own team and opposition
2. Excellent organisation before and on match day for a positive experience
3. Be an ambassador for your place to play, setting an example to your players and being welcoming to visiting teams

The following pages outline the tasks and roles of the team captain to help you achieve the above;

- Pre-Match Checklist (page 5)
- Roles on Match Day (page 6)
- Post Match Tasks (page 7)

Tips for avoiding walkovers - Solving Court Issues:

- Look to play the match on 2 or 3 courts instead of 4
- Stagger the start times of all matches at your club to allow for adequate court space
- Look to play at another local place to play or switch the home/away with your opposition

Regular, timely communication with your own team and opposition

Recommended Pre-Match Timeline

6+ weeks before first match date: Confirm the match date, time and venue with your opposing captain(s). Captains' contact details can be obtained through your online league or league organiser

- Away Teams - Investigate travel distances/times at this stage and plan accordingly

4-6 weeks before match date: Give all the match dates to your players/parents when the date, time and venue of fixtures are confirmed. Ask players to inform you if they cannot play on a particular date

- Home Teams - Ensure sufficient courts are booked at your place to play as soon as the time of the match is confirmed with your opposition. A minimum of 2 courts is required for a match

2-4 weeks before match date: Finalise the team selections and contact players/parents to confirm selection/availability. Consider having a reserve on standby for each match

- Home Teams - Confirm arrangements regarding post match hospitality. This may involve speaking to your catering/bar manager or arranging some post match food/drinks among parents/players
- Both Teams – ensure your players are linked to your venue through the LTA database (see page 7)

3-5 days prior to the match: Reminder call or text message to your players and opposing team captain to remind them of agreed meeting time and confirm the match arrangements

- Home Teams - Ensure you have court equipment available such as match balls, net winders, single sticks and scoreboards. Please note only match balls and a net winder is required
- Home Teams - Mini Tennis 8&U and 9&U captains will require lines and nets (8&U). Liaise with your club coach or manager if any of the above is required but not available to you. Please see the court setup within the rules for further details on court size/layout
- Home Teams – ask your club manager to send an email to members promoting your fixture

Think about taking your camera to the match! Captains are encouraged to take photos of the team (on and off court) to promote the team during the season whether that is within your own place to play, through local media, your county office or by sending photos in to teamentennis@LTA.org.uk

Tips for avoiding walkovers - Solving Player Availability Issues:

- Consider selecting eligible players who were not originally part of your squad list
- Consider bringing in eligible players from younger age groups
- Consider playing the match with less than 4 players. Teams can still win with 3 players. Please contact your opposing captain beforehand if you intend on playing with less than 4 players

Excellent Organisation / Be an ambassador for your place to play

Home Teams

Before Departure

Ensure you have a printed scorecard and copy of rules (either rule book or printed rules) available from www.LTA.org.uk/Aegon-Team-Tennis. Take any food/drink if you are providing the post-match hospitality

On Arrival

We suggest arriving at least 30 minutes before the agreed start time to confirm with your club which courts you are playing on and to gather any equipment required such as match balls, net winders, scoreboards (if available) and Mini tennis equipment (for 8&U and 9&U)

- Home teams are expected to be accommodating to away teams after the match (see below)
- 15 minutes before match time - Complete the singles nominations with your opposing captain

During/After Match

Stay close to the courts throughout the match, keeping an eye on the matches taking place. Speak to your opposing captain on site should any issues arise, not other parents/players (see page 31)

- Invite your opposition in to the club house after the match. Food and drink are strongly encouraged to create an enjoyable atmosphere and experience for the players/captains
- Ensure your match scorecard is fully complete and signed by both captains before you depart

Match Day Hospitality - Minimum Expectations

All home teams are expected to be welcoming to away teams. This involves greeting them on arrival and signposting the courts, changing rooms and other facilities. The following are the minimum expectations the competition expect home teams to provide on match day:

- **County Tier 8&U-18&U** – Cold drinks such as water, orange squash as well as snacks between and after matches. Snacks could include fruit, crisps and biscuits
- **County Tier Open (adult)** – Options for Cold or Hot drinks should be offered to the away team during and after the match
- **Premier 12&U-18&U** – Cold drinks such as water and orange squash. Due to travel distances involved food should be provided such as sandwiches, crisps, chips or equivalent
- **National/Regional Open** – Options for Cold or Hot drinks during and after the match should be available for away teams. A post match meal (hot or cold) should be provided

Away Teams

Away teams should follow the general guidance above. Please note that away teams should arrive 30 minutes before the agreed match time. For a journey time of 1 hour, you should look to leave your agreed meeting point at 10.30am for a match starting at 12pm

Winning team Captain

Well done on winning your match!

All results from Team Tennis 2013 are entered ONLINE by the winning team captain. Referring to the signed match scorecard, the winning team captain is required to enter the results online within 48 hours of the match being completed

To enter results you require a login/password which will be included in the Online Results Process email sent to your listed team captain in March. Do not change your club login/password. If the password does not work, please contact your league organiser

How to Enter Results Video

A 'How to Enter Results Video' is available for Team Captains to view at: www.LTA.org.uk/Aegon-Team-Tennis

We strongly recommend viewing this video if you are entering results for the first time or experience any problems. This video includes tips such as how to add players that are not on your club list

Unknown Players / Adding players to your venue

All players must be linked to the place to play they are competing for through the LTA database. If a player is not linked they will not appear on the results entry. Please ensure each of your players and your opposition captain is aware of this. Players need to login to their British Tennis Members area of the LTA website and update their 'My Tennis Venue' within the Manage Account area. Alternatively players can call British Tennis Services on 0208 487 7000.

Losing team Captain

After 48 hours, please view the result online and confirm the results are correct. Inform your league organiser immediately if you identify an incorrect result. Please refer to the Online Results Process email sent by your League Organiser in March 2013 which explains the process

Both Teams

If you have further matches to play, please contact your next opposition to confirm arrangements and confirm your player selections

If you took photos from the match, look to promote them on your club notice board, club website, local media, local county office and/or send them in to teamentennis@LTA.org.uk

If this was your last match, please ensure you provide feedback through the Online Feedback Survey available at www.LTA.org.uk/Aegon-Team-Tennis from Wednesday 1 May 2013

Rating and ranking points are allocated to winning players competing in Team Tennis. Ranking points are awarded at Grades 1-5. Grade 6 events are for Ratings only. Ranking points are accumulated match on match, and a single event total awarded to players. The following shows the grading of each event for Team Tennis 2013:

Open (adult)

- Grade 1 - Aegon Team Tennis National Open Finals
- Grade 2 - Aegon Team Tennis National Open (Group & Play-offs)
- Grade 3 - Aegon Team Tennis Regional Open
- Grade 4 - Aegon Team Tennis County Open Division 1 (Play-offs)
- Grade 5 - Aegon Team Tennis County Open Division 1
- Grade 6 - Aegon Team Tennis County Open Division 2 onwards

8&U – 18&U

- Grade 1 - Aegon Team Tennis Premier 12&U – 18&U Finals
- Grade 3 - Aegon Team Tennis Premier 12&U – 18&U (Group Stage)
- Grade 5 - Aegon Team Tennis 8&U – 18&U Division 1
- Grade 6 - Aegon Team Tennis 8&U – 18&U Division 2 onwards

Team Competition Ranking Points Table*

| | G1 | G2 | G3 | G4 | G5 | Grade 6 |
|-------------------|-----|----|----|----|----|--------------|
| Win Over Player 1 | 100 | 90 | 70 | 45 | 20 | Ratings Only |
| Win Over Player 2 | 95 | 85 | 65 | 40 | 19 | Ratings Only |
| Win Over Player 3 | 90 | 80 | 60 | 35 | 18 | Ratings Only |
| Win Over Player 4 | 85 | 75 | 55 | 30 | 17 | Ratings Only |

*Ranking points for Aegon Team Tennis Series competitions will be accumulated match on match, and a single total awarded to players after the event. Exceptions; where competitions have 2 or more stages, ranking points will be accumulated per stage. E.g. A player competing in Aegon Team Tennis Premier 12&U will be awarded a single total from the 'Group' stage, and if the team qualify to the 'Finals' will be awarded a single total from the 'Finals' stage

The team competition structure can be viewed online at www.LTA.org.uk/players-parents/Competition/

When will I see my ranking points?

A player's accumulated total will be updated in each ranking run during the Team Tennis season. This is dependant on team captains correctly inputting the results on time. Results must be added online by the Tuesday night following a match to appear on player profiles on the LTA website on Thursday. This loading process happens weekly. Ranking points will be awarded to players after the end of competition (mid July)

Mini Tennis Ratings – Qualifying Wins

Team Tennis will comply with the competition age group system. For all questions related to this area, please consult the Competition Age Group FAQ's at www.LTA.org.uk/players-parents/Competition

Extensive feedback from team captains, players, parents, counties and league organisers has been reviewed and the competition team wish to highlight some 'key changes and information' for Team Tennis 2013 which is important for all people involved. These are not the competition rules.

All Age Groups / All Tiers

- **Appropriateness of Matches** – It is extremely important that all junior teams communicate clearly with the league organiser regarding the ratings and standard of the team in order for appropriate leagues to be set up. League organisers have the right to refuse an entry if this information is not received by the closing date.
- **Commitment & Walkovers** – Team's conceding a walkover during the season will take no further part in the league because of the negative impact on all those involved. Matches can be played before the match date at the County Tier, at a different start time, or played with less than 4 players to avoid entire team walkovers and allow those available players the chance to play. (see page 4 for further support)
- **Match Day Hospitality** – It is both team captains' responsibility to contact each other about the match date and start time. Welcoming teams to your place to play and providing refreshments during and after the match is something the competition team strongly encourages. As such, minimum requirements for match day hospitality will be set for each tier of Aegon Team Tennis which all teams must abide by.
- **Team Kit** – The competition team have combined with Nike, the official clothing provider of the LTA to offer exclusive team kit offers for all teams competing in Team Tennis 2013. Teams will be able to buy competitively priced kit with a free Aegon Team Tennis logo and club name printed on their clothing. Go to www.LTA.org.uk/Aegon-Team-Tennis for more information and to order your team kit for the 2013 season

Mini Tennis 8&U-10&U

- **Mini Tennis Ratings** – Updates have been made to the priority playing order on match day to improve appropriateness and to help make the nominations process simpler. Please look closely at the 8&U, 9&U and 10&U match day playing order rules.

Premier 12&U-18&U

- **16&U / 18&U Age Groups** – Due to a significantly higher number of walkovers the competition team will continue to monitor these age groups closely and may adjust league sizes at acceptance stage or league formats as a result of entries received.
- **Finals Eligibility** – All players must have played in 1 league stage match (singles or doubles rubber) for the qualifying team to be eligible for the Premier 12&U-18&U Finals.

National/Regional Open (adult)

- **Player Nominations** – Only players with a British Tennis Rating of 4.1 or better or with an ATP/WTA singles ranking of 750 or better as of 4 March 2013 need to be nominated. Teams may nominate up to two players with an ATP/WTA singles ranking of 750 or better that have not played 2 AEGON Team Tennis matches for the same venue they are being nominated for each of the past 2 seasons (see rule 13.8).
- **National Open Playoffs** – The National Open Playoffs have been reviewed. A new seeding process is in place for 2013. The Open (adult) Rules contain full details.

We expect team captains to read the rules before the season and have this book with you at each match. This will greatly help onsite match queries and help provide a more enjoyable Team Tennis experience for all those involved

Please view the Contents below to find the Rules for each Team Tennis event:

Rules Contents

- 11 - 13** ■ **8&U Rules**
- 14 - 16** ■ **9&U Rules**
- 18 - 20** ■ **10&U Rules**
- 21 - 23** ■ **12&U – 18&U Rules**
- 24 - 28** ■ **Open (adult) Rules**
- 29 - 30** ■ **Problem Solving Issues / Regulations (all)**
- 31** **Matches played without a Chair Umpire**

Match Scorecards

Match scorecards are required at matches by both captains. To download match scorecards, or printed version of the rules please visit:

www.LTA.org.uk/Aegon-Team-Tennis

Promote your team

- Put up a poster at your venue the week before your match to advertise who is playing, when and who your opposition is
- Speak to your club manager about putting a line in your internal club emails to members about the match
- Put together a team blog / match report on the day
- Take photos on and off court of the team
- Send your blog, match report and/or photos to your club manager, league organiser and local newspaper after the match. Email teamtennis@LTA.org.uk who will put your team photos on the LTA website

1. Eligibility

Places to Play Eligibility

- 1.1 Entry to Aegon Team Tennis ('the Competition') is open only to registered places to play, defined as Associates in Rule 4 of the LTA.

Team Eligibility

- 1.2 Event: Mixed 8 & Under (born on 1 September 2004 or later).
- 1.3 A place to play may enter more than one team in the event.
- 1.4 Where a place to play has two or more teams in the event, the 'A' team should be the strongest team based on ratings, and if applicable, the 'B' team should be stronger than the 'C' team based on ratings etc.
- 1.5 Where a place to play has two or more teams in the event, a player may 'play up' on a maximum of one occasion without loss of eligibility in their lower team. Once a player has represented a higher team on more than one occasion, they are no longer eligible to represent the lower team.

Player Eligibility

- 1.6 A player may only:
 - I. Represent one place to play in the competition.
 - II. Play in a maximum of two age groups.
- 1.7 All players must:
 - I. Have a British Tennis Membership number which links to the place to play they are competing for.
 - II. Have a Mini Tennis rating.
 - III. Be a member of the place to play they are competing for as of 1 April 2013.
 - IV. 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 place to play registration code. Each league will be divided into divisions of 3-6 teams. Each team will play each other team in their division once¹.

3. Match Arrangements

- 3.1 Dates
Matches shall be played on the fixed dates specified². Matches are to start between 10am-2pm unless both teams agree otherwise³. Each team must have an adult captain (age 18+) present at each match.

1. Counties may run a central venue event at 8&U
 2. It is both team captains responsibility to contact each other before the match. There will be flexibility to play before a fixed date if both teams agree and there is prior consent from the league organiser. There will also be flexibility for teams to play one or more matches on the same day at the same venue with agreement of the opposing teams and the league organiser. If opposing teams don't agree the match is to be played on the fixed date specified. On match day the home team captain shall be responsible for welcoming the away team and organising refreshments.
 3. Or the league organiser instructs differently. It is both team captains responsibility to contact each other to confirm start times.

3.2 Courts and Equipment

The home place to play shall provide a minimum of 2 mini-red courts (preferably 4); supply the court equipment and set-up the court in line with the Competition Framework
<http://www.lta.org.uk/LTA-Mini-Tennis/Red/Mini-Tennis-Red/>

3.3 Balls

The home team shall 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. Each player shall play all opposing players. There are no doubles.

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 match, team captains must nominate in writing (on a Team Tennis scorecard) their singles players which should be in order of merit in accordance with current Mini Tennis ratings.

Singles Playing Order

Players with a Priority 1 rating must play above Priority 2 rated players and so on (see table below).

| Priority 1 | Priority 2 | Priority 3 |
|--|------------|--|
| Eligible orange rated players in order of merit (see rule 1.2) | Red 1 | Red 2-4 in any order (captains decision) |

If players have the same rating, the captain can decide the team order which may change from match to match. Note; boys and girls may play against one another.

3.7 Order of play (based on 4 mini-red courts)

| | Court 1 | Court 2 | Court 3 | Court 4 |
|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|
| Round 1 | 1 v 1 | 2 v 2 | 3 v 3 | 4 v 4 |
| Round 2 | 1 v 2 | 2 v 1 | 3 v 4 | 4 v 3 |
| Round 3 | 1 v 3 | 2 v 4 | 3 v 1 | 4 v 2 |
| Round 4 | 1 v 4 | 2 v 3 | 3 v 2 | 4 v 1 |

Each round should take approximately 15 minutes. Matches should follow one another immediately. Home players stay on same court.

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.

Both captains must complete and sign the Team Tennis scorecards, and retain their copy. The winning captain (or home captain if a draw) must then submit the result online within 48 hours⁴.

3.11 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.

Mini Tennis Red – Equipment & court lay-out

For more information please visit:

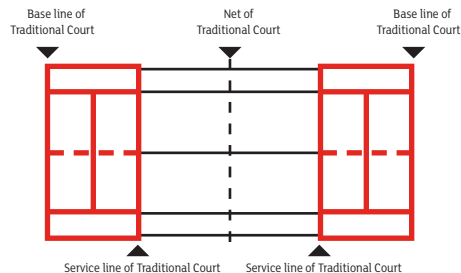
<http://www.lta.org.uk/LTA-Mini-Tennis/Red/Mini-Tennis-Red/>

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")



⁴ Any teams found guilty of submitting false results shall be subject to rule 17.2

4. Eligibility**Places to Play Eligibility**

- 4.1 Entry to Aegon Team Tennis ('the Competition') is open only to registered places to play, defined as Associates in Rule 4 of the LTA.

Team Eligibility

- 4.2 Event: Mixed 9 & Under (born between 1 September 2003 - 31 August 2004). Mini Tennis red players will be allowed to play up when in their second to last and last season of red ball if they have reached a red 1 Mini Tennis rating. Passport players will be allowed to play up inline with the Player Passport system.
- 4.3 A place to play may enter more than one team in the event.
- 4.4 Where a place to play has two or more teams in the event, the 'A' team should be the strongest team based on ratings, and if applicable, the 'B' team should be stronger than the 'C' team based on ratings etc.
- 4.5 Where a place to play has two or more teams in the event, a player may 'play up' on a maximum of one occasion without loss of eligibility in their lower team. Once a player has represented a higher team on more than one occasion, they are no longer eligible to represent the lower team.

Player Eligibility

- 4.6 A player may only:
- I. Represent one place to play in the competition.
 - II. Play in a maximum of two age groups.
- 4.7 All players must:
- I. Have a British Tennis Membership number which links to the place to play they are competing for.
 - II. Have a Mini Tennis rating.
 - III. Be a member of the place to play they are competing for as of 1 April 2013.
 - IV. 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 place to play registration code. Each league will be divided into divisions of 3-6 teams. Each team will play each other team in their division once.

6. Match Arrangements

- 6.1 Dates
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2. Or the league organiser instructs differently. It is both team captains responsibility to contact each other to confirm start times.

- 6.2 Courts and Equipment
The home place to play shall provide 2 mini-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 <http://www.lta.org.uk/LTA-Mini-Tennis/Orange/Mini-Tennis-Orange/>
- 6.3 Balls
The home team shall supply a minimum of 3 orange balls for each rubber.
- 6.4 Match Format
A match shall consist of 8 singles and 2 doubles rubbers.
- 6.5 Team Format
A team shall consist of 4 players of any gender. There are no additional players or substitutions permitted at a match.
- 6.6 Singles Nominations
At least 15 minutes before the start time of each match, team captains must nominate in writing (on a Team Tennis scorecard) their singles players in order of merit in accordance with current Mini Tennis ratings.

Singles Playing Order

Players with a Priority 1 rating must play above Priority 2 rated players and so on (see table below).

| Priority 1 | Priority 2 | Priority 3 | Priority 4 |
|---|------------|------------|---|
| Eligible Green rated players in order of merit (see rule 4.2) | Orange 1* | Orange 1 | Orange 2-4 in any order (captains decision) |

If players have the same rating, the captain can decide the team order which may change from match to match. Note; boys and girls may play against one another.

- 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 2v2 | Singles 4v4 |
| Round 3 | Singles 1v1 | Singles 3v3 |
| Round 4 | Singles 1v2 | Singles 3v4 |
| Round 5 | Singles 2v1 | Singles 4v3 |

Matches should follow one another immediately.

6.9 Rubber Scoring
Singles & Doubles

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

6.10 Match Scoring

A team is awarded 2 points for each rubber won.

6.11 Match Result

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

Both captains must complete and sign the Team Tennis scorecards, and retain their copy. The winning captain (or home captain if a draw) must then submit the result online within 48 hours⁵.

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- 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.

Mini Tennis Orange – Equipment & court lay-out

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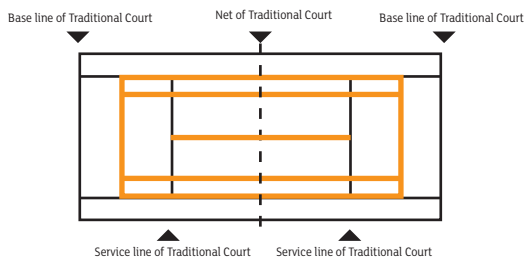
<http://www.lta.org.uk/LTA-Mini-Tennis/Orange/Mini-Tennis-Orange/>

Ball: Orange

Court: Court: Singles court: 18m X 6.5m; Doubles court: 18m X 8.23

Net Height: 80cm (at middle of net)

Recommended Racket Size: 58cm - 63cm (23" - 25")



3. Any teams found guilty of submitting false results shall be subject to rule 17.2.



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7. Eligibility**Places to Play Eligibility**

- 7.1 Entry to Aegon Team Tennis ('the Competition') is open only to registered places to play, defined as Associates in Rule 4 of the LTA.

Team Eligibility

- 7.2 Event: Mixed 10 & Under (born between 1 September 2002 – 31 August 2003). Mini Tennis orange players will be allowed to play up when in their final season of orange ball if they have reached an orange 1 or orange 1* Mini Tennis rating. Passport players will be allowed to play up inline with the Player Passport system.
- 7.3 A place to play may enter more than one team in the event.
- 7.4 Where a place to play has two or more teams in the event, the 'A' team should be the strongest team based on ratings, and if applicable, the 'B' team should be stronger than the 'C' team based on ratings etc.
- 7.5 Where a place to play has two or more teams in the event, a player may 'play up' on a maximum of one occasion without loss of eligibility in their lower team. Once a player has represented a higher team on more than one occasion, they are no longer eligible to represent the lower team.

Player Eligibility

- 7.6 A player may only:
- I. Represent one place to play in the competition.
 - II. Play in a maximum of two age groups.
- 7.7 All players must:
- I. Have a British Tennis Membership number which links to the place to play they are competing for.
 - II. Have a Mini Tennis rating.
 - III. Be a member of the place to play they are competing for as of 1 April 2013.
 - IV. 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 place to play registration code. Each league will be divided into divisions of 3-6 teams. Each team will play each other team in their division once.

9. Match Arrangements

- 9.1 Dates
Matches shall be played on the fixed dates specified¹. Matches are to start between 10am-4pm unless both teams agree otherwise². Each team must have an adult captain present at each match.

1. It is both team captains responsibility to contact each other before the match. There will be flexibility to play before a fixed date if both teams agree and there is prior consent from the league organiser. On match day the home team captain shall be responsible for welcoming the away team and organising refreshments.
2. Or the league organiser instructs differently. It is both team captains responsibility to contact each other to confirm start times.

- 9.2 Courts
The home place to play shall provide 2, 3 or 4 courts of the same surface. Where more than one court surface is used, the away team shall have the choice of court allocation.
- 9.3 Balls
The home team shall supply a minimum of 3 green balls for each rubber.
- 9.4 Match Format
A match shall consist of 4 singles and 2 doubles rubbers.
- 9.5 Team Format
A team shall consist of 4 players of any gender. There are no additional players or substitutions permitted at a match.
- 9.6 Singles Nominations
At least 15 minutes before the start time of each match, team captains must nominate in writing (on a Team Tennis scorecard) their singles players in order of merit in accordance with current Mini Tennis ratings.

Singles Playing Order

Players with a Priority 1 rating must play above Priority 2 rated players and so on (see table below).

| Priority 1 | Priority 2 | Priority 3 | Priority 4 |
|--|------------|------------|---|
| Eligible British Tennis rated players in order of merit (see rule 7.2) | Green 1* | Green 1 | Orange 1*, Orange 1 and/or Green 2-4 in any order (captains decision) |

If players have the same rating, the captain can decide the team order which may change from match to match. Note: boys and girls may play against one another.

- 9.7 Doubles Pairings
Pair 1: Singles players 1&2
Pair 2: Singles players 3&4
- 9.8 Order of Play

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

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

- 9.9 Rubber Scoring

| | Sets 1 & 2 | Set 3 (if necessary) |
|------|-----------------------------------|---|
| 10&U | First to 4 games, tiebreak at 4-4 | Match tiebreak (to 10 points, with 2 clear) |

9.10 Match Scoring

A team is awarded 2 points for each rubber won.

At 6 points each, a doubles tiebreak shoot-out (to 10 points, with 2 clear) shall be played. 1 bonus rubber point will be awarded to the winning team in a tiebreak shoot-out.

Tie-Break Shootout (1 pair):

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

Player 2: One of the players from the 3rd/4th singles rubbers.

9.11 Match Result

The team with the most rubber points shall win the match.

A team will receive 2 match points on the league table for a match win.

Both captains must complete and sign the Team Tennis scorecards, and retain their copy. The winning captain must then submit the result online within 48 hours³.

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.

Mini Tennis Green – Equipment & court lay-out

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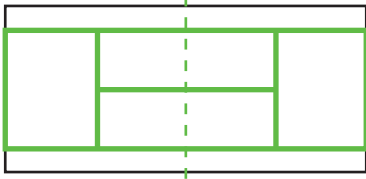
<http://www.lta.org.uk/LTA-Mini-Tennis/Green/Mini-Tennis-Green/>

Ball: Green

Court: Singles court: full regulation singles court

Net Height: 91.4cm (3ft - as per regulation court)

Recommended Racket Size: 63cm - 66cm (25" - 26")



³. Any teams found guilty of submitting false results shall be subject to rule 17.2.

(County Tier & Premier 12&U-18&U)**10. Eligibility****Places to Play Eligibility**

10.1 Entry to Aegon Team Tennis ('the Competition') is open only to registered places to play, defined as Associates in Rule 4 of the LTA.

Team Eligibility

10.2 Events:

Girls/Boys 12 & Under (born 1 September 2000 – 31 August 2002¹)

Girls/Boys 16 & Under (born 1 September 1996 – 31 August 2002)

Girls/Boys 14 & Under (born 1 September 1998 – 31 August 2002)

Girls/Boys 18 & Under (born 1 September 1994 – 31 August 2002)

10.3 A place to play may enter more than one team in each event.

10.4 Where a place to play has two or more teams in an event, the 'A' team should be the strongest team based on ratings, and if applicable, the 'B' team should be stronger than the 'C' team based on ratings etc.

10.5 Where a place to play 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 14&U) on more than one occasion, they are no longer eligible to represent the lower team (e.g. 'B' team in County Tier 14&U).

Player Eligibility

10.6 A player may only:

- I. Represent one place to play in the 8&U-18&U age groups.
- II. Play in a maximum of two age groups, including Open (adult).

10.7 All players must:

- I. Have a British Tennis Membership number which links to the place to play they are competing for.
- II. Have a British Tennis rating.
- III. Be a member of the place to play they are competing for as of 1 April 2013.
- IV. Be of the correct age (see rule 10.2).

11. Competition Structure

11.1 County Tier

Teams shall be entered in a County Tier league based on their place to play registration code.

Each league will be divided into divisions of 3-6 teams. Each team will play each other team in their division once.

¹. Mini Tennis green players will be allowed to play up (in 12&U yellow ball) when in their final season of green ball if they have reached a green 1 or green 1* Mini Tennis rating. Mini Tennis Passport players will be allowed to play up inline with the Player Passport system.

11.2 Premier 12&U-18&U

The Premier 12&U-18&U is open to 12&U, 14&U, 16&U, 18&U age groups only. The top 6 teams in 4 set regions (determined by places to play registration codes and the competition structure) may be accepted in each age group event. Acceptance will be based on the ratings of 6 players. Teams are required to nominate 6 players at the time of entry inline with rule 10.6 and 10.7. Further players can represent the team during the season in line with rule 10.5, 10.6 and 10.7.

11.3 Premier 12&U-18&U Finals

The winning team from each region will qualify to the finals. The Referee shall seed 2 teams in the draw. Players must have competed in one league stage match for the qualifying team to be eligible to compete in the Finals and may only play in one age group at the Finals. Exception; Teams may nominate a player who has not played a league stage match, provided they are rated no better than the lowest nominated player who has played in at least one league stage match. Team captains will be allowed on court during the Finals and will be subject to the LTA Code of Conduct.

12. Match Arrangements

12.1 Dates

Matches shall be played on the fixed dates specified². Matches are to start between 10am-4pm unless both teams agree otherwise³. Each team must have an adult captain (age 18+) present at each match.

12.2 Courts

The home place to play 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 ITF approved balls for each singles rubber.

12.4 Match Format

A match shall consist of 4 singles and 2 doubles rubbers⁴.

12.5 Team Format

A team shall consist of four to six players. Four players shall play one singles rubber each and the 5th and/or 6th player(s) may be selected for one doubles rubber only.

12.6 Singles Nominations

At least 15 minutes before the start time of each match, team captains must nominate in writing (on a Team Tennis scorecard) their singles players in order of merit in accordance with current British Tennis ratings. Exceptions apply for Green rated players competing in the 12&U age group⁵. If players have the same rating, the captain can decide the team order which may change from match to match. Any player(s) playing doubles only must be nominated at the same time.

2. It is both team captains responsibility to contact each other before the match. In the County Tier, there will be flexibility to play before a fixed date if both teams agree and there is prior consent from the league organiser. On match day the home team captain shall be responsible for welcoming the away team and organising refreshments.

3. Or the league organiser instructs differently. It is both team captains responsibility to contact each other to confirm start times.

4. Some Counties may apply a 2 singles & 1 doubles format in County Division 2 onwards.

5. In the 12&U age group, Green 1* players will play above 9.2 rated players, but below 9.1 rated players. Green 1 players will play above 10.1 players but below 9.2 players.

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).

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 | | |

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

12.9 Rubber Scoring

| | Sets 1 & 2 | Set 3 (if necessary) |
|-------------|-----------------|---|
| 12&U – 18&U | Tiebreak at 6-6 | Match tiebreak (to 10 points, with 2 clear) |

12.10 Match Scoring

A team is awarded 2 points for each rubber won.

At 6 points each, a doubles tiebreak shoot-out (to 10 points, with 2 clear) shall be played. 1 bonus rubber point will be awarded to the winning team in a tiebreak 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.

A team will receive 2 match points on the league table for a match win.

Both captains must complete and sign the Team Tennis scorecards, and retain their copy. The winning captain must then submit the result online within 48 hours.

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.

6. Any teams found guilty of submitting false results shall be subject to rule 17.2.

County, Regional and National Tier**13. Eligibility****Places to Play Eligibility**

- 13.1 Entry to Aegon Team Tennis ('the Competition') is open only to registered places to play, defined as Associates in Rule 4 of the LTA.

Team Eligibility

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

Player Eligibility

- 13.6 A player may only:
- I. Represent one place to play in the Open (adult) age group.
 - II. Play in a maximum of two age groups (including 14&U, 16&U or 18&U).
- 13.7 All players must:
- I. Have a British Tennis Membership number which links to the place to play they are competing for.
 - II. Have a British Tennis rating.
 - III. Be a member of the place to play they are competing for as of 1 April 2013.
 - IV. Be born on or before 31 August 1999.
- 13.8 A place to play with a team(s) in the County Tier only, does not need to nominate players and can play players of any standard.
- A place to play with a team in the National or Regional Tier may nominate up to 12 players rated 4.1 or better no later than 4 March 2013¹. For each additional team in the National/Regional Tier, up to a further 9 players rated 4.1 or better may be nominated by the place to play.

1. No nominations will be accepted after 4 March 2013. Any place to play failing to nominate by this deadline will not be allowed to field in their team(s) any player 4.1 or better. Places to play with no players 4.1 or better do not need to nominate but must notify the National Organiser by 4 March 2013. Players rated 4.2 or worse may play in any match and do not need to be nominated.

Of the nominated players a place to play may include up to 2 players that have an ATP/WTA singles world ranking of 750 or better as of 4 March 2013 who have not played in at least 2 Aegon Team Tennis matches for the place to play in each of the last 2 seasons.

This rule applies to men and women separately.

13.9 County Tier Play-offs

Players must have represented the team in at least 1 division match prior to the Playoffs or have a rating of 4.2 or worse as of 4 March 2013

Where two teams compete in a division match and a player is given a walkover, the rubber will count towards a player's eligibility. An entire team walkover does not count for player eligibility.

National Tier Play-offs & Finals

Players must have represented the team in at least 2 group matches prior to the Play-offs/Finals or have a British Tennis rating of 4.2 or worse. Exception: If a team competes in 3 group matches or less, players need only represent the team in one group match to be eligible for the Play-offs/Finals.

Where two teams compete in a group match and a player is given a walkover, the rubber will count towards a player's eligibility. An entire team walkover does not count for player eligibility.

14. Competition Structure**14.1 County Tier**

Teams shall be entered in a County Tier league based on their place to play registration code. Each league will be divided into divisions of 3-6² teams. Each team will play each other team in their division once.

County Tier Play-off

The winning team from each County Division 1 shall qualify to the County Play-offs for promotion to the Regional Tier.

14.2 Regional Tier

Comprises of 8 groups each consisting of up to 8 teams based on specific Counties which will remain fixed year on year. Each team will play each other team in their group once. The winning team in each group shall be promoted to its respective National Tier group.

14.3 National Tier³

Comprises of 4 groups each consisting of up to 8 teams based on specific regions (and therefore Counties) which will remain fixed year on year. Each team will play each other team in their group once. The winner of National Tier South East, South West, Midlands and North divisions will automatically qualify to the Finals.

2. County exceptions may apply.

3. Places to play winning prize money in the National Tier must submit a prize money form to Teamtennis@LTA.org.uk no later than 31 July 2013.

National Tier Play-offs

Teams finishing in the following positions will compete in the National Open Playoffs.

| WOMEN'S NATIONAL OPEN PLAYOFFS 2013 | |
|-------------------------------------|----------------------|
| 2nd Place Midlands | 3rd Place South West |
| 2nd Place North | 2nd Place South East |
| 1st Place Scotland | 3rd Place South East |
| 2nd Place South West | 4th Place South East |

| MEN'S NATIONAL OPEN PLAYOFFS 2013 | |
|-----------------------------------|----------------------|
| 2nd Place Midlands | 2nd Place South West |
| 3rd Place Midlands | 2nd Place South East |
| 2nd Place North | 3rd Place South East |
| 1st Place Scotland | 4th Place South East |

The draw for the National Open playoffs will take place on Monday 17 June 2013. The referee will seed 4 teams in the draw based on the top 4 eligible players. Home/Away scheduling will be drawn by lot. Matches will take place at 12pm on Sunday 30 June 2013.

National Tier Finals

The top men's and women's teams in each of the 4 National Tier divisions are joined by the 4 winning play-off teams. Prior to the Finals, teams shall nominate 4 to 8 players. The Referee shall seed 4 teams in the draw. The top 4 players who are playing on Friday must be nominated by 12pm on the Thursday before the Finals to determine seeding for the event. Team captains and/or nominated players will be allowed on court and will be subject to the Code of Conduct.

14.4 Open Promotion/Relegation

Refer to the online document 'Open (adult) Promotion/Relegation 2013' at www.LTA.org.uk/Aegon-Team-Tennis for full details.

15. Match Arrangements

15.1 Dates

Matches are to be played on the fixed dates specified⁴. County Tier matches to start between 10am-4pm unless both teams agree otherwise. National and Regional Tier matches to start at midday.

15.2 Court Surfaces

The home place to play 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.

4. It is both team captains responsibility to contact each other before the match. In the County Tier, there will be flexibility to play before a fixed date if both teams agree and there is prior consent from the league organiser. On match day the home team captain shall be responsible for welcoming the away team and organising refreshments.

15.3 Balls

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

15.4 Match Format

A match shall consist of 4 singles and 2 doubles rubbers.

15.5 Team Format

A team shall consist of four to six players. Four players shall play one singles rubber each and the 5th and/or 6th player(s) may be selected for one doubles rubber only.

15.6 Singles Nominations

At least 15 minutes before the start time of each match the team captains shall nominate in writing (on a Team Tennis scorecard) their singles players in order of current British Tennis ratings⁵. At the same time, captains shall provide the name of any other player(s) who may be selected for the doubles only. If players have the same rating, the captain can decide the team order which may change from match to match.

15.7 Doubles Nominations

The team captains shall nominate their doubles pairings after the singles rubbers have been completed. 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 rating (or ATP/WTA ranking of 750 or better as of 4 March 2013)

Number 6 in the case of the 'doubles only player' with the lower rating.

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.

15.8 Order of Play

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

5. ATP/WTA singles world ranking of 750 or better as of 4 March 2013 must take precedence over British Tennis ratings.

15.9 Rubber Scoring

County Tier

| | Sets 1 & 2 | Set 3 (if necessary) |
|-------------------|-----------------|---|
| Singles & Doubles | Tiebreak at 6-6 | Match Tiebreak (to 10 points, with 2 clear) |

Regional/National Tier

| | Set 1 & 2 | Set 3 (if necessary) |
|---------|-----------------|---|
| Singles | Tiebreak at 6-6 | Tiebreak at 6-6 |
| Doubles | Tiebreak at 6-6 | Match Tiebreak (to 10 points, with 2 clear) |

15.10 Match Scoring

A team is awarded 2 points for each rubber won.

At 6 points each a tiebreak shoot-out shall be played. 1 bonus rubber point will be awarded to the winning team in a tiebreak shoot-out. A tiebreak shoot-out shall consist of two singles tie breaks⁶ (to 10 points, with 2 clear) which are to be played at the same time followed by a doubles tiebreak (to 10 points, with 2 clear) if necessary. No player may play in more than one tiebreak. Players are to be nominated as follows:

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

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

Tiebreak 3 (Doubles): A pairing comprising any two of the other players who have played in the match.

15.11 Match Result

The team with the most rubber points shall 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 Team Tennis scorecards, and retain their copy. The winning captain must then submit the result online within 48 hours⁷.

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.

6. In the event that a team is reduced to 3 players, that team must concede the doubles tiebreak. In the event that both teams are reduced to 3 players and the singles tiebreaks are shared, a deciding doubles tiebreak (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.

7. Any teams found guilty of submitting false results shall be subject to rule 17.2.

(All age groups, all tiers)

16. Problem Solving Issues¹

16.1 Late Arrival

If any nominated player is not ready to play within 15 minutes of a rubber due on court then the opposing team shall be awarded a walkover for this rubber (by a score of 6-0, 6-0). No substitutions or alteration to the nominations or playing order may be made. The player concerned shall be permitted to play a doubles rubber (and tiebreak 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. In the event of a dispute at the National/ Regional Tier, both team captains should speak to the on call referee whose ruling shall be final.

16.2 Incomplete Teams

If a place to play is unable to field a complete team for the whole match then they shall first forfeit the lowest singles rubber and the second doubles rubber, followed by the next lowest rubber and so on. In addition, that team shall have 3 rubber points deducted from their match score where one player is missing and 6 rubber points from their match score where two or more players are missing². The opposing team shall be deemed to have won any forfeited rubbers by a score of 6-0, 6-0.

16.3 Player Retirement

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

16.4 Completion of Matches (due to inclement weather)

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

If a match cannot be started due to rain or rain stops play before any rubbers have been completed then the match may be rearranged on or before the rain date at the original venue as set by the League Organiser. If a team has two matches rained off and schedules the first rained off match for the official rain date and cannot play the second rained off match prior to the rain date, then this second rained off match will be halved with both teams receiving 6 rubber points and 1 match point each. Where promotion/relegation is not affected, matches that are rained off on the agreed rain date will be halved with both teams receiving 6 rubber points and 1 match point each.

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

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

2. No tiebreak shootout is to be played if one team has an 'incomplete team'.

16.5 Team Withdrawal

A team giving a walkover shall take no further part in the competition. All results against this team will be declared null and void for the purposes of determining the final placing in its group. However, the League Organiser shall have the power to consider a team's position regarding a team walkover with extenuating circumstances, in which case the team receiving the walkover will win all rubbers 6-0, 6-0, and will receive 12 rubber points and a match win. In the National Tier (Open age group) a team withdrawing at the Group/Play-offs/Finals may forfeit prize money and be relegated.

16.6 Playing out of order / Ineligible Player(s)³

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

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

If both teams field a player out of order or an ineligible player then each team shall be deemed to have lost the singles rubber in a similar manner. Likewise if a team fields an ineligible player as a doubles only player they shall forfeit that rubber. Where doubles pairings are not in line with Rule 6.7/9.7/12.7/15.7 that place to play shall forfeit both doubles rubbers.

17. Regulations

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

3. 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).

There are occasions where issues arise on court regarding line calls, scoring or player disagreements. The policy for all Aegon Team Tennis fixtures is for the issue to be resolved directly between the players involved in the rubber concerned. If the situation cannot be resolved between the players involved in the rubber, the team captains **only** can get involved to help resolve the issue. Please refer to the Expectations of Captain's on page 4 of this guide which outline the values of the competition

In no situation should a spectator (player/parent/coach/club member) who is not playing in the rubber concerned be involved with any disagreement on court and must stay removed from any issue arising on court

Please see below the LTA policy for matches played without a chair umpire which all players involved in Aegon Team Tennis must abide by:

Matches played without a chair Umpire

Aegon Team Tennis league matches will be played without a Chair Umpire. All players should be aware of the following basic principles when playing a match in these circumstances:

- Each Player (or doubles team) is responsible for all calls on his/her own side of the net
- All "out" and "fault" calls should be made promptly after the ball has bounced and loudly enough for the opponent(s) to hear
- If in doubt, the Player must give the benefit of the doubt to the opponent(s)
- If a Player incorrectly calls a ball "out" and then realises that the ball was good, the point should be replayed unless it was a point winning shot or unless that Player made an incorrect "out" call earlier in the match. In these circumstances, the Player who called "out" loses the point
- The server should call the score before each first serve, loudly enough for the opponent(s) to hear
- If a Player is unhappy with the opponent(s) actions or decisions, the player should speak to their team captain, who can then watch the match or speak to the opposing team captain

Score disputes

Scoring disputes are either a genuine mix up or a deliberate act. In both situations, team captains from both teams should use the same procedure:

1. Establish what each player thinks the score is. If the dispute is:
 - a. over the score in a game, work through the game, point by point
 - b. over the score in a set, go through the set game by game
2. Establish which point(s) or game(s) the players cannot agree on. These point(s) or game(s) should be disregarded and the score adjusted to include the points or games they agree on
3. Play resumes according to the new agreed score
4. Following all disputes remind the players that the server should call the score clearly before every point
5. For the purposes of the above, it is important both team captain's have a presence courtside during matches



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