

TOURNAMENT REGULATIONS

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FOREWORD

These LTA Tournament Regulations (the "Regulations") take effect from 1st January 2009.

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1 PURPOSE AND APPLICABILITY

These Regulations (including any Appendices) apply to all LTA Official Tournaments (as defined below) except those tournaments that are conducted in accordance with the rules and regulations of the Association of Tennis Professionals ("ATP"), Women's Tennis Association ("WTA"), The International Tennis Federation ("ITF") or the Grand Slam Committee which have their own approved regulations and/or code of conduct. Special regulations for the LTA Inter-County Championships are set out at Appendix I and in the case of conflict the special regulations for the LTA Inter-County Championship will take precedence over these Regulations. All LTA Official Tournaments including the Inter-County Championships shall also be subject to the Rules of the LTA and the Rules of Tennis currently in force as authorised by the ITF ("Rules of Tennis").

2 DEFINITION OF TERMS**2.1 Definition**

'British Tennis Membership' means the LTA's Registered Membership as defined at LTA Rule 4.

'Chair Umpire' means the person who has the duties as set out in Regulation 3.5 below.

'Code of Conduct' is the LTA Code of Conduct for Players as set out at Appendix B.

'Committee' is the committee of the organising club or a committee specifically appointed to manage the tournament in accordance with Regulation 3.2 below.

'Council' refers to the Council of the LTA as defined by LTA Rule 5.

'County Association' or 'County' is the body representing a county or other geographical division as defined in LTA Rule 38.

'Court Supervisor' means the person who has the duties as set out in Regulation 3.4 below.

'Entry Form' means the form defined at Regulation 6 below.

'Junior Events' means those events at any tournament for which the entry is restricted to

Players aged 18 and under.

'LTA' means the Lawn Tennis Association.

'LTA Official Tournament' includes all Championships, Tournaments, Leagues, Competitions and any other tennis events run, supported or approved by the LTA as further defined at Regulation 5 below.

'National Junior Championships' means the event run by the LTA for age groups 18&U, 16&U, 14&U, 12&U during the summer months.

'Official Bulletin Board' means the Board designated to publish official notices in accordance with Regulation 3.3.7 below.

'Order of Play' means the order of matches as planned by the Referee in accordance with Regulation 3.3.5 below.

'Player' means an individual player of either gender or, where appropriate, a doubles pair.

'Ranking' means the Ranking as determined in accordance with the LTA's Player's Ranking Scheme as set out in Regulation 4 and Appendix F below.

'Rating' means a Rating as determined in accordance with the LTA's Player's Rating Scheme as set out in Regulation 4 and Appendix F below.

'Referee' means the person appointed in accordance with Regulation 3.2.8 below with the powers and duties as set out in, inter alia, Regulation 3.3 below.

'Tournament Grade' means the grades as set out at Regulation 5.2 below.

'TTP' means the computer programme licenced via the LTA to assist in the running of tournaments and to facilitate the electronic transfer of results to the LTA.

'World Ranking' means the ranking as determined by the ATP or WTA, as appropriate.

'10&U' means '10 and Under' which is the age designation for Players who have their tenth birthday sometime during the current

year or are younger. Similar age definitions apply for '11&U', '12&U', '14&U', '16&U' and '18&U'.

- 2.2 Except where otherwise stated, every reference in these Regulations to the masculine includes the feminine gender and words importing the singular include the plural and vice versa.
- 2.3 These Regulations may be varied from time to time by the LTA Main Board.
- 2.4 These Regulations shall be governed by and construed in accordance with English Law.

3 GENERAL

3.1 British Tennis Membership

- 3.1.1 Every Player in a singles event of a LTA Official Tournament shall be a member of British Tennis Membership and have a current LTA Rating (including mini-tennis events), except that this shall not apply to events using handicap scoring, grade 7 tournaments and tournaments which carry ATP or WTA world ranking points.
- 3.1.2 A Player can register as a member by phone on 0845 873 7202 or go to the LTA website: www.LTA.org.uk/Membership to register online.

3.2 Committee

The Committee shall:

- 3.2.1 Be appointed and shall be a minimum of three (3) members, one of whom shall be nominated the entry secretary.
- 3.2.2 Be responsible for deciding all details of the organisation of the tournament. The quorum shall be two (2), or a higher number if so decided by the Committee.
- 3.2.3 Decide the number and types of events and the entry fees, allocate prize money or prizes as set out in Regulation 3.8 below, and specify any restrictions on any events in terms of size of entry or Player eligibility. In specifying eligibility there shall be no racial, sexual orientation, religious or political discrimination.
- 3.2.4 Prepare an Entry Form for the tournament.
- 3.2.5 For an existing tournament, submit a Tournament Application Form (obtainable from the LTA website at www.LTA.org.uk) to their County Association each year by the date that is specified by the LTA.
- 3.2.6 In the case of a tournament which is being run for the first time, submit a Tournament Application Form (obtainable from the LTA

website at www.LTA.org.uk) together with a detailed draft Entry Form for approval by the LTA to their County Association by the date that is specified by the LTA.

- 3.2.7 Ensure that all tournament literature includes the LTA logo in accordance with any LTA branding guidelines, and states that the tournament has been sanctioned by the LTA.
- 3.2.8 Appoint a Referee who must be an LTA accredited Referee. The Committee shall delegate the powers and responsibilities as set out in Regulation 3.3 below to the Referee, who shall be ex-officio a member of the Committee. The Committee shall support the Referee in, but not interfere with, the proper execution of his duties. The Referee shall be the final authority on any matter relating to the playing or completion of the tournament subject to the provisions as set out at Regulation 3.9 below. If requested by the Referee, or by two members of the Committee, the Committee shall decide upon matters arising out of the day-to-day running of the tournament.
- 3.2.9 Ensure that Regulation 3.1 above is enforced so that all Players are members of British Tennis Membership.
- 3.2.10 Accept entries, and where necessary decide on the viability of events in accordance with Regulation 5.3 below. Any seeding of events shall be carried out in accordance with Regulation 8 below.
- 3.2.11 Select the ball to be used from the current list of ITF approved balls and ensure that there is an adequate supply of tennis balls of the brand selected. The use of new balls, the number of balls per match (minimum 3 balls), and the frequency of ball changes, if any, shall be decided by the Committee, in consultation with the Referee, before the start of the tournament.
- 3.2.12 Ensure that Tennis Tournament Planner ("TTP") is used to submit the results to the LTA within 72 hours of completion of the tournament in accordance with Regulation 3.10.1 and 3.10.2 below.
- 3.2.13 3.2.13 Maintain full and detailed accounts for each tournament it administers for a minimum of six years, and submit to the LTA Competition Services Team within thirty days of the last day of the tournament such information as is required on the LTA's Income and Expenditure Form which may be found at www.LTA.org.uk/Directories/Tournaments, and,

- if requested by the LTA, all supporting documentation within fourteen days of any such request. If required, the Committee shall provide full facilities including but not limited to any documents that are requested so that a detailed investigation of matters arising from the accounts maybe conducted by the LTA or its nominated investigator.
- 3.2.14** Have the power to suspend the Referee for incompetence, breach of these Regulations, or for conduct unbecoming to an official. The decision of the Committee in such matters shall be final for the purposes of the tournament, but the Referee may appeal the decision to the LTA within seven days of such suspension or removal and the matter will be dealt with in accordance with Appendix 3 to the LTA Rules. All such decisions shall be reported to the LTA Officiating Manager within 48 hours of the suspension whether or not they are to be subject to an appeal.
- 3.2.15** Ensure that adequate and suitable facilities are available at the tournament site and/or at additional locations for the completion of the scheduled events, assuming reasonable weather conditions.
- 3.2.16** Ensure that LTA officials and members of the LTA Council are granted free admission to the tournament and to a seat in a stand if available, upon production of a current official pass.
- 3.2.17** Be responsible for health & safety, child welfare/protection at the tournament and for the keeping of good order on the tournament site.
- 3.2.18** Ensure all tournament information required by the LTA is forwarded within the prescribed time limit.
- 3.2.19** Be bound by the LTA Rules including, but not limited to, the regulations concerning Match Fixing, Financial Speculation and Betting as set out at Appendix 6 to the LTA Rules.
- 3.3 Referee**
The Referee shall:
- 3.3.1** Be the final, on site, authority for the interpretation of the Rules of Tennis, the Code of Conduct, the Regulations and the scheduling of matches.
- 3.3.2** Be present on the tournament site at all times during the playing of matches in the tournament. If necessary, assistant referees should be appointed to cover matches at additional sites or to cover any unavoidable absence of the Referee.
- 3.3.3** Be responsible for making the draw. Prior to making the draw, the Referee must obtain the wild cards, awarded in accordance with Regulation 7.2 below, from the Committee and consult with the Committee to determine the final entry list, the seedings (in accordance with World Rankings, Ratings and Rankings) and any other relevant information. The draw must be observed by at least two other persons. If an event using handicap scoring is to be played, the Referee may be the appointed handicapper, but must in any case be consulted over the allocation of handicaps.
- 3.3.4** Ensure that Players are notified of the conditions of play prior to the commencement of the tournament.
- 3.3.5** Plan and display, as early as practicable, an Order of Play for each day. Once the Order of Play has been published, it should not be changed unless otherwise decided by the Referee.
- 3.3.6** Ensure that all courts are properly equipped and conform to the specifications as set out in the Rules of Tennis and these Regulations.
- 3.3.7** Designate an area in a highly visible place for an Official Bulletin Board. The daily Order of Play shall be posted on the Official Bulletin Board as soon as issued and where possible should be available online. It is the responsibility of all Players to ascertain their schedules from the Referee for each day's play. Designate a clock to be the official clock for the tournament and a means by which matches are to be called, in accordance with the Order of Play.
- 3.3.8** Approve the assignment of on-court officials and Court Supervisors. Remove, rotate or replace any on-court official or Court Supervisor whenever he decides it is necessary to improve the officiating of a match.
- 3.3.9** Ensure that on-court officials and ballboys are competent and familiar with the relevant rules and procedures.
- 3.3.10** Decide whether a court is fit for play or whether a match should be moved to another court and determine the commencement, resumption or suspension of play due to weather conditions, inadequate light or for other reasons. If a match is moved to another court or suspended because of darkness, this should be done at the end of a set or after an even number of games in the set in progress.

- 3.3.11** Be responsible for completing the tournament, within the scheduled time. Make any changes in the Order of Play or the conditions of play which may be deemed necessary to ensure completion of the tournament in accordance with these Regulations and any other relevant rules and regulations.
- 3.3.12** Ensure that all matches are fairly played, and that their results are accurately recorded.
- 3.3.13** Oversee the application of the Rules of Tennis and the Code of Conduct. The Referee is responsible for any necessary investigation and reports to the LTA after Code Violations (as defined in Appendix B below) have been given using the form as set out at Appendix D.
- 3.3.14** Rule on matters in relation to the interpretation of the Rules of Tennis (but, for the avoidance of doubt, not factual matters), at the request of a Chair Umpire, or upon appeal by a Player, or make a ruling when Players are in dispute in a match played with no Chair Umpire in accordance with Appendix A. The Referee's decision on matters of the interpretation of the Rules of Tennis shall be final and cannot be appealed.
- 3.3.15** Rule on the acceptability of Players' clothing and shoes, in accordance with the Code of Conduct and the regulations governing identification on clothing or equipment as set out at Appendix C, and any local requirements stipulated on the entry form or associated letter.
- 3.3.16** Have the authority to grant Players leave of absence.
- 3.3.17** Have general discretionary powers in situations not specifically covered by these Regulations or any other relevant rules or regulations.
- 3.3.18** For tournaments graded 1 to 5, submit to the LTA all tournament results within 72 hours of the completion of the tournament.
- 3.3.19** Within fourteen days of the completion of the tournament, submit such reports as may be required by the Committee and the LTA.
- 3.3.20** Not take part as a Player in the tournament.
- 3.3.21** In general, not accept an appointment at any tournament in which the Referee has a relationship with one of the Players that might be considered a conflict of interest so as to cast doubt upon his impartiality including, by way of example only, a family relationship. Where this is unavoidable another official shall be appointed to deal with any dispute involving the Player with whom the Referee has a relationship.
- 3.3.22** Be bound by the ABTO Code of Conduct and LTA Rules including, but not limited to, the regulations concerning Match Fixing, Financial Speculation and Betting as set out at Appendix 6 to the LTA Rules.
- 3.4 Court Supervisors**
- If Court Supervisors are appointed, they shall:
- 3.4.1** Generally supervise courts as assigned by the Referee, keeping him informed of progress on those courts, and of any need for his presence at court-side or of any other problem arising.
- 3.4.2** Ensure that the Rules of Tennis and the Code of Conduct are observed, and either take action in accordance with the Code of Conduct or report Code Violations (as defined at Appendix B below) to the Referee, according to his instructions.
- 3.4.3** Ensure that there is no interference of any kind from spectators.
- 3.4.4** Resolve any disputes between the Players in matches played without a Chair Umpire in accordance with Appendix A.
- 3.4.4** Be bound by the ABTO Code of Conduct and LTA Rules including, but not limited to, the regulations concerning Match Fixing, Financial Speculation and Betting as set out at Appendix 6 to the LTA Rules.
- 3.5 Chair Umpire**
- The Chair Umpire shall:
- 3.5.1** Ensure that the match is played in accordance with the Rules of Tennis and these Regulations including any relevant Appendices.
- 3.5.2** Ensure that the height of the net is correct at the start of the match, and check and adjust it if necessary during the match.
- 3.5.3** Be responsible for the timing of the warm-up, between points and the changeovers and set breaks.
- 3.5.4** Delegate duties to line and net umpires, if assigned, to the match. These officials shall make calls concerning only the duties to which they are assigned, and if unsighted shall signal this to the Chair Umpire who will make the relevant decision, or if unable to decide, shall have the point replayed. The Chair Umpire shall promptly overrule a line umpire or net umpire only in the case of a clear mistake.
- 3.5.5** Determine all questions of fact arising during a match (including calling the lines if there are no line umpires, and the net if there is no net umpire). The Chair Umpire shall be responsible for all ball mark inspections on clay courts only. The Chair Umpire's ruling on facts shall be final.
- 3.5.6** Make the first determination on all questions of

- interpretation of the Rules of Tennis arising during the match, subject to the right of a Player to appeal to the Referee in accordance with Regulation 3.3.14 above.
- 3.5.7** Mark an official scorecard during the match in accordance with approved LTA procedures. The scorecard should be signed by the Chair Umpire at the end of the match and returned to the Referee with a report of any Code Violations issued.
- 3.5.8** Announce the score after each point, in accordance with approved LTA procedures.
- 3.5.9** Exercise his best efforts to control the spectators. Whenever the spectators are disturbing the progress of the match, the Chair Umpire should address them respectfully and request their co-operation.
- 3.5.10** Remove, rotate or replace any line umpire or net umpire whenever he decides it will improve the officiating of the match.
- 3.5.11** Be responsible for having the appropriate number of balls on the court for the match, including using replacement balls. The Chair Umpire is responsible for ball changes and for determining if a ball is fit for play. He should replace any lost balls or balls unfit for play as soon as practical.
- 3.5.12** Not officiate in any match in which he has a relationship with one of the Players that might be considered a conflict of interest so as to cast doubt upon his impartiality.
- 3.5.13** Be bound by the ABTO Code of Conduct and LTA Rules including but not limited to the regulations concerning Match Fixing, Financial Speculation and Betting as set out at Appendix 6 to the LTA Rules.
- 3.6 Players**
Each Player:
- 3.6.1** Shall be a member of British Tennis Membership and have a Rating in accordance with Regulation 3.1 above.
- 3.6.2** Shall submit an Entry Form indicating which events he wishes to enter. He may enter a maximum of two singles and may play in only one doubles event except at the discretion of the Referee. Both Players in a doubles event must submit an entry form.
- 3.6.3** Shall send the entry form which must be signed to indicate agreement to the tournament conditions, accompanied by the appropriate entry fees. Entries may be made online but must include electronic validation, which constitutes acceptance of all the conditions of the Tournament including these Regulations and the LTA Rules.
- 3.6.4** Shall notify any periods of unavailability at the time of entry.
- 3.6.5** Shall undertake to be available for play during the published dates of the tournament. A Player shall not withdraw from a tournament after the withdrawal deadline without penalty.
- 3.6.6** Shall ascertain from the Referee or his assistant the time of his next match and whether he may leave the tournament site.
- 3.6.7** A Player shall make himself available as required for testing and submit himself to the disciplinary jurisdiction of the Disciplinary Panel, the Appeals Committee and/or CAS under the LTA's Tennis Anti-Doping Programme as set out in Appendix 4 to the LTA Rules.
- 3.6.8** In the event that the gender of a Player is questioned, the Player shall make himself available as required to the measures as identified by the LTA Chief Medical Adviser to determine his gender in accordance with the LTA's Transgender Policy (www.LTA.org.uk/AboutUs/Policies)
- 3.7 Two tournaments in the same week**
- 3.7.1** A tournament week runs from Monday to Sunday
- 3.7.2** A Player shall not enter two LTA Official Tournaments that overlap in the same week.
- 3.7.3** Exceptions to Regulations 3.7.2 are:
- (a) If a Player enters a tournament that overlaps the previous week, for example starts on Saturday or Sunday, the Player may only play in another tournament during that previous week if he has notified the organiser and obtained permission.
- (b) If a Player plays in a qualifying event of a tournament that overlaps the previous week, for example on Saturday or Sunday, and is eliminated, that Player may enter and play in another tournament during the following week with the permission of both organisers.
- (c) A Player accepted for the main draw of the National Junior Championships shall immediately withdraw without penalty from any other LTA Official Tournament he may have entered in that week.
- (d) A Player accepted for the qualifying rounds for the National Junior

Championship who has entered an LTA Official Tournament in the week of the main event shall inform the relevant tournament organiser of his situation. If the relevant tournament organiser agrees to accept the entry and the Player subsequently qualifies for the National Junior Championships, he shall not be penalised for withdrawing.

- (e) If the published times of play of specified events in a tournament precludes play on certain days, a Player is then free to participate in another competition on these days.
- (f) If a Player is eliminated from all events of an LTA Official Tournament, he is then free to submit an application to enter a concurrent LTA Official Tournament.
- (g) If a Player is representing his country, county or area and is not needed to play in the LTA Official Tournament during the times which he is representing his country, county or area, he may also enter the LTA Official Tournament with the permission of the Referee.

3.7.4 Any Player contravening Regulations 3.7.2 and 3.7.3 shall receive no ranking points from either tournament and may incur further disciplinary action,

3.8 Prize Money and Payments to Players

- 3.8.1 Prize money shall not be offered at any Junior Event.
- 3.8.2 The value of any one prize offered at a Junior Event shall not exceed £300.
- 3.8.3 Prize money and prizes shall be distributed as announced on the entry form or programme unless, in exceptional circumstances, prior approval is obtained from the LTA.
- 3.8.4 If the Committee considers a Player to be in serious violation of these Regulations or of any other conditions of entry, they shall have the right to withhold all or part of any prize money won by that Player and report the circumstances immediately to the LTA. The Player shall have the right to appeal (which shall be notified to the LTA Disciplinary Officer) against this decision within 28 days of the decision being notified to the Player.
- 3.8.5 Prize money for tournaments abandoned before completion shall, provided that at least one Player has reached a stage which qualifies

for prize money, be divided among Players remaining in the tournament, according to the stage which each Player has reached.

3.9 Complaints

3.9.1 After a match, a Player may lodge a written complaint with the Referee should he have a grievance against a Chair Umpire or line umpire. For the avoidance of doubt, the result of the match shall stand. The Referee, together with any manager of umpires on-site, shall make a reasonable investigation into the matter. His report, together with the complaint, shall be sent to the LTA's Officiating Manager for his consideration and any further necessary action.

3.9.2 Any complaint against the Referee except relating to issues referred to in Regulation 3.3.1 above or in relation to the running of the tournament, shall be lodged in writing with the Committee and the County Association within 48 hours of the occurrence of the cause of the complaint. For the avoidance of doubt, the results of all matches shall stand. The Committee shall acknowledge receipt of the complaint within four days of receipt. The Committee shall conduct a reasonable investigation into the matter within a reasonable time period and respond to the complainant, in writing, as soon as practicable with its decision. A copy of the complaint and the resultant decision shall also be forwarded by the Committee to the relevant Tennis Development Manager and to the LTA's Officiating Manager. If the complainant is dissatisfied with the decision of the Committee, he may request the Tennis Development Manager/LTA Officiating Manager to investigate further and if appropriate, they may decide to refer the matter to the LTA Disciplinary Officer to be dealt with in accordance with Appendix 3 to the LTA Rules, the LTA Disciplinary and Dispute Resolution Procedures.

3.9.3 Complaints against the Referee relating to issues referred to in Regulation 3.3.1 above shall be lodged in writing with the LTA's Officiating Manager and the relevant Tennis Development Manager within 48 hours of the occurrence of the cause of the complaint. For the avoidance of doubt, the results of all matches shall stand. The LTA Officiating Manager will conduct a reasonable investigation into the matter and take any

necessary action including referring the matter to ABTO or to the LTA Disciplinary Officer to be dealt with in accordance with the Appendix 3 to the LTA Rules, Disciplinary and Dispute Resolution Procedures.

3.10 TTP

- 3.10.1 TTP is a computer programme licensed via the LTA to LTA Accredited Referees and affiliated clubs to assist in the running of tournaments and to facilitate electronic transfer of results to the LTA at the end of a tournament.
- 3.10.2 All tournaments graded 1-5 (for further information see Regulation 5.2 below) must use TTP to submit results to the LTA within 72 hours of completion of the tournament in order to maintain accurate Ranking information.
- 3.10.3 TTP files that are submitted incorrectly will be returned to the referee and may result in a 50% reduction in the funding provided to LTA Supported Tournaments (as defined at Regulation 5.1 below). , This reduction also applies to the late submission of the TTP file.

4 RATINGS AND RANKINGS

4.1 Ratings

A Player's Rating is a measure of playing standard based on results against other Players as set out in Appendix F.

4.2 Rankings

A Player's Ranking is based on his best six tournament results in a 12 month period as set out in Appendix F.

5 LTA OFFICIAL TOURNAMENTS

5.1 Tournament Types

'LTA Staged Tournaments' means tournaments that are organised and run by the LTA.

'LTA Supported Tournaments' means tournaments that receive financial support from the LTA and are required to satisfy specified sanction conditions which are available at www.LTA.org.uk/Directories/Tournaments.

'LTA Approved Tournaments' means tournaments that are independently run and endorsed by the LTA.

5.2 Tournament Grades

- 5.2.1 There are seven grades and all tournaments are graded according to the standard and entry numbers of their Players in previous years.

Table 1 Open Tournament Grades

EVENTS	GRADES						
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
British Tour	Tier 1	Tier 2					
County Events			Open and Closed				
Open Tournaments				Open Events	Open Events	Open Events	
University Championships							
Open Challenge Events					Open Challenge		
Matchplay Events			Super Series			Matchplay	Matchplay
Postal Competitions					Finals	Postal (Q)	
Club Closed						Club Closed	Club Closed
Box Leagues and Ladders						Leagues Ladders	Leagues Ladders
Challenge Clubs						Challenge Club	

Table 2 Junior Tournament Grades

EVENTS	GRADES						
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
National Championships	Nationals						
Winter Circuit	Masters	Grand Prix	Indoor Series	County Events			
Clay Court Circuit		Main Draw O/PQ					
Summer Circuit		Masters	Grand Prix	Sanctioned Events			
County Closed			County Closed Final				
Road to Wimbledon				County			Club
Junior Challenge Matchplay					Challenge (1/2 day)		
Postal Competitions					Finals	Postal (O)	
Club Closed						Club Closed	Club Closed
Box Leagues Box Ladders						Leagues Ladders	Leagues Ladders
Challenge Clubs						Challenge Club	

All tournaments are required to agree to regulations that are relevant to their grade.

5.2.2 Tournaments graded 1 to 5 qualify for Ratings and Ranking points and the higher the grade of tournament, the more Ranking points are available. Grade 1 is the highest grade.

5.2.3 Grade 6 tournaments qualify for Ratings only and Grade 7 tournaments do not qualify for Ratings or Rankings (i.e. assessment free competition).

5.3 Events within a Tournament

5.3.1 Doubles events and all events using handicap scoring, in accordance with Appendix H below, are Grade 7 events as they do not qualify for Ratings or Ranking points. 10&U and odd age group singles events, eg 11&U, are Grade 6 events which qualify for Ratings but not for Rankings.

5.3.2 An event can have a pre-qualifying draw, qualifying draw, main draw and consolation draw, all of which can qualify for Ranking points in tournaments graded 1-5.

5.3.3 The minimum draw size in Grade 1-5 events is 5.

5.3.4 An event which is oversubscribed and divided into two draws based on merit (see Regulation 9.6) shall apply in advance to the LTA

Competitions Services Team for a lower grade for their B event.

5.4 Mini Tennis - National Competition Framework

5.4.1 All LTA sanctioned 10&U events must be played with a green ball and in accordance with the requirements as set out at the LTA National Competition Framework which may be found at www.LTA.org.uk/PlayAndCompete.

5.4.2 All LTA sanctioned 9&U events must be played with an orange ball on an orange size court and in accordance with any other requirements as set out at the LTA National Competition Framework which may be found at www.LTA.org.uk/PlayAndCompete.

5.4.3 All LTA sanctioned 8&U events must be played with a red ball on a red size court and in accordance with any other requirements as set out at the LTA National Competition Framework which may be found at www.LTA.org.uk/PlayAndCompete.

6 ENTRY FORM

An Entry Form shall be issued by the Committee and shall include a section

containing relevant information about the tournament to be retained by the Player and a section for Player information, to be returned to the entry secretary of the tournament. Where an Entry Form does not include all of the information below, the additional relevant conditions/information must be available either on the entry letter or a fact sheet.

6.1 Tournament Information

The Entry Form shall include:

- 6.1.1 The name, dates and full address of the tournament location with the telephone number of the tournament or Referee, and the name(s) of any sponsor(s).
- 6.1.2 The grade of the tournament and that it is sanctioned by the LTA and will be conducted in accordance with the Rules of Tennis, the LTA Rules, and these Regulations, including any relevant Appendices.
- 6.1.3 Every Player in a singles event (except 10&U events) must be a member of British Tennis Membership and have a current Rating.
- 6.1.4 Notification that any Player may be required to make himself available for testing which may be carried out at any time with no notice given and submitting himself to the disciplinary jurisdiction of the Disciplinary Panel, the Appeals Committee and/or CAS under the LTA's Tennis Anti-Doping Programme as set out in Appendix 4 to the LTA Rules.
- 6.1.5 The names of the Committee, the Referee (and where applicable the assistant or deputy Referee), and where required, the handicapper (See Appendix H).
- 6.1.6 The number and type of courts to be used, whether floodlights may be used and details of additional sites.
- 6.1.7 A list of all events to be included, together with any restrictions on entry (such as age), any minimum or maximum numbers in any event, and if possible the prize money or prizes to be awarded for such event subject to Regulation 3.8 above.
- 6.1.8 Any maximum permitted number of events that Players are allowed to enter, together with any restrictions on combinations of events. Where a structured playback, or a play-off for places is an integral part of the draw, entry is not optional.
- 6.1.9 The basis for selection if there is to be a maximum number of entries in an event
- 6.1.10 The Committee's right to refuse any entry with justifiable reason.
- 6.1.11 The Committee's right to issue a stated number of wild-card entries in events of restricted size.
- 6.1.12 Details of any qualifying events to be held.
- 6.1.13 If age-related events are included, that the qualifying date shall be specified. For events with a maximum age limit (e.g. juniors), December 31st of the previous year; for events with a minimum age limit (e.g. Veterans), December 31st of the current year; (or provide the relevant information if any other basis has been authorised by the Council under LTA Rule 34).
- 6.1.14 The projected days and times of play, with the proviso that the Referee may alter these details within the period of the tournament.
- 6.1.15 Any times before which Players in specified events will not be required.
- 6.1.16 The entry fees per event, per Player, or overall, and that no entry may be accepted without the appropriate entry fees.
- 6.1.17 The composition of matches (number of sets, use of tie-break – see Regulation 11.2, Alternative Scoring Methods).
- 6.1.18 Details of any events for which entries will be accepted during the tournament (for example Doubles events, Consolation events).
- 6.1.19 The name and address of the entry secretary to whom entries are to be sent and the closing date and time for their receipt. **NB** The closing date for a Grade 3 tournament must be a minimum 3 weeks before the start date and for a Grade 4, it must be a minimum 2 weeks.
- 6.1.20 The date, time and place of the draw for a traditional tournament and the deadline by which a Player may withdraw without penalty. (**NB** The withdrawal deadline shall not be before the closing date of the draw).
- 6.1.21 A specification of acceptable clothing or footwear (see Regulation 11.7).
- 6.1.22 Any particular conditions of entry relating to the tournament or individual events.
- 6.1.23 The type of ball to be used (see Regulation 11.8).
- 6.1.24 That no complaint relating to the tournament can be entertained by the Committee unless lodged in writing with the Secretary of the Committee within 48 hours of the occurrence of the cause of the complaint and that it shall be dealt with in accordance with Regulation 3.9 above.

6.2 Player Information

- 6.2.1** Provision for personal information to include LTA British Tennis Membership number, current Rating, Ranking and other information to be used for the purposes of seeding (and/or handicapping) to be entered by the Player.
- 6.2.2** An undertaking to be signed by the entrant or electronically validated confirming that he has read, understood, and accepted all the conditions of entry, without which signature the entry shall be invalid. For juniors, provision for emergency contact details of parent/guardian shall also be made and for the signature of a parent/guardian stating that he/she is the person with parental responsibility for the Player. Such signature will give consent and authority for:
- a) emergency medical treatment as may be recommended by an approved medical authority
 - b) the Player to be involved in any publicity connected with the tournament, including media interviews, photographs and TV footage unless the Entry Secretary/Referee is informed otherwise before the commencement of the tournament; and
 - c) the Tournament organiser(s) to use the details provided on the Entry Form to communicate information to the Player about this and future events in the Player's geographical area.

6.3 Online Entry

Online entry and payment is being tested for LTA Staged Tournaments during the 2008/09 winter season. More information on the availability of this service will be communicated directly to competition organisers.

7 ENTRIES, WITHDRAWALS AND REFUNDS

7.1 Acceptance of entries

- 7.1.1** The Committee shall have the right to refuse any entry with justifiable reason.
- 7.1.2** Subject to Regulation 7.1.1, Entry Forms accompanied by correct fees shall be accepted by the published method of selection and the remainder put into a qualifying event or on a waiting list in merit order (Rating and Ranking).
- 7.1.3** Entry Forms received after the closing date may be accepted until the draw is made, after which they will join the bottom of the waiting list.
- 7.1.4** If an event of a tournament graded 1-5 has fewer than 5 entries, the entrants must be contacted and given the opportunity to withdraw as no Ranking points will be available.
- 7.1.5** In a draw of only 5 Players, if a Player withdraws after the draw has been done, that Player should not be removed from the draw in TTP unless replaced.
- 7.1.6** If a grade 3 tournament becomes oversubscribed, the rejected Players must be made aware of the nearest grade 4 tournament.

7.2 Wild Cards

Wild Cards may be awarded for an event (the Entry Form must state this) up to a maximum number of one place in eight e.g. for a 32 draw, up to 4 Wild Cards. Wild Card entries shall be awarded prior to the draw, or otherwise be allocated to Players on the waiting list, or to lucky losers (any Player who has lost in the final qualifying round as defined at Regulation 9.4 below) ("Lucky Losers") from a qualifying competition. Wild Card entries may be seeded.

7.3 Doubles entries

- 7.3.1** Entries for doubles events shall be treated as set out in Regulation 7.1. If one member of a doubles pair withdraws after the draw has been made, the whole pair shall be replaced by the next pair on the waiting list. The remaining Player from the withdrawn pair may find a replacement partner, but the pair so formed shall be treated as a new entry.
- 7.3.2** Doubles pairs should be referred to in alphabetical order except mixed pairs where the male should be named first.

7.4 Withdrawal by Players

- 7.4.1** The withdrawal deadline shall be as specified on the Entry Form. A Player who withdraws after the withdrawal deadline or fails to appear without notifying the Referee, or defaults during a tournament will incur automatic penalties and shall be liable to further disciplinary action by the LTA in accordance with the LTA withdrawal points system as set out at Appendix E. To negate any automatic penalty, a Withdrawal Form as appended at Appendix E with, if possible, documentary evidence (e.g. a certificate from a qualified medical practitioner/authority), must be supplied to the LTA Competition Services Manager within 7 days of the withdrawal from the tournament. The decision of the LTA Competition Services Manager will be final.
- 7.4.2** Any Player withdrawing from a tournament after the withdrawal deadline must also complete a Withdrawal Form. If the withdrawal is during the tournament, the form may be handed to the Referee. In all other circumstances, the form and supporting documentation should be sent to the Competitions Services Manager at the LTA.
- 7.4.3** A Player who withdraws from an event at any stage is ineligible to play in a consolation draw relating to that event. (NB A Player who retires from a match through sickness or injury may play in other events of the tournament including a consolation draw relating to that event, if sufficiently recovered).
- 7.4.4** If one or more seeded Player(s) withdraws before the start of the event, the seeding list may be revised unless impracticable and the next highest world-ranked or LTA rated/ranked previously unseeded Player becomes seeded. The position so vacated shall be filled by a reserve or, if after the start of the qualifying competition, by a Lucky Loser.
- 7.4.5** The Committee shall have the option of making a new draw for an event should more than one of the top four seeds withdraw after the original draw has been made.
- 7.4.6** If a Wild Card entry withdraws, the Committee may substitute another Wild Card entry if the draw has not been made, otherwise substitute a Player from the top of the waiting list or a Lucky Loser from a qualifying competition.
- 7.4.7** Further withdrawals. Players may be replaced from the top of the waiting list or by Lucky Losers from a qualifying event into the places left open provided these Players would not

have been seeded. Players of seeding standard should not be included. No replacement may be made for any Player who has started a match in the event.

7.5 Refund of entry fees

- 7.5.1** Entry fees shall be refunded only if the Player
- withdraws before the draw is made;
 - withdraws on acceptable grounds as decided by the Committee. Such decision shall be final and not subject to any appeal; or
 - is not accepted for the event.
- 7.5.2** No refund may be made after a Player has started a match in the event concerned.
- 7.5.3** Cancellation of an event, for example for bad weather, or unusual circumstances as decided by the Committee before any play in that event has started, shall result in the refunding of entry fees for that event.

8 SEEDING

- 8.1** All seeding shall be done in accordance with the following Regulations unless the LTA National Competitions Team authorises special arrangements.
- 8.2** If any events in the tournament are to be seeded, the Committee may appoint a sub-committee to select such seeds as are required. The selection of seeds shall be strictly on merit, using all available information, World Rankings to be followed by Ratings and/or Rankings, in establishing such an order of merit. The Committee's decisions on seeding shall be final.
- 8.3** The maximum number of seeds in each event shall depend on the size of the draw. The permissible maxima are shown in Table 3. A lower number may be seeded as required.

Table 3 Seeds

Size of draw	No. of Seeds
8	2
9-16	up to 4
17-32	up to 8
33-64	up to 16
65+	up to 16

9 Conducting a Draw

The making of the draw shall be open to interested parties, and shall be conducted by the Referee (or in exceptional circumstances, and with the approval of the Committee, by his appointed deputy) and at least one other member of the Committee (including when done in TTP).

9.1 Placing the seeds

9.1.1 Traditional Draw

9.1.1.1 Seed number 1 shall be placed at the top, seed number 2 at the bottom of the draw. Seeds 3 and 4 shall be drawn as a pair with the first drawn placed in the top half of the draw and the second in the bottom half. The remaining seeds shall be drawn in groups of four: 5-8, 9-12, 13-16 (or as many of these as are required) from top to bottom as described in Regulation 9.1.1.2 and in Table 4.

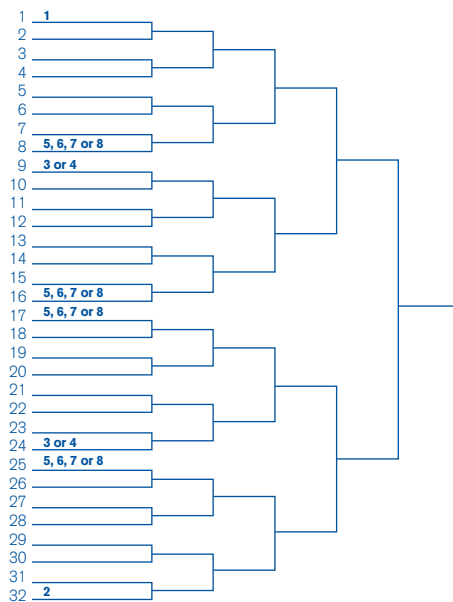
Table 4 Seed position by line number in the first round

Seed No.	Draw Size				
	8	9-16	17-32	33-64	65-128
1	1	1	1	1	1
2	8	16	32	64	128
3 or 4 (Top)	5	9	17	33	
3 or 4 (Bottom)	12	24	48	96	
5 to 8		8	16	32	
			16	32	64
			17	33	65
			25	49	97
9 to 12			9	17	
			25	49	
			40	80	
			56	112	
13-16			8	16	
			24	48	
			41	81	
			57	113	

9.1.1.2 The seeds shall be placed in the draw as follows:

- Seed 1: At the top.
- Seed 2: At the bottom.
- Seeds 3/4: First drawn – top of second quarter.
Second drawn – bottom of third quarter.
- Seeds 5-8: First drawn – bottom of first quarter.
Second drawn – bottom of second quarter.
Third drawn – top of third quarter.
Fourth drawn – top of fourth quarter (Fig 1).

Fig 1 A standard draw pattern for up to 32 entries showing positions of seeds

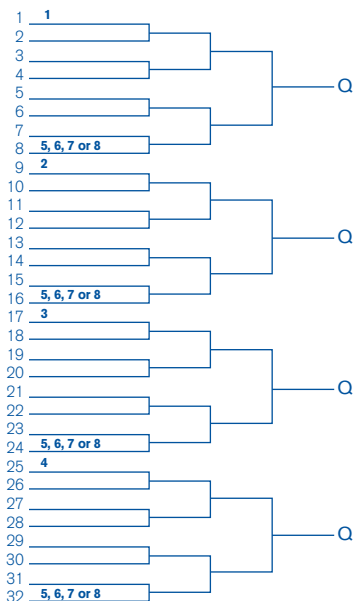


9.1.2 Qualifying Draw

- 9.1.2.1 If a qualifying competition is to be held, the draw may be made using either the traditional draw method (see 9.1.1) or the following rules for a qualifying draw.
- 9.1.2.2 The qualifying draw shall be made in sections, with one section for each place allotted in the main draw. Each section shall have a maximum of two seeded Players.
- 9.1.2.3 **Placing the seeds/method of draw**

The first seed shall be placed at the top of the first section, the second seed shall be placed at the top of the second section and so on until all sections have one seed on the top line of the section. The remaining seeds shall be drawn as one group, the first drawn shall be placed at the bottom of the first section, the second drawn shall be placed at the bottom of the second section and so on until all sections have a seed on the bottom line. If there are insufficient seeded Players, the sections with the highest seeds shall not have a second seed (Fig 2).

Fig 2 Qualifying Draw with 4 sections

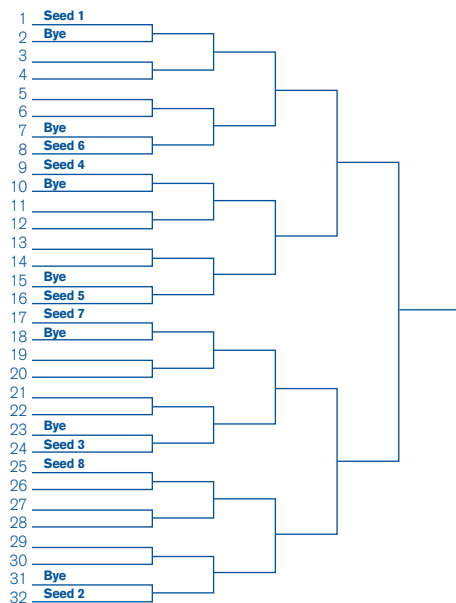


9.2 Byes

If byes are required, the number of byes is calculated by subtracting the number of entries from the next higher power of two (i.e. 8, 16, 32, 64, 128, etc.) and they shall be placed in the draw as follows:

The byes shall be allotted to the seeded Players in the order of seeding, and if any then remain, they shall be distributed so that all byes, including those allotted to seeded Players, are spread as evenly as possible throughout the draw (Fig 3).

Fig 3 Example of placing seeds and byes



9.3 Unseeded Players

When the seeds and byes have been correctly positioned, the remaining entries, including qualifiers and wild cards, shall be drawn by lot for the remaining positions starting from the top of the draw.

9.4 Lucky Losers

Lucky Losers are Players who have lost in the final round of Qualifying. The order of selection shall be drawn randomly. If additional Lucky Losers are required they shall be selected from the previous round(s) of the Qualifying event in the same manner.

9.5 Omissions

9.5.1 Should it be discovered before any match is started in an event that a valid entry has been omitted from the draw due to an administrative error, the procedure followed shall be:

- (a) If the omitted Player would otherwise be seeded, the position of the seeds shall be changed, with the additional entry taking the relevant place in the seeding list, with the previously lowest seed becoming an unseeded entry.
- (b) If the omitted Player would be unseeded, and byes exist in the first round against unseeded Players, the additional entry shall replace one of these byes, to be decided by lot. If only seeded Players are receiving byes, the additional entry shall be inserted against the lowest seed receiving a bye.
- (c) If no byes exist in the first round, and there have been no withdrawals up to the time of discovery of the omission, a preliminary round shall be played between the omitted Player and one of the unseeded Players in the draw, drawn by lot.

9.5.2 No modification may be made to a draw once any match in the event concerned has started, except as provided in Regulation 74.7 above.

9.6 Division of events

9.6.1 Subject to an appropriate announcement in the Entry Form to the tournament, the Committee may reserve the right to divide any event with more entries than available places into a main draw and a qualifying event.

9.6.2 The entries to be included in the main draw shall be selected on merit only, and any Player not so selected may withdraw prior to the closing date for the qualifying event, and his entry fee shall be refunded.

10 DRAWS

Only the following draws, that produce a winner, qualify for Ranking points and are acceptable for singles events in tournaments graded 1 to 5.

10.1 Traditional Draw

10.1.1 Players shall meet each other in pairs, in a pattern of progressive elimination until a winner of the event is decided (shown in Fig 1 above). If the number of entries is not an exact power of two, byes shall be inserted in the first round only so as to produce a full second round of matches.

10.1.2 In Tournaments using a traditional draw, in which a number of seeded Players join the event at a later stage, the seeded Players shall not constitute more than 50% of the round in which they join the event. The positioning of these seeds shall be such as to comply with Regulation 9.1.1 above. The draw for the remaining Players may also be seeded and the positions for any Players qualifying for the draw shall be drawn by lot.

10.2 Progressive Draw

10.2.1 The general principle shall be that a Player's first match will be against an opponent with the same or similar Rating. A Player's Rating shall determine in which section of the draw and in which round of the section he shall play his first match.

10.2.2 Players shall be included in the appropriate section of the draw, according to their current Rating. Players with the lowest Rating shall be drawn in a pattern of progressive elimination to meet Players of a higher Rating in the next round or section.

10.2.3 Each tournament shall be divided into a number of sections, with at least two Players from each section qualifying for a place in the next section. Each section shall normally be played to a conclusion. Where a play back event is included, it is an integral part of the tournament draw and is not optional.

10.2.4 If Players withdraw at any time, their place(s) may be taken by 'Lucky Losers', except in the final draw, where they may be taken in the first round only.

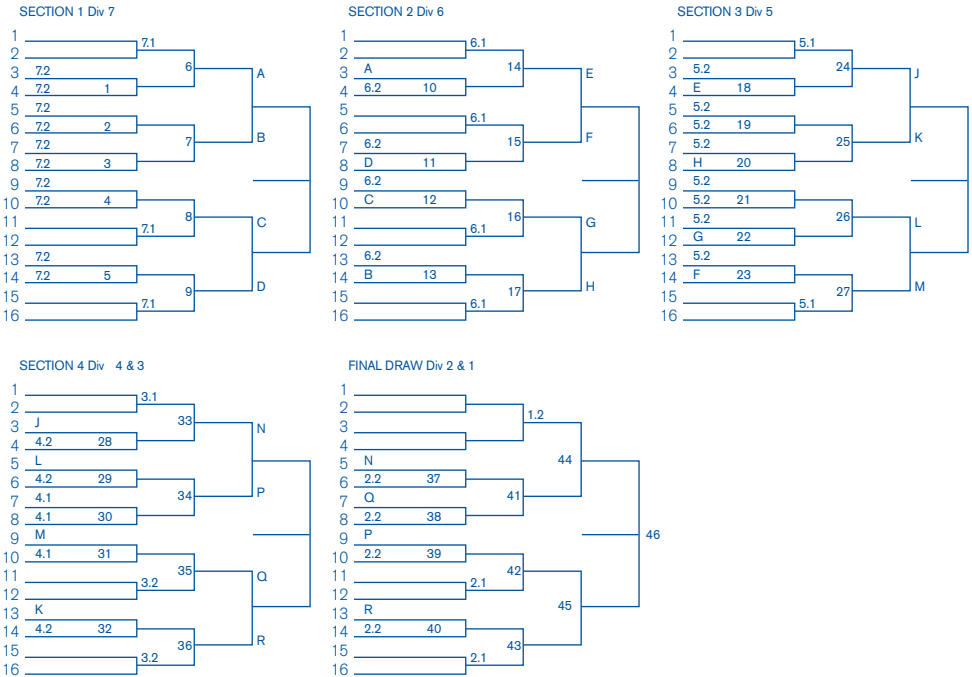
10.2.5 In the final draw of the event, Players are seeded and placed according to Regulation 9.1.1 above with other Players playing through to meet them.

- 10.2.6 All matches must be the best of three sets in accordance with the Rules of Tennis unless using alternative scoring methods (see Regulation 11.2 below) as decided by the Committee.
- 10.2.7 For the purposes of Ranking points, the final draw of a progressive sequence shall be regarded as the main draw and the preceding draws shall be qualifying and pre-qualifying.

In order to enter a progressive draw on TTP, the final/main draw must be designated Stage 1 and the preceding or qualifying draw as Stage 2 and so on.

- 10.2.8 Players may enter more than one tournament in overlapping periods, provided there is no conflict of requirements between tournaments, and that the Referee of each tournament gives prior approval (See Regulation 3.7 above), (Fig 4).

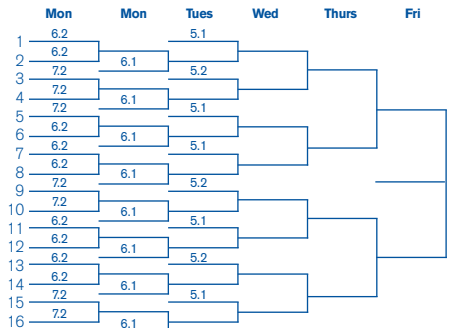
Fig 4 Progressive Draw



10.3 Staggered Draw

- 10.3.1 A staggered draw is a limited form of progressive draw, where Players meet in pairs, the group of Players with the lowest Ratings will meet in the first round, next higher rated group given byes in to second round, highest rated in ensuing rounds until a winner is decided.
- 10.3.2 Players should be staggered over no more than 3 rounds and no Player should enter a draw further forward than the round of 8 (quarter-finals), (Fig 5).

Fig 5 Staggered Draw



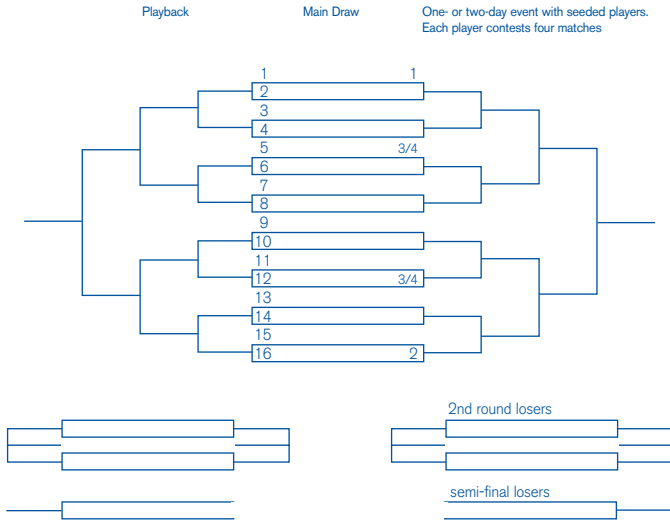
10.4 Compass Draw

10.4.1 A draw in which winners play off progressively in pairs and losers play off in pairs at every stage so that all Players in the draw play the same number of matches and have a finishing position.

10.4.2 The number of Players should be a power of 2, ie 4, 8, 16.

10.4.3 The maximum size of compass draw that can be handled by TTP and therefore used for Ranking purposes is 16 (Fig 6).

Fig 6 Compass Draw (16)



10.5 Round Robin Draw

10.5.1 The Players may be arranged into a number of groups to produce qualifiers for the final stage, which may be organised as a round robin or a knock-out format.

10.5.2 Each Player shall play all the others in the group.

10.5.3 The final standings of each group shall be determined by the following priority:

- (a) Greatest number of wins;
- (b) If two Players are tied, the head-to-head result;
- (c) If more than two Players are tied, the highest percentage of sets won to sets played*;
- (d) Highest percentage of games won to games played*;
- (e) Draw by lot.

*NB If, after this calculation, only 2 Players remain tied, then the head-to-head result between these two Players is used to break the tie.
When a match is played with a deciding match

tie-break instead of a final set, this match tie-break shall count as a set won or lost by 1 game to 0 for the purposes of the above calculation.

10.5.4 If a number of group runners-up from the initial stages are required, these places shall be allocated as follows:

- (a) If two or more Players are equal on wins, the percentage of sets won to sets played by these Players shall be reckoned.
- (b) If two or more Players are still equal, the percentage of games won to games played shall be reckoned.
- (c) If this fails to break the tie, a play-off or draw by lot shall be the final alternative.

10.5.5 Matches shall consist of one of the formats specified in Regulation 11.2 below.

10.5.6 Each set of a match won by default shall be recorded as a 6-0 result. A Player winning due to retirement of an opponent shall be awarded as many games as are required to achieve a result.

10.5.7 Should a Player be fit to play a match or matches subsequent to the one from which he retires, he may do so. If a Player is unable to start a match, all matches completed by that Player shall be void for scoring purposes but they will count for Ratings.

10.5.8 Matches completed or started by a Player who subsequently withdraws or is disqualified from the event shall be declared void for scoring purposes but will count for Ratings.

10.6 Consolation Draw

A consolation draw shall be treated as a normal elimination event.

10.6.1 Consolation for First Round losers

A consolation draw for first round losers can be a direct play back or it can be redrawn. When redrawn, Players who have not played in the main draw may be accepted.

10.6.2 Consolation for First Match losers

Losers of their first match can go into a predetermined position of the draw (cf play back) or the Players can be redrawn. If redrawn, Players who have not played in the main draw may be accepted.

10.6.3 Feed-In Consolation Event (FIC)

In an FIC, losers in the main event shall be automatically transferred to a predetermined position and round of the FIC (See Fig 7). These transfers shall normally apply up to and including the quarter-finals of the main event, but the Committee may declare an earlier cut-off point (whole rounds only) should it be deemed necessary for completion of the tournament. FIC Draws must be submitted by TTP and cannot include Players who have not competed in the main draw. (Fig 7).

10.6.4 Merged Consolation Events

If consolation events from two junior age groups are merged, the event shall be classified under the older age group for the purposes of Ranking points.

10.7 Additional Matches

If additional matches that do not fit into the tournament structure are played for Ratings purposes, the results can be submitted by creating a "Ratings Only" event in TTP.

11 CONDITIONS OF PLAY

11.1 Composition of matches

11.1.1 All matches in level events in an LTA Official Tournament will be the best of three sets or best of five sets. Matches will be played in accordance with the Rules of Tennis and the Alternative Scoring Methods (as defined in Regulation 11.2 below). The recommended format in 12&U events is 2 tie-break sets with a Deciding Match Tie-break (as defined in Regulation 11.2.4 below) at one set all. The recommended format in 10&U matches, is 2 short sets with a Deciding Match Tie-break at one set all.

11.1.2 The Committee shall decide, and publish on the Entry Form, which scoring methods will be used.

11.1.3 Under normal circumstances, when using normal sets, a Player shall not be scheduled to play more than two singles and one doubles match in a day. If short sets are being used, the maximum shall be three singles and a doubles.

11.1.4 If a Player is scheduled for more than one match in a day, the following rest periods shall be allowed:

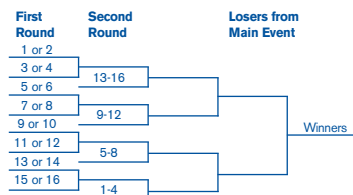
- a) played 20 games or less, a 30-minute rest; or
- b) played more than 20 games, a 60-minute rest.

11.2 Alternative Scoring Methods ("Alternative Scoring Methods")

11.2.1 Advantage Sets

The first Player/team who wins six games wins the set, provided there is a margin of two games over the opponent(s). However, if necessary, the set shall continue until this margin is achieved.

Fig 7 An example of the FIC fed from a 16-draw main event



11.2.2 Tie-break Sets

The first Player/team who wins six games wins that set, provided there is a margin of two games over the opponent(s). However, if the score reaches six games all, a tie-break game shall be played.

11.2.3 Short Sets

The first Player/team who wins four games wins that set, provided there is a margin of two games over the opponent(s). If the score reaches four games all, a tie-break game shall be played. A set therefore can be won 4-0, 4-1, 4-2, 5-3 or 5-4.

11.2.4 Deciding Match Tie-break (first to 10 points)

When the score in a match is one set all, or two sets all in best of five set matches, a Deciding Match Tie-break shall be played to decide the match. This Deciding Match Tie-break replaces the final set. The Player/team who first wins 10 points shall win this Deciding Match Tie-break and the match, provided there is a margin of two points. This Deciding Match Tie-break shall be counted as a set won or lost by 1 game to 0. The score shall be recorded as in the following examples: 3-6, 6-4, [10-8]
7-6(3), 6-7 (6), [12-10]
However, when using TTP, the Deciding Match Tie-break must be recorded as follows:
3-6, 6-4, 1-0(8)
7-6(3), 6-7(6), 1-0(10)

Note: When using a Deciding Match Tie-break to replace the final set:

- the original order of service continues;
- in doubles, the order of serving and receiving within the team may be altered, as at the beginning of each set;
- before the start of a Deciding Match Tie-break there shall be a 2 minutes set break; and
- balls should not be changed before the start of a Deciding Match Tie-break even if a ball change is due.

11.2.5 "No-Ad" Scoring

If both Players/teams have won three points each, the score is deuce and a deciding point shall be played. The receiver(s) shall choose whether to receive the service from the right or the left of the court. In doubles, the Players of the receiving team cannot change positions to receive this deciding point. The Player/team who wins the deciding point wins the game. In mixed doubles, the Player of the same gender

as the server shall receive the deciding point; the Players of the receiving team cannot change positions to receive the deciding point.

11.2.6 Slower Ball Competition

For 10&U Players in competitions using slower balls (red, orange or green) in accordance with the National Competition Framework, other short-duration scoring methods may be used, e.g. one match tie-break, best of 3 tie-breaks, one set.

11.2.7 Red Ball Competition (for players 8&U)

Scoring should be simple, eg first to 10. Players will serve diagonally into the opposite service box and will have 2 serves to get the ball into play (as in normal tennis). Irrespective of the length of match, service should alternate after every 2 points, the first point should be served from the right side and the second from the left.

11.3 Warm-up

11.3.1 Prior to a match, the Players are entitled to a warm-up period not exceeding 5 minutes.

11.3.2 Should a match be interrupted for reasons beyond the control of the Players, a warm-up shall be permitted before the restart subject to the following limits:
0–15 minutes delay – no warm-up.
15–30 minutes delay – 3 minutes warm-up.
30 or more minutes delay – 5 minutes warm-up.

11.4 Procedures in case of adverse conditions

11.4.1 The Referee shall have the authority, in adverse conditions (e.g. bad weather), to shorten best of five set matches to the best of three sets, to shorten best of three set matches to one of the Alternative Scoring Methods (as set out in Regulation 11.2 above) but preferably only for entire rounds of each event. The composition of a match may not be changed after it has started other than in exceptional circumstances.

11.4.2 A Chair Umpire may suspend play if, in his opinion, the court is no longer fit for play. The Referee has the sole authority to postpone a match, started or otherwise, to another day.

11.4.3 A match in which play has been suspended shall, if possible, be resumed on the same court, unless the Referee deems it necessary to change to a different court or surface. The score at the time of suspension of a match shall stand upon resumption.

11.4.4 In LTA Official Tournaments which have been

significantly affected by adverse conditions, the Referee may decide that matches shall be reduced as follows:

- Consolation events reduced to one of the abbreviated versions of the Alternative Scoring Methods;
- Consolation events cancelled;
- Doubles events reduced to one of the abbreviated versions of the Alternative Scoring Methods;
- Double events cancelled; and
- Singles events reduced to one of the abbreviated versions of the Alternative Scoring Methods.

- 11.4.5 If a round of an event has started, other than in exceptional circumstances, the whole round should be completed using the same scoring method. Then, Alternative Scoring Methods may be introduced in subsequent rounds in the above order.
- 11.4.6 If time allows, the event may revert to the original scoring method, but only for complete rounds.
- 11.4.7 One-set matches do not count for Ratings results and are not therefore recommended as an abbreviated version of the Alternative Scoring Method. Short sets with a Deciding Match Tie-break is the briefest abbreviated version of the Alternative Scoring Method that is recommended.
- 11.4.8 Unfinished events – if an event has to be abandoned, for the purposes of Player Ranking Points, Players will receive loser points for the next round, e.g. if an event is abandoned after the quarter-finals, the four remaining Players will receive semi-final loser points.

11.5 Toilet breaks & change-of-attire breaks

- 11.5.1 A Player is allowed to leave the court for a reasonable time for a toilet break (or, for female Players, a change-of-attire break). Toilet breaks should be taken on a set break and can be used for no other purpose. Change-of-attire breaks (for female Players) must be taken on a set break.
- 11.5.2 A Player is entitled to two breaks during a singles match. In doubles matches, each team is entitled to a total of two breaks. If doubles partners leave the court together, it counts as one of the team's authorised breaks. Any time a Player leaves the court for a toilet break, it is considered one of the authorised breaks regardless of whether or not the opponent has left the court. Any toilet break taken after the

warm-up has started is considered one of the authorised breaks.

- 11.5.3 Additional breaks will be authorised, but will be penalised in accordance with the Point Penalty Schedule, as defined at paragraph 6 of Appendix B if the Player is not ready to play within the allowed time.
- 11.5.4 Players in a non-umpired match may not leave the court without the permission of the Referee or his appointed deputy other than to seek the services of the Referee, as set out in Appendix A.

11.6 Medical Conditions

- 11.6.1 In the event that a Player suffers an accident during the match or warm-up or believes that medical diagnosis and treatment are required for a medical condition, the Player shall be entitled to request and receive a one-time three-minute medical time-out for that condition. A request for a medical time-out may be made by a Player at any time during a match or warm-up. A Player must make the request for treatment to the Chair Umpire (or Referee, if there is no Chair Umpire).
- 11.6.2 Medical evaluation and treatment of a Player's condition will be made only by the tournament doctor/trainer. However, if there is no doctor/trainer on-site, the Player can nominate another person to treat him/her or the Player may treat himself/herself, but the Referee must be called on-court to authorise this treatment. The time-out begins after the completion of the evaluation and diagnosis of the medical condition by the doctor/trainer, or as decided by the Referee.
- 11.6.3 A Player may, within any 90-seconds changeover or set break, receive on-court evaluation, treatment and supplies from the doctor/trainer. A Player must make the request for treatment to the Chair Umpire (or Referee, if there is no Chair Umpire). As a guideline, this medical treatment should not exceed two consecutive changeovers.
- 11.6.4 Players may not receive treatment at any time during the match (or warm-up) for the following conditions:
- (a) Any illness or medical condition, as determined by the doctor/trainer (or Referee if there is no doctor/trainer) that can not be appropriately treated or will not be improved by medical treatment;
 - (b) Pre-existing conditions not aggravated during play;

- (c) General Player fatigue;
 - (d) Any treatment requiring injections, intravenous infusions or oxygen (although injections may be administered off-court for diabetics); and
 - (e) Cramping if this has already been treated earlier in the match.
- 11.6.5** A Player can make the request and receive a time-out immediately, or on the next changeover or set break (in which case, the time-out is in addition to the time allowed for that changeover or set break) or when the doctor/trainer arrives, evaluates and is prepared to give treatment.
- 11.6.6** After completion of the time-out, any delay shall be penalised in accordance with the Point Penalty Schedule.
- 11.6.7** The Referee has the authority to rule a Player ineligible to compete because of serious Player injury or illness. However, the Referee shall use this power with great discretion and shall seek medical advice and any other appropriate information in all such cases.
- 11.7 Footwear and clothing**
- 11.7.1** No footwear shall be worn on court which is of a type prohibited by the host club, or which may, in the opinion of the Referee, cause damage to the court surface.
- 11.7.2** Only recognised tennis clothing, which includes T-shirts, may be worn as specified by the Committee in the tournament Entry Form or any letter, which shall be one of the following:
- (a) All items of clothing to be entirely white; or
 - (b) Each item of clothing to be visibly predominantly white, which for the purpose of these regulations shall be taken to mean at least two-thirds white; or
 - (c) All or any items of clothing may be coloured. The Referee may, at his discretion, permit tracksuits or waterproof clothing of a suitable type to be worn in adverse weather conditions or for medical reasons.
- 11.7.3** Permitted identification on clothing and equipment is set out at Appendix C.
- 11.8 Tennis Balls**
- 11.8.1** A minimum of 3 balls, as set out at Regulation 3.2.11, shall be provided for each match.
- 11.8.2** The Committee and/or Referee shall decide any ball change and the round from which any ball change is to be implemented. Such decisions may be altered at the request of the Referee if conditions render it necessary.
- 11.9 Court Markings**
- The LTA's national competition framework, which may be found at www.LTA.org.uk/PlayAndCompete, specifies court sizes as follows:
- 11.9.1** Red Court (for players 8 & under) size: 11m x 5.5m (36ft x 18ft) and service box: 4.1m x 2.75m (13.5ft x 9ft). Net height: 80cm (29ins) at the centre. These dimensions allow courts to be marked across a normal tennis court. However, courts with dimensions 12m x 6m (39ft x 19.5ft) and service box 4m x 3m (13ft x 9.75ft) are also acceptable, with the net height 80cm (29ins) at the centre.
- 11.9.2** Orange Court (for players aged 8/9) size: 18m x 6.5m (58.5ft x 21ft) for singles, 18m x 8.23m (58.5ft x 27ft) for doubles with the net height 80cm (29ins) at the centre. Service box: 6.4m x 3.25m (21ft x 10.5ft).
- 11.9.3** Courts that include markings for 'Orange' tennis shall be permitted for use in all LTA Official Tournaments but courts with multiple sport markings should not be used other than in exceptional circumstances.
- 11.10 Results from Grade 6 Events**
- Players' singles results from non-sanctioned tournaments shall only be valid for Ratings if the event organiser returns details of the event, results and membership numbers to their local LTA County Office in the approved format.

APPENDIX A**MATCHES PLAYED WITHOUT A CHAIR UMPIRE**

1. Each Player (or doubles team) is responsible for all line calls on his 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.
2. 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.
3. The server should call the score before each first serve, loudly enough for the opponent(s) to hear.
4. If a Player is unhappy with the opponent(s)' actions or decisions, he should call the Referee (or assistant).
5. For matches played on clay courts, there are some additional procedures that all Players should follow. A ball mark can be checked on a point ending shot, or when play is stopped (a reflex return is allowed). If a Player is unsure of the opponent's call, he can ask his opponent to show the mark. The Player can then cross the net to look at the mark. If a Player erases the mark, he is conceding the point. If there is a disagreement over a ball mark, the Referee (or assistant) can be called to make a final decision. If a Player incorrectly calls the ball "out" and then realises that the ball was good, the Player who called "out" loses the point.
6. Players who do not fairly follow these procedures could be subject to the Hindrance Rule as defined in the Rules of Tennis and the unsportsmanlike conduct provision, as set out at paragraph 14 of the Code of Conduct.

APPENDIX B**THE LTA CODE OF CONDUCT
(last updated October 2007)**

(All references to the masculine include also the feminine gender)

A Player shall, during all matches and at all times within the tournament site, conduct himself in an acceptable manner, following the provisions set out below. In addition, a coach, relative or representative of a Player shall be under a similar obligation and sanctions can be applied to the Player for any failure on the part of his coach, relative or representative to fulfill such obligation. The Referee has the authority to order a Player, coach, relative or representative of a Player to move from the side of the court, or from the tournament site.

1. A Player withdrawing from a tournament after the specified withdrawal deadline, as set out at Regulation 6.1.21, or failing to appear without notifying the Referee, or defaulting during a tournament except for illness, injury or personal emergency, is liable to disciplinary action by the LTA in accordance with the withdrawal points system as set out at Appendix E. To negate any automatic penalty, a Withdrawal Form as appended at Appendix E must be supplied to the LTA Competition Services Manager within seven days of the withdrawal.
2. Every Player must sign the tournament attendance sheet immediately on arrival each day and until he has done so will be assumed to be absent.
3. Every Player shall present himself for play when his match is called. A Player not ready to play within 15 minutes of his match being called is liable to be defaulted. The official clock shall be that designated by the Referee in accordance with Regulation 3.3.7.
4. It is the responsibility of all Players to ascertain from the Referee when they are next scheduled for play.
5. A Player shall present himself for play in acceptable tennis attire, in accordance with these Regulations including the provisions of Appendix C – Identification on Clothing and Equipment, and as decided by the Committee.
6. Players shall play within the times allowed. A maximum of five minutes is allowed for the warm-up, 20 seconds between points, 90 seconds for a changeover and 2 minutes for a set break. Violations of this section shall be penalised with a time violation (in the first

instance by a warning and in each subsequent instance by a one-point penalty.) However, a Player who refuses to play, is late because of a medical condition or treatment, or is late having left the court with the permission of the Chair Umpire or Referee shall be penalised in accordance with the point penalty schedule as set out at paragraph 15 of this Appendix.

7. A Player shall not leave the court during a match (including the warm-up) without the permission of the Chair Umpire. When there is no Chair Umpire, the Player is allowed to leave the court only to seek the services of the Referee.
8. A Player shall use his best efforts to win a match and must complete a match in progress unless he is reasonably unable to do so.
9. A Player shall not use an audible obscenity, or make an obscene gesture of any kind.
10. A Player shall not violently, dangerously or in anger, hit, kick or throw a tennis ball, racket or other equipment.
11. A Player shall not at any time verbally abuse any official, opponent, spectator or other person.
12. A Player shall not receive coaching during a match. Communication of any kind, audible or visible, between a Player and a person off-court (e.g. coach, relative or Player representative) may be construed as coaching.
13. A Player shall not at any time physically abuse any official, spectator or other person.
14. A Player shall at all times conduct himself in a sportsmanlike manner with due regard to the authority of officials and the rights of opponents, spectators and others.
15. Violations of paragraphs 7-14 of this Code of Conduct (known as a "Code Violation") in any one match shall be punishable in accordance with the point penalty schedule ("Point Penalty Schedule") as set out below:
First Offence = Warning
Second Offence = Point Penalty
Third Offence = Game Penalty
Fourth and subsequent Offences = Game Penalty or Default.
After a third Code Violation, the Referee shall determine whether each subsequent offence shall constitute a default. The Referee may declare a default for either a single Code Violation ("Immediate Default") or as outlined above. In all cases of default, the decision of the Referee is final and cannot be appealed. A Player may be defaulted immediately for a

single Code Violation where such Code Violation is flagrant and/or is particularly injurious to the tournament and/or the Game of Tennis. If a Player is defaulted during a match for conduct reasons, he shall be defaulted from all other events at that tournament. If a Player commits any such offence after the conclusion of his match, it shall be recorded as a post-match Code Violation and be taken into consideration for the purposes of paragraph 17 of the Code of Conduct below.

16. In matches where there is no Chair Umpire, the penalties in paragraphs 6 and 15 may be applied by the Referee, assistant referee as appointed under Regulation 3.3.2 or Court Supervisors except for default which can only be declared by the Referee.
17. A Player who breaches this Code of Conduct, these Regulations and/or the LTA Rules including but not limited to the provisions of the LTA Anti-Doping Programme at Appendix 4 and the Regulations concerning Match Fixing, Financial Speculation and Betting at Appendix 6 (www.LTA.org.uk/AboutUs/LTARules) may have further disciplinary action taken against him by the LTA in accordance with the provisions of the LTA Disciplinary and Dispute Resolution Procedures as set out at Appendix 3 to the LTA Rules.

APPENDIX C IDENTIFICATION ON CLOTHING AND EQUIPMENT

No identification shall be permitted on a Player's clothing, products or equipment on court during a match or at any press conference or tournament ceremony, except as follows (the LTA reserves the right to interpret the following rules so as to give effect to the intent and purposes of these Rules):

1. **Shirt, Sweater, or Jacket**
 - (i) **Sleeves**
One (1) commercial (non-manufacturer's) identification for each sleeve, neither of which exceeds three (3) square inches (19.5sq cm), plus one (1) manufacturer's identification on each sleeve, neither of which exceeds eight (8) square inches (52sq cm) shall be permitted. If written identification is used within this eight (8) square inches (52sq cm) area on either or both sleeves, such written identification may not exceed four (4) square inches (26sq cm) per sleeve.

(ii) Front, Back and Collar

Total of two (2) manufacturer's identifications, neither of which exceeds two (2) square inches (13sq cm) or one (1) manufacturer's identification, which does not exceed four (4) square inches (26sq cm), shall be permitted.

Sleeveless (Men)

The commercial (non-manufacturer's) identifications and manufacturer's identifications permitted on the sleeves above, may not be placed on a sleeveless shirt.

Sleeveless (Women)

The two (2) commercial (non-manufacturer's) identifications permitted on the sleeves above, neither of which shall exceed three (3) square inches (19.5sq cm) in size.

2. Skirts or Shorts

Two (2) manufacturer's identifications, neither of which exceeds two (2) square inches (13sq cm), or one (1) manufacturer's identification which does not exceed four (4) square inches (26sq cm) shall be permitted.

Men

On compression shorts, one (1) manufacturer's identification not to exceed two (2) square inches (13sq cm) and which shall be in addition to the manufacturer's identifications on shorts shall be permitted.

Women

Compression shorts may be worn during a match under a skirt, dress or shorts. On compression shorts, one (1) manufacturer's identification which does not exceed two (2) square inches (13sq cm) and which shall be in addition to the manufacturer's identification on shorts/skirts shall be permitted. No commercial or manufacturer's identifications are allowed on the front or back of regular tennis panties.

Note: A dress for the purpose of permissible identification shall be treated as a combination of a skirt and shirt (dividing dress at waist).

3. Socks/Shoes

Manufacturer's identifications on each sock and on each shoe shall be permitted. The identifications on the sock(s) on each foot shall be limited to a maximum of two (2) square inches (13sq cm).

4. Racket

Manufacturer's identifications on racket and strings shall be permitted.

5. Hat, Headband or Wristband

One (1) manufacturer's identification, not to exceed two (2) square inches (13sq cm) shall be permitted.

6. Bags, Other Equipment or Paraphernalia

Tennis equipment manufacturer's identifications on each item plus two (2) separate commercial identifications on one (1) bag, neither of which exceeds four (4) square inches (26sq cm) shall be permitted.

7. Other Tennis, Sport or Entertainment Event

Notwithstanding anything to the contrary hereinabove set forth the identification by use of the name, emblem, logo, trademark, symbol or other description of any tennis circuit, series of tennis events, tennis exhibition, tennis tournament, any other sport or entertainment event is prohibited on all dress or equipment, unless otherwise approved by the LTA.

8. Warm-up Clothing

Players may wear warm-up clothing during the warm-up and during a match provided it complies with the foregoing provisions and provided further that the Players obtain approval of the Referee prior to wearing warm-up clothing during a match.

9. General

For the purposes of this rule, the manufacturer means the manufacturer of the clothing or equipment in question. In addition, the size limitation shall be ascertained by determining the area of the actual patch or other addition to a Player's clothing without regard to the colour of the same. In determining area, depending on the shape of the patch or other addition, a circle, triangle or rectangle shall be drawn around the same and the size of the patch for the purpose of this Rule shall be the area within the circumference of the circle or the perimeter of the triangle or rectangle as the case may be. When a solid colour patch is the same colour as the clothing, then in determining the area, the size of the actual patch will be based on the size of the logo identification.

APPENDIX D – CODE VIOLATION FORM

Tournament and Venue: Date:

Event: Round: Court Number:

Team / Player(s)							Nationality
STEP	SET	GAMES	POINTS	PLAYER	CODE	DESCRIPTION	
Warning		-	-				
Point		-	-				
Game		-	-				
Game/Default		-	-				
Post Match							

Team / Player(s)							Nationality
STEP	SET	GAMES	POINTS	PLAYER	CODE	DESCRIPTION	
Warning		-	-				
Point		-	-				
Game		-	-				
Game/Default		-	-				
Post Match							

Abbreviations (Code of Conduct)

D e l Unreasonable delay	B A Abuse of balls	P h A Physical abuse
A O b Audible Obscenity	R A Abuse of racket or equipment	U n C Unsportsmanlike conduct
V O b Visible obscenity	V A Verbal abuse	P C Partisan crowd (team events only)
C C Coaching, coaches		

TIME VIOLATIONS

Team/Player(s)							Team/Player(s)						
STEP	SET	GAMES	POINTS	PLAYER	20s	90s	STEP	SET	GAMES	POINTS	PLAYER	20s	90s
Warning		-	-				Warning		-	-			
Point		-	-				Point		-	-			
Point		-	-				Point		-	-			
Point		-	-				Point		-	-			
Point		-	-				Point		-	-			

(Please Print)

UMPIRES / SUPERVISOR

Signature

REFEREE (Print)

Please return to the LTA Acting Disciplinary Officer with the Discipline Report Form

Signature

APPENDIX E**WITHDRAWAL POINTS SYSTEM**

1. Players who withdraw after the specified withdrawal deadline or fail to appear without notifying the Referee, or withdraw during the tournament, shall incur penalties.
2. A withdrawal form (shown below) with documentary evidence if possible must be supplied within 7 days of withdrawal from the tournament in order to negate any penalties.
3. At LTA Official Tournaments that are not staged by the LTA, simulated losses are assigned against a player's LTA Rating depending on when the withdrawal occurred.
4. At LTA staged tournaments players incur 'withdrawal penalty points', accumulation of which can lead to automatic suspension (see below).

WITHDRAWAL POINTS SYSTEM FOR LTA STAGED TOURNAMENTS

5. Submission of a Withdrawal Form (preferably with supporting evidence) will result in the penalty being halved.
6. Code violations at a tournament also incur withdrawal points.
7. Withdrawal points are accumulated over a 12-month rolling period.
8. Accumulation of 12 withdrawal points will result in a suspension of 2 weeks.
NB A player retiring during a match will not incur withdrawal penalty points.

Withdrawal Points System for LTA Staged Tournaments

Withdrawal	Time limit	Penalty
After notification of acceptance (including as a reserve)	Up to 0900 Wednesday prior to the start of weekend event	0
After notification of acceptance (including as a reserve)	After to 0900 Wednesday prior to the start of weekend event	4 points
During the event		4 points
No show at the event (no prior communication to referee)		6 points

TOURNAMENT WITHDRAWAL FORM

Please complete this form and return it to the address below **within 72 hours of completion** of the tournament.
Competition Services Team, The Lawn Tennis Association, 100 Priory Lane, Roehampton, London SW15 5JQ

Tournament Name:	<input type="text"/>	Tournament Code:	<input type="text"/>
		(as shown in Competition guide)	
Player's Name:	<input type="text"/>	Dates:	<input type="text"/>
Membership Number:	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
Player was a "No Show":	<input type="checkbox"/>	Nature of the withdrawal: INJURY	<input type="checkbox"/>
		ILLNESS	<input type="checkbox"/>
		OTHER	<input type="checkbox"/>
		(Please supply details)	
Player withdrew after the withdrawal deadline:	<input type="checkbox"/>	Player withdrew during the tournament:	<input type="checkbox"/>
As referee, were you satisfied that the withdrawal was genuine?	YES	<input type="checkbox"/>	NO
		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Tournament Name:	<input type="text"/>	Tournament Code:	<input type="text"/>
		(as shown in Competition guide)	
Player's Name:	<input type="text"/>	Dates:	<input type="text"/>
Membership Number:	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
Player was a "No Show":	<input type="checkbox"/>	Nature of the withdrawal: INJURY	<input type="checkbox"/>
		ILLNESS	<input type="checkbox"/>
		OTHER	<input type="checkbox"/>
		(Please supply details)	
Player withdrew after the withdrawal deadline:	<input type="checkbox"/>	Player withdrew during the tournament:	<input type="checkbox"/>
As referee, were you satisfied that the withdrawal was genuine?	YES	<input type="checkbox"/>	NO
		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Tournament Name:	<input type="text"/>	Tournament Code:	<input type="text"/>
		(as shown in Competition guide)	
Player's Name:	<input type="text"/>	Dates:	<input type="text"/>
Membership Number:	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
Player was a "No Show":	<input type="checkbox"/>	Nature of the withdrawal: INJURY	<input type="checkbox"/>
		ILLNESS	<input type="checkbox"/>
		OTHER	<input type="checkbox"/>
		(Please supply details)	
Player withdrew after the withdrawal deadline:	<input type="checkbox"/>	Player withdrew during the tournament:	<input type="checkbox"/>
As referee, were you satisfied that the withdrawal was genuine?	YES	<input type="checkbox"/>	NO
		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

TO BE COMPLETED BY THE TOURNAMENT REFEREE

Name:

Signature:

Date:

APPENDIX F

RATINGS & RANKINGS

Ratings

A Rating is a measure of playing standard based on results against other Players. A Player can apply for a Rating from 15 June in the year that they become 9 years of age. Independent of age, there are twenty Rating bands within ten divisions (see Table 1), 1.1 being the highest level and 10.2 the lowest.

Table 1 Ratings by Division

Division 1	1.1	1.2
Division 2	2.1	2.2
Division 3	3.1	3.2
Division 4	4.1	4.2
Division 5	5.1	5.2
Division 6	6.1	6.2
Division 7	7.1	7.2
Division 8	8.1	8.2
Division 9	9.1	9.2
Division 10	10.1	10.2

If a Player is consistently beating Players of the same Rating or higher, whilst not losing against too many Players rated the same or lower, it is likely his Rating will increase. Ratings can increase 4 times a year.

Only adults with a Rating of 5.1 or higher can decrease in Rating and this can only happen at the end of the summer (September Ratings run).

Junior Ratings are not decreased at any time.

To access more information on Ratings go to www.LTA.org.uk/Articles/Players/Ratings

Mini Tennis Ratings

There are 4 Rating levels in each of the Red, Orange and Green mini tennis categories, 4 being the lowest and 1 the highest level.

To access more information about mini tennis Ratings go to www.LTA.org.uk/Articles/Players/Mini-Tennis-Ratings

Table 2: Individual Ranking Points

Pre-Qual	Qual	FIC	Consol	Main Draw	Grade1	Grade 2	Grade 3	Grade 4	Grade 5
				Winner	1000	750	250	70	30
				R-up	750	565	190	53	23
				3rd	625	470	155	44	19
		Winner		4th-SF	550	415	140	38	17
		R-up		5th	500	375	125	35	15
		3rd		6th	450	340	110	32	14
		4th-SF		7th	425	320	105	30	13
		8th-QF		8th-QF	400	300	100	28	12
		First 8			350	265	88	25	11
		Last16	Winner	Rnd 16	300	225	75	21	9
		First 16	R-up		250	190	63	18	8
			3rd		225	170	56	16	7
	Qualifier	Last 32	4th-SF	Rnd 32	200	150	50	14	6
	Last Rnd		5th		185	140	46	13	5
	2nd last		6th		175	130	44	12	4
Qualifier			7th		170	128	42	11	3
Last Rnd			8th-QF		165	125	41	10	2
			Rnd 16		130	100	33	9	1
		First 32	Rnd 32	Rnd 64	100	75	25	7	

Rankings

A Ranking in 12&U, 14&U, 16&U, 18&U, Open and Veteran age groups is based on a player's best six tournament results (3 for veterans) over a rolling 12 month period. A junior and veteran can have a Ranking in more than one age group.

The further a Player progresses through a tournament draw the more Ranking points a Player will accumulate. The Ranking points available depend upon the grade of the tournament (see Table 2 and Regulation 5).

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Table 3: Team Ranking Points

EVENTS	GRADES						
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
Winter County Cup	Group 1-2	Group 3-4	Group 5-6				
Team Tennis Open	Finals	Play-offs Div 1	National Div 1	National Div 2	County Div 1 & Play offs	Cty Div 2 & below	
County Cup 18, 14	Group 1-2	Group 3-4	Group 5-6				
County Cup 12		Finals			Area		
Team Tennis 8-18		Finals		Regional Play-offs	County Div 1	Other County Divisions	
Schools			Finals			Schools	Schools
Player 1	150	115	90	65	50	Ratings only	Assessment free
Player 2	145	110	85	60	45	Ratings only	Assessment free
Player 3	140	105	80	55	40	Ratings only	Assessment free
Player 4	135	100	75	50	35	Ratings only	Assessment free
Player 5	130	95	70	45	30	Ratings only	Assessment free
Player 6	125	90	65	40	25	Ratings only	Assessment free

ATP/WTA ranking points are converted and included in LTA open Rankings. ITF ranking points are converted and included in the 18 & Under junior age group rankings. Tennis Europe ranking points are converted and included in 16 & Under and 14 & Under age group rankings.

A Player must win a match in a draw to receive ranking points from the round reached.

Team events, eg County Cups, Team Tennis (formerly National Club League), also qualify for Ranking points (see Table 3).

Rankings are updated every two weeks. Rating and Ranking regulations are reviewed every 6 months.

To access more information on Rankings go to: www.LTA.org.uk/Articles/Players/Rankings.

APPENDIX G POSTAL TOURNAMENTS

As far as is practicable, these events are to be conducted within the general conditions of these Regulations, but shall have the right to formulate their own detailed regulations. Players shall observe the special regulations for playing matches without a Chair Umpire (Appendix A). The following special regulations shall also apply:

1. The Entry Form shall clearly indicate the name of the Referee, the method(s) by which he may be contacted, the responsibilities for arranging matches and the procedures to be followed in the resolution of disputes.
2. Any question or dispute relating to the tournament shall be directed immediately to the Referee, whose decision shall be final.
3. In the event of a dispute arising in a match which the Players are unable to resolve, the

match shall be abandoned and referred to the Referee who shall make a ruling as to the replaying or continuation of the match. This ruling shall be final and binding.

**APPENDIX H
EVENTS WITH HANDICAP SCORING**

1. Tournaments at which handicap events are included shall publish a handicap entry form, as set out below, as part of the Entry Form.
2. Players entering handicap events must complete this part of the entry form accurately or shall be liable to disqualification.
3. Handicaps shall be allotted by the Committee or their appointed handicapper, and shall not be changed other than to correct serious errors.
4. A handicap event shall not be seeded.
5. Tie-breaks shall not be used. Note: A set is decided when one Player or pair has won 6 games by a margin of two games (normal advantage set).
6. The handicaps, and the odds at which the match is to be played, shall be written on the score sheet. In the event of an error in the marking of these odds, the loser may claim to have the match replayed only if the error is in the winner's favour, and he has not played a further match.
7. For the purposes of calculating odds, each set shall be considered in terms of cycles of six games, so that the seventh game in the set is the first game of the second cycle of six games. The start of each set shall be the start of a new cycle of six games.
8. Whatever odds exist in a match, every game shall begin in the right hand court, in accordance with the Rules of Tennis.
9. Handicap Notation: Handicaps are represented as a blank or one or the numbers 15, 30, 40 or 50, separated by a point from a second whole number less than six (or a blank), except that no handicap greater than owe 50 or receive 40 may be allotted, e.g. 15.3, 30.4, 40.5.
10. The first part of the handicap figure represents the number of points the Player owes or receives in every game of a match. The second part indicates the number of games in each cycle of six in which he owes or receives an additional point. The games in each cycle to which this additional point applies are given in Tables 1 and 2. The relevant games differ for Players owing or receiving points.

11. Matches shall be played at the difference between the two Players' handicaps. No Player may receive more than 30 from any opponent. For each point required to bring the opponent's handicap down to 30 (as shown in Table 3) the opponent's handicap shall be transferred to the owed odds, up to a limit of owe 50, e.g. owe 15.2.

Examples

1. Player X, whose handicap is receive 30.5, drawn against Player Y, whose handicap is receive one-sixth (.1) shall receive 30, and shall play at a handicap of Owe 15 and two-sixths (i.e. 15.2).
2. The same Player X, drawn against Player Z, whose handicap is Owe one-sixth, shall receive 30, while Z shall play at a handicap of Owe 15 and five sixths (15.5).

Table 1 Games in which odds to be received

	1st Game	2nd Game	3rd Game	4th Game	5th Game	6th Game
1/6th of 15		15				
2/6th of 15		15		15		
3/6th of 15		15		15		15
4/6th of 15	15	15		15		15
5/6th of 15	15	15	15	15		15

Example

A Player receiving four-sixths of fifteen receives nothing in the third and fifth games, and fifteen in the first, second, fourth and sixth games of a set.

Note: The table is not carried beyond the sixth game, as in the next and every succeeding six games odds recur in the same positions. The above odds may be received in addition to the other received odds. Fifteen is one point received at the beginning of every game of a set. Thirty is two points received at the beginning of every game of a set.

Table 2 Games in which odds to be owed

	1st Game	2nd Game	3rd Game	4th Game	5th Game	6th Game
1/6th of 15					15	
2/6th of 15			15		15	
3/6th of 15	15		15		15	
4/6th of 15	15		15		15	15
5/6th of 15	15		15	15	15	15

Example

A Player owing two-sixths of fifteen would owe fifteen in the third and fifth games, and nothing in the first, second, fourth and sixth games of a set.

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Table 3 Table of odds to be used when players meet whose handicaps differ by more than receive 30

Players whose handicap is as stated at the top of columns shall receive 30 and in addition shall be owed the odds stated in each column opposite the handicap of his opponent.

Opponent Owe 50	Rec.40 Owe 50	Rec. 30.5 Owe 50	Rec. 30.4 Owe 50	Rec. 30.3 Owe 50	Rec. 30.2 Owe 50	Rec. 30.1 Owe 50
"40.5	"	"	"	"	"	"
"40.4	"	"	"	"	"	"
"40.3	"	"	"	"	"	"40.5
"40.2	"	"	"	"	"	"40.4
"40.1	"	"	"	"	"40.5	"40.3
"40	"	"	"	"	"40.4	"40.2
"30.5	"	"	"	"40.5	"40.3	"40.1
"30.4	"	"	"	"40.4	"40.2	"40
"30.3	"	"	"40.5	"40.3	"40.1	"30.5
"30.2	"	"	"40.4	"40.2	"40	"30.4
"30.1	"	"40.5	"40.3	"40.1	"30.5	"30.3
"30	"	"40.4	"40.2	"40	"30.4	"30.2
"15.5	"40.5	"40.3	"40.1	"30.5	"30.3	"30.1
"15.4	"40.4	"40.2	"40	"30.4	"30.2	"30
"15.3	"40.3	"40.1	"30.5	"30.3	"30.1	"15.5
"15.2	"40.2	"40	"30.4	"30.2	"30	"15.4
"15.1	"40.1	"30.5	"30.3	"30.1	"15.5	"15.3
"15	"40	"30.4	"30.2	"30	"15.4	"15.2
"00.5	"30.5	"30.3	"30.1	"15.5	"15.3	"15.1
"00.4	"30.4	"30.2	"30	"15.4	"15.2	"15
"00.3	"30.3	"30.1	"15.5	"15.3	"15.1	"00.5
"00.2	"30.2	"30	"15.4	"15.2	"15	"00.4
"00.1	"30.1	"15.5	"15.3	"15.1	"00.5	"00.3
Scratch Receive	"30	"15.4	"15.2	"15	"00.4	"00.2
"00.1	"15.4	"15.2	"15	"00.4	"00.2	-
"00.2	"15.2	"15	"00.4	"00.2	-	-
"00.3	"15	"00.4	"00.2	-	-	-
"00.4	"00.4	"00.2	-	-	-	-
"00.5	"00.2	-	-	-	-	-
"15	-	-	-	-	-	-

THE HANDICAP ENTRY FORM

Important Notice for all players entering for any event using handicap scoring.

All competitors, not excepting those who are known to the Handicapper, entering for any event using handicap scoring must complete this form as far as possible.

1. If you have a National ranking, senior or junior

County: Senior or Junior: Ranking:

2. If you play for your County Ranking (Senior or Junior) or are a member of a County squad

County: Senior or Junior: Ranking:

3. If you play for a Club, Name of Club and 1st, 2nd team, etc:

4. If you have, or have recently had, an LTA Rating

Year: Rating: Handicap:

5. If you have played previously in this tournament or in any tournament with the same Referee

Name of Tournament: Latest year played:

6. If you have played in other Open Tournaments in Great Britain, not listed above, the last two occasions were

in 20 and in 20

7. If you have ever won a prize in a Handicap Event at an Open Tournaments in Great Britain, the last two occasions were

in 20 Singles handicap if known:
 in 20 Singles handicap if known:

8. If you are playing in any other Open Tournament between writing this Entry Form and the date of this tournament, please state its name.

9. If you are a junior playing regularly in tournaments, trials or County squads, your best three results, (win or lose) of this year and last

Event	Approximate Date	Opponent	Win or Lose	Score
<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
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10. If few or none of the above headings apply, please give any other definite information to assist

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EVENTS WITH HANDICAP SCORING

Note:

The table is not carried beyond the sixth game, as in the next and every succeeding six games in odds recur in the same positions. The above odds may be owed in addition to the other owed odds. Fifteen is one point owed at the beginning of every game of a set. Thirty is two points owed at the beginning of every game of a set. Forty is three points owed at the beginning of every game of a set.

APPENDIX I

REGULATIONS FOR THE COUNTY CUP COMPETITIONS

GENERAL REGULATIONS

Note:

For the purpose of these Regulations "Great Britain" includes the Channel Islands and the Isle of Man.

1. The County Cup Competitions which consist of separate competitions ("Competitions") shall be held annually as follows: (a) grass court; (b) winter indoor; (c) 18 & Under; (d) 14 & Under; (e) 12 & Under and (f) 10 & Under. The President and the Honorary Treasurer of LTA are the legal owners of any cups attached to the Competitions in trust for the Association.
2. The management of the Competitions is entrusted to the LTA Coach Relations & Competition Team, with power to decide on non-disciplinary matters (subject to Regulation 7 below) including but not limited to any question of eligibility, qualifications of Players, interpretation of the Competitions' Regulations.
3. For the purpose of these Competitions, which shall be area competitions subject to the Association's Rules 36 and 38 as set out at Appendix J, the following shall be regarded as Counties: East of Scotland, North of Scotland, South of Scotland, West of Scotland, North Wales, South Wales, Channel Islands, Isle of Man.
4. All Counties which competed in the Competitions during the previous year shall be entered for the equivalent Competitions held during the following year unless notice of withdrawal is lodged with the Competitions' director on or before the first day of October in the previous year or in the case of the winter indoor competition, before the first day of March in the same year.
5. A County which did not compete in the previous Competition and now wishes to do so shall give notice in writing to the Competitions'

director on or before the first day of October in the previous year and shall be placed in the lowest Group. In the case of the Winter Indoor Competition, notice shall be given before the first day of March in the same year.

6. For the purposes of these Regulations, except as otherwise stated, a rubber is the best of three tie-break sets and a match is the best of nine rubbers.
7. A Referee or Referees shall be appointed for each Centre (as defined below) by the LTA Coach Relations & Competition Team. The Referee shall decide any point that relates to the interpretation of the Rules of Tennis which may be referred to him. He shall decide whether or not the match shall be stopped owing to the state of the courts, the state of the weather, darkness or other unavoidable hindrance.
8. A County shall not be bound to play the same team throughout the Competition, but no change shall be made in the composition of the teams engaged in a match after the daily nominations have been submitted. If a match is postponed to the next day before any play shall have taken place the composition of the competing teams may be changed.
9. No Player may represent more than one County in any Competition.
10. The LTA Coach Relations & Competition Team shall from time to time select the make or makes of ball to be used in the respective Competitions.
11. Team officials are allowed on court during the matches as specified in the Special Regulations for each competition.
12. The County Association via its appointed captain or other designated person accompanying the Team is responsible for the behaviour of its Team at all times on and off the site of the Centre for the duration of the competition which includes but is not limited to traveling to the Centre, staying at accommodation and returning to the County. Any incident shall be dealt with in accordance with these Regulations and the LTA Rules (including, for the avoidance of doubt, any Appendices) entry into the Competitions constitutes acceptance, by both the County and individual members of the team, of the LTA's jurisdiction to deal with any disciplinary matter in accordance with these Regulations (including the Code of Conduct as set out at Appendix B to these Regulations) and the LTA

Rules (including, for the avoidance of doubt, any Appendices). In particular, the following shall apply:

- 12.1 Any disciplinary matter that relates to an incident that occurs on the site of the Centre shall be referred to the Referee for decision and any appeal against his decision shall be referred to the LTA Coach Relations & Competition Team and will be dealt with in accordance to the LTA Disciplinary and Dispute Resolution Procedures as set out at Appendix 3 to the LTA Rules.
- 12.2 Any disciplinary matter that relates to an incident off the site of the Centre shall be referred to the LTA Coach Relations & Competition Team and will be dealt with in accordance to the LTA Disciplinary and Dispute Resolution Procedures as set out at Appendix 3 to the LTA Rules.
13. Teams shall be notified to the Competitions' Director at The Lawn Tennis Association not later than the date specified from time to time for each Competition. Alterations may be made at the time of the final nominations as specified for each Competition.

SPECIAL REGULATIONS FOR THE COUNTY CUP GRASS COURT COMPETITION

14. The competing Counties shall be divided into groups which in Groups 1-4 shall not exceed six Counties and in further groups shall not exceed eight Counties.
15. The Competition shall be played in a week to be selected each year by the LTA Coach Relations & Competition Team and each Group shall play in one place to be known as a "Centre".
16. In a Group of not more than six Counties, each competing County shall play one match against each other County in the same Group. In a Group of eight Counties there shall be two Sections of four Counties, allocated in accordance with Regulation 30. Each competing County shall play one match against each other County in the same Section, followed by an Inter-Section Stage in which the Counties placed first and second in each Section's results shall then play one match against each of the Counties placed first and second in the other Section's results; and the Counties placed third and fourth in each Section's results shall play one match against each of the Counties placed third and fourth in the other Section's results. In a Group of seven Counties the procedure shall be the same as in a Group of eight Counties except that one of the Sections shall comprise only three Counties and where in the previous paragraph there is reference to "Counties placed third and fourth" this shall apply, in the case of the Section of three Counties, only to the County placed third.
17. Before play is due to start on the first day each County Captain shall nominate in writing to the Referee not more than ten Players who are eligible on that day in accordance with the Association's Rule 36. No other Player may represent the County during the week except that if exceptional circumstances such as illness, injury or bereavement reduce the number of available nominated Players to less than six for any County team, the Referee shall consult the Championships' Director or Championships' Referee, who may authorise the nomination of the necessary number of substitutes for the remainder of the Competition.
18. Each County shall be represented in each match by a team of six Players, who shall be arranged in pairs by their respective Captains, and each pair shall play against each pair of the opposing team one rubber. Not less than fifteen minutes before each match is due to start each County Captain shall nominate his team in pair order to the Referee, with whom the information shall remain confidential until the opposing team nomination has been received.
19. The order of play will be notified by the County Cup Director of The Lawn Tennis Association and each match shall consist of nine rubbers. All rubbers shall be the best of three tie break sets unless amended by the Referee due to inclement weather.
20. At set breaks, team captains or a nominated deputy shall be allowed to communicate with their Players within the permitted two-minute break. This may be on court or, at venues where this is not practical, through the netting.
21. If any Player is absent when called upon to play by the Referee the opponents shall be entitled to two love sets but if in any rubber one or more Player(s) is absent from each pair the rubber shall be void. If any county fails to field at least two pairs on any day (unless for exceptional circumstances, as decided by the LTA Coach Relations and Competition Team), all their matches in the Competition shall be declared null and void and they shall finish

- bottom of the group.
22. If a match in progress cannot be finished or a scheduled match has been unable to start on any day, it shall be completed on the following day before the start of the scheduled match for that day. In order to complete all matches, the use of abbreviated scoring should be considered for complete rounds of unfinished matches and, if necessary, the scheduled matches for that day. If there are still unfinished matches at the close of play on the final day, the result of the matches shall be determined by the rubbers that have been completed providing that one or two rounds of the day's programme have been completed in all matches of the group or section at that Centre. Second round rubbers will only count if all second round rubbers of all matches at that Centre have been completed. If no play is possible or fewer than 3 rubbers have been completed in any match at any Centre, the results of all the matches for that day at that Centre shall be declared null and void.
23. The Referee may order any match or part of a match to be played on a surface other than grass turf, if the condition of the grass courts shall, in his opinion, render such course necessary.
24. Indoor courts must not be used unless the courts are onsite and will be at no additional cost to the LTA or a County Association and has been authorised by the County Cup Director or County Cup Referee.
25. The team which shall win the majority of the nine rubbers shall be declared the winner of the match and shall score one point. Under no circumstances should rubbers be conceded. If under the terms of Regulation 22 fewer than nine rubbers shall have been completed, the match shall be decided:
(a) by the majority of counting rubbers won; or
(b) if there is equality of rubbers, by the majority of sets (in counting rubbers) won; or
(c) if there is equality of rubbers and sets, by the majority of games (in counting rubbers) won.
If there is equality of rubbers, sets and games, the match shall be tied with each team scoring half a point.
26. The County scoring the highest number of points in Group 1 shall be the Champion County for the year, and the County scoring the next highest number of points in Group 1 shall be runner-up County for the same year.
27. If two or more Counties in any Group or Section shall score an equal number of points the order of precedence shall be determined by
(a) the rubbers won or should this fail to determine the order, then
(b) the match result if two teams are tied, or if more than two, then
(c) the percentage of sets won to sets played; if two teams are still tied, then
(d) the match result, or if more than two, then
(e) the percentage of games won to games played.
In a Group of more than six Counties the first four places shall be allotted to the Counties placed first and second in their respective Sections, these four places to be dependent on the results of all matches played between those four Counties (ie in each case one match within the Section and two matches in the Inter-Section Stage). The remaining places in the Group shall likewise be allotted to the Counties not placed first or second in their Section, according to all matches played between the four or three Counties concerned.
28. A sum based on a minimum or flat-rate element plus a mileage allowance for three cars to be approved annually by the LTA Coach Relations & Competition Team shall be paid by the LTA to the Association of each County with the exception of the Channel Islands and the Isle of Man for whom special arrangements are made.
29. At the conclusion of each annual Competition the Counties in each Group shall be placed by the Committee in order of precedence in accordance with the provisions of Regulations 26 and 27.
30. For each year the Committee shall rearrange the Counties in each Group in such manner that the Counties which were respectively first and second in the previous year in Group 2 and in each subsequent Group shall be placed in the Group immediately above the one in which they last competed and the Counties which were respectively last and last but one in the previous year in each Group (other than the lowest Group) shall be placed in the Group immediately below the one in which they last competed. In a Group of more than six Counties one Section shall comprise the Counties standing 2nd, 3rd, 6th and 7th and the other Section the remainder.
31. The Committee may rearrange each year the

number of Counties in all Groups, other than Groups 1 and 2, in such manner as they may deem necessary, and for the purpose of such arrangement may promote to a higher Group or relegate to a lower Group more than two Counties; provided that in such promotion or relegation the order of precedence established by the previous Competition is strictly maintained.

32. If any County shall enter the Competition and fail to compete in it each County in its Group or Section shall score one point, and in the event of any two or more Counties in the same Group or Section entering and failing to compete the final order of their precedence in the Group or Section as between each other shall be determined in such manner as the Committee may from time to time decide.
33. If no play is possible in any Group for the duration of the event, the Committee shall decide the promotion and relegation of Counties for the following year, whether a Champion County can be declared under Regulation 26 or to declare the Competition void.

SPECIAL REGULATIONS FOR THE WINTER INDOOR COUNTY CUP AND THE 18 AND UNDER JUNIOR COUNTY CUP

34. The Competition shall be played over a period of three days. Groups (except Group 1) will be divided into Sections A and B of not more than four Counties and each Section (excluding Group 1) shall play at one place to be known as a "Centre". Each County shall play one match against each other County in the same Section or Group.
35. Order of Play
1st Day – A v C and B v D
2nd Day – Winners day 1 v Losers day 1
3rd Day – Winner day 1 v Winner day 1 and Loser day 1 v Loser day 1
36. Each County shall be represented in each match by a team, with a minimum of six and a maximum of ten Players.
37. The team nominations (not more than ten Players), in Singles World Ranking order up to 750 and thereafter in LTA Rating order, must be submitted to the Referee for approval at least 30 minutes before the commencement of play on the first day. Equally rated Players may be nominated in any order but the nominated order must be maintained throughout the Competition. No other Player may represent the County during the Championships except that if exceptional circumstances such as illness, injury or bereavement reduce the number of available nominated Players to less than six for any County team the Referee shall consult the County Cup Director or County Cup Referee who may authorise the nomination of the necessary number of substitutes for the remainder of the Championships.
38. The teams for each day of the Championships shall be nominated to the Referee at least 15 minutes before the start of play. The team shall be nominated in singles order according to the original team nomination (Regulation 37) together with the doubles pairings and one named substitute who may be used for doubles only. Once the daily nominations have been submitted, the substitute shall not be changed. If a Player who has been nominated to play in both singles and doubles is unable either to begin a singles rubber or concedes during the rubber, for whatever reason, that Player is not permitted to compete in doubles on the same day. The Player is then replaced in doubles only, by the previously nominated substitute. A Player who has been defaulted may not be substituted. Doubles pairings shall be nominated in accordance with the lowest cumulative total of the originally nominated singles positions of the Players in each pairing including Players nominated 7–10. Where the total is the same, the pairing with the highest nominated singles Player shall be nominated as the higher pair.
39. Each match shall consist of nine rubbers – six singles followed by three doubles: No.1 shall play No.1 of the opposing team, No.2 shall play No.2 and so on, commencing with the No.6 singles. All rubbers shall be the best of three tie-break sets except that in the 18 & Under competition, any third set in doubles rubbers shall be replaced by a Match Tie-break.
40. If any Player is absent when called upon to play by the Referee the opponent(s) shall be entitled to two love sets but if in any rubber one or more Player(s) is absent on each side the rubber shall be void.
41. At set breaks, team captains or a nominated deputy shall be allowed to communicate with their Players within the permitted two-minute break.
42. If a match in progress cannot be finished on any day, the result of the match shall be

determined by the rubbers that have been completed as follows: the team which shall win the majority of the nine rubbers shall be declared the winner of the match. Under no circumstances should rubbers be conceded. If less than nine rubbers shall have been completed the match shall be decided:

- (a) by the majority of rubbers won; or
 - (b) if there is equality of rubbers, by the majority of sets won; or
 - (c) if there is equality of rubbers and sets, by the majority of games won.
43. (i) The final order in each Section or Group shall be determined by the number of matches won.
- (ii) In a Section or Group where there are teams with an equal number of matches won, the position shall be determined by:
- (a) the percentage of rubbers won to rubbers completed or should this fail to determine the order, then
 - (b) the match result if two teams are tied, or if more than two, then
 - (c) the percentage of sets won to sets played; if two teams are still tied, then
 - (d) the match result, or if more than two, then
 - (e) the percentage of games won to games played.
44. The County winning Group 1 shall be the Champion County for the year.
45. From Groups below Group 1 the team placed top in each section shall be promoted for the following year to the next higher Group. From Group 1 the teams in 3rd and 4th places and from other Groups (except the lowest) the team in the bottom place of each Section shall be relegated to the next lower Group. Within Groups below Group 1, as thus newly constituted, the allocation between Sections A and B shall be as follows: teams promoted from Section A shall go to Section B and vice-versa; teams relegated from 3rd and 4th places of Group 1 shall go to Sections A and B respectively; other teams relegated shall maintain their previous allocation to Section A or B; 2nd teams from all Groups below Group 1 and 4th teams in the lowest Group shall change their Sections; 3rd teams shall maintain their sections. The Committee shall however have power to modify these arrangements to meet special circumstances such as a change in the number (or identity) of the entries.
46. A sum based on a minimum or flat-rate element plus a mileage allowance for three

cars to be approved annually by the LTA Coach Relations & Competition Team shall be paid by The LTA to the Association of each County with the exception of the Channel Islands and the Isle of Man for whom special arrangements are made.

SPECIAL REGULATIONS FOR THE 14 & UNDER JUNIOR COUNTY CUP

47. The Competition shall be held annually on outdoor courts, preferably acrylic or clay.
48. The Competition shall be played over a period of three days. Group 1 will stand alone, Groups 2 – 6 shall be divided into sections A and B of not more than four Counties playing at one place to be known as a "Centre". Each County shall play one match against each other County in the same Section or Group.
49. **Order of Play**
Day 1 – A v C, B v D
Day 2 – Winners day 1 v Losers day 1
Day 3 – Winner day 1 v Winner day 1 and Loser day 1 v Loser day 1
50. All Players must be under the age of 14 years on 31st December of the previous year.
51. Each County shall be represented in the Competition by a team, with a minimum of four and a maximum of six Players.
52. The team nominations, in LTA Rating order, must be submitted to the Referee for approval at least 30 minutes before the start of play on the first day. Equally rated Players may be nominated in any order but the nominated order must be maintained throughout the Competition. No other Player may represent the County during the Competition except that, if exceptional circumstances such as illness, injury or bereavement reduce the number of available nominated Players to less than four for any County team, the Referee, who shall if possible consult the Tournament Director or failing him, the Referee of Group 1, may authorise the nomination of the necessary number of substitutes for the remainder of the Competition.
53. The teams for each match must be nominated in singles order according to the original team nomination (Regulation 52) together with **the doubles pairings in order of merit** and one named substitute who may be used for doubles only. Doubles pairings shall be nominated in accordance with the cumulative total of the singles positions from the Final Team

Nomination (1-6) of the Players in each pairing including Players nominated 5 & 6. Where the total is the same, the pairing with the highest nominated singles Player must play as the first pair.

These nominations must reach the Referee, in confidence, not later than 15 minutes before the start of each match. The substitute, if used, shall assume the doubles position of the Player that he replaces.

Each match shall consist of six rubbers, four singles followed by two doubles; No.1 shall play No.1 of the opposing team, No.2 shall play No.2 and so on, beginning with the No.4 singles. All singles rubbers shall be the best of three tie-break sets. In doubles rubbers, any third set shall be replaced by a Match Tie-break.

If a Player who has been nominated to play in both singles and doubles is unable either to begin a singles rubber or concedes during the rubber, for whatever reason, that Player is not permitted to compete in doubles on the same day. The Player is then replaced in doubles only, by the previously nominated substitute. A Player who has been defaulted may not be substituted.

54. If any Player is absent when called upon to play by the Referee, the opponents shall be entitled to two love sets.
55. Team captains or a nominated deputy shall be allowed on court to communicate with their Players at change of ends within the permitted 90-seconds break.
56. In an individual match the team winning four or more rubbers shall win the match. Where the rubbers are shared 3-3, the winner of the match shall be determined by reference to the number of sets won. If the number of sets won is the same then the winner of the match shall be determined by reference to the number of games won. If the number of games won is the same then the match shall be declared a draw.
57. If a match in progress cannot be finished on the first and/or second day, it shall, if possible, be finished on the following day but the scheduled programme for the second and third days shall take priority over the playing of any unfinished match(es).
58. In the event of no play being possible on the first and second days, the result of the scheduled match on the third day shall determine the final order in each Section or Group.
59. If no play is possible on all three days of the competition, the Tournament Director shall decide the arrangements to be made to determine the final order in each Section or Group.
- 59.1 If at the end of the third day there remain one or more matches which have not been completed but the round of singles has been completed the match(es) shall be decided thereon.
- 59.2 The final order in each Group in which all matches have been completed (or a result has been reached in accordance with 59.1 above) shall be determined by the number of matches won.
- 59.3 In a Section or Group to which 59.2 above applies but there are teams with an equal number of matches won and in a Section or Group to which 59.2 above does not apply, the positions shall be determined by:
- The percentage of rubbers won to rubbers completed, or should this still fail to determine the order, then
 - The result of the match between them, providing there are only two teams, if there are more than two then
 - The percentage of sets won to sets completed, or should this still fail to determine the order, then
 - The percentage of games won to games completed, or should this still fail to determine the order, then
 - In the unlikely event that the positions cannot be determined by the result of the match between them (b), then the result of the first three singles in that match shall be taken into account.
60. From Groups below Group 1 the team placed top in each Section shall be promoted for the following year to the next higher group. From Group 1 the teams in 3rd and 4th places, and from other Groups (except the lowest) the team in the bottom place of each Section shall be relegated to the next lower Group.
61. A sum based on a minimum flat-rate element plus a mileage allowance for two cars (to be approved annually by the LTA Coach Relations & Competition Team) shall be paid by the LTA to the Association of each County, with the exception of the Channel Islands and the Isle of Man for whom special arrangements are made.

SPECIAL REGULATIONS FOR 10 & UNDER AND 12 & UNDER JUNIOR COUNTY CUPS

62. Competition Structure

The 10 & Under and the 12 & Under Junior County Cup are staged by the LTA and will be conducted under the Rules of Tennis and LTA Tournament Regulations, including the Code of Conduct.

63. Eligibility

- 63.1 Each team may nominate a maximum of 5 Players.
- 63.2 12 & Under Players must be under the age of 12 on 31st December of the previous year.
- 63.3 10 & Under Players must be under the age of 10 on 31st December of the previous year.

64. Competition Format

- 64.1 The event takes place in two stages: Stage 1 – Qualifying, Stage 2 – Finals.
- 64.2 All matches will consist of 3 singles rubbers and 1 doubles rubber.
- 64.3 The 44 counties are placed in 8 Areas of 5 or 6 counties.
- 64.4 In Stage 1 the counties in each Area compete over one designated weekend producing a winning county for that Area. Matches can only be played on the designated weekend.
- 64.5 The winning county for each Area shall progress to Stage 2 – the Finals.
- 64.6 In each match 1 point will be awarded for a singles win and 1 point will be awarded for a doubles win. If a match finishes 2 points each, a doubles match tie-break (to 10 points) shall be played (a tie-break shootout). The doubles team for the tie-break shootout may be any two players who have played in the match. No extra points are awarded for the winner of the tie-break shootout.
- 64.7 All singles rubbers will count towards a Player's Rating.
- 64.8 No 10 & Under rubbers will count for ranking points.
- 64.9 12 & Under Stage 1 matches will count for Grade 5 team ranking points.
- 64.10 12 & Under Stage 2 matches will count for Grade 2 team ranking points.
- 64.11 In both Stages, Team Captains are allowed on court during the match to support and advise Players at the change over.

65. Match Format

- 65.1 Each match consists of 3 singles rubbers and 1 doubles rubber.
- 65.2 All rubbers will comprise two short sets and a deciding match tie-break (to 10) if the score is one set all. The first Player who wins four

games wins that set, provided there is a margin of two games over the opponent's score. If the game reaches four games all, a tie-break game (to 7) shall be played. A set therefore can be won 4-0 / 4-1 / 4-2 / 5-3 / 5-4.

- 65.3 In the 10 & Under event only matches will be played using the 'no-ad' or 'sudden death' scoring method – at deuce, the receiver chooses which side the server should serve from.

- 65.4 The LTA and Tournament Referee reserve the right to alter the format, programme and order of play at any time, to ensure suitable competition for Players and that each event is played to a conclusion.

66. Area Winners

Areas with 5 counties

Each county plays all the other counties in a round robin. The winner is the county with the most number of wins. If two or more counties have the same number of wins, the number of points shall determine the winner of the area. If two counties have the same number of wins and points, the result of the match between them shall determine the winner. If more than two counties have the same number of wins and points then the percentage of sets won to sets played and if necessary, games won to games played shall be used; in this situation, a deciding match tiebreak (including a tiebreak shoot out) shall count as 1 set and 1 game.

Areas with 6 counties

The six counties are divided into two round robin groups of three with each county playing the other two counties in their group. The positions of the group are determined by the number of wins. If all three counties win one match each, the number of points won shall determine the positions. If all three counties have the same number of wins and points, then the percentage of sets won to sets played and if necessary, games won to games played shall be used to determine the positions; in this situation, a deciding match tiebreak (including a tiebreak shoot out) shall count as 1 set and 1 game. Following the round robin stage, there will be semi-finals of the winner of group 1 playing the runner-up of group 2 and the runner-up of group 1 playing the winner of group 2. The third placed teams shall also play against each other. The winning semi-final counties shall play a final to

determine the area winner and the losing counties shall play to determine 3rd and 4th places.

67. Team Nominations For The Weekend

67.1 Nominations are to be submitted to the Referee for approval at least 15 minutes before the start of play. It is the responsibility of each Team Captain to ensure that their players are eligible (ie correct year of birth and county qualification).

67.2 10U Players must be nominated in mini tennis ratings order. The order of Players with the same Rating is at the discretion of the Team Captain, but the order must be maintained throughout the weekend.

67.3 12 & U Players **must** be nominated in Ratings order. The order of Players with the same Rating is at the discretion of the Team Captain, but the order must be maintained throughout the weekend.

68. Team Nominations For Each Separate Match

During Stage 1 and Stage 2 for both age groups, the team selection for each match is at the discretion of the Team Captain, but all Players must still play in the nominated order given to the Referee. This team selection must be submitted to the Referee prior to the start of each match.

69. Match Format

The order of play will be notified by the Competitions' Director.

70. Team Captains

It is **strongly recommended** that, because of child protection issues, all teams are captained by an LTA licensed coach.

71. Clothing

71.1 Players must wear recognised tennis clothing. County team shirts/T-shirts are permitted.

71.2 Advertising logos must conform to Appendix C of the LTA Tournament Regulations.

71.3 Footwear must be clean for use on indoor courts and with non-marking soles.

72. Accommodation

For all events teams are required to arrange their own accommodation.

73. Complaints & Disputes

No complaint in connection with the tournaments can be entertained by the LTA unless lodged in writing with the Tournament Director within 48 hours of the occurrence of the cause of the complaint. (For details see LTA Tournament Regulation 3.9).

APPENDIX J

AREA QUALIFICATIONS

LTA Rule 36 applicable to qualification for County representation:

For the purposes of this Rule, a competition, the entries for which are restricted to persons having a qualification for a County, Island or other area as provided by Rule 38 (County Boundaries), is referred to as an "area competition".

A Player is qualified to represent an area in a match or to play in an area competition if:

- (a) (i) he is a British citizen in accordance with the British Nationality Act 1981; or
- (ii) he is qualified to represent Great Britain under the appropriate ITF Rule; or
- (iii) Great Britain has been his permanent place of residence for a period of 24 consecutive months (12 months in the case of Juniors) immediately preceding the relevant match or competition;

and

- (b) (i) his place of birth or permanent residence at date of birth is in such area; or
 - (ii) his place of permanent residence has for at least one year immediately preceding the match or competition (six months in the case of Juniors) been in such area; or
 - (iii) at any time his place of permanent residence has for a period of five consecutive years been in such area; or
 - (iv) he is serving full-time in the British Regular Armed Forces and he has resided in such area for at least six months immediately preceding the match or competition; or
- he/she is the spouse or child of such a person and he/she has so resided with his/her spouse or parent.

The above provisions are subject to the following:

- (c)
 - (i) War service or conscripted service under the orders of the government shall be held not to break any period of residential qualification.
 - (ii) A Player who has once played under the birth qualification in (b)(i) may not exercise a birth qualification for another area in the event of a change of boundary having taken place since his date of birth.
 - (iii) A Player who has once played under either of the residential area qualifications in (b)(ii) or (iii) may continue to do so until such time as he exercises any qualification in respect of another area when he shall forfeit all residential area qualifications previously exercised.
 - (iv) No Player may represent more than one area in any one competition and no Player may represent an area if he has exercised a qualification in respect of another area during the previous 12 months (six months in the case of Juniors).
 - (v) A Player is deemed to have represented an area if he has been nominated to play in a match for that area and has accepted such nomination, and to have played in an area competition if his entry for the same has been accepted.
- (vi) A British Citizen born abroad is entitled to adopt the area birth qualification of either parent (but this election may only be made once).
- (vii) Any person who, following a change of boundary or of the division or grouping of counties under these Rules, acquires a qualification for an area for which he was not qualified immediately prior to such change, is, subject to (c)(ii) and (iv), permitted to adopt and exercise such qualification (or, subject to the consent of the Association, another qualification to which he is entitled) on the next occasion when he exercises an area qualification, notwithstanding that he may have exercised a different area qualification during the previous 12 months (six months in the case of Juniors); and in the event of his playing in one area competition while another area competition in which he has played is still in progress he is permitted until the end of the competition which started first to represent the one area in one competition and the other area in the other.
- (viii) Residence at or in connection with an educational or training establishment does not of itself constitute a residential qualification.

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