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AEGON Team Tennis 8&U – Open (adult)

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2011 Competition Dates

These are the 2011 dates for all age groups at all tiers (County, Premier, Regional & National). Matches are to be played on the fixed dates specified. In the County Tier there will be flexibility to play before a fixed date if both teams agree and there is prior consent from the league organiser.

- Week 12 (18th / 19th June) is the rain date weekend.
- Some dates have been scheduled on Easter / Bank Holiday weekends.
- In the County Open, not all match dates may be necessary due to division sizes.
- The County Open play-offs refer to County Open Division 1 winners only.
- The National Open play-offs / finals refer to the National Tier groups only.
- In Scotland, County & Regional Open teams will play in September/October.

| Week | Month | 8&U | 9&U | 10&U | 12&U | | 14&U | | 16&U | | 18&U | | Open (Adult) | |
|------|---------|-------|-------|-------|-------|------|-------|------|-------|------|-------|------|--------------|-----|
| | | Mixed | Mixed | Mixed | Girls | Boys | Girls | Boys | Girls | Boys | Girls | Boys | Ladies | Men |
| 1 | April | | | 3rd | 2nd | | 3rd | | 2nd | | | | 3rd | |
| 2 | April | | 10th | | | | 9th | | 10th | | 9th | | | |
| 3 | April | 17th | | 16th | | | | | | | | | 17th | |
| 4 | April | | | | 23rd | | | | | | 23rd | | | |
| 5 | Apr/May | 30th | 1st | | | | | | | | 30th | | | |
| 6 | May | | | 8th | 7th | 8th | 7th | | | | | | 8th | |
| 7 | May | | 14th | 15th | 14th | | 15th | | | | 14th | | 15th | |
| 8 | May | 22nd | 21st | 22nd | | | | | 21st | | | | 22nd | |
| 9 | May | 28th | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 10 | June | | 4th | | | | 5th | | | | 4th | | 5th | |
| 11 | June | 11th | | | 12th | | | | 11th | | | | 12th | |
| 12 | June | 18th | 19th | 18th | 19th | | 18th | | 19th | | 18th | | 19th | |

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| July |
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Premier Division 12&U-18&U Finals (23rd-24th)

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| National Open Play-off (Sat. 2nd) |
| County Open Play-off Date 1 (10th) |
| National Open Finals (15th-17th) |
| County Open Play-Off Date 2 (24th) |

8&U Age Group Rules (County Tier)

1. Eligibility

Places to Play Eligibility

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

Team Eligibility

1.2 Event: Mixed 8 & Under (born 1st September 2002 or later).

1.3 A place to play may enter more than one team in the event.

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

1.5 Where a place to play has two or more teams in the event, a player may 'play up' on a maximum of one occasion without loss of eligibility in their lower team. Once a player has represented a higher team on more than one occasion, they are no longer eligible to represent the lower team.

Player Eligibility

1.6 A player may only:

- I. Represent one place to play in the competition at any/all age groups.
- II. Play in a maximum of two age groups.

1.7 All players must:

- I. Have a British Tennis Membership number which links to the place to play they are competing for.
- II. Have a Mini Tennis rating.
- III. Be a member of the place to play they are competing for as of 1st April 2011.
- IV. Be of the correct age (see rule 1.2).

2. Competition Structure

2.1 County Tier

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

3. Match Arrangements

3.1 Dates

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

3.2 Courts and Equipment

The home place to play shall provide a minimum of 2 mini-red courts (preferably 4); supply the court equipment and set-up the court in line with the National Competition Framework (www.LTA.org.uk/Players/Juniors/Red1).

3.3 Balls

The home team shall supply a minimum of 3 red balls (sponge for indoor; felt for outdoor) for each rubber.

3.4 Match Format

A match shall consist of 16 singles rubbers. Each player shall play all opposing players. There are no doubles.

3.5 Team Format

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

3.6 Singles Nominations

At least 15 minutes before the start time of each match, team captains must nominate in writing (on a Team Tennis scorecard) their singles players which should be in order of merit in accordance with current Mini Tennis ratings. Players in their second to last and last season of red ball with an orange 4 Mini Tennis rating must take precedence over red rated players. Passport players with an orange 2 Mini Tennis rating must take precedence over orange 4 and red rated players. If players have the same rating, the captain can decide the team order which may change from match to match. Note; boys and girls may play against one another.

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

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

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

3.8 Rubber Scoring

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

¹ It is both team captains responsibility to contact each other before the match. There will be flexibility to play before a fixed date if both teams agree and there is prior consent from the league organiser. There will also be flexibility for teams to play one or more matches on the same day at the same venue with agreement of the opposing teams and the league organiser. If opposing teams don't agree the match is to be played on the fixed date specified. On match day the home team captain shall be responsible for welcoming the away team and organising refreshments.

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

3.9 Match Scoring

A team is awarded 2 points for each rubber won.

3.10 Match Result

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

Both captains must complete and sign the Team Tennis scorecards, and retain their copy. The winning captain (or home captain if a draw) must then submit the result online within 48 hours³.

3.11 Division Standings

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

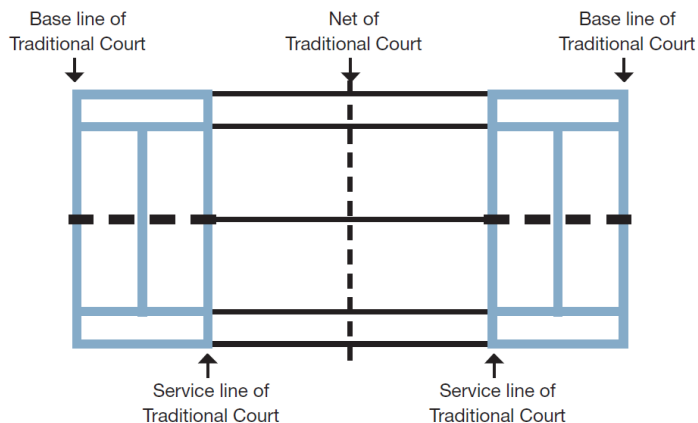
- I. The team with the greatest number of match points.
- II. If match points are equal, the team with the greatest number of rubber points.
- III. If only two teams are level on match points and rubber points; their head to head result.
- IV. If more than 2 teams are level, the round robin rule in the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

Mini Tennis Red

Equipment & court lay-out

For more information please visit www.LTA.org.uk/Players/Juniors/Red1

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| Ball: | Red (sponge indoor, felt outdoor) |
| Court: | 11m x 5.5m (ok to use badminton court lines) |
| Net Height: | 80cm |
| Recommended Racket Size: | 43cm - 58cm (17" - 23") |



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

9&U Age Group Rules (County Tier)

4. Eligibility

Places to Play Eligibility

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

Team Eligibility

4.2 Event: Mixed 9 & Under (born 1st September 2001 - 31st August 2002). Mini Tennis red players will be allowed to play up when in their second to last and last season of red ball if they have reached a red 1 Mini Tennis rating. Passport players will be allowed to play up inline with the Player Passport system.

4.3 A place to play may enter more than one team in the event.

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

4.5 Where a place to play has two or more teams in the event, a player may 'play up' on a maximum of one occasion without loss of eligibility in their lower team. Once a player has represented a higher team on more than one occasion, they are no longer eligible to represent the lower team.

Player Eligibility

4.6 A player may only:

- I. Represent one place to play in the competition at any/all age groups.
- II. Play in a maximum of two age groups.

4.7 All players must:

- I. Have a British Tennis Membership number which links to the place to play they are competing for.
- II. Have a Mini Tennis rating.
- III. Be a member of the place to play they are competing for as of 1st April 2011.
- IV. Be of the correct age (see rule 4.2).

5. Competition Structure

5.1 County Tier

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

6. Match Arrangements

6.1 Dates

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

6.2 Courts and Equipment

The home place to play shall provide 2 mini-orange courts. Where more than one court surface is used, the away team shall have the choice of court allocation. The home team captain shall supply the court equipment and set up the court in line with the National Competition Framework (www.LTA.org.uk/Players/Juniors/Orange).

6.3 Balls

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

6.4 Match Format

A match shall consist of 8 singles and 2 doubles rubbers.

6.5 Team Format

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

6.6 Singles Nominations

At least 15 minutes before the start time of each match, team captains must nominate in writing (on a Team Tennis scorecard) their singles players in order of merit in accordance with current Mini Tennis ratings. Passport players with a green 2 Mini Tennis rating must take precedence over orange rated players. If players have the same rating, the captain can decide the team order which may change from match to match. Note; boys and girls may play against one another.

6.7 Doubles Pairings

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

¹ It is both team captains responsibility to contact each other before the match. There will be flexibility to play before a fixed date if both teams agree and there is prior consent from the league organiser. There will also be flexibility for teams to play one or more matches on the same day at the same venue with agreement of the opposing teams and the league organiser. If opposing teams don't agree the match is to be played on the fixed date specified. On match day the home team captain shall be responsible for welcoming the away team and organising refreshments.

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

6.8 Order of Play

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

Matches should follow one another immediately.

6.9 Rubber Scoring

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

6.10 Match Scoring

A team is awarded 2 points for each rubber won.

6.11 Match Result

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

Both captains must complete and sign the Team Tennis scorecards, and retain their copy. The winning captain (or home captain if a draw) must then submit the result online within 48 hours³.

6.12 Division Standings

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

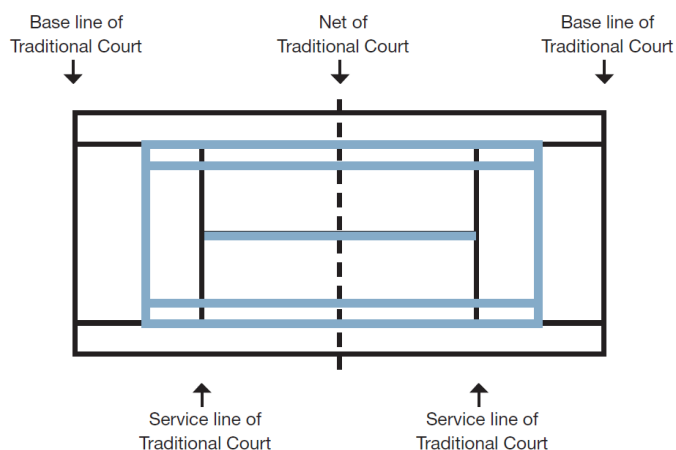
- I. The team with the greatest number of match points.
- II. If match points are equal, the team with the greatest number of rubber points.
- III. If only two teams are level on match points and rubber points; their head to head result.
- IV. If more than 2 teams are level, the round robin rule in the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

Mini Tennis Orange

Equipment & court lay-out

For more information please visit www.LTA.org.uk/Players/Juniors/Orange

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



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

10&U Age Group Rules (County Tier)

7. Eligibility

Places to Play Eligibility

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

Team Eligibility

7.2 Event: Mixed 10 & Under (born 1st September 2000 – 31st August 2001). Mini Tennis orange players will be allowed to play up when in their final season of orange ball if they have reached an orange 1 Mini Tennis rating. Passport players will be allowed to play up inline with the Player Passport system.

7.3 A place to play may enter more than one team in the event.

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

7.5 Where a place to play has two or more teams in the event, a player may 'play up' on a maximum of one occasion without loss of eligibility in their lower team. Once a player has represented a higher team on more than one occasion, they are no longer eligible to represent the lower team.

Player Eligibility

7.6 A player may only:

- I. Represent one place to play in the competition at any/all age groups.
- II. Play in a maximum of two age groups.

7.7 All players must:

- I. Have a British Tennis Membership number which links to the place to play they are competing for.
- II. Have a Mini Tennis rating.
- III. Be a member of the place to play they are competing for as of 1st April 2011.
- IV. Be of the correct age (see rule 7.2).

8. Competition Structure

8.1 County Tier

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

9. Match Arrangements

9.1 Dates

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

9.2 Courts

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

9.3 Balls

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

9.4 Match Format

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

9.5 Team Format

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

9.6 Singles Nominations

At least 15 minutes before the start time of each match, team captains must nominate in writing (on a Team Tennis scorecard) their singles players in order of merit in accordance with current Mini Tennis ratings. Players with a green Mini Tennis rating must take precedence over orange 1 rated players. If players have the same rating, the captain can decide the team order which may change from match to match. Note: boys and girls may play against one another.

9.7 Doubles Pairings

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

9.8 Order of Play

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

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

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

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

9.9 Rubber Scoring

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

9.10 Match Scoring

A team is awarded 2 points for each rubber won.

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

Tie-Break Shootout (1 pair):

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

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

9.11 Match Result

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

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

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

9.12 Division Standings

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

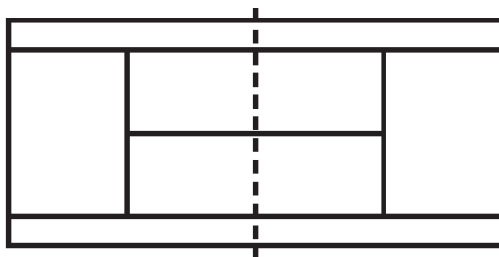
- I. The team with the greatest number of match points.
- II. If match points are equal, the team with the greatest number of rubber points.
- III. If only two teams are level on match points and rubber points; their head to head result.
- IV. If more than 2 teams are level, the round robin rule in the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

Mini Tennis Green

Equipment & court lay-out

For more information please visit www.LTA.org.uk/Players/Juniors/Green

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| Ball: | Green |
| Court: | Singles court: full regulation singles court Doubles court: full regulation singles court |
| Net Height: | 107cm (as per regulation court) |
| Recommended Racket Size: | 63cm - 66cm (25" - 26") |



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

12&U – 18&U Age Group Rules (County Tier & Premier Division)

10. Eligibility

Places to Play Eligibility

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

Team Eligibility

10.2 Events:

Girls/Boys 12 & Under (born 1st September 1998 – 31st August 2000¹) Girls/Boys 16 & Under (born 1st September 1994 – 31st August 2000)
Girls/Boys 14 & Under (born 1st September 1996 – 31st August 2000) Girls/Boys 18 & Under (born 1st September 1992 – 31st August 2000)

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

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

10.5 Where a place to play has two or more teams in an event, a player may 'play up' on a maximum of one occasion without loss of eligibility in their lower team. Once a player has represented a higher team on more than one occasion, they are no longer eligible to represent the lower team.

Player Eligibility

10.6 A player may only:

- I. Represent one place to play in the competition at any/all age groups (including Open).
- II. Play in a maximum of two age groups (including Open).

10.7 All players must:

- I. Have a British Tennis Membership number which links to the place to play they are competing for.
- II. Have a British Tennis rating.
- III. Be a member of the place to play they are competing for as of 1st April 2011.
- IV. Be of the correct age (see rule 10.2).

11. Competition Structure

11.1 County Tier

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

11.2 Premier Division

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

11.3 Premier Division Finals

The winning team from each region will qualify to the finals. The Referee shall seed 2 teams in the draw. Team captains will be allowed on court and will be subject to the Code of Conduct.

12. Match Arrangements

12.1 Dates

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

12.2 Courts

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

12.3 Balls

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

12.4 Match Format

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

12.5 Team Format

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

12.6 Singles Nominations

At least 15 minutes before the start time of each match, team captains must nominate in writing (on a Team Tennis scorecard) their singles players in order of merit in accordance with current British Tennis ratings⁵. If players have the same rating, the captain can decide the team order which may change from match to match. Any player(s) playing doubles only must be nominated at the same time.

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

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

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

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

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

A 5th/6th player can substitute directly for any of the four singles players (e.g. if player number 5 substitutes for the singles player number 2, then player number 5 will play in the number 1 doubles pair).

12.8 **Order of Play**

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

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

12.9 **Rubber Scoring**

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

12.10 **Match Scoring**

A team is awarded 2 points for each rubber won.

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

Tie-Break Shootout (1 pair):

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

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

12.11 **Match Result**

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

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

Both captains must complete and sign the Team Tennis scorecards, and retain their copy. The winning captain must then submit the result online within 48 hours⁶.

12.12 **Division Standings**

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

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

⁵In the 12&U event a British Tennis rating takes precedence over a green 1 Mini Tennis rating.

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

Open Age Group Rules (County, Regional & National Tier)

13. Eligibility

Places to Play Eligibility

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

Team Eligibility

13.2 Events: Men's & Ladies Open.

13.3 A place to play may enter as many teams as it wishes in the competition but may only have one team in the National Tier and no more than 2 teams in the Regional Tier or any division of the County Tier. This rule applies to men and ladies separately.

13.4 Where a place to play has two or more teams in the National and/or Regional Tier the top 4 rated players nominated may only play for team 'A'. Any other nominated players in the place to play may play up or down in line with rule 13.5.

13.5 Where a place to play has two or more teams in the Competition (County, Regional or National Tiers) a player may 'play up' on a maximum of one occasion without loss of eligibility for their lower team. Once a player has represented a higher team on more than one occasion, they are no longer eligible to represent the lower team.

Player Eligibility

13.6 A player may only represent one place to play in the Competition at any/all age groups (including 8&U-18&U).

13.7 All players must:

- I. Have a British Tennis Membership number which links to the place to play they are competing for.
- II. Have a British Tennis rating.
- III. Be a member of the place to play they are competing for as of 1st April 2011.
- IV. Be born on or before 31st August 1997.

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

A place to play with a team in the National or Regional Tier may nominate up to 12 players rated 4.2 or better no later than 7th March 2011¹. For each additional team in the Regional Tier, up to a further 6 players rated 4.2 or better may be nominated by the place to play.

Of the nominated players a place to play may include up to 2 players that have an ATP/WTA singles world ranking of 750 or better as of 7th March 2011. Places to play may nominate a third player with an ATP/WTA singles world ranking of 750 or better as of 7th March 2011 providing that player has played in at least 2 AEGON Team Tennis matches for the place to play in each of the last 2 seasons.

This rule applies to men and ladies separately.

13.9 County Tier Play-offs

Players must have represented the team in at least 1 division match prior to the Play-offs or have a rating of 5.1 or worse.

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

National Tier Play-offs & Finals

Players must have represented the team in at least 2 group matches prior to the Play-offs/Finals or have a rating of 5.1 or worse.

Exception: If a group has only 4 teams or less, players need only represent the team in one group match prior to the Play-offs/Finals.

Where two teams compete in a group match and a player is given a walkover, the rubber will count towards a player's eligibility. An entire team walkover does not count for player eligibility. However, if a team qualifies to the Play-offs/Finals; for each group walkover received the team shall be entitled to include 1 player, who has played only 1 group match, to be eligible for the Play-offs/Finals. A player playing no group matches will not be eligible for the Play-offs/Finals.

14. Competition Structure

14.1 County Tier

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

County Tier Play-off

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

14.2 Regional Tier

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

14.3 National Tier³

Comprises of 4 groups each consisting of up to 8 teams based on specific regions (and therefore Counties) which will remain fixed year on year. Each team will play each other team in their group once.

¹ No nominations will be accepted after 7th March 2011. Any place to play failing to nominate by this deadline will not be allowed to field in their team(s) any player 4.2 or better. Places to play with no players 4.2 or better do not need to nominate but must notify the National Organiser by 7th March 2011. Players rated 5.1 or worse may play in any match and do not need to be nominated.

² County exceptions may apply.

³ Places to play winning prize money in the National Tier must submit a prize money form to Teamtennis@LTA.org.uk no later than 31st July 2011.

National Tier Play-offs

The second placed team in each group will be drawn to play the third placed team from one of the other groups. The second placed team in each group shall have home advantage. The winner will qualify to the Finals.

National Tier Finals

The top men's and ladies' teams in each of the 4 National Tier groups automatically qualify for the finals and are joined by the 4 winning play-off teams. Prior to the Finals, teams shall nominate 4 to 8 players. The Referee shall seed 4 teams in the draw. Team captains and/or nominated players will be allowed on court and will be subject to the Code of Conduct.

14.4 Promotion/relegation for 2011

Refer to the online document in the '2011 Competition Pack' at www.LTA.org.uk/AEGON-Team-Tennis.

15. Match Arrangements

15.1 Dates

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

15.2 Court Surfaces

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

15.3 Balls

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

15.4 Match Format

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

15.5 Team Format

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

15.6 Singles Nominations

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

15.7 Doubles Nominations

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

Number 5 in the case of the 'doubles only player' with the higher rating.

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

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

15.8 Order of Play

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

15.9 Rubber Scoring

County Tier

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

Regional/National Tier

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

15.10 Match Scoring

A team is awarded 2 points for each rubber won.

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

⁵ ATP/WTA singles world ranking of 750 or better as of 7th March 2011 must take precedence over British Tennis ratings.

At 6 points each a tiebreak shoot-out shall be played. 1 bonus rubber point will be awarded to the winning team in a tiebreak shoot-out. A tiebreak shoot-out shall consist of two singles tiebreaks⁶ (to 10 points, with 2 clear) which are to be played at the same time followed by a doubles tiebreak (to 10 points, with 2 clear) if necessary. No player may play in more than one tiebreak. Players are to be nominated as follows:

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

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

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

15.11 Match Result

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

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

Both captains must complete and sign the Team Tennis scorecards, and retain their copy. The winning captain must then submit the result online within 48 hours⁷.

15.12 Division Standings

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

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

⁶ In the event that a team is reduced to 3 players, that team must concede the doubles tiebreak. In the event that both teams are reduced to 3 players and the singles tiebreaks are shared, a deciding doubles tiebreak (to 10 points, with 2 clear) shall be played between the remaining player and one of the singles shoot-out players. No substitutions or changes are permitted to the players who originally competed in the match.

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

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

16. Problem Solving Issues¹

16.1 Late Arrival

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

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

16.2 Incomplete Teams

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

16.3 Player Retirement

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

16.4 Completion of Matches (due to inclement weather)

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

If a match cannot be started due to rain or rain stops play before any rubbers have been completed then the match may be rearranged on or before the rain date at the original venue as set by the League Organiser.

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

16.5 Team Withdrawal

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

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

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

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

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

17. Regulations

17.1 All matches in the Competition shall be conducted in accordance with the ITF Rules of Tennis, the Rules and Regulations of the LTA, the LTA Tournament Regulations, the LTA Code of Conduct and the Competition Regulations (in the event of any inconsistency, the Competition Regulations shall prevail). Each player participating in the competition grants and assigns to the LTA the right to make, use and show from time to time and at its discretion, motion pictures, still pictures and live taped or filmed television and other reproduction of him/her during the event and in connection with the promotion of the event without compensation for him/herself. Such promotional activities by the LTA shall not be identified as or represented to be an endorsement by the player of any product/company.

17.2 The day to day organisation of the Competition shall be carried out by the League Organiser under the auspices of the LTA Competitions Department (CD). The Competition is sanctioned by the LTA under the management of the CD. The CD shall have the power to decide on matters of interpretation of these regulations, to impose penalties including, but not limited to, the deduction of points and suspension for breaches of these Regulations; to suspend or modify any of these Regulations in appropriate circumstances. The CD decision on all matters is final.

17.3 Any complaint/dispute shall be made in writing on email to the League Organiser (copying in Teamtennis@LTA.org.uk) by the team captain within 48 hours of the cause of the complaint/dispute arising. Nevertheless, the League Organiser/CD shall have the power to consider any matter coming to their attention subsequently.

17.4 All players are subject to the Rules and Regulations of the LTA (including, without limitation, the LTA's Anti-Doping Programme, the Disciplinary and Dispute Resolution Procedures and the Regulations Concerning Match Fixing, Financial Speculation and Betting) and fully and unconditionally submit to the jurisdiction and authority of the LTA by competing in the Competition.

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

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

³ In the event of a match result being overturned by the League Organiser after the match has been completed which then results in a score of 6 points each then both teams will be awarded a half win (1 match point).

AEGON Team Tennis 8&U Scorecard

Date: / / County:
 Home Team:

Division:
 Away Team:

R1 Singles Nominations

Result

| | Full Player Name | British Tennis Membership Number | Rating |
|----|------------------|----------------------------------|--------|
| S1 | | | |
| S2 | | | |
| S3 | | | |
| S4 | | | |

| | Full Player Name | British Tennis Membership Number | Rating | Score E.g. 10-4 | Winner |
|----|------------------|----------------------------------|--------|--------------------|-------------|
| S1 | | | | | Home / Away |
| S2 | | | | | Home / Away |
| S3 | | | | | Home / Away |
| S4 | | | | | Home / Away |

R2 Singles Rubbers

| | | |
|----|--|--|
| S1 | | |
| S2 | | |
| S3 | | |
| S4 | | |

| | | | |
|----|--|--|-------------|
| S2 | | | Home / Away |
| S1 | | | Home / Away |
| S4 | | | Home / Away |
| S3 | | | Home / Away |

R3 Singles Rubbers

| | | |
|----|--|--|
| S1 | | |
| S2 | | |
| S3 | | |
| S4 | | |

| | | | |
|----|--|--|-------------|
| S3 | | | Home / Away |
| S4 | | | Home / Away |
| S1 | | | Home / Away |
| S2 | | | Home / Away |

R4 Singles Rubbers

| | | |
|----|--|--|
| S1 | | |
| S2 | | |
| S3 | | |
| S4 | | |

| | | | |
|----|--|--|-------------|
| S4 | | | Home / Away |
| S3 | | | Home / Away |
| S2 | | | Home / Away |
| S1 | | | Home / Away |

Winning captain to input the result online within 48 hours of the match (Captain to retain scorecard)

| | |
|---------------|---------|
| Home Captain: | (PRINT) |
| | (SIGN) |

| | | | |
|---------------|---------|---------------|---------|
| Away Captain: | (PRINT) | Winning Team: | |
| | (SIGN) | | Result: |

AEGON Team Tennis 9&U Scorecard

Date: / /

County:

Division:

Home Team:

Away Team:

R1 Singles Nominations

Result

| | Full Player Name | British Tennis Membership Number | Rating |
|----|------------------|----------------------------------|--------|
| S1 | | | |
| S2 | | | |
| S3 | | | |
| S4 | | | |

| | Full Player Name | British Tennis Membership Number | Rating | Score E.g. 7/4 5/7 7/2 | Winner |
|----|------------------|----------------------------------|--------|---------------------------|----------------|
| S1 | | | | | Home / Away |
| S2 | | | | | Home / Away |
| S3 | | | | | Home / Away |
| S4 | | | | | Home / Away |

R2 Singles Rubbers

| | | | |
|----|--|--|--|
| S1 | | | |
| S2 | | | |
| S3 | | | |
| S4 | | | |

| | | | | | |
|----|--|--|--|--|----------------|
| S2 | | | | | Home / Away |
| S1 | | | | | Home / Away |
| S4 | | | | | Home / Away |
| S3 | | | | | Home / Away |

Doubles Nominations

| | |
|----|--|
| D1 | |
| D2 | |

| | | |
|--|--|----------------|
| | | Home / Away |
| | | Home / Away |

Winning captain to input the result online within 48 hours of the match (Captain to retain scorecard)

| | |
|---------------|---------|
| Home Captain: | (PRINT) |
| | (SIGN) |

| | | | |
|---------------|---------|---------------|--|
| Away Captain: | (PRINT) | Winning Team: | |
| | (SIGN) | Result:: | |

AEGON Team Tennis 10&U – Open (adult) Scorecard

Gender:

Age Group:

Date: / /

County/Tier:

Division/Group:

Home Team:

Away Team:

Singles Nominations

Result

| | Full Player Name | British Tennis Membership Number | Rating |
|----|------------------|----------------------------------|--------|
| S1 | | | |
| S2 | | | |
| S3 | | | |
| S4 | | | |

| Full Player Name | British Tennis Membership Number | Rating | Score E.g. 6 / 4 6 / 4 | Winner |
|------------------|----------------------------------|--------|---------------------------|----------------|
| | | | | Home / Away |
| | | | | Home / Away |
| | | | | Home / Away |
| | | | | Home / Away |

5th/6th Players in team: 12&U – Open (adult) only

| | | | |
|---|--|--|--|
| 5 | | | |
| 6 | | | |

| | | | |
|--|--|--|---------------------|
| | | | Doubles Only Player |
| | | | Doubles Only Player |

Doubles Nominations

| | |
|----|--|
| D1 | |
| D2 | |

| | | |
|--|--|----------------|
| | | Home / Away |
| | | Home / Away |

A team is awarded 2 points for each rubber won. At 6 rubber points each, a tie break shootout is played. Please see the competition rules for playing formats within your event. 1 bonus point will be awarded to the winning team in a tie-break shootout, i.e. 7-6. Please circle the players involved in the match tie-break shootout.

Winning captain to input the result online within 48 hours of the match (Captain to retain scorecard)

| | | |
|---------------|----------------------|---------|
| Home Captain: | <input type="text"/> | (PRINT) |
| | <input type="text"/> | (SIGN) |

| | | |
|---------------|----------------------|---------|
| Away Captain: | <input type="text"/> | (PRINT) |
| | <input type="text"/> | (SIGN) |

| | |
|--------------------|----------------------|
| Winning Team: | <input type="text"/> |
| Result:: | <input type="text"/> |
| Shoot Out Result:: | <input type="text"/> |

FAQ's about 2011 Season

The following section includes frequently asked questions (FAQs) about the AEGON Team Tennis 2011 competition. The answers should help you understand certain decisions made for the upcoming season.

General

When is the competition? The league period has increased by 2 weeks to a 12 week season; from the first weekend in April until the weekend prior to the start of Wimbledon in June. This will align with the start of the summer season and has been changed to help ease congestion and reduce clashes with other competitions, exams and holidays.

What is the County Tier? This is the County level of the competition. The majority of teams that enter will compete in leagues at this Tier. Teams enter the county tier based on their place to play registration code. For example, SUF101 would compete in AEGON Team Tennis Suffolk. At 8&U – 18&U, county organisers devise the leagues based on the ratings of the players. At the Open (adult) age group, a promotion/relegation system is in place.

What is the National/Regional Tier (Open)? This is the regional league for teams at the Open age group. Teams are invited to compete based on their performance in the previous year. These Tiers link to the County Tier and allow for teams to be promoted. See the structure on the AEGON Team Tennis webpage.

What is the Premier Division (12&U-18&U)? This is the regional league for teams at 12&U, 14&U, 16&U, 18&U age groups. It draws out some of the better teams in Counties and provides a more appropriate level of competition. Teams are required to nominate 6 players at the time of entry. Teams that apply and don't get accepted will be passed back to their respective County to be entered in the County tier.

Entry Stage

When is the 2011 entry period? Entries open on 1st December 2010. The County tier closing date is 31st January 2011. The 'regional league' (Premier Division, National/Regional tier) closing date is 26th January 2011. The entry period has changed from 2010, as feedback commented on the importance of getting the fixtures to teams earlier.

How does a team enter? A team entering at a County tier will need to complete an entry form and post it to their County office. There is one entry form in circulation for all age groups. A place to play must submit one entry form per team. Teams entering in the regional leagues will need to enter online. The entry fee for the National/Regional tier is £20. All other tiers/age groups (County tier and Premier division) are £10.

Rules

What is the flexibility on County tier dates? 8&U – Open teams will be able to play before the fixed date if both teams agree and there is prior consent from the league organiser. If a team doesn't agree to move the date the organiser cannot force this upon them. 8&U / 9&U age groups will have further flexibility to play one or more matches on the same day at the same venue with agreement of the opposing teams and the organiser.

There is a rain date to help bring a conclusion to your leagues. The rain date should be used by teams if a match is rained off. If the teams mutually agree to play before the rain date then this is permissible. If a team has two matches rained off and schedules the first rained off match for the rain date and can't play the second rained off match prior to the rain date, then this second rained off match should be halved with both teams receiving the same number of rubber points and 1 match point each.

Can a player play for 2 places to play in one season? No. A player may only represent one place to play in an AEGON Team Tennis season. This was introduced in 2010 and is based on:

- Commitment and representation is important to creating a 'team culture' at a place to play. It is not solely about competing, but having a vested interest in the place players are competing for.
- There are still issues with withdrawals (at all levels). By players understanding who they are competing for, what they are competing in, and not over committing it is hoped this will start to address this area.
- The competition runs in a 12 week period. It is difficult for players to compete across a number of age groups, for different teams, because of the timings.
- The change caters for more players not the same players more often. When a player commits to a place to play, the team place they leave vacant will give the opportunity for another player to compete.

What happens if a team gives a walkover? A team giving a walkover shall take no further part in the competition. Withdrawals have a negative affect and contribute to a poor experience for opposing teams. The rule is tackling a culture change in the way places to play/players approach this competition. The majority of teams' play 4 or 5 matches in a 12 week period. It is expected that teams should be able to fulfil their commitment to this number of fixtures.

Can you give detail on 8&U/9&U/10&U events for 2011? These age groups will be delivered as league fixtures. There have been requests for further flexibility and as such the 'team format' has been changed. A team shall consist of 4 players of any gender. This should help more places to play enter and put out teams on match days. However, it is important boys/girls at all levels have the opportunity to compete in a team, whether it is a first, second or third team. In addition, with the introduction of the national competition framework flexibilities, in the form of the playing up / player passport system, there is now further scope for players to compete in teams.

Are the new competition age groups in affect? Yes, AEGON Team Tennis follows the 'Competition Age Group' changes for juniors. AEGON Team Tennis 2011 takes place in the summer season and a player's age on the last day of this season shall determine which age group they can compete in. Exceptions exist for players in line with the competition age group system. Please see the competition rules for each event for further details.

Why has the format of the match tie-break shootout changed for 10&U – 18&U? Feedback received from tennis people suggested that the selection of any two players was not a fair reflection of the team result. I.e. it was possible to have two players who were very strong in a team and this team would win every match 7-6. Therefore the number 3 and number 4 players in a more balanced team did not affect the team result. As a four player, team event, the new rule is more inclusive of these players and is a greater reflection of the standard of the team.

Why are clubs in the National/Regional tier only allowed to submit 12 players rated 4.2 or better? In 2010, this was opened up to make it easier for places to play to enter more teams. However, the result was that many smaller clubs suffered as their players committed to play for clubs at higher tiers of the competition. Many of these players nominated did not compete in the competition whereas they would have been more suitably placed for another team in a lower division and benefit from more regular competition. After reviewing many of the National/Regional Open teams in 2010, there were very few cases where teams used more than 12 players rated 4.2 or better during the season.

Why are places to play with two teams in the National/Regional tier only allowed to submit a further 6 players rated 4.2 or better? It is felt by the competition team that 18 players rated 4.2 or better is sufficient to be able to fulfil the fixtures for two teams and to ensure commitment from players. Allowing 24 players to be nominated for places to play with two teams would give them a significant advantage over other teams in terms of player selection and depth.

Why are 3 players allowed to be nominated in National/Regional tier with rankings of 750 or better? After discussions with National Open team captains during the season and feedback received, the competition have allowed 3 players to be nominated who are singles ranked in the top 750 ATP/WTA. However, this third player must have competed in at least two AEGON Team Tennis matches for the place to play in each of the last two seasons. This allows places to play to develop younger players through this competition and for them to still be able to compete if and when they become top 750 singles ranked players.

Miscellaneous

What if I have a complaint/dispute? Any complaint/dispute shall be made in writing on email to the League Organiser (copying in Teamtennis@LTA.org.uk) by the team captain within 48 hours of the cause of the complaint/dispute arising.

How do I find my place to play registration code? To obtain your registration code, please contact your place to play. If this is not possible, you can call the British Tennis Services Team on 0208 487 7000.

How do I search for a player? www2.lta.org.uk/Search/PlayerSearch/

Where do people sign up for British Tennis Membership? www2.lta.org.uk/Membership/Join/

Where can I find information on mini-tennis? www.lta.org.uk/players/juniors/

Where can I see the league tables/results? <http://lta.tournamentsoftware.com/>

AEGON Team Tennis Ratings & Rankings

What is an AEGON British Tennis Rating?

An AEGON British Tennis Rating is a way of measuring your tennis ability, so you can see how you are improving. It also means you can make sure you are entering the right level of competitions. You also need a rating to play in competitions.

What is an AEGON British Tennis Ranking?

An AEGON British Tennis Ranking is a measure of where you stand in your age group nationally and within your county. Rankings are calculated every 2 weeks based on points awarded to players for competing in tournaments in the Open (adult), 18, 16, 14 and 12 & under age categories.

More information on rating and rankings, including further explanation and cut-off dates can be [found here](#).

AEGON Team Tennis Ranking Points

Rating and ranking points are allocated to players competing in AEGON Team Tennis.

For AEGON Team Tennis 2011, there has been a change to the way ranking points will be allocated. Ranking points will be accumulated match on match, and a single total awarded to players after the event (exception: where competitions have 2 or more stages, ranking points will be accumulated per stage).

The following shows the grading of each event for Team Tennis 2011:

| | |
|-----------|--|
| Grade 1 - | AEGON Team Tennis National Open Finals |
| Grade 2 - | AEGON Team Tennis National Open (Group & Play-offs) |
| Grade 3 - | AEGON Team Tennis Regional Open |
| Grade 4 - | AEGON Team Tennis County Open Division 1 (Play-offs) |
| Grade 5 - | AEGON Team Tennis County Open Division 1 |
| Grade 6 - | AEGON Team Tennis County Open Division 2 onwards |
| Grade 2 - | AEGON Team Tennis Premier 12&U – 18&U Finals |
| Grade 3 - | AEGON Team Tennis Premier 12&U – 18&U |
| Grade 5 - | AEGON Team Tennis 8&U – 18&U Division 1 |
| Grade 6 - | AEGON Team Tennis 8&U – 18&U Division 2 onwards |

| | Grade 1 | Grade 2 | Grade 3 | Grade 4 | Grade 5 | Grade 6 | Grade 7 |
|-------------------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|--------------|-----------------|
| Win Over Player 1 | 100 | 90 | 70 | 45 | 20 | Ratings Only | Assessment Free |
| Win Over Player 2 | 95 | 85 | 65 | 40 | 19 | Ratings Only | Assessment Free |
| Win Over Player 3 | 90 | 80 | 60 | 35 | 18 | Ratings Only | Assessment Free |
| Win Over Player 4 | 85 | 75 | 55 | 30 | 17 | Ratings Only | Assessment Free |

*Ranking points for AEGON Team Tennis Series competitions will be accumulated match on match, and a single total awarded to players after the event. Exceptions; where competitions have 2 or more stages, ranking points will be accumulated per stage. E.g. A player competing in AEGON Team Tennis Premier 12&U will be awarded a single total from the 'Group' stage, and if the team qualify to the 'Finals' will be awarded a single total from the 'Finals' stage. E.g. A player competing in AEGON Team Tennis County Open Division 1 will be awarded a single total from the 'Group' stage, and if the team qualifies to the 'Play-offs' will be awarded a single total from the 'Play-offs' stage.

When will I see my ranking points?

Players will receive their ranking points after the league stage is completed (the ranking run following 19th June 2011). This is dependant on team captains correctly inputting the results on time. Rankings points for playoffs and Finals will be received by players in the ranking run following the conclusion of the Finals stage.

Mini Tennis Ratings – Qualifying Wins

AEGON Team Tennis will closely follow the competition age group system. For all questions related to this area, please consult the [FAQ's for Competition Age Groups](#).

Open (adult) Promotion & Relegation

Men's and Ladies

- All groups/divisions are based on set areas (determined by places to play registration codes) which will remain fixed year on year (see structure).

National Tier

- The bottom two teams in each of the 4 groups shall be relegated to their respective Regional Tier group. Exception for 2011: In the Ladies North group the bottom team only will be relegated.
- If any team in any National Tier group gives a walkover, it shall be placed at the bottom of the group and be one of the relegated teams (subject to rule 16.5).

Regional Tier

- The top team in each of the 8 Regional Tier groups (including Scotland) shall be promoted to its respective National Tier group unless the place to play already has a team in the National Tier in which case the next team shall be promoted.
- Relegation from the Regional Tier shall be as follows:
 - If two teams are relegated from a National Tier group to the same Regional Tier group, three teams shall be relegated from that Regional Tier group to their respective County Division. Exception for 2011: Mens South West East / South West West / England North; and Ladies Midlands East / England North - where only 2 teams shall be relegated).
 - If one team is relegated from a National Tier group into the Regional Tier group then two teams shall be relegated from that Regional Tier group into their respective County Division. Exception for 2011: Mens South West East / South West West / England North; and Ladies Midlands East / England North - where only 1 team shall be relegated).
 - If no teams are relegated from a National Tier group into the Regional Tier group then only one team shall be relegated from that Regional Tier group into its respective County Division. Exception for 2011: Mens South West East / South West West / England North; and Ladies Midlands East / England North - where no teams shall be relegated, unless walkovers have been given).
 - If any team in any Regional Tier group gives a walkover, it shall be placed at the bottom of the group and be one of the relegated teams (subject to rule 16.5).

County Tier

- The top team in each County Division 1 shall play off against other county winners for two teams to be promoted to the respective Regional Tier group. The number of play-off matches will depend on the number of counties in the Region (see structure).
- For those counties with more than one division, relegation from Division 1 shall depend upon whether the top team has gained promotion to the Regional Tier through the play-offs in which case one less team than normal will be relegated. It will also depend upon the number of teams relegated from the Regional Tier into the County Division 1 which shall be on the same basis as relegation from the Regional Tier (see above).
- For those counties with multiple divisions, promotion and relegation below Division 1 should be two up two down for divisions with 6 or more teams and one up one down for divisions with 5 or less teams. If more or fewer than normal are relegated from Division 1, that number shall cascade down through all divisions.

The Open structure can be viewed on the AEGON Team Tennis webpage (www.LTA.org.uk/AEGON-Team-Tennis). The LTA Competitions Department reserve the right to change the structure and regulations for promotion and relegation.

AEGON Team Tennis Open Prize Money

In 2011, British Tennis will award £97,000 in prize money to places to play in the AEGON Team Tennis National Open competition. Below is the prize money summary:

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| National Tier Group Stages | £ |
| Group Winner | 4,000 |
| 2 nd | 2,500 |
| 3 rd | 1,500 |
| 4 th | 1,000 |
| 5 th – 8 th | 0 |
| Group Total | 9,000 |
| National Tier Group Total (men & ladies) | 72,000 |
| | |
| National Tier Finals | £ |
| Finals Winner | 4,000 |
| Runners-up | 2,500 |
| Semi-finalists | 1,500 |
| 5 th / 6 th | 500 |
| 7 th / 8 th | 0 |
| National Tier Finals Total (men & ladies) | 21,000 |
| | |
| Undefeated Season | £ |
| Group & Finals | 2,000 |
| National Tier Finals Total (men & ladies) | 4,000 |
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| AEGON Team Tennis Prize Money Total | £97,000 |

Places to play winning prize money in the National tier must submit a prize money form no later than 31st July 2011. Forms received after this deadline may not be entitled to their award.



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| Supplier No | |
| Transaction No | |
| Date: | |

PRIZE MONEY - PAYMENT AUTHORISATION VOUCHER

Complete and return by post to AEGON Team Tennis, LTA, 100 Priory Lane, London, SW15 5JQ.
Prize money will be paid by BACS to club accounts only. Deadline for clubs to claim prize money is 31 July 2011.

CLUB / PAYEE DETAILS

CLUB/PAYEE NAME:

CLUB ADDRESS:

ADDRESS FOR RECEIPT:

CLUB BANK & BACS DETAILS – PLEASE PROVIDE ALL DETAILS

NAME OF BANK:

BANK ADDRESS:

SORT CODE (6 DIGITS):

BANK A/C No (8 DIGITS):

CONTACT DETAILS

NAME:

EMAIL:

PHONE NUMBER:

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PAYMENT DETAILS / REFERENCE TO QUOTE

AMOUNT

AEGON Team Tennis National Tier Prize Money

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