



NORFOLK LTA
WinSum Matchplay Tennis League

The WinSum League is aimed at boys and girls with an LTA rating and eligible to play yellow-ball tennis who enjoy playing tennis matches and would like to improve their rating but do not want to travel to the nether reaches of the country in order to do so. It is also the ideal starting place for young players just entering the competitive arena.

Players rated 10.2-9.1 will be divided into groups of same-rated players and results will be posted with the LTA on a two-weekly basis to take advantage of the new LTA system of immediate rating change after four qualifying wins.

Players rated 8.2 and above will also be divided into groups but their results will be posted quarterly in accordance with the relevant LTA rating run.

At the end of the season prizes are awarded to the best in each age group who have participated throughout the year.

The 2011/2012 season will start 1st October and costs £25 for the year but you can join at any stage.

For more information, an entry form and rules, please email the Organiser, Diane Bush:

diane bush@ntlworld.com

NORFOLK LAWN TENNIS ASSOCIATION
WinSum Tennis Matchplay League 2011/2012

Dear Tennis Player

The 2011/2012 WinSum Junior Tennis League is aimed primarily at Norfolk-based players with an LTA rating and eligible to play with a yellow ball. Non-Norfolk players are also welcome, but matches must be played in Norfolk unless both players reside outside Norfolk and a mutually convenient venue agreed. The league will start Saturday 1st October and run through to August 2012.

The 2011/2012 season will see a new matchplay format for the WinSum League to accommodate the LTA's new ratings system. As you know, to move up from a 10.2 to 10.1 you need to win 4 matches against a player of the same or better rating and your rating is adjusted immediately that has been accomplished. The same applies until you reach 8.2 when the system changes. Players in categories 10.2 - 9.1 will, therefore, be put in boxes of same-rated players and, initially, as far as possible, of similar age. Results will be posted with the LTA every two weeks and the boxes adjusted according to players' amended rating.

For players in category 8.2 and better the session will reflect the LTA's quarterly period – so, for example, Series 1 will start Saturday 1st October and end Saturday 17th December. (The final date for posting results to the LTA is 18th December so late results will not count.) Series 2 will begin just after the new ratings become live, in this first case, 4th January 2012. To improve your rating once you have reached 8.2 you have to win six matches against a player of the same or better rating and have a 60:40 win/loss ratio overall.

You may join at any time but you may not dip in and out unless injured. Entries for Series 1 should reach me by Tuesday 27th September 2011 at the latest. Please read the rules (either attached or overleaf).

The fee will be £25 for the year. This compares favourably with typical £10 entry fees for external events as this is effectively a year-long opportunity to play as many matches as you can and reflects the extra administration on the part of the Organiser. All information/communication will be by email, except for the initial entry form and cheque.

End of season prizes will be awarded for all age groups to players who have participated in all series.

Once you know your group details, it is up to you to arrange matches by telephone, email or text. Matches are played on an home and away basis so you may have to play an away match anywhere in the County.

Please send your entry form to me at the address below, remembering to enclose your cheque for £25 (payable to NLTA WinSum League.) If your rating changes between sending the entry and September 27th, please let me know by email.

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NLTA WinSum Tennis League
Rules 2011/2012

The playing period is from 1st October 2011 – August 2012.

The entry fee is £25. All payments should be by cheque, payable to 'NLTA WinSum League'.

There are separate leagues for boys and girls. Each league is divided into groups. Initial group placement will be based on your LTA rating and, to some extent your age. Players joining after Series 1 will be placed at the discretion of the NLTA WinSum Selection Committee.

Match results for 10.2 – 9.1 will be posted with the LTA every two weeks and the boxes adjusted accordingly. Match results for 8.2 and better will be posted quarterly according to the LTA ratings run.

Each match involves a designated 'home' and 'away' player. The 'home' player is responsible for booking the court, paying any court and/or guest fee and providing four good-quality balls. Players must be prepared to offer at least three dates.

It is assumed that matches will be played outdoors. Should, for whatever reason, both players agree to play indoors, each player will pay half of any indoor court fee that may apply. All matches involving a Norfolk player to be played on Norfolk courts. Where both players reside outside Norfolk, matches may be played at a mutually agreeable venue.

All matches will comprise two tie-break sets with a championship tie-break third set, if applicable. This means the first player to reach 10 points with a 2-point advantage is the winner. Players will normally do their own scoring. Less experienced players may be helped to score during matches, provided both players agree. Parents/spectators are not allowed on court unless both players agree and in any event must be at a distance so no coaching /communication with the players is possible. The server should call out the score after each point so it is audible to the opponent and the game score should be agreed at each change of ends. If there is a disagreement as to the score during a match you are advised to go back to the score you can agree on and carry on from there.

Results must be e-mailed (dianeabush@ntlworld.com) by both players regardless of who won. Results will be posted with the LTA every two weeks and the boxes adjusted accordingly. All information will be communicated via e-mail so participants must give a valid and regularly-checked email address.

End-of-season prizes will be awarded to players in each age group who have participated throughout the year.

In the event of a dispute of whatever nature, the decision of the Organiser will be final.

Code of Conduct: Matches to be played in good spirit: no foul language or abuse of equipment will be tolerated. Players risk being reported to the LTA if they do not comply with the LTA Code of Conduct. Any complaints about players' behaviour on court should be sent in writing to the Tennis Manager, Tennis East, Hills Road Sports & Tennis Centre, Purbeck Road, Cambridge, CB2 2PF.

Please keep these rules for future reference.

Please Note: This system will be reviewed regularly and amendments may be made through the course of the year to ensure administrative efficiency.

Public Courts: There are public courts at the UEA (Tel: 01603 592398), Eaton Park, South Park Avenue, Norwich NR4 7AX and Heigham Park (grass), The Avenues, Norwich NR2 3PA (Tel: 01603 496724). East Anglia Tennis & Squash Club, Lime Tree Road, Norwich NR2 2NQ allow non-members to book a court on a Sunday afternoon (2pm-5pm) for £5. (Tel: 01603 453532). Easton College offer indoor and clay courts for £7. per hour at the weekend and up to 18.30pm on weekdays (Tel: 01603 731302). Premier Raquets at Sedgeford, Hunstanton, PE36 5NQ offer WinSum players indoor courts at a discounted rate for two hours on Saturday Sundays between 8:30am – 1pm (Tel: 01485 571961).

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NLTA WinSum Matchplay League 2011/2012 Entry Form

Name:Date of Birth:

Address:Post Code:.....

Club:..... Email:

Tel No: Mobile No.

LTA/BTM Registration No: Current Rating:(as at Sept 2011)

I have read and agree to abide by the Rules. I enclose my cheque for £25 payable to NLTA WinSum League.

Signed: Date:

Please return to: Mrs Diane Bush, 12 Fairfield Road, Norwich NR2 2NE