



SUMMER 2022 – RULES

All rules are subject to change, up until 1st April 2022



Senior Age Groups Rules

18. Eligibility

Venue Eligibility

- 18.1 Entry to LTA National League – Senior's ('the Competition') is open only to LTA registered venues, defined as Associates in Rule 28 of the LTA.
- 18.2 A venue that does not have its own courts and clubhouse may enter teams only if they have entered the competition in previous years and subject to the following conditions:
- I. They are a LTA registered venue.
 - II. Each year, a nomadic club must nominate in writing to the Tournament Referee, the players it wishes to use in all teams in the events for that year before the date of their first match. A maximum of 6 players shall be nominated for each of the Men's and Women's teams and a maximum of 3 Men and 3 Women for a Mixed event. A player may only be nominated with his/her prior consent and must have been a member on 1 October in the year preceding the competition.
 - III. A player representing a venue must be able to prove bona fide membership of that venue.
 - IV. Any team not playing their home fixtures at the venue they entered with may be penalised by playing all matches away the following season.

Player Eligibility

- 18.3 A player may represent
- I. Different venues in different events, but may not play for different clubs in the same age group.
 - II. Their venue in no more than 3 events over the finals weekend and must have played at least one match in that event prior to playing in the final.
- 18.4 All players must
- I. Have a LTA Advantage membership number which links them to the venue they are competing for.
 - II. Have an LTA rating.
 - III. Be a member of the venue they are competing for as of 1 April 2022 and commit to representing that venue.
 - IV. The age which players shall achieve at any date in 2022 is the qualifying age for each event
- 18.5 Events and age categories are (A player must be aged 35+ or over):
- I. Men's – 35, 45, 50, 55, 60, 65, 70, 75
 - II. Women's – 35, 40, 50, 60, 65, 70
 - III. Mixed – Junior (M45/W40), Senior (M55 / W50), Super Senior (M65 / W60) & Medley (M45 / W40)

19. Match Arrangements

19.1 Time and Dates

The dates by which matches are to be played must be strictly observed throughout the competition. Within 10 days of receiving the draw the home team must make contact with the away team and offer 3 possible dates. Should the final play by date be offered there must be indoor courts available. The away team must accept one of the dates within 7 days. The 3 dates must include dates over at least two different weekends and there must be 8 clear days between the 1st and 3rd dates.

For successive rounds home advantage will be determined by the event organiser by reference to the venues of the previous matches played in the competition.

Dates should not be offered during the following periods unless agreed by both captains:

- I. World Championships, Super Seniors, Senior's and Young Seniors
- II. National Seniors Championships - Clay and Grass courts
- III. European Inter Club Championships

Start Time

The latest start time for matches will be 1.00pm unless agreed otherwise by both captains.

It is not in the spirit of the tournament to concede walkovers. All matches should be played regardless of team strength or distance to be travelled. Any team unable to play on the pre-arranged finals day must concede at the semi- final stage.

The Home team will be responsible for organising refreshments (Covid-19 restrictions depending).

19.2 Court Surfaces

The home team shall provide 2 or 3 courts of the same surface.

19.3 Balls

The home team shall supply a minimum of 3 new ITF approved balls per court

19.4 Match Format

Apart from the Over 35 Events, where there will be 2 singles and 3 doubles, a match will consist of 4 doubles rubbers. For the Over 35 singles matches, players must play in ITF World Tennis Number order

19.5 Team Format

A team shall consist of 4 players with the exception of events over the age of 65 where the maximum will be 5 players.

19.6 Order of Play

Doubles only events

Round 1	Doubles 1 v 1	Doubles 2 v 2
Round 2	Doubles 1 v 2	Doubles 2 v 1

Medley event

Round 1	Men's Doubles	Women's Doubles
Round 2	Mixed Doubles 1	Mixed Doubles 2

Over 35 events

Round 1	Singles 1 v 1	Singles 2 v 2	Doubles 2 v 2
Round 2	Doubles 2 v 1	Doubles 1 v 2	

19.7 Match Scoring

Each rubber will consist of the best of 3 sets with a tie-break at 6-6 in the first two sets. The 3rd set will consist of a Match Tie-break to 10 points (sudden death at 9-9)

19.8 Match Result

Each match shall be decided on the combined results of the singles (where appropriate) and doubles.

- I. If rubbers tied the number of sets will decide
- II. If sets are tied the number of games will decide
- III. If games are tied the combined results of the first two rubbers will decide first rubbers, then sets then games
- IV. If a tie still prevails then the result of the leading rubber i.e. 1st Pair v 1st Pair will decide the match.

Results should be entered online by the winning team within 48 hours. Event organisers should also be informed.

20. Problem Solving Issues

20.1 Late Arrival

If a team arrives on court more than half an hour after the agreed starting time of a scheduled rubber, then the first set of that rubber with a score of 6-0 will be awarded to the other team. If the team arrives on court more than an hour after the agreed starting time of a scheduled rubber then that rubber will be awarded to the other team with a score of 6-0,6-0

20.2 Inclement Weather

If inclement weather prevents the first round from being completed then the match will be replayed at the venue selected by the away team provided that the original away team had travelled to the fixture. If not, the match will be replayed at the original venue by the scheduled end of the round, or by permission of the Event Organiser.

If the first round of a match has been fully completed and inclement weather prevents the whole match from being completed then the result will be obtained on the first round, first on rubbers, then sets, then games as before.

20.2 The Tournament Referee's decision is final. Any matters not covered in these Rules shall be resolved at the discretion of the Tournament Referee.

Padel Rules

TO FOLLOW