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# NATIONAL LEAGUE CAPTAINS' GUIDE **SUMMER 2022**

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# WELCOME

## TEAM CAPTAINS!

Welcome to the National League Summer 2022 Captains Guide. It is great to have you on board and we hope you and your team are looking forward to an exciting season ahead.

This Captains' guide serves as a helpful resource to ensure that the National League experience for yourself, your players, and all those involved at your tennis venue is a positive one.

The opening pages to the guide offer you tools and information to successfully organise your team before, during and after a match. The second half of the guide contains the Competition Rules which need to be followed to ensure matches are played consistently and fairly.

Please share your team's successes and stories on social media, any pictures and videos of your team playing and celebrating would be fantastic, by using [#LTANationalleague](#) and [@LTACompetitions](#).

We hope you find the contents of this guide useful and wish your team a successful 2022 season.

## LTA Competitions

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## PAUL HUTCHINS COMMITMENT AWARD

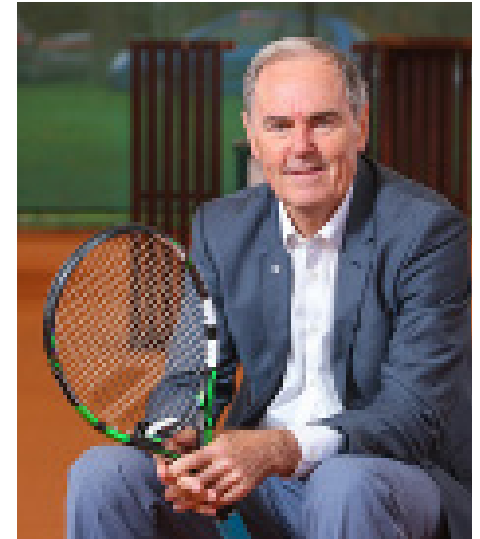
in memory of Paul Hutchins MBE 1945-2019

Paul Hutchins was one of the most committed people to the game of tennis you could ever meet. Paul was a true hero of tennis in Britain, first as a player, then as a coach, captain, commentator and administrator – dedicating over 50 years of loyal service to the sport. He is also Britain's longest servicing Davis Cup Captain. Paul was clearly committed to the game.

For anyone who didn't know and for those who will remember, Paul established the National League competition that we all love (formerly National Club League and Team Tennis), which has now become the biggest team competition in the country.

In memory of Paul, each year we will be awarding the 'Paul Hutchins Commitment Award' for someone who has shown real commitment to the National League Competition. This could be a player, team captain or league organiser. Paul clearly showed so much commitment and dedication to the sport, in many different capacities, inspiring so many people – and we would like to recognise this each year, and award someone who has shown some of the qualities Paul clearly showed so well throughout his life and career.

In 2019 the very first winner of this award was announced. Tony Lawson from Holcombe Brook Sports Club was the inaugural award-winner. In 2021, Simon Morris from Wrexham LTC was the well deserved winner of the award.



For the 2022 award, we welcome nominations, whether that is a player or team captain from your venue or your local league organiser. Please complete the online nomination form with details of who you think should be worthy of this new award. Nominations close on 12th July 2022, and can be completed on the LTA National League webpage via: [www.LTA.org.uk/compete](http://www.LTA.org.uk/compete)

# MATCH DAY

## All you need to know

### SCORECARDS

Each team captain must complete a scorecard on match day.

- **8&U and 9&U** – if you're playing in an 8&U or 9&U league that is following a home and away fixture format (i.e. not at a central venue), you will need to print scorecards from the LTA National League webpage via: [www.LTA.org.uk/compete](http://www.LTA.org.uk/compete)
- **10&U to Open (adult)** – scorecards for 4 singles, 2 doubles events and 2 singles, 1 doubles events are included in the Captains' Guide. If you require further scorecards, please visit the LTA National League webpage via: [www.LTA.org.uk/compete](http://www.LTA.org.uk/compete)



### POINTS OF CONTACT

The following are the main points of contact for each team captain:

#### Internal

- **Club Coaches / Club Manager** – important for confirming players and court bookings for home matches.
- **Parents / Players** – to confirm player availability and selection.

#### External

- **Opposing Team Captains** – this person is your only point of contact before match day and on match day.
- **League Organiser** – your league organiser is the person to contact with any query not answered in this guide.

### TEAM CAPTAIN CHECKLIST

- ✓ File all emails from your League Organiser somewhere safe and easy for you to access throughout the season.
- ✓ Look at the Fixture List from your League Organiser and book the courts for your home fixtures.
- ✓ Get in touch with your opposition (by email/text/whatsapp) and confirm your fixtures – this must be done 14 days before the fixture date!
- ✓ Having problems getting in touch with your opposition? Contact your league organiser as soon as you're concerned who can help you.

**Match Day** - have you got your:

- ✓ Captains' Guide? This will have the match scorecard and rules in, which you need to bring.
- ✓ LTA Advantage Membership numbers and current ITF World Tennis Numbers of your players? You will need these to complete the scorecard nominations 15 minutes before the fixture start times.

**Post-Match** - have you completed the following?

- ✓ Scorecard with final results.
- ✓ Online results via LTA Tournament Software – Winning Team Captain must enter all results online within 48 hours.

Having any issues during the Match that you're not sure what to do about?

Look at the Managing Situations page in this guide. Please also email your league organiser within 48 hours of the fixture if you experienced any problem on or after match day. They will then be able to handle any issue for you.

### MATCH DAY HOSPITALITY

We are encouraging home teams to provide match day hospitality if possible, we have provided some examples below:

- **County Tier 8&U-18&U** – Cold drinks such as water, orange squash as well as snacks between and after matches. Snacks could include fruit, crisps and biscuits.
- **County Tier Open (adult)** – Options for cold or hot drinks should be offered to the away team during and after the match.
- **Premier 12&U-18&U** – Cold drinks such as water and orange squash. Other options such as sandwiches plus crisps, chips or equivalent. Where food is provided, it is common place for home team players to pay a match fee of approx. £5 each.
- **National/Regional Open** – Options for cold or hot drinks during and after the match should be available for away teams. A post match meal (hot or cold) should be offered.

### TIPS FOR SOLVING COURT ISSUES

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

### TIPS FOR SOLVING PLAYER AVAILABILITY ISSUES

- Consider selecting eligible players who were not originally part of your squad list.
- Consider bringing in eligible players from younger age groups.
- Consider playing the match with fewer than 4 players. Teams can still win with 3 players.

Please contact your opposing captain before match day if you intend to do this.

### HOW TO ENTER A RESULTS VIDEO

- A 'How to Enter Results Video' is available for Team Captains to view in the Captain's Area at: [www.LTA.org.uk/compete](http://www.LTA.org.uk/compete)
- We strongly recommend viewing this video if you are entering results for the first time or experience any problems. This video includes tips such as how to add players who are not on your team list.

### UNKNOWN PLAYERS / ADDING PLAYERS TO YOUR VENUE

- All players must be linked to the venue they are competing for through the LTA database to be eligible. If a player is not linked they will not appear for online results entry.
- To check or update this, players need to log in to their LTA Members' area of the LTA website and update their 'Venues' within the 'Membership' tab.
- If a player cannot be found, the team captain must use the 'Add Comment' function to note the name and LTA number of the unknown player.

# MATCH DAY SITUATIONS

There are occasions where issues arise on court regarding line calls, scoring or player disagreements. We would like to remind all players, parents and captains of the LTA Fair Play values.

The policy for all fixtures is for the issue to be resolved directly between the players involved in the rubber. If the situation cannot be resolved between the players, the team captains only can get involved to help resolve the issue. In no situation should a spectator (player/parent/coach/club member) who is not playing in the rubber concerned be involved with any disagreement on court. Those individuals must communicate through their team captain only.

## COACHING

Only team captains are allowed to communicate with players during matches. This must only be to communicate to players to resolve score disputes, line call disagreements or for general fixture logistics. In no situation should coaching take place between the player(s) and anybody off court, including the team captain. Parents and captains' are permitted to encourage their players but must not provide any form of instruction.

## REPORTING ISSUES

If you wish to report an issue from your fixture, please contact your league organiser within 48 hours of the fixture explaining the situation.

## MATCHES PLAYED WITHOUT A CHAIR UMPIRE

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

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

If a Player is unhappy with any actions or decisions, the player should speak to their team captain, who can then watch the match or speak to the opposing team captain.

In 8&U and 9&U fixtures scorers may be used. The role of the scorer is to call the score and check players are in the correct position to start points. The scorer must not be the family member of any player involved in the rubber.

## SCORE DISPUTES

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

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



# SUMMER 2022 COUNTY TIER RULES

## 8&U Age Group

### 1. Eligibility

#### Venue Eligibility

- 1.1 Entry to LTA National League ('the Competition') is open only to LTA registered venues, defined as Associates in Rule 28 of the LTA.

#### Team Eligibility

- 1.2 Event: Mixed 8 & under (born in 2014 or later).
- 1.3 A venue may enter more than one team in the event.
- 1.4 Where a venue has two or more teams in the event, the 'A' team should be the strongest team, and if applicable, the 'B' team should be stronger than the 'C' team etc.
- 1.5 Where a venue 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. In the case of a venue having two teams in the same division, players will only be able to play for the team they represent in their first match.

#### Player Eligibility

##### 1.6 A player may only:

- I. Represent one venue in the National League Summer competition.
- II. Play in a maximum of two age groups.

##### 1.7 All players must:

- I. Have an LTA Advantage Membership number which links to the venue they are competing for.
- II. Be a member of the LTA registered venue they are competing for as of 1 April 2022 and commit to representing that venue.
- III. 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 LTA venue registration code. Each league will be divided into divisions of 3-6 teams. Each team will play each other team in their division at least once. Counties may run a central venue event at 8&U.

### 3. Match Arrangements

#### 3.1 Time & Date

Fixtures shall be played on the fixed dates specified. It is both team captains' responsibility to contact each other before the fixture. There will be flexibility to play before a fixed date if both teams agree and there is prior consent from the league organiser. Fixtures scheduled

on Saturday match dates can be played on the immediate Sunday following (next day) if both team captains agree. There will also be flexibility for teams to play one or more fixtures 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 fixture is to be played on the fixed date specified.

Matches are to start between 10am-2pm unless both teams agree otherwise, or the league organiser instructs differently. The home team must confirm start time with the away team a minimum of 14 days before the match date. It is both team captains' responsibility to contact each other to confirm start times. By the Tuesday, the week prior to the fixture, the away team must also confirm their team's attendance. 3 rubber points may be deducted from the match accumulated league total at the discretion of the league organiser for non-compliance from either team. Each team must have an adult captain (age 18+) present at each match. The home team captain shall be responsible for welcoming the away team and organising refreshments (Covid-19 restrictions depending).

If a central venue format is being used, the league organiser will be in touch directly with the relevant teams with further information.

### 3.2 Courts and Equipment

The home venue shall provide a minimum of 2 red courts (preferably 4); supply the court equipment and set-up the court in line with the Competition Framework - [www.lta.org.uk/8-9-10competitions/](http://www.lta.org.uk/8-9-10competitions/)

### 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 will be no doubles rubbers at 8&U.

Counties using a central venue format are permitted to adjust the match format at their discretion.

### 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 fixture, team captains must nominate in writing (on a National League scorecard) their singles players which should be in order of merit.

### Singles Playing Order

Players should play in order of merit as determined by the team captain. Boys and girls may play against one another. Team Captains are encouraged, in the spirit of providing an enjoyable and competitive experience, to nominate in order of playing standard i.e., strongest player should play as singles 1, second strongest player as singles 2 and so on.

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

	Court 1	Court 2	Court 3	Court 4
Round 1	1 v 1	2 v 2	3 v 3	4 v 4
Round 2	1 v 2	2 v 1	3 v 4	4 v 3
Round 3	1 v 3	2 v 4	3 v 1	4 v 2
Round 4	1 v 4	2 v 3	3 v 2	4 v 1

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

### 3.8 Rubber Scoring

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

### 3.9 Match Scoring

A team is awarded 2 points for each rubber won.

### 3.10 Match Result

The team with the most rubber points shall win the match. If teams are level on rubbers the match shall result in a draw.

A team will receive 2 match points on the league table for a match win and 1 match point for a draw.

Both captains must complete and sign the National League scorecards and retain their copy. The winning captain (or home captain if a draw) must then submit the result online within 48 hours. The result may be added by the losing team captain if agreed on match day. Any teams found guilty of submitting false results shall be subject to rule 17.2.

### 3.11 Division Standings

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

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

## Red

### Equipment and court lay-out

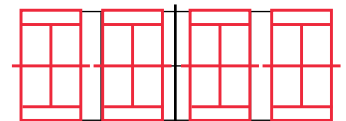
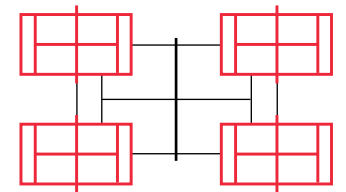
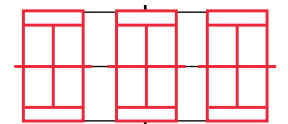
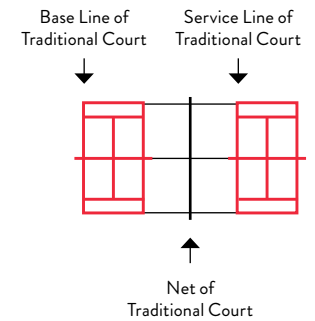
For more information please visit [www.lta.org.uk/8-9-10competitions](http://www.lta.org.uk/8-9-10competitions)

**Ball:** Red (sponge indoor, felt outdoor)

**Court:** 11m x 5.5m (okay to use badminton court lines)

**Net Height:** 80cm

**Recommended Racket Size:** Up to 58cm (23")



## SUMMER 2022 COUNTY TIER RULES

### 9&U Age Group

#### 4. Eligibility

##### Venue Eligibility

- 4.1 Entry to LTA National League ('the Competition') is open only to LTA registered venues, defined as Associates in Rule 28 of the LTA.

##### Team Eligibility

- 4.2 Event: Mixed 9 & Under (born in 2013 or 2014). Passport players will be allowed to play up in line with the Player Passport system.
- 4.3 A venue may enter more than one team in the event.
- 4.4 Where a venue has two or more teams in the event, the 'A' team should be the strongest team, and if applicable, the 'B' team should be stronger than the 'C' team etc.
- 4.5 Where a venue 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. In the case of a venue having two teams in the same division, players will only be able to play for the team they represent in their first match.

##### Player Eligibility

##### 4.6 A player may only:

- I. Represent one venue in the National League Summer competition.
- II. Play in a maximum of two age groups.

##### 4.7 All players must:

- I. Have an LTA Advantage Membership number which links to the venue they are competing for.
- II. Be a member of the LTA registered venue they are competing for as of 1 April 2022 and commit to representing that venue.
- III. 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 LTA venue registration code. Each league will be divided into divisions of 3-6 teams. Each team will play each other team in their division at least once. Counties may run a central venue event at 9&U.

#### 6. Match Arrangements

##### 6.1 Time & Date

Fixtures shall be played on the fixed dates specified. 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. Matches scheduled on Saturday's can be played on the immediate day after the match date (next day) if both team captains agree. 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.

Matches are to start between 10am-2pm unless both teams agree otherwise, or the league organiser instructs differently. The home team must confirm start time with the away team a minimum of 14 days before the match date. It is both team captains' responsibility to contact each other to confirm start times. By the Tuesday, the week prior to the fixture, the away team must also confirm their team's attendance. 3 rubber points may be deducted from the match accumulated league total at the discretion of the league organiser for non-compliance from either team. Each team must have an adult captain present at each match. The home team captain shall be responsible for welcoming the away team and organising refreshments (Covid-19 restrictions depending).

If a central venue format is being used, the league organiser will be in touch directly with the relevant teams with further information.

#### 6.2 Courts and Equipment

The home venue shall provide 2 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/8-9-10competitions](http://www.lta.org.uk/8-9-10competitions)

#### 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. Counties using a central venue format are permitted to adjust the match format at their discretion.

#### 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 National League scorecard) their singles players, in order of merit.

#### Singles Playing Order

Players should play in order of merit as determined by the team captain. Boys and girls may play against one another. Team Captains are encouraged, in the spirit of providing an enjoyable and competitive experience, to nominate in order of playing standard i.e., strongest player should play as singles 1, second strongest player as singles 2 and so on.

#### 6.7 Doubles Pairings

Pair 1: Singles players 1&2.

Pair 2: Singles players 3&4.

#### 6.8 Order of Play

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

Matches should follow one another immediately.

#### 6.9 Rubber Scoring

##### Singles & Doubles

	Sets 1 & 2	Set 3 (if necessary)
9&U	Tie-Break (to 7 points, 2 clear at 6-6)	Tie-break (to 7 points, 2 clear at 6-6)

## Orange

### Equipment and court lay-out

For more information please visit [www.lta.org.uk/8-9-10competitions](http://www.lta.org.uk/8-9-10competitions)

#### Ball:

Orange

#### Court:

Singles court: 18m x 6.5m; Doubles court: 18m x 8.23m

#### Net Height:

80cm (at middle of net)

#### Recommended Racket Size:

58cm - 63cm (23" - 25")

#### 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.

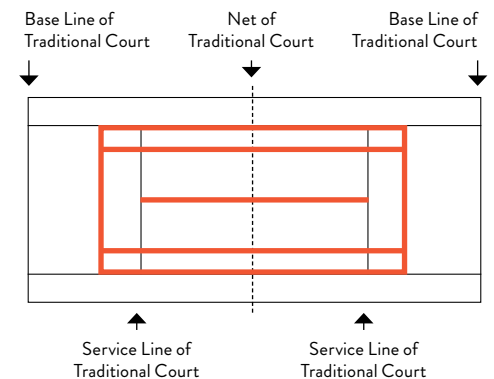
A team will receive 2 match points on the league table for a match win and 1 match point for a draw.

Both captains must complete and sign the National League scorecards and retain their copy. The winning captain (or home captain if a draw) must then submit the result online within 48 hours. The result may be added by the losing team captain if agreed on match day. Any teams found guilty of submitting false results shall be subject to rule 17.2.

#### 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 Competition Regulations will determine the league standings.



## SUMMER 2022 COUNTY TIER RULES

### 10&U Age Group

#### 7. Eligibility

##### Venue Eligibility

- 7.1 Entry to LTA National League ('the Competition') is open only to LTA registered venues, defined as Associates in Rule 28 of the LTA.

##### Team Eligibility

- 7.2 Event: Mixed 10 & Under (born in 2012 or 2013). Passport players will be allowed to play up in line with the Player Passport system.
- 7.3 A venue may enter more than one team in the event.
- 7.4 Where a venue has two or more teams in the event, the 'A' team should be the strongest team, and if applicable, the 'B' team should be stronger than the 'C' team etc.
- 7.5 Where a venue 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. In the case of a venue having two teams in the same division, players will only be able to play for the team they represent in their first match.

##### Player Eligibility

##### 7.6 A player may only:

- I. Represent one venue in the National League Summer competition.
- II. Play in a maximum of two age groups.

##### 7.7 All players must:

- I. Have an LTA Advantage Membership number which links to the LTA registered venue they are competing for.
- II. Be a member of the venue they are competing for as of 1 April 2022 and commit to representing that venue.
- III. 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 LTA venue registration code. Each league will be divided into divisions of 3-6 teams. Each team will play each other team in their division at least once.

##### 9. Match Arrangements

##### 9.1 Time & Date

Fixtures shall be played on the fixed dates specified. It is both team captains' responsibility to contact each other before the fixture. There will be flexibility to play before a fixed date if both teams agree and there is prior consent from the league organiser. Fixtures scheduled

on Saturday's may be played on the immediate day after the match date (next day) if both team captains agree.

Matches are to start between 10am-2pm unless both teams agree otherwise, or the league organiser instructs differently. The home team must confirm start time with the away team a minimum of 14 days before the match date. It is both team captains' responsibility to contact each other to confirm start times. By the Tuesday, the week prior to the fixture, the away team must also confirm their team's attendance. 3 rubber points may be deducted from the match accumulated league total at the discretion of the league organiser for none compliance from either team. Each team must have an adult captain present at each match. The home team captain shall be responsible for welcoming the away team and organising refreshments (Covid-19 restrictions depending).

##### 9.2 Courts

The home team 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 National League scorecard) their singles players in order of merit.

##### Singles Playing Order

Players should play in order of merit as determined by the team captain. Boys and girls may play against one another. Team Captains are encouraged, in the spirit of providing an enjoyable and competitive experience, to nominate in order of playing standard i.e., strongest player should play as singles 1, second strongest player as singles 2 and so on.

##### 9.7 Doubles Pairings

Pair 1: Singles players 1&2.

Pair 2: Singles players 3&4.

#### 9.8 Order of Play

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

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

#### 9.9 Rubber Scoring

	Sets 1 & 2	Set 3 (if necessary)
10&U	FAST4 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• First to 4 games</li> <li>• Tie-break at 3-3 (to 7 points, 2 clear at 6-6)</li> <li>• No advantage scoring</li> </ul>	Match tie-break (to 10 points, 2 clear at 9-9)

#### 9.10 Match Scoring

A team is awarded 2 points for each rubber won.

At 6 points each, a doubles tie-break shoot-out (to 10 points, with 2 clear) shall be played. No bonus rubber point will be awarded to the winning team in a tie-break 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, in the event of a tie, the winner of the tie-break shoot-out will 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 National League scorecards and retain their copy. The winning captain must then submit the result online within 48 hours. The result may be added by the losing team captain if agreed on match day. Any teams found guilty of submitting false results shall be subject to rule 17.2.

#### 9.12 Division Standings

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

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

#### Green

##### Equipment and court lay-out

For more information please visit [www.lta.org.uk/8-9-10competitions](http://www.lta.org.uk/8-9-10competitions)

##### Ball:

Green

##### Court:

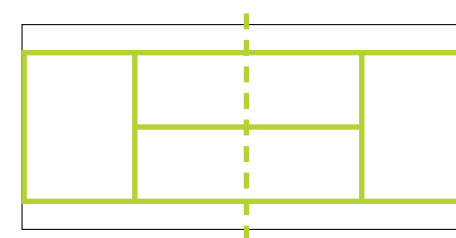
Singles & Doubles are both played on the singles court

##### Net Height:

91.4cm (3ft - as per regulation court)

##### Recommended Racket Size:

63cm - 66cm (25" - 26")



## COUNTY TIER & PREMIER TIER 11&U – 18&U Age Group

### 10. Eligibility

#### Venue Eligibility

- 10.1 Entry to LTA National League ('the Competition') is open only to LTA registered venues, defined as Associates in Rule 28 of the LTA.

#### Team Eligibility

##### 10.2 Events:

Girls/Boys 11 & Under (born in 2011 or 2012)  
Girls/Boys 16 & Under (born in 2006 - 2011)  
Girls/Boys 12 & Under (born in 2010 - 2011)  
Girls/Boys 18 & Under (born in 2004 - 2011)  
Girls/Boys 14 & Under (born in 2008 - 2011)

10 & Under players can play in the 11 & Under competition if born in 2012. Player passports may be issued at the discretion of the LTA Performance Team, which will supersede these regulations.

- 10.3 A venue may enter more than one team in each event.

- 10.4 Where a venue 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 the venue has two or more teams in an event, a player may 'play up' on a maximum of one occasion without loss of eligibility in their lower team. Once a player has represented a higher team (e.g., 'A' team in Premier 14&U) on more than one occasion, they are no longer eligible to represent the lower team (e.g. 'B' team in County Tier 14&U).

In the case of a venue having two teams in the same division, players will only be able to play for the team they represent in their first match.

#### Player Eligibility

##### 10.6 A player may only:

- I. Represent one venue in the 8&U-18&U age groups in the National League Summer competition
- II. Play in a maximum of two age groups, including Open (adult).

##### 10.7 All players must:

- I. Have an LTA Advantage Membership number which links to the venue they are competing for.
- II. Have an ITF World Tennis Number.
- III. Be a member of the LTA registered venue they are competing for as of 1 April 2022 and commit to representing that venue.
- 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 venue 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 12&U-18&U

The Premier 12&U-18&U is open to 12&U, 14&U and 18&U age groups only. The top 6-8 teams in 4 set regions (determined by LTA venue registration codes and the competition structure) may be accepted in each age group event. Acceptance will be based on the combined rankings of 6 players, as at the closing date (31st January 2022). Teams are required to nominate 6 players at the time of entry in line 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. A team who withdraws from the league stage, may be penalised for the following years acceptance into the competition.

#### 11.3 Premier 12&U-18&U Finals

The winning team from each region Tier 1 division will qualify to the finals. The Referee shall seed 2 teams in the draw. Players must have played in one league stage fixture for the qualifying team to be eligible to compete in the Finals and may only play in one age group at the Finals. Teams may nominate one player who has not played a league stage fixture, provided she or he is ranked no better than the lowest ranked nominated player who has played in at least one league stage fixture. Qualifying teams who have played two or less fixtures in the league season may nominate one player of any standard who has not played in the league stage. Team captains will be allowed on court during the Finals and will be subject to the LTA Code of Conduct.

### 12. Match Arrangements

#### 12.1 Time & Date

Fixtures shall be played on the fixed dates specified. 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. Fixtures scheduled on Saturday's may be played on the immediate day after the match date (next day) if both team captains agree.

Fixtures are to start between 10am-4pm unless both teams agree otherwise. Where one way travel distance exceeds 120 miles from club to club (based on Google Maps), start time must be between 11am and 2pm unless both teams agree otherwise. The home team must confirm start time with the away team a minimum of 14 days before the match date. Away teams must still be active in obtaining the time. By the Tuesday, the week prior to the fixture, the away team must also confirm their team's attendance. 3 rubber points may be deducted from the match accumulated league total at the discretion of the league organiser for none compliance from either team. Each team must have an adult captain (age 18+) present at each fixture. The home team captain shall be responsible for welcoming the away team and organising refreshments (Covid-19 restrictions depending).

In exceptional cases, fixtures may be rescheduled at a later date where 2 or more nominated players in the

same team are involved in National Camps, International Representation or other National/International competitions taking place in Great Britain (e.g., County Cup, Junior Internationals) on the same date. This must be approved by the league organiser (in writing) a minimum of 14 days in advance of the original match date.

#### 12.2 Courts

The home team 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 & 2 doubles rubbers. County Tier Division 2 onwards may apply a 2 singles & 1 doubles rubber format.

#### 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. Where the format is 2 singles, 1 doubles rubber, a team shall consist of two or three players. Two players will play one singles rubber each and the 3rd player may be selected for the doubles rubber only.

#### 12.6 Singles Nominations

##### I. County Tier

At least 15 minutes before the start time of each fixture, team captains must nominate in writing (on a National League scorecard) their singles players in order of merit in accordance with the singles ITF World Tennis Number. Team Captains are encouraged, in the spirit of providing an enjoyable and competitive experience, to nominate in order of playing standard i.e., strongest player should play as singles 1, second strongest player as singles 2 and so on. If players have the same ITF World Tennis Number, the captain can decide the team order which may change from fixture to fixture. Any player(s) playing doubles only must be nominated at the same time.

##### II. Premier 12&U-18&U

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

#### 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). The nominated doubles substitutions must be on site at the agreed start time of the fixture.

### 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)
11&U	FAST4 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• First to 4 games</li> <li>• Tie-break at 3-3 (to 7 points, 2 clear at 6-6)</li> <li>• No advantage scoring</li> </ul>	Match tie-break (to 10 points, 2 clear at 9-9)
12&U-18&U	Tiebreak at 6-6	Match tiebreak (to 10 points, 2 clear at 9-9)

### 12.10 Match Scoring

A team is awarded 2 points for each rubber won.

At 6 points each, a doubles tie-break shoot-out (to 10 points, with 2 clear) shall be played. No bonus rubber point will be awarded to the winning team in a tie-break 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, in the event of a tie, the winner of the tie-break shoot-out will 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 National League scorecards and retain their copy. The winning captain must then submit the result online within 48 hours. The result may be added by the losing team captain if agreed on match day. Any teams found guilty of submitting false results shall be subject to rule 17.2.

### 12.12 Division Standings

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

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



## COUNTY, REGIONAL & NATIONAL TIER RULES

### Open Adult Age Group

#### 13. Eligibility

##### Venue Eligibility

- 13.1 Entry to LTA National League ('the Competition') is open only to LTA registered venues, defined as Associates in Rule 28 of the LTA.

##### Team Eligibility

- 13.2 Events: Men's, Women's & Mixed Open.
- 13.3 A venue may enter as many teams as it wishes in the competition but may have no more than 2 teams in any division of the National, Regional or County Tier. This rule applies to men and women separately.
- 13.4 Where a venue has two or more teams in the National and/or Regional Tier the top 4 rated players, may only play for team 'A'. Any other nominated players in the venue may play up or down in line with rule 13.5.
- 13.5 Where a venue 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. In the case of a venue having two teams in the same division, players will only be able to play for the team they represent in their first match.

##### Player Eligibility

#### 13.6 A player may only:

- I. Represent one venue in the Open (adult) age group in the National League Summer competition.
- II. Play in a maximum of two age groups (including Open).

#### 13.7 All players must:

- I. Have an LTA Advantage Membership number which links to the venue they are competing for.
  - II. Have an LTA Rating / ITF World Tennis Number
  - III. Be a member of the venue they are competing for as of 1 April 2022 and commit to representing that venue.
  - IV. Be born on or before 31 December 2008.
- 13.8 A venue with a team(s) in the County Tier, does not need to nominate players and can play players of any standard.

A venue with a team in the National or Regional Tier may nominate up to 12 players rated 3.2 or better no later than 23.59 on 1 March 2022. No player nominations will be accepted after 23.59 on 1 March 2022. Any venue failing to nominate by this deadline will not be allowed to field in their team(s) any player rated 3.2 or better. Venues with no players rated 3.2 or better do not need to nominate. Players rated 4.1 or worse as of 1 March 2022 may play in any fixture and do not need to be nominated. For each additional team in the

National/Regional Tier, up to a further 9 players rated 3.2 or better may be nominated by the venue. This rule is regardless of any changes to the nominations order based on the implementation of the ITF World Tennis Number.

Of the nominated players a venue may include up to 2 players that have an ATP/WTA singles world ranking of 750 or better as of 1 March 2022 who have not played in at least 2 National League (formerly Team Tennis) fixtures for the venue in the 2019 or 2021 seasons. This rule applies to men and women separately.

Any player not on the final published nomination list (that should be, based on the criteria above), for that venue, will not be eligible to represent the venue for the 2022 season. It is the team captain's responsibility to check their final nomination list once published on the LTA website. Any players nominated for a team, that subsequently withdrawals, will not be eligible to represent another team.

#### 13.9 County Tier Play-offs

Players must have represented their venue in at least 1 division match prior to the Playoffs or have a rating of 4.1 or worse as of 1 March 2022.

Where two teams compete in a division match and a player is given a walkover, the rubber will count towards a player's eligibility.

#### National Tier Play-offs & Finals

Players must have represented their venue in at least 2 group matches prior to the Play-offs/Finals or have an LTA rating of 4.1 or worse as of 1 March 2022. Each team is permitted to have 1 player who has only competed in one group match, who will be eligible for the play-offs and finals. Where less than 7 fixtures are played, for each fixture not played, teams are permitted to nominate 1 additional player who has represented the team in only one group match.

An entire team walkover does not count for player eligibility. All completed rubbers against a team which is subsequently withdrawn will stand for the purposes of player qualification to the Playoffs and/or Finals.

### 14. Competition Structure

#### 14.1 County Tier

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

#### County Tier Play-off (Men & Women's Only)

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

#### 14.2 Regional Tier

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

#### 14.3 National Tier

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

Teams earning prize money in the National Tier must submit a prize money form to [nationalleague@LTA.org.uk](mailto:nationalleague@LTA.org.uk) no later than 30 September 2022..

#### National Tier Play-offs

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

Women's National Open Playoffs 2022	
2nd Place Midlands	3rd Place South West
2nd Place North	2nd Place South East
1st Place Scotland or 3rd place North	3rd Place South East
2nd Place South West	4th Place South East

Men's National Open Playoffs 2022	
2nd Place Midlands	2nd Place South West
3rd Place Midlands	2nd Place South East
2nd Place North	3rd Place South East
1st Place Scotland or 3rd place North	4th Place South East

A pre-playoff fixture will take place on Saturday 2 July where the 1st placed Scotland team will play at home to 3rd place in the North group. The winner of this fixture will compete in the National Open Playoffs. The draw for the National Open playoffs will take place on or before Tuesday 5 July 2022. Four teams will be seeded based on the top 4 eligible players. Details of this process will be sent to the relevant teams at the time of the draw. Home/Away scheduling will be drawn by lot. Matches will take place at 12pm on Saturday 16 July 2022.

#### National Tier Finals

The top men's and women's teams in each of the 4 National Tier divisions are joined by the 4 winning play-off teams. Prior to the Finals, teams shall nominate 4 to 8 players. The Referee shall seed 4 teams in the draw, further information on this process will be communicated

to teams prior to the draw taking place. The top 4 players who are playing on Friday must be nominated by 6.00pm on the Thursday before the Finals to determine seeding for the event. Any team not adhering to this rule will be subject to a fine decided by the Competition Team which is likely to be the removal of all prize money for that team. Team captains and/or nominated players will be allowed on court and will be subject to the Code of Conduct.

#### 14.4 Open Promotion/Relegation

Refer to the online document 'Open (adult) Promotion/Relegation 2022' at [www.LTA.org.uk/national-league-summer](http://www.LTA.org.uk/national-league-summer) for full details.

### 15. Match Arrangements

#### 15.1 Time & Date

Fixtures are to be played on the fixed dates specified. 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 (Covid-19 restrictions depending).

County Tier fixtures are to start between 10am-4pm unless both teams agree otherwise. National/Regional Tier fixtures to start at 12pm unless both teams agree otherwise. The home team must confirm start time with the away team a minimum of 14 days before the match date. By the Tuesday, the week prior to the fixture, the away team must also confirm their team's attendance. 3 rubber points may be deducted from the home teams accumulated league total at the discretion of the league organiser for none compliance from either team. Venues with two or more National/Regional Tier teams at home are permitted to stagger start times at the home team's discretion (e.g., 11am and 1pm).

#### 15.2 Court Surfaces

The home team 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 for singles and doubles matches.

#### 15.3 Balls

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

#### 15.4 Match Format

A match shall consist of 4 singles and 2 doubles rubbers. In the mixed event, a match shall consist of 4 singles (comprising of 2 men's singles and 2 women's singles) and 2 mixed doubles.

## COUNTY, REGIONAL & NATIONAL TIER RULES

### Open Adult Age Group (continued)

#### 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. In the mixed event, teams will consist of two men and two women.

#### 15.6 Singles Nominations

At least 15 minutes before the start time of each match the team captains shall nominate in writing (on a National League scorecard) their singles players in order of their current singles ITF World Tennis Number. An ATP/WTA singles world ranking must take precedence over a player's ITF World Tennis Number. 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 ITF World Tennis Number, the captain can decide the team order which may change from match to match.

#### 15.7 Doubles Nominations

The team captains shall nominate in writing their doubles pairings 15 minutes after the singles rubbers have been completed. All players nominated for doubles must be on site at the time of nomination. 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 singles ITF World Tennis Number (or current ATP/WTA ranking)

Number 6 in the case of the 'doubles only player' with the lower singles ITF World Tennis Number.

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.

In the mixed event, the men's singles matches will be matches 1&2 and the women's singles matches will be 3&4. This will be followed by two mixed doubles matches. Doubles pair 1 and doubles pair 2 will be decided using the nomination process above.

#### 15.8 Order of Play

	On 2 Courts	On 3 Courts	On 4 Courts
Round 1	Singles 3&4	Singles 1-3	Singles 1-4
Round 2	Singles 1&2	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, 2 clear at 9-9)

##### Regional/National Tier

	Sets 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, 2 clear at 9-9)

#### 15.10 Match Scoring

A team is awarded 2 points for each rubber won.

At 6 points each a tie-break shoot-out shall be played. No bonus rubber point will be awarded to the winning team in a tie-break shoot-out. A tie-break shoot-out shall consist of two singles tie breaks (to 10 points, with 2 clear) followed by a doubles tie-break (to 10 points, with 2 clear) if necessary. In the event that a team is reduced to 3 players, that team must concede the doubles tie-break. In the event that both teams are reduced to 3 players and the singles tie-breaks are shared, a deciding doubles tie-break (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. No player may play in more than one tie-break. Players are to be nominated as follows:

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

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

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

Both singles tie-breaks must take place at the same time.

#### 15.11 Match Result

The team with the most rubber points shall win the match, in the event of a tie, the winner of the tie-break shoot-out will 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 National League scorecards and retain their copy. The winning captain must then submit the result online within 48 hours. The result may be added by the losing team captain if agreed on match day. Any teams found guilty of submitting false results shall be subject to rule 17.2.

#### 15.12 Division Standings

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

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



## PROBLEM SOLVING ISSUES & REGULATIONS

### (All age groups, all tiers)

#### 16. Problem Solving Issues

##### 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 tie-break 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 venue is unable to field a complete team for the whole fixture, then they shall first forfeit the lowest singles rubber and the second doubles rubber, followed by the next lowest rubber and so on. Incomplete teams will begin the fixture with 3 rubber points deducted where one player is missing and 6 rubber points from their match score where two or more players are missing. For example, an incomplete team consisting of 3 players will begin on -3 rubber points and will play 3 singles and 1 doubles rubber only. If the incomplete team win 3 rubbers (+6 rubber points) and lose 1 rubber the overall match score will be 6-3 to the complete team. As such no tie-break shootout is to be played.

The complete team shall be deemed to have won the forfeited rubbers by a score of 6-0 6-0. Where one team is incomplete, the complete team may play any two of the nominated players as the No 1 doubles pair. When it is known before the match that one team is going to be incomplete, the lowest nominated singles player(s) of the opposing team does not have to be present for the fixture.

##### 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/tie-break 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. At the discretion of the league organiser, the home venue of a fixture may be reversed in the case of inclement weather and/or courts being unfit for play.

If a team has two matches rained off and schedules the first rained off match for the official rain date and cannot play the second rained off match prior to the rain date, then this second rained off match will be halved with both teams receiving 6 rubber points and 1 match point each. Where promotion/relegation is not affected, matches that are rained off on the agreed rain date will be halved with both teams receiving 6 rubber points and 1 match point each.

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

In any National Tier match, where fixtures are suspended, due to inclement weather, and after play has started the 'on call' referee must be contacted by both team captains, in advance of any players/teams leaving site and before the match has been postponed.

#### 16.5 Team Withdrawal

##### County Tier -

In the event of a team being unable to fulfil a fixture, on the first occurrence, their opponents shall record 12 rubbers and 2 match points, at the discretion of the league organiser. Should the team not fulfil a second fixture, they shall take no further part in the competition. Once a team has been withdrawn, they shall take no further part in the competition. All results against this team will be declared null and void for the purposes of determining the final placing in its group. However, the League Organiser shall have the power to consider a team's position regarding a team walkover with extenuating circumstances, in which case the team receiving the walkover will win all rubbers 6-0, 6-0, and will receive 12 rubber points and a match win.

League organisers may at their discretion allow a team to fulfil their remaining fixtures following a walkover. However, the team will be retired at the end of the league season and as such all results will not be counted in the final league standings calculation.

##### Premier & National/Regional Tier -

A team giving a walkover shall take no further part in the competition. All results against this team will be declared null and void for the purposes of determining the final placing in its group. However, the League Organiser shall have the power to consider a team's position regarding a team walkover with extenuating circumstances, in which case the team receiving the walkover will win all rubbers 6-0, 6-0, and will receive 12 rubber points and a match win.

In the National Tier (Open age group) a team withdrawing at the Finals may forfeit prize money and be relegated.

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

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 team shall forfeit both doubles rubbers.

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 each). For 8&U/9&U/10&U/11&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.

16.7 For those teams in the National and Regional tiers, if any disputes occur on the day during the fixture that can't be resolved using the above regulations, the 'on call' referee must be contacted to help resolve any disputes.

#### 17. Regulations

17.1 All matches in the Competition shall be conducted in accordance with the ITF Rules of Tennis, the Rules and Regulations of the LTA, the LTA Competition Regulations, the LTA Code of Conduct and the National League Competition Regulations (in the event of any inconsistency, the National League Regulations shall prevail). Each player participating in the competition

grants and assigns to the LTA the right to make, use and show from time to time and at its discretion, motion pictures, still pictures and live taped or filmed television and other reproduction of him/her during the event and in connection with the promotion of the event without compensation for him/herself. Such promotional activities by the LTA shall not be identified as or represented to be an endorsement by the player of any product/company.

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

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

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

17.5 Where a LTA registered venue is suspended, the LTA Competitions Team shall determine if the venue shall play any further part in the current or further stages of the Competition.

## SUMMER 2022 COUNTY TIER RULES

### Senior Age Groups

#### 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.



# ITF WORLD TENNIS NUMBER & RANKING

All matches in the LTA National League count for ITF World Tennis Number and rankings.

LTA Ranking points are awarded at Grade 1-5. Ranking points will be accumulated match on match for singles and doubles and a single event total for each will be awarded to players. The following shows the grading of each event for National League 2022:



## OPEN (ADULT)

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

## 8&U – 18&U

- Grade 1 - Premier 12&U – 18&U Finals
- Grade 3 - Premier 12&U – 18&U (Group Stage)
- Grade 4 - 8&U – 18&U Division 1
- Grade 5 - 8&U – 18&U Division 2 onwards

## SENIORS

- Grade 3 - National Finals
- Grade 4 - League stage

## HOW MANY RANKING POINTS WILL I GET FOR WINNING A RUBBER?

Each age group has its own ranking points table for both individual and team competition.

The Team Competition Ranking Points Tables are available online at: [www.LTA.org.uk/Rankings](http://www.LTA.org.uk/Rankings).

Please note, ranking points for National League 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 National League 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.

## WHEN WILL I SEE MY RANKING POINTS?

A player's accumulated ranking points total will be updated throughout the season. This is dependent on team captains' correctly inputting the rubber results on time. Ranking points will be awarded to players after the end of the competition (rankings run following the final competition rain date weekend on 9/10 July).

## 4 SINGLES AND 2 DOUBLES Match Scorecard 2022



Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Gender: \_\_\_\_\_ Age Group: \_\_\_\_\_ County: \_\_\_\_\_ Division/Group: \_\_\_\_\_

Home Team: \_\_\_\_\_ Away Team: \_\_\_\_\_

Singles Nominations		Result			
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S1					Home/Away
S2					Home/Away
S3					Home/Away
S4					Home/Away
<b>5th and 6th Players in team (optional)</b>					
5					Doubles Only Player
6					Doubles Only Player
<b>Doubles Nominations</b>					
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If matches are level at 3-3 in rubbers after singles and doubles, a match tie-break shootout (first to 10 points, 2 clear) shall take place to determine the winner. \*Premier 12&U, 14&U and 18&U fixtures are to be played in order of LTA Ranking. All other events in order of merit in accordance with ITF World Tennis Number.

<b>Home Captain</b>	<b>Away Captain</b>	Winning Team: _____ Match Result: _____ Shootout Result: _____
Print: _____	Print: _____	
Sign: _____	Sign: _____	

Winning captain to input the result online within 48 hours of the match (Captain to retain scorecard). Match results to be inputted via [competitions.lta.org.uk](http://competitions.lta.org.uk)

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Winning Team:  
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## 2 SINGLES AND 1 DOUBLES Match Scorecard 2022



Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Gender: \_\_\_\_\_ Age Group: \_\_\_\_\_ County: \_\_\_\_\_ Division/Group: \_\_\_\_\_

Home Team: \_\_\_\_\_ Away Team: \_\_\_\_\_

### Singles Nominations

Full Player Name	World Tennis Number	Full Player Name	World Tennis Number	Score E.g. 6-4 4-6 1-0 (7)	Winner
S1					Home/Away
S2					Home/Away

### Third Player in Team (optional)

3				Doubles Only Player
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### Doubles Nominations

D1				Home/Away
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Home Captain: \_\_\_\_\_ Away Captain: \_\_\_\_\_

Print: \_\_\_\_\_ Sign: \_\_\_\_\_

Winning Team: \_\_\_\_\_  
Result: 6-0 or 4-2

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# SAFEGUARDING INFORMATION for Team Captains

Everyone who is involved in tennis has a shared responsibility to ensure that all children, young people and adults at risk are safeguarded from abuse and have an enjoyable tennis experience.

Traveling in a team with children (anyone under 18) requires careful consideration to help safeguard children and the adults in contact with them.

Planning is therefore required to ensure risks are properly assessed and mitigated against. The LTA Safeguarding Guidelines for league matches is aimed at teams with children traveling for away matches and it provides a 'one stop' shop for organisers and supervisors accompanying the team to meet safeguarding standards.

A supervisor may be a coach, team captain or volunteer over 18. Supervisors should have completed as a minimum the LTA online safeguarding training but the preference will be to have completed a safeguarding course. At a league or county match, the hosting club is responsible for the safeguarding plan and risk assessment of the event they are running. The visiting club/county/school will be responsible for the safeguarding plan and risk assessment around their involvement in said event.

The guidance will assist in considering key issues, including:

- Ratios
- Transportation
- Insurance
- Accommodation
- Medical issues and emergencies
- Photography and social media

To view the LTA Safeguarding Guidelines for league matches, please visit the Team Captains' Resources section on the LTA National League webpage:  
[www.LTA.org.uk/compete](http://www.LTA.org.uk/compete)



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