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REFEREE SUPPORT AND DEVELOPMENT - 2024



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This guide will inform you of the support opportunities available to Referees and Competition Organisers during 2024.

The sessions are being delivered by your Regional Competition Development Partners and the LTA Officiating Team.

We're keen to make sure you have access to relevant workshops and sessions throughout the year, in addition to the information and resources that are available on the LTA website.

If you have any further queries please get in touch with your Regional Competition Development Partner – their details can be found at the end of this guide.

Thank you for all the time and effort you put into delivering tournaments and we hope you have a successful year of competition delivery.



2024 OVERVIEW

Session	Month	Location
<u>Officiating at Disability Competitions</u>	January	Online
<u>Online 'Get Together' sessions</u>	Every other month	Online
<u>Basic Tennis Tournament Planner Training</u>	April	In person – regional sessions
<u>Intermediate TTP Training</u>	Quarterly	Online
<u>Regional Referee and Competition Organiser Workshops</u>	March	In person – across the country
<u>National Referee Course</u>	March and October	March – in person at Loughborough October – in person at NTC
<u>Competition Support – Fortnightly Sessions</u>	Fortnightly	Online
<u>Junior Nationals 'Experience' sessions</u>	April and August	April – in person at NTC August – in person at Nottingham TC
<u>Summer week-long competition workshops</u>	April	Online
<u>Referee Course</u>	Spring & Autumn	In person
<u>County Championships and weeklong competition visits from CDPs</u>	August	In person
<u>Winter One-Day Competition Pre-Season meetings</u>	September	Online
<u>National Officiating Conference</u>	November/ December	In person – at the NTC

OFFICIATING AT DISABILITY TENNIS COMPETITIONS

Tuesday 16 January 7-8pm

Join LTA Disability Competitions Manager, **Sophie Hall**, for a session to help officials and competition organisers understand the formats of Wheelchair Tennis, Learning Disability Tennis, Deaf Tennis and Visually Impaired (VI) Tennis competitions.

The session will also help organisers to understand how they can make their non-disability tennis competitions more accessible and inclusive for all players. Officials will receive 1 Officials Licence Credit for attending

[Book a space on this online session](#)



ONLINE GET-TOGETHER SESSIONS

EVERY OTHER MONTH

An opportunity for referees and competition organisers to join an informal, online chat session with members of the LTA Competitions Team.

If you have any feedback, questions or suggestions that you'd like to share with the LTA Competitions Team and fellow organisers and referees please join these online Zoom sessions. We look forward to hearing from you!

Session Joining Link

[Tuesday 16 January 2024 10-11am](#)

[Thursday 21 March 2024 2-3pm](#)

[Monday 13 May 2024 6-7pm](#)

[Tuesday 16 July 2024 10-11am](#)

[Thursday 19 September 2024 2-3pm](#)

[Monday 18 November 2024 6-7pm](#)



BASIC TENNIS TOURNAMENT PLANNER (TTP) TRAINING SESSIONS FEBRUARY & APRIL

Aimed at Officials and Competition Organisers who have recently qualified, or those who require a basic refresher, these training sessions will show you the fundamental basics of TTP, how to get your events from the Competition Management System into a live TTP file, and help you to avoid common mistakes. We will walk you through event set up, player validation, draws and everything you need to know from start to finish. Each session will last for 2 hours and attendees will receive 2 Officials Licence credits.

Region	Sessions – click to book
Central & East	Thursday 22 Feb 7-9pm – Hamptons Sports & Leisure, Chelmsford
London & South East	Wednesday 17 April 1-3pm, National Tennis Centre Wednesday 17 April 7-9pm, National Tennis Centre
Midlands	Thursday 18 April 7-9pm, Leamington Lawn Tennis & Squash Club Thursday 25 April 12-2pm, Nottingham Tennis Centre
North	Tuesday 16 April 11am-1pm, Bolton Arena
South & South West	Monday 22 April 6-8pm, South Devon Tennis Club Thursday 25 April 6-8pm, Winchester

INTERMEDIATE TTP TRAINING

QUARTERLY – ONLINE

Online training sessions for organisers and officials who are familiar with the basics of Tennis Tournament Planner but require additional support on key areas of functionality.

Sessions will run on Zoom for 1 hour and be delivered by an experienced referee. Officials will receive 1 Officials Licence credit for attending.

Each session will have a specific topic – these will be communicated early in 2024.

If you have any suggestions for areas we should cover please let your CDP know!

Course Dates and Booking Links

[Tuesday 6 February 10-11am](#)

[Monday 13 May 2024 7-8pm](#)

[Monday 15 July 2024 10-11am](#)

[Tuesday 8 October 2024 7-8pm](#)



COMPETITION ORGANISER & REFEREE WORKSHOPS

MARCH

In 2024 we will be reinstating our infamous Regional Competition Organiser and Referee Workshops.

These regional workshops will bring together off-court officials for a number of interactive sessions delivered by Regional Competition Development Partners and members of the LTA Competitions and Officiating Team.

You will have the opportunity to network, develop your knowledge, hear about the latest updates from the LTA and provide us with valuable feedback. Each day is free to attend and will run from 10am – 3pm.

Officials will receive 5 CPD credits for attending.



Date	Venue
Tuesday 5th March	The Maltings, Cardiff CF24 5EA
Wednesday 6th March	Winchester Racquets & Fitness SO22 6AN
Friday 8th March	National Tennis Centre, London SW15 5JQ Craiglockhart Tennis Centre, Edinburgh EH14 1BZ
Monday 11th March	
Tuesday 12th March	Bolton Arena BL6 6LB
Thursday 14th March	Loughborough University LE11 3TU
Friday 15th March	The Fielder Centre, Hatfield AL10 9TP



[Book online here](#)

NATIONAL REFEREE COURSE

MARCH & OCTOBER

The National Referee Course is a two-day course for R4 Referees to expand and develop their knowledge and experience to enable them to referee at national level tournaments.

By the end of the National Referee Course attendees will:

- Have a solid knowledge of the ITF Rules of Tennis and LTA Competition Regulations
 - Be confident in handling on court situations
- Have the skills to create a tournament plan & schedule for a multi-day & age group tournament at grade 3
- Have a good knowledge of LTA County Cup Rules & Regulations
 - Use TTP and League Planner confidently when officiating

Course Dates

Saturday 23 and Sunday 24 March – Loughborough University

[Register your interest in attending](#)

October (Date TBC) – National Tennis Centre

[Register your interest in attending](#)



COMPETITION SUPPORT CALLS

FORTNIGHTLY BASIS THROUGHOUT THE YEAR

An online (Zoom) drop-in session for Competition Organisers and Officials, enabling you to speak regularly to members of the LTA Competitions Team.

Each session will be an open Q & A session led by two members of the team, so please have your questions ready before joining! We're here to support you with questions about your competitions, such as how to provide a good experience, promoting your events, competition planning and provision.

Please note that these sessions are not for general servicing, e.g. amending tournament applications, changing incorrect results, etc. For queries such as these please contact our Customer Support Team – [Contact Us](#)

Click on the relevant link below to join a session (no need to register in advance):

Monday 29 April 11am – 12 noon
Tuesday 28 May 11am – 12 noon
Monday 24 June 11am – 12 noon
Monday 22 July 11am – 12 noon
Monday 19 August 11am – 12 noon
Monday 16 September 11am – 12 noon
Monday 14 October 11am – 12 noon
Monday 11 November 11am – 12 noon
Monday 9 December 11am – 12 noon

Wednesday 15 May 2-3pm
Wednesday 12 June 2-3pm
Wednesday 10 July 2-3pm
Wednesday 7 August 2-3pm
Wednesday 4 September 2-3pm
Wednesday 2 October 2-3pm
Wednesday 30 October 2-3pm
Wednesday 27 November 2-3pm



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JUNIOR NATIONALS 'EXPERIENCE' SESSIONS

APRIL & AUGUST

These sessions are aimed at organisers and referees that deliver weeklong Grade 3 competitions.

The sessions will give you an opportunity to see the work that goes on 'behind the scenes' at our Junior National Championships and how everything comes together to provide a great player experience.

Two sessions will take place in 2024, one at the NTC in April and one in August at Nottingham. You can book now for the NTC session in April and register your interest for the session at Nottingham:

[Junior Nationals Experience at NTC – Tuesday](#)

[2nd April](#)

(booking deadline 28th March at 1pm)

[Junior Nationals Experience at Nottingham](#)
[\(August\)](#)



SUMMER WEEK-LONG COMPETITION WORKSHOPS

APRIL

These online sessions will bring together organisers and officials who deliver weeklong Grade 3 competitions.

The sessions will be run by CDPs who will present important developments and information in preparation for the Summer season. Organisers and officials will also be able to share ideas and best practice with one another.

Each session will last approx. 1.5 hours and officials will receive 2 CPD credits for attending.

Click on the links below to book:

[Tuesday 23 April at 10am](#)

[Tuesday 30 April at 7pm](#)

COUNTY CHAMPIONSHIPS & WEEKLONG COMPETITION VISITS

AUGUST

The LTA Competitions Team will be aiming to visit a selection of County Championships and weeklong competitions during the Summer season.

We are not able to guarantee attendance at specific competitions, but we hope to see you at events over the course of the summer.





WINTER ONE-DAY COMPETITION PRE-SEASON MEETINGS

SEPTEMBER

These pre-season meetings will present important information and updates for one day County Tour Grade 4 and LTA Youth Local Tour Grade 5 competitions ahead of the Winter season.

They will be delivered online and last approx. 1.5 hours. Officials will receive 2 credits for attending.

Click on the links below to book:

[Friday 6 September at 12 noon](#)

[Tuesday 10 September at 7pm](#)

[Wednesday 11 September at 10:30am](#)

NATIONAL OFFICIATING CONFERENCE

NOVEMBER / DECEMBER

The LTA National Officiating Conference will be returning in late 2024.

The conference will bring together all Tennis Officials – both on-court and off-court – for interactive workshops, keynote speakers and a valuable networking opportunity.

The conference is always a great experience for everyone that attends.

More information will be communicated with all officials in due course.



USEFUL INFORMATION



REFEREE COURSE

SPRING & AUTUMN

If you are currently a Court Supervisor or Competition Organiser but would like to become a referee you will need to complete our two-day Referee Course.

The course will cover the rules of tennis, code of conduct, refereeing duties, handling on-court situations, and tournament organisation and experience.

At the end of the course you'll have to complete a short exam, and then once you pass you'll be able to referee and organise Grade 4, Grade 5 and Grade 6 competitions.

You can read more about the Referee Course and find dates for upcoming courses online:

[Becoming a Tennis Official](#)



STAY UP TO DATE!

TWITTER - @LTACOMPETITIONS



Follow us @LTACompetitions on Twitter for the latest news and updates on Tennis competition in Great Britain. Don't forget to share your competition photos and stories when you play or organise a competition!

LTA COMPETITIONS FORUM



Join our Facebook group for anyone involved in the organisation and delivery of tennis competitions across Great Britain: pose questions, post comments, share good practice and use this as a platform to support you in organising and delivering your competitions.

TENNIS PARENTS COMMUNITY



A peer to peer, supportive group for the parents/carers of tennis players of all abilities in Britain. A space for asking for advice, sharing experiences for the benefit of others, and exploring ideas, to help the whole community support their children.



SUPPORT FOR PARENTS

Parents and carers play a key role in sport and children need their support and encouragement.

As an organiser/official you can signpost parents to the [Parent Support programme](#) available on the LTA website, where they can find key resources to help them support their child.

For parents and carers who have a child that is new to competing they can read our introductory guide to competition.

The guide covers:

- Things to consider before your child starts competing
- What to expect at tennis competitions and how to positively support your child
- What happens after your child has played a competition

[“Ready, Play” – An introductory guide to competition for parents](#)

