

2025-2026 WINTER ONE DAY TOURNAMENTS (GRADES 4 & 5) 5 JANUARY – 19 APRIL 2026

If you would like to submit availability to run one day events during this period, please read the important information below.

KEY INFORMATION – GRADE 4 AND GRADE 5 ONE DAY COMPETITIONS

Only LTA Registered Venues are able to run Grade 1 to 6 competitions. This ensures all tournament venues meet Safeguarding Minimum Standards and have adequate insurance cover in place to protect organisers, officials, players and spectators. Prior to submitting an availability form you must ensure the venue is LTA Registered.

FAST4 must be used throughout the County (Grade 4) and Local Tour (Grade 5) circuits (for 11U – Open events) and players are able to play up to **4 matches in a day**. Expected draw formats are provided in our Competition Planning FAQs.

18U and Open County Tour (Grade 4) events use 'Own Age Group Priority Acceptance'. This is to help support players in the 18U and Open age groups to be able to access relevant, local competition.

Where court space allows venues/organisers are encouraged to run multiple events on one day across different ages, grades and genders.

10U Court Trial - We are excited to inform you about an important development in the LTA's 10&U Competition Framework. As part of our ongoing efforts to enhance the tennis experience for young players, we will be trialling a modified green court at all 10U County Tour (Grade 4) and Local Tour (Grade 5) events taking place in the January – April 2026 period. If you're planning to submit availability / applications for 10&U events in the upcoming period please read the [10U Modified Court Trial](#) brief as all 10U events will have to be played on the modified court.

REFEREES

- All referees delivering LTA Approved competitions graded 1-5 must hold a valid LTA Officials Licence. Further information on the Officials Licence Scheme is available online – [LTA Officials Licence Scheme](#).
- Referees must have a minimum grade of R3 to run Grade 4 competitions. R4 referees may be considered at the discretion of the LTA Competitions Team, and approval must be sought prior to the competition taking place.

NEXT STEPS

If you are interested in delivering Grade 4 & 5 competitions, the next steps are as follows:

- Review the Grade 4 & 5 competition dates (see [2025W \(Jan-April 2026\) County & Local Tour dates document](#)) with your venue to confirm court availability.
- Complete the online availability form, via the [CMS Organiser Portal](#) by **Sunday 19 October**. The availability form will open on Wednesday 24 September. **Remember to use the 'Additional Information' field to tell us any key information you would like us to consider when allocating events.**

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- Venues/organisers will be selected according to their availability, the location of events within the region (we need to ensure sufficient access to competition according to the player base within a region) and previous tournament delivery experience.
- Organisers will be contacted to confirm the competitions they have been allocated by **Monday 10 November 2025**. Selected events will be generated and organisers will then need to finalise the details and submit their events for approval between the **11th and 23rd November 2025**.