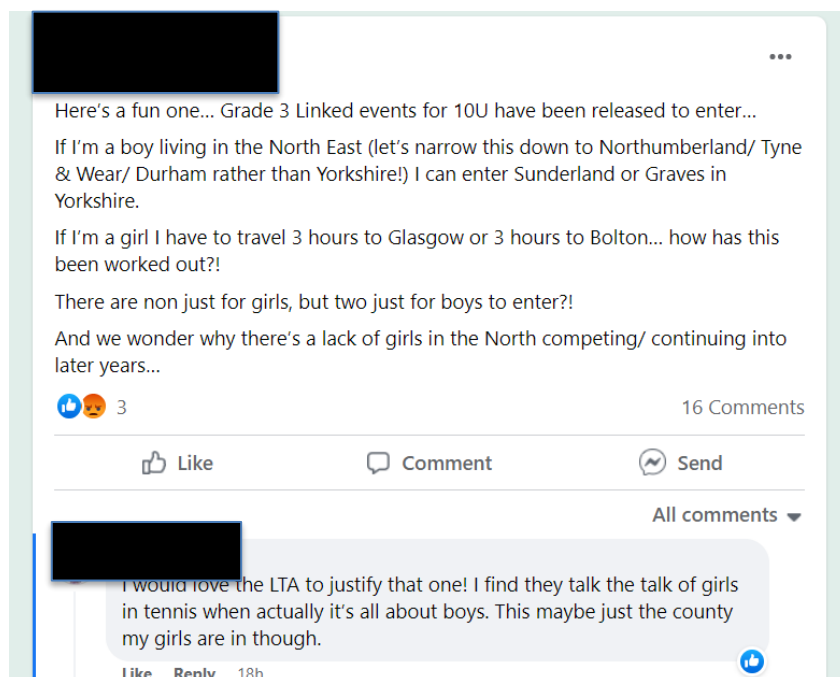


FEEDBACK ON THE LOCATION OF 10U WINTER REGIONAL TOUR COMPETITIONS

[Tennis Parents Community Facebook Group – 28/11/2022](#)

Original Post:



Here's a fun one... Grade 3 Linked events for 10U have been released to enter...

If I'm a boy living in the North East (let's narrow this down to Northumberland/ Tyne & Wear/ Durham rather than Yorkshire!) I can enter Sunderland or Graves in Yorkshire.

If I'm a girl I have to travel 3 hours to Glasgow or 3 hours to Bolton... how has this been worked out?!

There are non just for girls, but two just for boys to enter?!

And we wonder why there's a lack of girls in the North competing/ continuing into later years...

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I would love the LTA to justify that one! I find they talk the talk of girls in tennis when actually it's all about boys. This maybe just the county my girls are in though.

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Comment from the LTA:

Thank you to the OP and everyone that has subsequently commented, it's always good to hear feedback from parents about competitions and the challenges you face finding competitive opportunities for your children. We promise we are not trying to make it harder.

The number of events per age group, per rotation of the Winter Regional Tour is calculated based on analysis of the player base. This means looking at the number of players in each age group, of each gender, and their playing standard. We then work out the number of WRT competitions needed to cater for the players that need to compete at Grade 3 level. This season, this means that in the 10U age group we have a total of 16 Boys events, offering 128 playing opportunities, and 10 Girls events, offering 80 playing opportunities. The difference in the number of playing opportunities reflects the difference in the number of players. We are working hard to try and grow the number of girls competing, hopefully the result will be that in the future the difference between the number of playing opportunities for Boys and Girls at this level will reduce. If we ran the same number of Girls events as Boys events now the Girls events would be undersubscribed, or potentially cancelled, or they would not be Grade 3 level events.

The location of events is based on two factors:

1. The court availability offered to us by indoor centres. To run a Boys and Girls 10U event we require 4 courts for 7 hours. This amount of court time is not easy to come by when venues also have to deliver coaching programmes and have courts available for members
2. Further analysis of the player base to work out where the players identified as Regional Tour competitors are based. It is obviously important to get this right as otherwise we would end up with events in one area of the country being oversubscribed, and events in other areas of the country being undersubscribed and potentially cancelled.

Once we have looked at all of the data we allocate events to the venues that we have available on a regional basis, resulting in there being the relevant number of tournaments per region to cater for the identified players. Obviously this may mean that players still have to travel within their region, and we appreciate this travel time could be significant based on where they live.

Sorry this is such a long explanation but I think it's useful to highlight that it is a complex process, and we are not intending to make it harder for players, especially girls, to compete. If anyone has any further comments they can get in touch [here](#). You can also view the calendars for all upcoming Winter Regional Tour competitions in all age groups online [here](#).