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# WINTER 2020-21 – RULES

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**TENNIS  
FOR BRITAIN**

# 8&U Age Group Rules

## 1. Eligibility

### Venue Eligibility

1.1 Entry to the 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 Competition Age Groups are calculated on the last date of the league, therefore, the following age groups should be used based on the league period:

Age Group	League running from September – December 2020, for players born in...	League running from September – March 2021, for players born in...
Mixed 8 & under	2012 or later	2013 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 Winter competition.
- II. Play in a maximum of two age groups.

1.7 All players must:

- I. Have an LTA 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 September 2020, 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. Organising counties may, at their discretion, allow venues from neighbouring counties play in their league. 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. 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 none 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.

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/minitenniscompetitions](http://www.lta.org.uk/minitenniscompetitions)

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 are no doubles. 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:

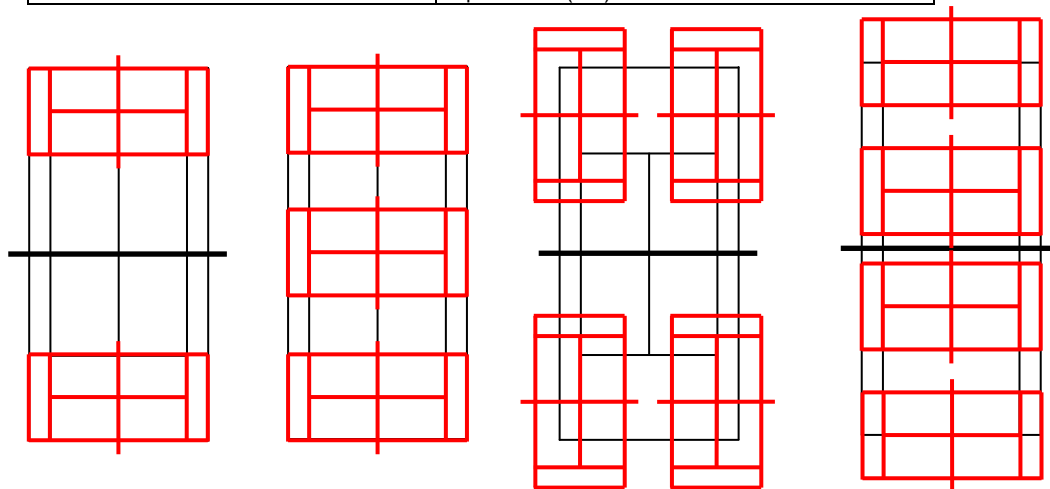
- I. The team with the greatest number of match points.
- II. If match points are equal, the team with the greatest number of rubber points.
- III. If only two teams are level on match points and rubber points; their head to head result.
- IV. If more than 2 teams are level, the round robin rule in the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

### Red

Equipment & court lay-out

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<b>Ball:</b>	Red (sponge indoor, felt outdoor)
<b>Court:</b>	11m x 5.5m (ok to use badminton court lines)
<b>Net Height:</b>	80cm
<b>Recommended Racket Size:</b>	Up to 58cm (23")



## 9&U Age Group Rules

### 4. Eligibility

#### Venue Eligibility

4.1 Entry to the 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 Competition Age Groups are calculated on the last date of the league, therefore, the following age groups should be used based on the league period:

Age Group	League running from September – December 2020, for players born in...	League running from September – March 2021, for players born in...
Mixed 9 & under	2011 or 2012	2012 or 2013

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 LTA National League Winter competition.
- II. Play in a maximum of two age groups.

4.7 All players must:

- I. Have an LTA 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 September 2020, 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. Organising counties may, at their discretion, allow venues from neighbouring counties play in their league. 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 or before the fixed dates specified. It is both team captains responsibility to contact each other before the match. 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. On match day the home team captain shall be responsible for welcoming the away team and organising refreshments.

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.

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/miniteniscompetitions](http://www.lta.org.uk/miniteniscompetitions)

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

	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)

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:

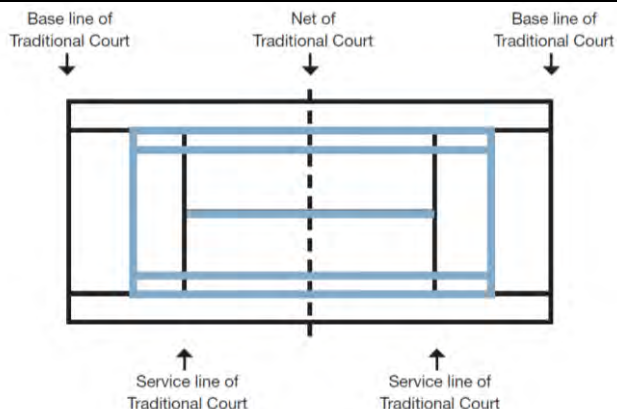
- I. The team with the greatest number of match points.
- II. If match points are equal, the team with the greatest number of rubber points.
- III. If only two teams are level on match points and rubber points; their head to head result.
- IV. If more than 2 teams are level, the round robin rule in the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

**Orange**

Equipment & court lay-out

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<b>Ball:</b>	Orange
<b>Court:</b>	Singles court: 18m x 6.5m; Doubles court: 18m x 8.23
<b>Net Height:</b>	80cm (at middle of net)
<b>Recommended Racket Size:</b>	58cm - 63cm (23" - 25")



# 10&U Age Group Rules

## 7. Eligibility

### Venue Eligibility

7.1 Entry to the 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 Competition Age Groups are calculated on the last date of the league, therefore, the following age groups should be used based on the league period:

Age Group	League running from September – December 2020, for players born in...	League running from September – March 2021, for players born in...
Mixed 10 & under	2010 or 2011	2011 or 2012

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 Winter competition.
- II. Play in a maximum of two age groups.

7.7 All players must:

- I. Have an LTA 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 September 2020, 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. Organising counties may, at their discretion, allow venues from neighbouring counties play in their league. 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 10&U.

## 9. Match Arrangements

9.1 Time & Date

Fixtures shall be played on or before the fixed dates specified. It is both team captains responsibility to contact each other before the fixture. Fixtures scheduled on Saturday's may be played on the immediate day after the match date (next day) if both team captains' agree. On match day the home team captain shall be responsible for welcoming the away team and organising refreshments.

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.

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

9.2 Courts

The home team shall provide 2 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 2 singles and 1 doubles rubbers.

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

9.5 Team Format

A team shall consist of 2 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.

- 9.7 **Doubles Pairings**  
Pair: Singles players 1&2.

9.8 **Order of Play**

	On 2 Courts	On 1 court
Round 1	Singles 1&2	Singles 2
Round 2	Doubles	Singles 1
Round 3		Doubles

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.

- 9.11 **Match Result**  
The team with the most rubber points shall 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.

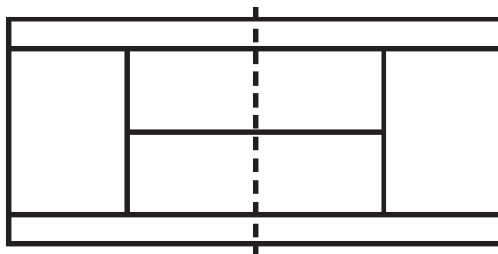
- 9.12 **Division Standings**  
The final standings in each division shall be determined by the following:
- I. The team with the greatest number of match points.
  - II. If match points are equal, the team with the greatest number of rubber points.
  - III. If only two teams are level on match points 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 & court lay-out**

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<b>Ball:</b>	Green
<b>Court:</b>	Singles & Doubles are both played on the singles court
<b>Net Height:</b>	91.4cm (3ft - as per regulation court)
<b>Recommended Racket Size:</b>	63cm - 66cm (25" - 26")



# 11&U – 18&U Age Group Rules

## 10. Eligibility

### Venue Eligibility

10.1 Entry to the 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 Competition Age Groups are calculated on the last date of the league, therefore, the following age groups should be used based on the league period:

Age Group	League running from September – December 2020, for players born in...	League running from September – March 2021, for players born in...
11 & Under	2009 or 2010	2010 or 2011
12 & Under	2008 or 2009	2009 or 2010
14 & Under	2006 - 2009	2007 - 2010
16 & Under	2004 - 2009	2005 - 2010
18 & Under	2002 - 2009	2003 - 2010

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 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

10.6 A player may only:

- I. Represent one venue in the 8&U-18&U age groups in the LTA National League Winter competition
- II. Play in a maximum of two age groups

10.7 All players must:

- I. Have an LTA Membership number which links to the venue they are competing for.
- II. Have an LTA Rating.
- III. Be a member of the LTA registered venue they are competing for as of 1 September 2020, 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. Organising counties may, at their discretion, allow venues from neighbouring counties play in their league. Each league will be divided into divisions of 3-6 teams. Each team will play each other team in their division at least once.

11.2 At such a time that the ITF World Tennis Number is introduced, the ITF World Tennis Number (as set out in Appendix 5 Section 3 of the LTA Competition Regulations) will replace the LTA Rating and be referred to as a rating for the purposes of these regulations.

## 12. Match Arrangements

12.1 Time & Date

Fixtures shall be played on or before the fixed dates specified. It is both team captains responsibility to contact each other before the match. Fixtures scheduled on Saturday's may be played on the immediate day after the match date (next day) if both team captains agree. On match day the home team captain shall be responsible for welcoming away teams and organising refreshments.

Fixtures are to start between 10am-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.

12.2 Courts

The home team shall provide 2courts 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 2 singles and 1 doubles rubbers. Counties may run a different match format at their discretion.

12.5 Team Format

A team shall consist of two to three players. Two players shall play one singles rubber each and the 3rd player may be selected for the doubles rubber only.

12.6 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 in order of merit in accordance with current LTA ratings. In the 11&U event, green players will be able to play above 9.2 rated players but may also be able to play below them. 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. If players have the same rating, 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: Singles players 1&2.

A 3rd player can substitute directly for any of the two singles players 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 1 court
Round 1	Singles 1&2	Singles 2
Round 2	Doubles	Singles 1
Round 3		Doubles

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 – 18&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)

12.10 Match Scoring

A team is awarded 2 points for each rubber won.

12.11 Match Result

The team with the most rubber points shall 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.

## Problem Solving Issues & Regulations (All age groups)

### **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 4-0, 4-0). No substitutions or alteration to the nominations or playing order may be made. The player concerned shall be permitted to play a doubles rubber 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 doubles rubber. The complete team shall be deemed to have won the forfeited rubbers by a score of 4-0 4-0. 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.

#### **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 half the rubber points and 1 match point each. Matches that are rained off on the agreed rain date will be halved with both teams receiving half the 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 4-2, 2-4. Should each team have won an equal number of rubbers then each team shall receive 3 rubber points and 1 match point.

#### **16.5 Team Withdrawal**

In the event of a team being unable to fulfil a fixture, on the first occurrence, their opponents shall record six rubbers and two match points. Should the offence be repeated by the same team 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 4-0, 4-0, and will receive 6 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.

#### **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 0-4, 0-4.

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 0-4, 0-4. 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.

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 3 points each then both teams will be awarded a half win (1 match point each). For 8&U/9&U/10&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.

### **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](mailto: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.