2027 JANUARY - APRIL

GRADE 3 WEEKLONG/HOLIDAY COMPETITION - TOURNAMENT DELIVERY REQUIREMENTS

1. **Venue**
   1.1. Organisers are reminded that tournament venues must meet the following minimum requirements:
   - Be an LTA Registered Venue
   - Provide a minimum of 6 courts (subject to the draw sizes proposed) to run a grade 3 competition (multiple venues can be used if necessary)
   - Suitable space at the venue for the Control Desk, for Referee & Tournament Director
   - Suitable toilet, shower and changing facilities on site
   - Catering facilities available throughout the duration of the tournament
   - Adequate viewing facilities should be available for spectators

2. **Online Tournament Entry & TTP**
   2.1. Competition organisers at Grade 3 **MUST** use LTA Online Tournament Entry via the LTA Competition Management System and must accept payment online using a Stripe account.
   2.2. All **specific event dates** and **draw sizes MUST** be specified in advance of the competition opening for entry.
   2.3. A detailed **factsheet** must be displayed on the tournament page prior to the tournament opening for entries, to ensure a high level of communication to all players and parents.

3. **Tournament Personnel**
   3.1. A Tournament Director/Organiser must be appointed to look after logistics.
   3.2. Tournaments must appoint a Referee, graded R3 or higher (R4 referees may also be considered at the discretion of the LTA Competitions Team). The referee must have a current LTA Officials Licence.
   3.3. Tournaments must also appoint Court Supervisors and a minimum of 1 court supervisor per six courts must be used and, where reasonably practicable, be LTA Licensed Officials..
   3.4. Helpers/scorers must be used for 8U (Red) events and are advised at 9U (Orange) events.

4. **LTA Rankings**
   4.1. All individual tournaments will be designated Grade 3 ranking points.

5. **Scoring Formats**
   5.1 The following scoring formats must be used for Grade 3 competitions:
   - 9U: Best of three tiebreaks to 7 (winning by 2 clear points)
   - 10U: Two FAST4 sets with a deciding match tie-break
   - 11U – Open: All main draw matches to be two full sets with a deciding match tiebreak. FAST4 scoring to be used for consolation and Doubles matches only.

6. **Scheduling**
   6.1. All multi age group junior individual tournaments must follow the **standard tournament week** which means you **must** start your tournament no earlier than Sunday and finish no later than Saturday (unless otherwise agreed in writing with the LTA).

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6.2. Events should be scheduled to run over the fewest number of days possible, ideally no more than four.
6.3. **Published event dates cannot be changed once a competition has opened for entry.**
6.4. Tournaments will be expected to run a minimum of four doubles events in their competition. It will be at the discretion of the tournament organiser to decide upon the age groups for these doubles events. Mixed doubles may also be run.
6.5. Please work with other tournaments in the same week to avoid clashing 8U, 9U and 10U events – this will help you increase your entry numbers and the tournament income.

7. Deadlines

7.1. The following deadlines must be adhered to for grade 3 competitions (unless otherwise agreed in writing with the LTA):

- **Closing date** – 14 days before the start of the competition – online closing dates will not be extended
- **Publication of acceptance lists** – must be done **within 24 hours of the closing date**
- **Withdrawal deadline** – 12 days before the start of the competition
- **Publication of match dates/times** – as soon as possible after the withdrawal deadline and no later than 3 days before the start of the competition
- **Publication of draws** (when not published at the same time as match dates/times) – No later than one day before the start of the competition
- Tournament results must be submitted **within 72 hours** of the tournament end date.

8. Tournament Experience

8.1. We are committed to providing players with a great experience at competitions. As part of the application process tournaments submitted some great ideas for how they will create a positive off-court experience for competitors. If you would like any additional support or advice in this area please contact your Competition Development Partner

9. Fair Play and Tournament Notices

9.1. The Code of Conduct, Player Notice and Penalty Notice must be on display on your Tournament Noticeboard.
9.2. The Competition Safeguarding Information notice must be completed and displayed on your Tournament Noticeboard
9.3. To support Fair Play and particularly to help address score and line calling disputes please plan to use Court Supervisors and Court Helpers to support delivery, especially at 8U, 9U and 10U events. Having a court side presence during matches will significantly reduce the potential for disputes during a match, encourage Fair Play and enhance the tournament experience.

10. LTA Photography and Filming Policy

10.1 Prior to your competition please make sure you read the LTA Photography and Filming Policy, available online here.