

AEGON TEAM TENNIS SCHOOLS NATIONAL COMPETITIONS UPDATE : SUMMER 2009

AEGON Team Tennis Schools is a programme of three national competitions, which provides secondary school pupils with the opportunity to play regular competitive tennis and represent their school.

The three AEGON Team Tennis Schools competitions are:

- The Senior Students Competition
- The National Schools Championships for the Aberdare & Glanvill Cups
- The Year 8&Under and Year 10&Under Competition

12,000 players from 3,000 teams currently compete in the three competitions, which all start locally and progress through to high profile national finals.

How does being part of AEGON Team Tennis benefit your pupils and schools?

- It provides players with regular team competition over a set time period.
- It offers players the chance to represent their school in competitive team tennis.
- It gives players a chance to be part of a team and enjoy the social side of tennis.
- Participation and success in the events raises the profile of the school.

This new termly update aims to raise awareness of the three AEGON Team Tennis Schools competitions, encourage higher entry levels and provide Competition Managers, School Sport Partnerships and teachers with updates on progress throughout the year.

If you have any queries relating to the three AEGON Team Tennis Schools competitions, please contact:

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AEGON Team Tennis Schools : Senior Students Competition

Fast Facts:	Age Group: Years 11 to 13	Structure: Local Leagues > Regional Knock-Outs > National Finals
	Period: September to March	Entry: September
	Teams Entered: 300+	Events: Boys, Girls & Mixed

The Senior Students National Finals for AEGON Team Tennis Schools were contested during the weekend of 20-22 March, at Bolton Arena.

Bournemouth School won the boys' title after claiming a 4-2 victory over Coopers' Company & Coborn School, who had booked a place in the final by winning a tiebreak shoot-out against Hills Road Sixth Form College.

Having reached the final without losing a rubber, Boston Grammar Schools Federation lifted the girls' trophy after winning 4-2 against Greenhead College.

In the mixed event, Worthing College were crowned champions after coming through a closely fought final, eventually defeating St. Peter's High School & Sixth Form College 3-1.

- View all the results online at: <http://lta.tournamentsoftware.com>

AEGON Team Tennis Schools : The National Schools Championships

Fast Facts:	Age Group: Years 9 to 13	Structure: Regional Knockouts > National Finals
	Period: March to July	Entry: November
	Teams Entered: 440+	Events: Boys & Girls

The Regional Knockout draws for the National Schools Championships, for the Aberdare and Glanvill Cups, have been published and are available to view online.

The National Finals will be held at Queenswood School in Hertfordshire between 6th – 9th July. Four teams in each event have been seeded, so automatically progress straight through to the National Finals. The teams seeded in the girls event are; Cheam High School, The Coopers' Company & Coborn School, Idsall School and Millfield School. In the boys event, the seeds are; Cheam High School, Millfield School, Reed's School and Rivington & Blackrod High School.

You are more than welcome to attend the National Finals and provide your support to the teams taking part. Please e-mail: schoolscompetition@LTA.org.uk / 020 8487 7152 if you are planning on attending.

- View the draws and results online at: <http://lta.tournamentsoftware.com>

AEGON Team Tennis Schools : Year 8&U and Year 10&U Competition

Fast Facts:	Age Group: Years 7 to 10	Structure: Local Leagues > Regional Knock-Outs > 1/4 Finals > National Finals
	Period: April to December	Entry: November
	Teams Entered: 2000+	Events: Boys & Girls

2,000 teams have now begun competing in over 80 local leagues nationwide for this competition that comprises of 4 events - Year 8&U Girls, Year 10&U Girls, Year 8&U Boys and Year 10&U Boys.

Winners of Division 1 in each of the four events, which will be decided by the end of June, will then progress into the Regional Knockout stage, which commences in September. Quarter Finals will take place in November and National Finals will take place in December.

- Results from the 2008 competition are available online at: <http://lta.tournamentsoftware.com>
- Draws and results for the latter stages of this competition (not Local Leagues) will also be available from the link above.

And Finally...

- We're constantly looking at ways to improve the AEGON Team Tennis Schools competitions, so that the experience of all involved is as positive as possible. If you have any comments or suggestions for future improvement, please e-mail them to: schoolscompetition@LTA.org.uk
- Don't forget to look out for entry forms for the 2010 Senior Students Competition, which will be available from September 2009 onwards.
- Have you visited the Schools Tennis website? www.schoolstennis.org contains a range of resources and support for schools, including 'The Schools Tennis Competition Guide'.

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