



# AEGON TEAM TENNIS SCHOOLS NATIONAL COMPETITIONS UPDATE : AUTUMN 2009

AEGON Team Tennis Schools is a programme of three nationally organised competitions, which provides Secondary School and Further Education pupils with the opportunity to play regular competitive tennis and to represent their school. All competitions begin locally and culminate in a national final.

## How does being part of AEGON Team Tennis Schools benefit your pupils and school?

- 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 competitions raises the profile of the school.

Approximately 12,000 players from 3,000 teams currently compete in the following three competitions:

- AEGON Team Tennis Schools National Championships
- AEGON Team Tennis Schools Year 8 & 10
- AEGON Team Tennis Schools Senior Students

The Termly Update aims to raise awareness of the three competitions and provide Competition Managers, School Sport Partnerships and teachers with information about the events throughout the year. The updates will appear in January, April, and September.

For all AEGON Team Tennis Schools enquiries, please visit [www.schoolstennis.org](http://www.schoolstennis.org). If your query cannot be resolved, please contact [schoolscompetition@LTA.org.uk](mailto:schoolscompetition@LTA.org.uk) / 0208 487 7000.

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## AEGON Team Tennis Schools National Championships

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

The finals of AEGON Team Tennis Schools National Championships took place at Queenswood School in Hertfordshire in July. The competition started in April with 440 teams competing in the first round, with 32 teams at the finals competing for these prestigious titles. The 16 boys' teams were playing to win the Glanvill Cup and the 16 girls' teams were playing to win the Aberdare Cup.

Reed's School won the boys' title for the 3<sup>rd</sup> successive year, having raced into a 3-1 lead after the four singles rubbers, Reed's were pegged back by Millfield School in the doubles before eventually winning 10-7 in the crucial doubles match tie-break.

Having reached the final without losing a rubber, Cheam High School also won the Aberdare Cup for the 3<sup>rd</sup> consecutive year after winning 4-2 against Queenswood School.

- View all the results online at:  
<http://lta.tournamentsoftware.com/sport/tournament.aspx?id=6B16CC3D-5285-4CCB-BD95-B8BD2EB066A9>

## AEGON Team Tennis Schools Year 8 & 10

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

The local league stages of this competition are now complete, with over 2000 teams competing in 80 local leagues nationwide. The competition 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 progress into the Regional Knockout stage, which commences in September. Quarter Finals will take place in November and the National Finals will take place in December.

- Draws can be viewed at <http://lta.tournamentsoftware.com/sport/tournament.aspx?id=6D4A17AD-85F5-4F5C-8800-BEA94E0D9A1C>.

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## AEGON Team Tennis Schools Senior Students \* ENTER NOW \*

<b>Fast Facts:</b>	<b>Age Group:</b> Years 11 to 13	<b>Structure:</b> Local Leagues > Regional Knock-Outs > National Finals
	<b>Period:</b> September to March	<b>Entry:</b> September
	<b>Teams Entered:</b> 250+	<b>Events:</b> Boys, Girls & Mixed

Entries for this year's competition are now being taken and the entry closing date is 24 September 2009.

The aim of this competition is to encourage lower rated players (or those with no rating) to play competitive tennis and provide the team with an opportunity to compete in a national final.

Eligibility, Format & Scoring:

- Players must be a rating of 7.1 or worse as of 1st September 2009, or have no rating. Players must be in Years 11-13 or born between 1<sup>st</sup> September 1994 and 31<sup>st</sup> August 1991 inclusive.
- There are three events to enter; boys, girls or mixed. The boys and girls events require 4 players with the format being 4 singles and 2 doubles rubbers. The mixed event requires 2 boys & 2 girls in a team with the format being 4 doubles rubbers.
- Each rubber is one set.
- The entry form can be found at <http://www.tennisfoundation.org.uk/schoolsandcolleges/schoolscompetitions/nationalschoolscompetitions/seniorstudentscompetition/>

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## 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](mailto:schoolscompetition@LTA.org.uk)
- Don't forget to look out for entry forms for the 2010 'National Championships' and 'Year 8 & 10', which will be available from January 2010. The closing dates for these competitions will be early February.
- Have you visited the Schools Tennis website? [www.schoolstennis.org](http://www.schoolstennis.org) contains a range of resources and support for schools, including 'The Schools Tennis Competition Guide'.