

Scotland & Wales Priority Local Competitions (3a.3)

Scotland

Scottish Secondary Schools Team Tennis Championships 2011 - 2012

The Scottish Schools Championships is an annual tournament for boys and girls within secondary education. The competition is one of the oldest competitions in Great Britain with over 45 schools from across the country taking part. A number of changes have taken place this year update and refresh the competition and to ensure that where possible, every school will get the opportunity to play 3 matches or more.

- Free online entry for all Tennis Foundation registered schools
- Teams - 4 boys or 4 girls
- Match Format - singles & doubles
- Venue - school or local club

The competition will run in three stages:

Stage 1 - Box Leagues

This will now be played in regions from September 2011 to 30 March 2012 in a round robin format so your school will play the other schools in a local box league. Box league areas and size will be determined once all entries are in.

Stage 2 - Knockout Round

The winning team in each regional box league (and possibly the runner-up) will then progress to a knockout stage to be played from April to June 2012.

Stage 3 - National Finals

Thursday 14 June 2012 (venue to be confirmed).

This year schools are able to complete a simple online entry to submit their application. They will also be able to submit their results online and see the progress of their team and their box league standing.

Local Primary Schools Competition

An annual P3/4 competition takes place in each region. The majority of these involve cluster competitions by either club or local school cluster area with the winning schools going forwards to a Local Authority final. All of the P3/4 competitions are run with teams of four players (2 boys and 2 girls).

If you have any queries on Schools Competition in Scotland please visit: www.tennisscotland.org or email schools@tennisscotland.org

Wales

Tennis Wales work closely with Local Authorities, The Tennis Foundation and schools themselves, to ensure the initial experience of tennis for youngsters across Wales is both positive and productive.

During this experience, children are encouraged to continue their participation at their local club or centre, particularly if a school club link is present. This is a partnership between a school and tennis provider, which enables clubs to grow their membership and coaching programmes, while schools are being seen to increase opportunities for their pupils and raise their profile in the community

Primary schools competitions in Wales are going from strength to strength. The Local Authority stages, which are held between March and June, cater for all primary school age children and there are events for boys, girls and mixed teams:

- Mini Tennis Red - Year 3 and below
- Mini Tennis Orange - Year 5 and below
- Mini Tennis Green - Year 6 and below

The local events are coordinated into a calendar by Tennis Wales, in partnership with generic Sports Development Officers, Tennis Development Officers and local coaches.

Most of the events are held at a local tennis club or school site, providing an ideal opportunity for the club to develop its school club links and to raise the awareness of the local exit routes.

Competitions are also organised for Secondary Schools at Year 8 and Year 10 across Wales.

For more information about schools competition and opportunities in Wales, visit Tennis Wales' website at: www.tenniswales.org.uk

