

We've developed a range of competition formats to suit all ages and abilities including those young people with a disability. The below information and table makes it easy to find out more about the most appropriate competition for your pupils.

L1**LEVEL 1 INTRA-SCHOOL
COMPETITION**

There are many different types of intra school tennis competitions that can be run in schools and this toolkit has been developed to assist in making this as easy as possible to organise. Feel free to adapt and use this toolkit to run your events and engage all your pupils in schools tennis competitions.

This toolkit provides ideas and resources to give you lots of options for organising intra-school competition. These include:

PRIMARY

Mini-Tennis, Rackets and Multi-Skills Events and Festivals.

SECONDARY

Mini-Tennis, Timed or Tag Team Tennis as well as more traditional Ladders and Leagues.

L2**LEVEL 2 INTER-SCHOOL
COMPETITION****PRIMARY SCHOOLS**

Primary Schools Tennis competition has grown hugely over the past eight years and we continue to prioritise our Year 3 & 4 primary school competition; but have also introduced a Year 5 & 6 primary schools competition.

SECONDARY COMPETITIONS

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. Currently our Team Tennis Schools competitions see over 3,000 teams and 13,500 pupils taking part!

L3**LEVEL 3 COUNTY SCHOOL
GAMES FESTIVAL**

Through working closely with the Youth Sport Trust (England) and Local Organising Committees across the country we hope where possible (and subject to the Local Organising Committee selecting tennis as one of their chosen sports) that our Year 3 & 4 Competition County Finals will form part of the Level 3 School Games County Festival.

COMPETITION FRAMEWORK	YEARS 3 & 4	YEARS 5 & 6	YEARS 7 & 8
COMPETITION NAME	Mini Tennis Red	Mini Tennis Orange	Team Tennis Schools Year 7 & 8
STRUCTURE	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Competitions being locally with cluster / partnership / local authority events or leagues, often held at a local community tennis venue • Winners progress through to the County Finals which, in England, are incorporated into School Games Level 3 events • In Scotland and Wales, similar priority Mini Tennis competitions take place but age groups and format may vary 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Competitions being locally with cluster / partnership / local authority events or leagues, often held at a local community tennis venue • Winners progress through to the County Finals which, in England, are incorporated into School Games Level 3 events • In Scotland and Wales, similar priority Mini Tennis competitions take place but age groups and format may vary 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • For players of all abilities to play in localised leagues with local organisers • Each events has two divisions – the majority of teams play in Division 2 • Division 1 winning teams able to progress on a pathway to a National Final • Regional Finals for Division 2 winners held in September
	Inclusive Mini Tennis Red: a fun, modified version of the game, ideal for delivering tennis to pupils with special education needs or those with a disability. Inclusive Mini Tennis Red events are organised and delivered locally with more and more events linking in with the School Games.		
FORMAT	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Team sizes are low at four players (two boys, two girls), which makes the event easy to enter • Mini Tennis rules and scoring used e.g. 1-0, 2-0, 2-1 • Schools are actively encouraged to enter multiple teams 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Team sizes are low at four players (two boys, two girls), which makes the event easy to enter • Mini Tennis rules and scoring used e.g. 1-0, 2-0, 2-1 • Schools are actively encouraged to enter multiple teams 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Girls and Boys Events • Only four players are required for a team • Home & Away fixtures • Four singles and two doubles rubbers • Each rubber is one set e.g. 6-4
	Inclusive Mini Tennis Red: Uses shorter rackets, smaller courts, slower / softer balls and simple scoring as well as additional adaptations that can be tailored to the young people participating • Team sizes are low at four players which makes the event easy to enter • Mini Tennis rules and scoring used e.g. 1-0, 2-0, 2-1 • Schools are actively encouraged to enter multiple teams		
DATES	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Usually Summer Term 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Usually Summer Term 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Local league takes place in the summer term (April-July) • Knock-out Stage (Division 1 only) in autumn term (October-December) • Local league organisers set the dates • Regional Finals for Division 2 winners held in September
	Usually Summer Term, contact your local School Games Organiser or Local Authority for more information		
GET INVOLVED	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • In England, contact your local School Games Organiser for more information • In Scotland and Wales, contact your Local Authority Sports Development Team for more information 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • In England, contact your local School Games Organiser for more information • In Scotland and Wales, contact your Local Authority Sports Development Team for more information 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Open for online entry in November-January each year
COST	Free	Free	Free

COMPETITION FRAMEWORK	YEARS 9 & 10	YEARS 11 - 13
COMPETITION NAME	Team Tennis Schools Year 9 & 10	Team Tennis Schools Senior Students (16-19) and Team Tennis Schools National Championships
	Inclusive Mini Tennis Red	
STRUCTURE	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • For players of all abilities to play in localised leagues with local organisers • Each event has two divisions – the majority of teams play in Division 2 • Division 1 winning teams able to progress on a pathway to a National Final • Regional Finals for Division 2 winners held in September 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Senior Students: For players of a lower rating, or no rating, in Years 11-13 to play competitive tennis and provide teams with an opportunity to compete in a National Final • National Championships: Become the best school tennis team in the Country, for pupils in Year 7-13 (with a focus on 16+ year olds who've previously played in Team Tennis Schools Year 7&8 and Year 9&10)
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FORMAT	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Girls and Boys Events • Only four players are required for a team • Home & Away fixtures • Four singles and two doubles rubbers • Each rubber is one set e.g. 6-4 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Senior Students: Mixed, Girls and Boys events • Mixed Doubles: Four doubles rubbers (two girls and two boys) • Girls & Boys: Four singles and two doubles rubbers (four players) • Each rubber is one set with a tie-break at 6-6 • National Championships: Four players are required for a team (Girls & Boys events) • Four singles and two doubles rubbers • Each rubber is two sets with a match tie break at one set all
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DATES	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Local league takes place in the summer term (April-July) • Knockout Stage (Division 1 only) in autumn term (October-December) • Local league organisers set the dates • Regional Finals for Division 2 winners held in September 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Local Senior Students: League takes place in the autumn term (October-November) • Knockout Stage & Finals in spring term (January-March) • National Championships: Knockout draw with matches played on set match dates (March-June) • National Finals in July
	Usually Summer Term, contact your local School Games Organiser or Local Authority for more information	
GET INVOLVED	• Open for online entries in November-January each year	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Senior Students: Open for online entry between June-September each year • National Championships: Open for online entries in November-January each year
COST	Free	Free