

Schools Tennis Competition Framework Diagram (1.4)

The Schools Tennis Competition Framework shows the pathway for players competing in school and also in club/community settings with the link shown to the overall National Competition Framework for British Tennis.

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; and

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

Level 2 inter-school competition

Primary Schools

Primary Schools Tennis competition has grown hugely over the past two years and we continue to prioritise our Year 3 & 4 primary school competition.

Secondary Competitions

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. Currently our AEGON Team Tennis Schools competitions see over 3,000 teams and 12,000 pupils taking part!

Over the last couple of years, counties may have organised local Year 7 & 8 schools competitions. Whilst we are now prioritising the nationally organised AEGON Team Tennis Schools competitions (see above) for secondary schools we fully support counties in continuing to offer these competitions – where capacity and interest allows – as an opportunity for beginners and players new to the game. More guidance can be found in the 'other competition' section of this toolkit.

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.



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	Year	LEVEL 1 Intra-school competitions	LEVEL 2 Inter-school priority competitions		LEVEL 3 County School Games Festival
Secondary	13	Elimination Competition Compass Draw Hit & Mix Competition Squad Tennis Competition Mini-Tennis Competition Timed Tennis Tag Team Tennis Cardio Tennis House Matches One Day Events Leagues Ladders The above formats could also be used for local Level 2 Competitions		AEGON Team Tennis Schools National Championships	AEGON Team Tennis Schools Senior Students All AEGON Team Tennis Schools competitions are nationally organised. As such all competitions begin locally and culminate in a national final so will not form part of a County Level 3 School Games Festival.
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	10		AEGON Team Tennis Schools Year 8 & 10	AEGON Team Tennis Schools Senior Students	
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School Club Links

Club
<p>Yellow Ball:</p> <p>Yellow ball competition is for players aged 11 and over. It is played on a full size court, with full size rackets and full compression yellow balls.</p> <p>Grade 1: National Level Grade 2: National Level Grade 3: Regional Level Grade 4: County Level Grade 5: Club or County Level Grade 6: Club Level Grade 7: Club Level</p>

Primary	6	Year 5 & 6: Mini-Tennis Orange / Green Leagues / Events Mini-Tennis Festivals		
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	4	Year 3 & 4: Mini-Tennis Red / Orange Leagues / Events Mini-Tennis Festivals	Year 3 & 4 Mini-Tennis Red Competition	County Year 3 & 4 Finals as part of a County School Games Level 3 Festival or as stand-alone event
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	2	Reception, Year 1 & 2: Mini-Tennis Red Events Rackets Festivals Multi-Skills Festivals Mini-Tennis Festivals		
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	Reception			



<p>Mini Tennis Green</p> <p>9 - 10 years old Green Ball Full Size Court</p>
<p>Mini Tennis Orange</p> <p>8 - 9 years old Orange Ball 18m x 6.5m Court</p>
<p>Mini Tennis Red</p> <p>8 years old or under Red Ball: 11m x 5.5m Court</p> <p>Mini Tennis is a modified version of the game, using smaller courts, smaller rackets and slower balls. Players progress through the 3 levels; red, orange and green.</p>