

ENGLAND PRIORITY TEAM TENNIS SCHOOLS 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.

How does being part of 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 13,500 players from 3,000 teams currently compete in the following three competitions:

- Team Tennis Schools National Championships.
- Team Tennis Schools Year 7&8 and Year 9&10.
- Team Tennis Schools Senior Students.

An overview on each of the three competitions is provided overleaf.



HOW TO ENTER

More detailed information, including entry forms can be found online at: www.schoolstennis.org

	NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS	YEAR 7&8 / YEAR 9&10	SENIOR STUDENTS
Aim	To provide players with the opportunity to compete for their school and become the best team in the country.	To provide players of all abilities with the opportunity to compete in a school team tennis competition, with more successful teams able to progress on a pathway to a national final.	To encourage lower rated players to play competitive tennis and provide the team with an opportunity to compete in a national final.
Age Group	Years 7 - 13	Years 7 - 10.	Years 11 - 13.
Events	Boys and Girls	Boys Y7&8, Girls Y7&8, Boys Y9&10, Girls Y9&10	Boys, Girls & Mixed
Team Composition	4 players	4 players	4 players – players must not have a better rating than 7.1 at the time of entry – for more info, visit: www.schoolstennis.org
Competition Period	April to July	March to December	October - March
Scoring Format	Each tie is 4 singles and 2 doubles matches	Each tie is 4 singles and 2 doubles matches.	Each tie is 4 singles and 2 doubles matches
Structure	Teams compete in a regional knockout stage, which leads to a four day national final.	Teams compete in a local league stage, which leads to regional knockout rounds, quarter final stage and a national final. See overleaf for more details.	Teams compete in a local league stage, which leads to regional knockout rounds and a national final.
Entries	January	January	June

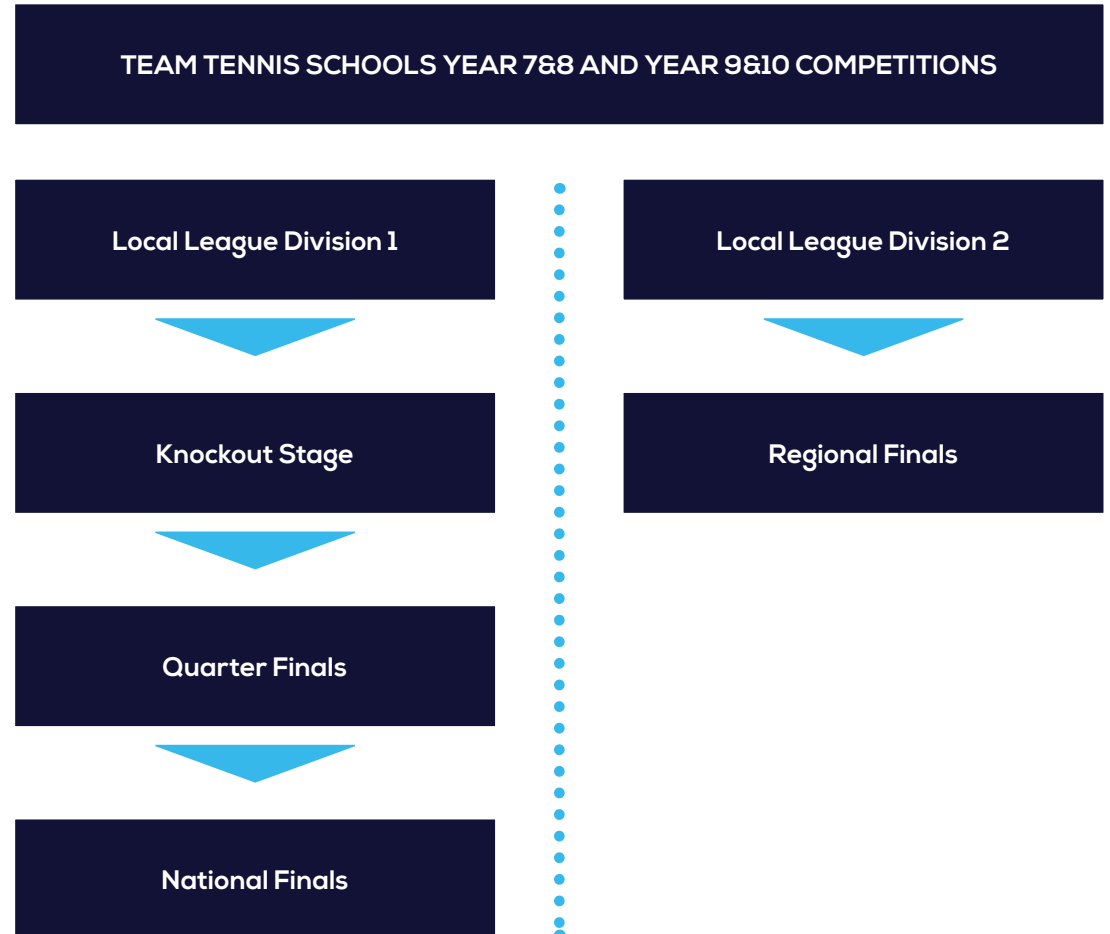


COMPETITION STRUCTURE

The Team Tennis Schools Year 7&8 and Year 9&10 competition offers a great opportunity to grow the number of secondary school pupils – of all abilities – who play the game regularly.

More experienced players are recommended to compete in local Division 1 leagues with the chance to progress all the way to the national finals.

However, for those schools and players who are new to the game or have not played much tennis many areas run a second division which gives them an opportunity to play regularly, reach a Regional Final and compete against other teams of a similar ability.



GOOD PRACTICE EXAMPLE

Beyton Middle School is a large, co-educational, community, comprehensive, day school of around 700 children aged 9 to 13 years based in Bury St. Edmunds, Suffolk.

Ross Challis, Head of PE at Beyton Middle School said: "Our school had not had a long tennis history and decided to set up a tennis club at the school and found there was a great interest. The ability of the pupils warranted a more competitive opportunity, so I entered the Team Tennis Schools Year 8 Boys and Girl's competitions."

"We have played in both Division 1 and Division 2 and have changed this from year to year dependent on how many teams we have entered and the ability of the pupils involved."

"The Team Tennis Schools Year 8 tennis competition has added an extra buzz around school, with pupils keen to represent the school in a competitive environment. It has also added a team ethic to individuals who have previously been solely concerned about individual results. It has been and always will be a fantastic opportunity for our pupils."



"Tennis is now a valued part of the curriculum, with school competitions being run to identify Gifted and Talented pupils, as well as giving us a foundation for team selection for the competitions entered regionally. As a result of this more pupils are attending our after school tennis club, both socially and competitively. Tennis now has a much higher profile within the school and some of our pupils recently enjoyed an excellent trip to The Championships, Wimbledon through the Tennis Foundation."

**Ross Challis -
Head of PE at Beyton Middle School**

MORE INFORMATION

For all Team Tennis Schools enquiries, please visit www.schoolstennis.org. If your query cannot be resolved, please contact schoolscompetition@LTA.org.uk or 0208 487 7000.