

## ENTRY DATES

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**Team closing date:** Thursday 20 June 2019

**i** Deadline 18:00. This date is when the School Games Organiser needs to submit their team entry.

**Publish team entries:** Friday 28 June 2019

**i** This date is when London Youth Games publishes which Boroughs are entered in the competition and the school team representing.

## COMPETITION DATES AND INFORMATION

### QUALIFIERS

Level 2 competition via SGO

### FINALS

Thursday 4 July 2019

Crystal Palace NSC, SE19 2BB  
Registration: 10:00 to 10:20  
Competition: 10:40 to 16:00

## TEAM INFORMATION

**Any Licence, minimum grade or standard required?**

This competition is not open to students with an Orange 2, Orange 1 or Orange 1\* or Green Rating at the time of the Level 2 event.

Students with a rating of Orange 2, Orange 1, Orange 1\* or a Green rating on or after Tuesday 23rd April 2019, will not be eligible for this competition.

Schools/ SGOs can check rating at –  
<https://www.lta.org.uk/play-compete/competing/find-a-tennis-player/>

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TEAM ON THE DAY

**i** This is the team you bring to the competition.

**Minimum:** 4 (2 male & 2 female)

**Maximum:** 6 (3 male & 3 female)

**Event**

**Likely School Year**

Tennis Mini Red

Year 3 & 4

## HOW TO ENTER

Competition Type: Primary Schools

How to enter: For schools competitions the SGO will coordinate entries. Teams are submitted online.

## KIT AND EQUIPMENT

**Kit & Equipment:**

- Rackets no longer than 23" in length should be used.
- Competition held outdoors.
- Mini Tennis Red felt balls are used.

**Team Manager Notes:**

- Please bring appropriate Mini Tennis rackets.
- All other equipment (Mini Tennis balls and Mini Tennis nets) will be provided.
- Please provide your own warm up balls.

## ABOUT THE COMPETITION

<b>Competition Format</b>	<b>Match format:</b> 4 rubbers: Boy 1 v Boy 1 Singles, Boy 2 v Boy 2 Singles, Girl 1 v Girl 1 Singles, Girl 2 v Girl 2 Singles. <b>Games:</b> timed, 5 minutes.
<b>Draw Format</b>	Round Robin Box Leagues AM and re grouped PM or knockout followed by Medal knock-outs.
<b>Seeding</b>	None.
<b>Final Positions</b>	Points allocated based on final positions and group placings – all teams achieving same group position awarded equal position.
<b>Medals</b>	GOLD: winner, SILVER: runners-up, BRONZE: 3rd place.

## SPORT SPECIFIC RULES

1. All competitors must adhere to the LTA Code of Conduct.

### 2. COMPETITION OVERVIEW:

- 2.1: The Year 3&4 Mini Tennis Orange competition is aimed at young people who are new or beginners to the game, not for those who are regularly competing in Mini Tennis competitions outside of school.
- 2.2: AM Round Robin – winner of each group go through to knockout - 'Grand Slam'
- Teams that place 2nd in each group to be re-grouped into PM Round robin - 'World Tour 1000',
  - Teams placing 3rd in each group to be re-grouped into PM Round robin - 'World Tour 500'
  - Team placing 4th in each group to be re-grouped into PM Round robin - 'World Tour 250'.
  - Therefore 2nd placing teams play for places 9 – 16, 3rd placing teams play for 17-24, 4th placing teams play for 25 – 32.

### 3. STANDARD & ELIGIBILITY:

- 3.1: See page 1 for license/ standard rules.
- 3.2: Schools/ SGOs can check ratings at <https://www.lta.org.uk/play-compete/competing/find-a-tennis-player/> using name and year of birth.
- 3.3: For more details contact [educationsoutheast@lta.org.uk](mailto:educationsoutheast@lta.org.uk)
- 3.4: LTA and LYG will complete rating checks before the competition. Random spot checks will also be completed on competition day. If players are found ineligible the whole team will be disqualified.

### 4. SPORTS RULES:

- a. Each match consists of 4 players (2 boys and 2 girls from Years 3 and/or 4). Players should be numbered 1 and 2 – with your higher ability player number 1.
- b. Each match consists of 4 separate rubbers: Boy 1 v Boy 1 Singles | Boy 2 v Boy 2 Singles | Girl 1 v Girl 1 Singles | Girl 2 v Girl 2 Singles.
- c. Once the team has commenced playing a rubber there may be no substitution even in the case of injury. However a reserve can be fielded for subsequent matches in the place of an injured or ill player.
- d. Reserves must be a like-for-like gender swap and the higher ability player must take the player number 1 role.
- e. The serve is decided by a 'toss' at the start of the rubber. The nominated person serves for the first point, it then alternates every 2 points. When serving, players should stand behind the baseline – the ball must not be bounced before being hit.
- f. The serve can be hit over or under arm. Serves should be hit diagonally, landing in the diagonally opposite service box. Players are allowed a second serve if the first is not successful.
- g. Simple numbered scoring is used i.e. 1, 2, 3, 4 etc (instead of traditional tennis scoring (15, 30, 40 etc)).
- h. Players play each rubber for a set period of time, until the whistle blows. The length of matches depends on time available and amount of entries, although it will normally be around 5 minutes per match.
- i. At the end of each rubber the final score entered would either be; 4-0, 3-1, or 2-2 – taking into account the individual results from each of the 4 rubbers.

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- j. If the rubber is a draw when the whistle blows a further deciding point is to be played.
  - k. Group winners will be calculated by total rubbers won. In the event of a tie in Group positions will be decided by the following: Total points won (all matches), points difference, (i.e. subtracting total points against from total points scored) and finally result of the match between the two teams tied.
  - l. Young leaders and officials will assist the players to score matches.
  - m. If a team is not able to play a game (e.g. they have left) then within the round robin stage a 4-0 walkover will be awarded to the opposition.
5. The 'Schools Games Tennis Toolkit' is an interactive CD-Rom, which contains 40 resources and templates to assist the delivery of schools competitions. Resources can be downloaded and full copies can be ordered from: <https://www.tennisfoundation.org.uk>
6. The Competition Director's decision is final and reserves the right to suspend/cancel the event where required by weather/unsafe conditions.

