

## Entry Dates

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**Closing date; 6PM:** Wednesday 24 April 2019

**i** This date is when the Intention to Enter and an onsite Team Manager needs to be added to guarantee inclusion in the competition.

**Publish draw date:** Friday 26 April 2019

**i** This date is when London Youth Games publishes which Boroughs are entered into the competition.

**Confirm squad date; 6PM:** Wednesday 1 May 2019

**i** This date is when the squad details need to be entered on the entry management system.

## competition Dates and information

### QUALIFIERS

Saturday 18 May 2019  
 Sunday 19 May 2019  
 (see sports rules for which Qualifier to attend)

### FINALS

Saturday 22 June 2019  
 Redbridge Sports Centre, IG6 3HD  
 Registration: 08:30 to 09:00  
 Competition: 09:15 to 17:30

## Who is it for?

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

- **LTA Rating for Juniors:** 10.2 - 7.2
- **LTA Rating for Seniors:** 10.2 - 5.2
- Juniors can only play up in Senior category if they have an LTA rating of 7.1 - 5.2
- Check rating at <https://www.lta.org.uk/play-competite/competing/find-a-tennis-player/>

## SQUAD NOMINATIONS

**i** This is the squad you originally nominate.

**Minimum:** One team comprising of 4 juniors (2M+2F) and 4 seniors (2M+2F)

**Maximum:** Up to 16 juniors (8M+8F) and 16 seniors (8M+8F)

**Alternates permitted:** 2 per Junior section, 2 per Senior section (Qualifiers + Finals inclusive)

## TEAM ON THE DAY

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

**Minimum:** One team comprising of 4 juniors (2M+2F) and 4 seniors (2M+2F)

**Maximum:** 8 juniors (4M+4F) and 8 seniors (4M+4F)

**i** Some competitions allow alternates. This is where you can bring a previously un-nominated competitor.

Event	Oldest DOB	Youngest DOB	Likely School Year
Junior category	01/09/04	31/08/07	Year 7 - 9
Senior category	01/09/01	31/08/07	Year 7 - 12

## HOW DO I ENTER?

**Competition Type:** Secondary Open

**How to enter:** You will need to provide full details of your squad before the 'squad closed' date so each competitor can be checked and confirmed as eligible. Teams are submitted online. Contact your Borough Team Organiser for online access.

## WHAT KIT & EQUIPMENT DO I NEED?

**Kit & Equipment:**

- Competitors must provide own racquets.
- Non marking footwear must be worn.
- Tennis balls provided (Match balls only).

**Team Manager Notes:**

- Teams provide minimum ONE team manager. Players ratings will be based on the closing date unless they are an alternate when it will be based on the competition day.
- You must provide LTA Rating and BTM membership numbers for all players British Tennis Membership is free ([www.lta.org.uk/membership](http://www.lta.org.uk/membership)).

## About the competition

<b>Competition Format</b>	Juniors and seniors will compete as ONE borough team together. Each match consists of 5 rubbers (each played by different players per match): <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• 1 senior male singles, 1 senior female singles, 1 senior mixed doubles, 1 junior male doubles, 1 junior female doubles.</li></ul>
<b>Draw Format</b>	<b>QUALIFIERS:</b> Round Robin groups. Winner of each group progresses to the Finals. <b>FINALS:</b> Round robin to Knockout competition.
<b>Seeding</b>	Seeding will be employed where appropriate solely on LTA rating.
<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: finalist, BRONZE: bronze medal match winners.

## SPORT SPECIFIC RULES

1. All competitors must adhere to the LTA Code of Conduct. The competition will be played to International Tennis Federation (ITF) rules with the following modifications listed in these rules.

### **TEAM COMPOSITION & PLAYERS:**

2. Juniors can only play up in Senior category if they have an LTA rating of 7.1 - 5.2.

3. Teams can compete with minimum 5 players at Qualifier stage (Junior doubles, Senior mixed doubles, Senior singles). Teams must have 4 junior + 4 senior players to progress to the Finals.

### **INJURY:**

4. Once a Borough has commenced playing a match, there may be no substitution even in case of injury. However, any player in the relevant junior or senior category declared on the day may play in subsequent matches in place of an injured player.

### **QUALIFIERS => FINALS**

5. Any player named on the entry form can play in the qualifying and/or final round. Teams declared for the final may vary from the qualifying round as long as all players used have been declared on the entry form.

6. ONE RUBBER ONLY - Players are not allowed to compete in more than one rubber per match.

### **GROUP PLACINGS:**

7. Placings shall be determined by the number of matches won. If Boroughs are level within the group the following will be used to determine the group placings:

- Two-way tie: head to head result.
- More than two Boroughs are tied: number of rubbers won as a % of rubbers played.
- Still tied: number of games won as a % of games played. If there is a two-way tie after this, placing is determined by a head to head result.
- More than two Boroughs still being tied (where wins, rubbers, and games are even), teams play a mixed doubles tie break (Managers nominate preferred players).
- In the event a best runner-up calculation is required, follow rules b and c (with the exception of the head to head result).
- If still tied the position will be decided by a mixed doubles tie break playoff or drawn by lots.

8. All teams are expected to complete all their matches. Failure to do so will result in the team finishing bottom in that stages pool.

### **MATCH SCORING & PLAY:**

9. Rubbers: First to 6 games. Tie-break at 6-6. Sudden death point at deuce in each game- receiver has choice of sides.

10. In Mixed Doubles, the player of the same gender as the server shall receive the deciding point. The players of the receiving team cannot change positions to receive.

11. Tie-break-sudden death at 6 points all-next point wins (i.e. first to 7 points) - receiver has choice of sides, with the exception of the mixed doubles rule 10.

12. Rubber walkover - late arriving players to court may receive a loss of that rubber. Please have players ready. 13. Team Managers must fill out the match slip accurately including the FULL NAME of each player.

### **LYG / GENERAL:**

13. Late arriving teams (at the discretion of the Competition Director) - teams must register by the close of Registration and have minimum team composition onsite.

14. In all matters relating to the competition the Competition Director's decision is final and binding.

15. Incorrect information provided during nominations can disqualify the team and cause their entire Borough team to receive penalty points. Please check competitor's details.

16. The Competition Director reserves the right to suspend/cancel where required. If the field of play is deemed unsafe, team managers must report to the desk to accept liability for any players who play on the field of play.

**INCOMPLETE COMPETITION:** In the event that the competition is cancelled or suspended, the following steps will be used to calculate a final result.

- The furthest completed stage of competition will be used to countback.
- Any teams tied on position will be separated based on the rules above which determine group positions, using averages.
- The minimum competition required to determine a result is a completed stage.

### **QUALIFIER DATES**

17. Dates for Qualifier Competitions and team allocations as per below:

- **18th May 2019 Redbridge Sports Centre, IG6 3HD** - (BAD, BAT, BEX, BRE, BRO CAM, COL, ENF, GRE, HAC, HGY, HRW, HAV, ISL, LEW, NEW, RED, TOW, WAL, WES)
- **19th May, Sutton Sports Village, SM1 3HH** (CRO, EAL, HAF, HIL, HOU, KAC, KIN, LAM, MER, RIC, SOU, SUT, WAN)

18. The Competition Director reserves the right to change this allocation, subject to entries.