

## ENTRY DATES

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**Team closing date:** Thursday 6 June 2019

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

**Publish team entries:** Friday 7 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 Projectability Lead. SGO's need to contact their local Projectability Lead for local qualifier dates.

Qualifier 1: Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> April 2019  
Qualifier 2: Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> May 2019

### FINALS

**Tuesday 11 June 2019**

Westway Sports Centre, W10 6RP  
Registration: 10:00 to 10:30  
Competition: 11:00 to 14:30

## TEAM INFORMATION

**Any Licence, minimum grade or standard required?** None. However note that this event is not aimed at experienced players.

**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

ParaGames MLD Tennis

Year 7,8,9

## HOW TO ENTER

**Competition Type:** Secondary Schools

**How to enter:** For schools competitions the SGO will coordinate entries. Teams are submitted online. Download your competition information from your competition pages - [londonyouthgames.org/sports](http://londonyouthgames.org/sports) and click on the relevant competition.

## KIT AND EQUIPMENT

**Kit & Equipment:**

- Rackets no longer than 23" in length should be used.
- Mini Tennis Red felt balls will be used (Balls provided by Competition Director)

**Team Manager Notes:**

- TMs are asked to bring appropriate Mini Tennis rackets with them – although spares will be available on the day.
- This is an entry level event, aimed at beginners and players new to the game, rather than an opportunity for advanced players already competing regularly outside of school.

## ABOUT THE COMPETITION

<b>Competition Format</b>	Match format: 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. Games: timed, 7 minutes (approx, tbc on Publish Draw Day).
<b>Draw Format</b>	Round Robin Box Leagues followed by Medal knock-outs. Box League winners will be calculated by total rubbers won. In the event of a tie in Box league positions the following will decide the positions: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Total points won (all matches),</li><li>• points difference, (i.e subtracting total points against from points scored)</li><li>• finally results of the match between the two teams tied.</li></ul>
<b>Seeding</b>	None
<b>Final Positions</b>	Top 8 teams at finals. Teams will be placed based on their finishing positions at qualifiers
<b>Medals</b>	GOLD: winners. SILVER: runners-up. BRONZE: 3rd place.

## SPORT SPECIFIC RULES

1. Each team consists of 4 players – 2 boys & 2 girls from Years 7 -9. Players should be numbered 1 & 2 with your higher ability player number 1.
2. 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.
3. 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
4. The Serve
  - 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
  - The serve can be hit over or under arm at qualifying events. However, at finals, correct serves must be played.
  - Serves should be hit diagonally, landing in the diagonally opposite service box.
  - Players are allowed a second serve if the first is not successful
5. Simple numbered scoring is used i.e. 1, 2, 3, 4 etc (instead of traditional tennis scoring (15, 30, 40 etc)).
6. 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 7 minutes per match.
7. At the end of each rubber the final score entered onto the 'Mini Tennis Match Card' and then the 'Round Robin Box Sheet' would either be; 4-0, 3-1, or 2-2 – taking into account the individual results from each of the 4 rubbers.
8. If the rubber is a draw when the whistle blows a further deciding point is to be played.
9. Mini Tennis Red is played on badminton sized courts, however, Mini Tennis courts can also be marked out on standard tennis courts, both inside and outside.
10. Helpers will be positioned on each court to assist in helping the players to score matches.
11. The Competition Directors decision is final and reserves the right to suspend/cancel the event where required.