



ENTRY DATES AND HOW TO ENTER

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Closing Date:	Wednesday 20 th April 2022	i. This date is when the Team Manager needs to enter a team on the LYG app for inclusion in the competition
Competition Information Date:	Friday 22 nd April 2022	i. This date is when London Youth Games will send Team Managers the Competition Day Information
Confirm Squad Date:	Wednesday 4 th May 2022	i. This date is when the squad details need to be entered on the entry management system Playwaze (by 11:59).

COMPETITION DATES AND INFORMATION

QUALIFIERS

Qualifier 1: Saturday 21st May 2022 - Redbridge Sports Centre

Qualifier 2: Sunday 22nd May 2022 - Gunnersbury Sports Centre

FINALS

Saturday 18th June 2022 - Redbridge Sports Centre

TEAM INFORMATION

Any licence, minimum grade or standard required?

- All players **MUST** have an ITF World Tennis Number and Advantage Membership number.
- All players must have a World Tennis Number between 25 – 40 to be eligible for this competition.
 - One number for all players, regardless of age/gender.
 - This is in line with current changes from LTA Ratings.
 - For more information on how the World Tennis Number will be calculated, please visit: <https://www.lta.org.uk/play-compete/competing/player-ratings-rankings/world-tennis-number/>
 - Check ratings at [Players | LTA - Tennis for Britain](#)

Player's ratings will be based on the squad submission date. You **must** provide ITF World Tennis Number and Advantage membership numbers for all players.

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SQUAD NOMINATIONS

i. This is the squad you originally nominate

Minimum: One team comprising of 2 juniors' players (1M+1F) and 2 seniors (1M+1F)

Maximum: One team comprising of 4 juniors' players (2M+2F) and 4 seniors (2M+2F)
Note this includes reserve players

TEAM ON THE DAY

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

Minimum: One team of 4 players comprising of 2 juniors' players (1M+1F) and 2 seniors (1M+1F)

Maximum: One team of 4 players comprising of 2 juniors' players (1M+1F) and 2 seniors (1M+1F)

Alternates: 2 alternates per team allowed - Juniors (1M or 1F) & Seniors (1M or 1F)

Only 4 players will play on the day. The ITF World Tennis Number of your assigned first player must be better or equal to that of the assigned reserve. **The reserve can only play if your best rated player is NOT available on the day of the competition.**

AGE GROUPS

Event	Oldest DOB	Youngest DOB	Likely School Year
Junior Category	01/01/2006	31/12/2009	Year 8 – 10
Senior Category	01/01/2003	31/12/2009	Year 8 – 13

This competition will follow the LTA's guidance in that all Junior age groups (from 8U to 18U) are based on calendar years. A player's competition age group (and his/her eligibility to participate in events restricted to certain age groups) is determined by the player's age on the last day of the calendar year in question.



COMPETITION INFORMATION

Competition Format:	Juniors and seniors will compete as ONE borough team. Each match consists of 4 rubbers (each played by a different player): <ul style="list-style-type: none">○ 1 Junior Female Singles○ 1 Junior Male Singles○ 1 Senior Female Singles○ 1 Senior Male Singles <ul style="list-style-type: none">○ If boroughs tie at 2 rubbers all in a match, then a mixed doubles match tie-break will decide the match winner.
Draw Format:	Round robin groups through to a knockout final stage. Dependant on entry numbers.
Seeding:	Seeding will be employed where appropriate solely on ITF World Tennis Number.
Final Positions:	Points allocated based on final positions and group placings. All teams achieving same group position awarded equal position.
Medals:	GOLD: Winner, SILVER: runner-up, BRONZE: bronze medal match winners. Medals will be awarded at finals ONLY.

TEAM MANAGER INFORMATION

A Covid protocol will be issued to team managers shortly before the event which will take account of any restrictions expected to be in force at that time.

Kit & Equipment:	<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Competitors must provide own rackets.○ Non marking footwear must be worn.○ Tennis balls provided (match balls only).
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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:
2. **TEAM COMPOSITION AND PLAYERS:**
 - a) Juniors can only play up in the senior category if they have an **ITF World Tennis Number between 25 - 40**
 - a) Teams can compete with a minimum of 3 players (1 player per rubber) to be a scoring team at the qualifying stage.

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- b) Boroughs must have a full team of 4 players to qualify for the final stage of the competition.
- c) **ONE RUBBER ONLY** – Players are not allowed to compete in more than one rubber per match (except where a deciding mixed doubles rubber is played).

3. MATCH SCORING AND PLAY:

- a) Rubbers: First to 6 games by two games clear. Tie break at 6-6. Sudden death point at deuce in each game – receiver has choice of sides, with the exception of the mixed doubles rule.
- b) 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.
- c) 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.
- d) If boroughs tie at 2 rubbers all, then a mixed doubles match tie-break to 10, sudden death at 9-9 will decide the match result. Team Managers nominate preferred players.
- e) Rubber walkover – late arriving players to court may receive a loss of that rubber. Please have players ready.
- f) Team Managers must fill out the match slip accurately including the full name of each player.

4. GROUP PLACINGS:

- a) 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:
- b) Two-way tie: head-to-head result.
- c) More than two boroughs are tied: number of rubbers won as a % of rubbers played.
- d) 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.
- e) More than two boroughs still being tied (where wins, rubbers and games are even), teams play a mixed doubles match tie break (managers nominate preferred players).
- f) In the event a best runner-up calculation is required, follow rules b and c (with the exception of the head-to-head result).
- g) If still tied, the position will be decided by a mixed doubles match tie break playoff or drawn by lots.
- h) All teams are expected to complete all of their matches.

In all matters relating to the competition, the Competition Director's decision is final. The Competition Director reserves the right to suspend/cancel where required. If the field of play is deemed unsafe, team managers must report to an organiser.