## LYG Mini Red Tennis 2024

## Entry Information \& Rules

## Event Overview

Date: Tuesday $18^{\text {th }}$ June 2024.
Venue: Gunnersbury Park Sports Hub, W3 8LQ

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## Entry Information

Squad Entry Deadline: 5pm, Wednesday 5th June 2024.

Squad on the Day: Minimum - 4 ( 2 boys $\& 2$ girls) \& Maximum -6 (3 boys \& 3 girls). Single sex schools can pair up with another school to meet the team composition requirements.

Competitions: Mixed competition.

## Eligibility Criteria

Competition Tier: Higher

Competition Intent: Highly competitive environment where winning is the measure of success and level of challenge is high, in order to further the development of young athletes. Local qualifying events are encouraged, with the winning school progressing to the county final.

Player Eligibility: Aimed at children and young people who enjoy competition and may regularly access training and coaching outside of the school environment. Participants are used to competing in sport inside and outside of school, have a higher skill ability and understand tactics and strategies in competitive game play situations.

## Age Categories

| Age Category | Oldest DOB | Youngest DOB | Likely School Year |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| $7-9$ years old | $01 / 09 / 2014$ | $31 / 08 / 2016$ | Year 3-4 |

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## Full Rules \& Regulations

MTEN 1 The London Youth Games Mini Red Tennis competition will run in according to the rules set out below.

MTEN 1.1 It will be at the discretion of the event referee and LYG personnel as to the application of these rules, and any subsequent decision made as a result will be final.

MTEN 1.2 The Tournament Organisers reserve the rights to alter or amend the playing schedule if necessary and make decisions on any matters arising during the tournament, including any matters not covered by the tournament regulations.

## MTEN 2 Age Category

MTEN 2.1 The following age groups and respective maximum and minimum date of births will apply to the School Games Mini Red Tennis Competition:

| Age Category | Oldest DOB | Youngest DOB | Likely School Year |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| $7-9$ years old | $01 / 09 / 2014$ | $31 / 08 / 2016$ | Year 3-4 |

MTEN 2.2 Competitors are not permitted to enter this competition if they are ineligible. No exceptions will be made.

MTEN 2.3 It is the responsibility of participants/teachers/School Games Organisers to ensure all competitors details are entered correctly at the time of submission.

MTEN 2.3.1 In the instance a competitor is found to be ineligible, they will be disqualified from the competition entirely.

## MTEN 3 Eligibility Criteria

Competition Tier: Higher

Competition Intent: Highly competitive environment where winning is the measure of success and level of challenge is high, in order to further the development of young athletes. Local qualifying events are encouraged, with the winning school progressing to the country final.

Player Eligibility: Aimed at children and young people who enjoy competition and may regularly access training and coaching outside of the school environment. Participants are used to competing in sport inside and outside of school, have a higher skill ability and understand tactics and strategies in competitive game play situations.

MTEN 4 Squad Size Schools are permitted to enter a minimum of 4 competitors and a maximum of 6 competitors.
MTEN 4.1 Squad composition must be made up of a minimum of 4 ( 2 boys $\& 2$ girls) and a maximum of 6 (3 boys \& 3 girls). Single sex schools can pair up with another school to meet the team composition requirements.

MTEN 4.2 Schools are permitted to bring all 6 competitors entered to the event on the day however only 4 will be able to play per match - 1 player per rubber.

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## MTEN 5 Kit \& Equipment

MTEN 5.1 Please bring appropriate Mini Tennis rackets. The recommended racket size is up to $23^{\prime \prime}$ in length.

MTEN 5.2 Mini Tennis Red felt balls are used for the competition.
MTEN 5.3 Please bring your own warm up balls as these will not be provided.

## MTEN 6 Competition Format

MTEN 6.1 Each match consists of 4 players ( 2 boys and 2 girls). Players should be numbered 1 and 2 , with the higher ability player as the number 1.

MTEN 6.2 There will be 4 rubbers:

- Boy 1 vs Boy 1 singles.
- Boy 2 vs Boy 2 singles.
- Girl 1 vs Girl 1 singles.
- Girl 2 vs Girl 2 singles.

MTEN 6.3 Matches will be played to 7 points, with a deciding point played at 6-all.
MTEN 6.4 AM Round Robin - winner of each group will advance to a finals knockout bracket.
MTEN 6.5 In the event of a tie in the knockout stage, a mixed doubles rubber will be played.
MTEN 6.6 PM matches for teams that do not qualify to the finals, will be regrouped into the following:

- $\quad 2^{\text {nd }}$ placed teams play for positions 9-16.
- $\quad 3^{\text {rd }}$ placed teams play for positions 17-24.
- $4^{\text {th }}$ placed teams play for positions 25-33.


## MTEN 7 Competition Rules

MTEN 7.1 Once the team has commenced playing a rubber, no substitutions will be allowed.
MTEN 7.2 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.

MTEN 7.3 Tie break scoring will be used i.e., 1,2,3,4.
MTEN 7.4 Young leaders and officials will record the match score. The players must call their own lines with an emphasis placed on honesty and calling the lines fairly.

MTEN 8 Overall Scoring Points will be awarded for each game to give a schools round robin standing.
MTEN 8.1 The following points will be awarded:

- 2 points for a win.


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- 1 point for a tie.
- 0 points for a loss.

MTEN 8.2 In the event of a tie, the group position will be decided by the following:

- Total number of rubbers won.
- Head-to-head result (if tied between 2 teams).
- Points percentage: total number of points won divided by total number of points played (if tied between 3 or more teams).

MTEN 9 Medals \& Trophies Medals and salver will be awarded as follows:
MTEN 9.1 Medals awarded to $1^{\text {st }}, 2^{\text {nd }}$ and $3^{\text {rd }}$ places teams with salver presented to the winner of the competition.

