



# LYG Tennis 2026

## Entry Information & Rules

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### Event Overview

#### Dates & Venues:

- Qualifiers: Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> June 2026, Wimbledon Park, SW19 7HR.
- Finals: Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> June, Redbrige Sports Centre, Forest Road, Ilford, IG6 3HD.

**Approx Timings:** Registration 8:30 AM session & 13:00 PM session. Event Timings 9:00-18:00 (spilt).

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### Entry Information

**Squad Entry Deadline:** Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> May 2026 at 10pm.

#### Squad Size:

- Minimum – 4 (2M+2F)
- Maximum – 8 (4M+4F)

**Competitions:** Mixed Team Competition.

#### Eligibility Criteria:

- On entry, junior players must have a World Tennis Number between 25-40.9 or no World Tennis Number to be eligible for this competition.
- On entry, senior players must have a World Tennis Number between 20-40.9 or no World Tennis Number to be eligible for this competition.

You **must** provide LTA Advantage membership numbers for all players.

#### Age Categories

| Event           | Age Category      | Oldest DOB | Youngest DOB |
|-----------------|-------------------|------------|--------------|
| Junior Category | 11 – 14 years old | 01/09/2012 | 31/08/2015   |
| Senior Category | 12 – 17 years old | 01/09/2008 | 31/08/2014   |

**Replacements:** Each borough is permitted two replacements per team. Replacements are where you can bring an undeclared competitor to replace a registered competitor not attending on the day. Any replacements must be in line with eligibility criteria and a player LTA Advantage membership number must be provided. All replacement details must be given at registration on the day or can be sent prior to the event. No additions will be allowed even if a borough does not have the maximum squad number.

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### Full Rules & Regulations

**TEN 1** The London Youth Games Tennis competition will run in accordance with the [International Tennis Federation \(ITF\) rules](#).

**TEN 1.1** Should any rules listed below contradict those outlined by ITF, these rules will supersede those.



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**TEN 1.2** It will be at the discretion of the Competition Director and LYG personnel as to the application of these rules, and any subsequent decision made as a result will be final.

### TEN 2 Age Category

**TEN 2.1** The following age groups and respective maximum and minimum date of births will apply to the London Youth Games Tennis Competition:

**TEN 2.1.1** 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.

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| Junior Category | 11 – 14 years old | 01/09/2012 | 31/08/2015   |
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**TEN 2.2** Competitors are not permitted to enter this competition if they are ineligible.

**TEN 2.3** It is the responsibility of competitors/parents/team managers/local authority staff to ensure all competitors details are entered correctly at the time of submission, and that they are eligible to compete for their borough under the [London Youth Games Games Rules](#), and in accordance with the age groups outlined for the competition.

**TEN 2.3.1** In the instance a competitor is found to be ineligible, they will be disqualified from the competition entirely, and the borough will receive a points penalty as per the Games Rules.

### TEN 3 World Tennis Number

**TEN 3.1 World Tennis Number** eligibility on entry per category:

- On entry, junior players must have a World Tennis Number between 25-40.9 or no WTN to be eligible for this competition.
- On entry, senior players must have a World Tennis Number between 20-40.9 or no WTN to be eligible for this competition.

**TEN 3.2** Player's ratings will be based on the squad submission date. You **must** provide the Advantage membership numbers for all players (available free of charge <https://www.lta.org.uk/advantage> for all players).

**TEN 3.3.** In the instance a competitor is found to be ineligible, they will be disqualified from the competition entirely, and the borough will receive a points penalty as per the Games Rules.

**TEN 4 Squad Size** Boroughs are permitted to enter a team of 8 players comprising of 4 juniors' players (2M+2F) and 4 seniors' players (2M+2F).

### TEN 5 Kit & Equipment

**TEN 5.1** Competitors must provide own rackets.

**TEN 5.2** Non marking footwear must be worn.

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**TEN 5.3** Match balls only are provided. Teams must bring own warm up balls.

**TEN 6 Competition Format** Juniors and Seniors will compete as ONE borough team. Each match consists of 4 rubbers (each played by a different player);

- 1 Junior Female Singles
- 1 Junior Male Singles
- 1 Senior Female Singles
- 1 Senior Male Singles

**TEN 6.1** If boroughs tie at 2 rubbers-all in a match, then a tie break shoot out shall be played to decide the match winner. This will consist of 1 Mixed Doubles.

**TEN 6.2** The competition will consist of round robin groups through to a knockout final stage.

**TEN 6.2.1** Teams will be split across the AM and PM. Allocation of AM and PM session will be communicated by **the first week of February 2026**.

**TEN 6.2.2** Number of groups and group sizes at the qualifier will be subject to entry numbers ,and there may need to be minor changes post the deadline. The top 4 teams from the AM and PM sessions will qualify for the Finals on Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> June 2026.

**TEN 6.2.3** Seeding will be employed where appropriate solely on ITF World Tennis Number.

### TEN 7 Competition Rules

**TEN 7.1** All competitors must adhere to the [LTA Code of Conduct](#).

**TEN 7.2** The following rules apply in regard to team composition and players;

**TEN 7.3** Players are not permitted to compete in more than one rubber per match, except where a deciding mixed doubles rubber is played.

**TEN 7.4.** Teams can compete with a minimum of 3 players.

#### TEN 7.5 Match scoring and play:

**TEN 7.5.1** Each rubber will be played as first to 6 games. At deuce a deciding point will be played. Receiver has choice of sides.

**TEN 7.5.2** Tie break sudden death at 6 points all, next point wins (i.e., first to 7 points) – receiver has the choice of sides, with the exception of the mixed doubles rule.

**TEN 7.5.3** If boroughs tie at 2 rubbers all, then a mixed doubles match tie-break to 10 (by 2 clear) will decide the match result. Team Managers nominate preferred players.

**TEN 7.5.4** Rubber walkover – late arriving players to court may receive a loss of that rubber. Please have players ready – this is the Team Manager’s responsibility.

**TEN 7.5.5** Team Managers must fill out the match slip accurately including the full name of each player and return to the Competition Director immediately after each match.

### TEN 8 Overall Scoring



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**TEN 8.1** The final standings of each group shall be determined by the following priority.

- Greatest number of wins
- Head-to-head results (if only two boroughs are tied)
- Highest percentage of rubbers won
- Highest percentage of games won
- If still equal, then a mixed doubles match tie break may be played or draw by lot. If a match tie break is played then Team Manager nominate preferred players.

**TEN 8.2** Points allocated based on final standings and group placings. All teams achieving same group position awarded equal position.

**TEN 8.2.1** All teams are expected to complete all their matches in order to receive points.

**TEN 9 Medals & Trophies** Medals and trophies will be awarded as follows at finals ONLY;

**TEN 9.1** Overall Borough medals will be awarded to 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> placed teams.

**TEN 9.2** Borough trophy awarded to the overall winner.