

Team Tennis Schools

Year 7&8 and Year 9&10 Competition 2019

Division 2 Regional Finals – Competition Pack

Background

The Year 7&8 and 9&10 competition sees over 2,700 secondary school tennis teams' play during the summer term (circa. 12,000 players). The gender split is almost equal with girls' teams making up 48% of total entries.

In recent years the competition has been restructured to promote a 'pyramid structure' where more teams now compete in Division 2 compared to Division 1. 66% of all teams playing in the 2019 competition played in Division 2 leagues.

The change was made to firstly encourage stronger teams in Division 1 to play one another in county wide leagues. These teams should expect to travel further in order to benefit from more appropriate fixtures. This allows league organisers to localise division 2 leagues to reduce travel time for those students and teams who are of a recreational standard. Most counties now have 1x Division 1 and a number of Division 2 leagues that are spread across the county on a local basis.

Division 1 teams can progress through to Regional rounds with the opportunity of qualifying for Regional Finals (November) and National Finals (December).

Division 2 Regional Finals

Based on the above, the LTA have worked to provide successful teams from Division 2 leagues in the Summer Term the opportunity to enjoy a one day regional event in the Autumn Term where the teams played against other successful Division 2 teams in their region.

In 2018 we had 548 players take part in the Division 2 Finals – with some excellent feedback from the teams about the day. Each player will receive a small gift for playing in the Finals and winners will receive a team trophy as well as winning prizes to take back to their school.

Some of the key details

- Each team will play on one day only
- Each region will host Girls on Day 1 and Boys on Day 2 (see dates in your region below)
- Matches will start approx. 9.30am and conclude by 4pm in each region
- Between 4-8 teams per event per region will take part
- Matches will be played at central venues with indoor & outdoor courts used
- The LTA will provide 1x Referee + Court Supervisor(s) on site to manage the event
- Balls will be provided along with promotional items for players

If you have any questions regarding the Year 7&8 and 9&10 Division 2 Finals please email schoolscompetition@LTA.org.uk

Match Format & Rules

The [2019 Year 7&8 and 9&10 Competition Rules](#) will be followed. Key reminders include:

Ratings Cap – please note this has changed from previous years

- Year 7&8 Division 2 – In each fixture a team may use only one player rated 9.1 – 6.1 as of 23 April 2019
- Year 9&10 Division 2 - In each fixture a team may use only one player rated 8.1 – 5.1 as of 23 April 2019

Scoring Format

- The usual scoring format of 1x normal set (to 6 games) or 1x short set (to 4 games) will be used. However, the tournament organisers and referee may use alternative scoring formats such as 'Timed Tennis' or 1x 'Fast4' set where they feel it is most appropriate

The eligibility of players is based on the Summer Term 2019 and these students will continue to be eligible in their event for the Autumn Term. For example, a student who is Year 8 in the Summer Term 2019 is eligible to play in the Year 7&8 Division 2 Finals in September/October 2019.

Full information on the Division 2 Finals will be sent to qualifying teams in late August/beginning September 2019.

Dates & Venues (Provisional)

Each region will host Girls on Day 1 and Boys on Day 2. The provisional list of regional finals, the venues and teams that will take part can be seen below:

East Region – Redbridge Tennis Centre, NE London (Thursday 3 & Friday 4 October)

1x Essex, 1x Norfolk, 1x Suffolk, 1x Bedfordshire,
1x Hertfordshire, 1x Cambridgeshire, 1x Northamptonshire

South East – Sutton Tennis Academy, Surrey (dates TBC)

1x Kent, 1x Surrey, 1x Sussex, 1x Middlesex

South West (West) – Taunton Tennis Centre (Thursday 26 & Friday 27 September)

1x Cornwall, 1x Devon, 1x Somerset, 1x Avon, 1x Dorset,
1x Gloucestershire, 1x Wiltshire, 1x South Wales

Midlands Region – Loughborough University - (dates TBC)

1x Lincolnshire, 1x Nottinghamshire, 1x Derbyshire, 1x Leicestershire, 1x Staffordshire,
1x Shropshire, 1x Hereford & Worcestershire, 1x Birmingham & Warwickshire

South West (East) – White Horse TC, Abingdon (Tuesday 24 & Wednesday 25 October)

1x Buckinghamshire, 1x Berkshire, 1x Oxfordshire, 1x Hampshire & IOW

North Region – John Charles Centre, Leeds (Thursday 26 & Friday 27 September)

2x Yorkshire teams, 1x Northumberland, 1x Durham & Cleveland,
1x Cheshire, 1x Lancashire, 1x Cumbria, 1x North Wales

Scotland

Due to entry numbers, Division 2 Finals will not take place in 2019 although are being considered for future years.