



Team Tennis 2019 Key Changes & Information

Extensive feedback from captains, players, parents and league organisers has been reviewed from last season and the competition team wish to highlight some 'key changes and information' for Team Tennis 2019 which is important for all people involved. These are not the competition rules. The 2019 Rules are available in full at www.LTA.org.uk/Team-Tennis

ENTRY STAGE

Rating Information – It is very important that all mini and junior teams list the ratings and/or general standard information of each team when entering online in order for appropriate divisions to be set up. League organisers have the right to refuse an entry if this is not provided in the 'Remarks' section

Commitment & Walkovers – Each team captain must fully assess their player base when entering teams and have a high degree of confidence that all fixtures will be completed in full during the season. Most teams will require 6 or more players to complete all fixtures during the season. Regular and clear communication with players and parents before and during the season is essential for this.

ORGANISING YOUR TEAM

Confirmation of start time – It remains both team captains' responsibility to contact each other to find out and confirm fixture details. However, to further encourage high quality planning of fixtures, the home team must confirm the start time of each fixture with the away team captain a minimum of 14 days in advance of the scheduled date. By the Tuesday, the week prior to the fixture, the away team must also confirm their team's attendance. Rubber penalty points may be applied if not met.

Fixture Start Time – All fixtures must start between 10am and 4pm unless both team captains' agree otherwise. Exceptions to this apply in the National/Regional Open Tier where fixtures must start at 12pm unless both team captains agree. A further exception applies in the Premier 12U-18U tier which must start between 11am - 2pm where the away team is travelling 120 miles or more.

MATCH DAY

Captains' Guide – All team captains' must have the Captains' Guide with them at each fixture. The guide contains all competition rules and scorecards as well as tips and advice for managing your team

Hospitality for away teams – Welcoming teams to your venue and providing refreshments during and after the matches is a requirement of the competition and very much part of the Team Tennis experience. Minimum requirements are set out in the Captains' Guide which must be met by each team in the competition. Please ensure your team(s) meets this requirement for each home fixture.

Fair Play – All players, parents and captains must understand and respect the LTA Fair Play Values at each Team Tennis match. Team Captains have responsibility to maintain regular contact with each other to help make sure these are maintained both on and off court by both teams

Match Result – There is a small change this year when finalising the match result. In matches where a tiebreak shootout is played, no bonus rubber point will be awarded to the winning team in the shootout. The match result will be displayed as 6-6, and the winning team will receive 2 match points on the league table for a match win.

Reporting Disciplinary Issues – A new process will be in place for the league season between April and July 2019 whereby team captains' can clearly see the process for reporting and handling disciplinary issues that may arise on match day. This will be available in the Captains' Area at www.LTA.org.uk/Team-Tennis

Incomplete teams – Team Captains' must follow Rule 16.2 closely where an 'incomplete' team plays a fixture to ensure the fixture is completed correctly.