Why Schools Tennis? (1.2)

Tennis is fun, great for fitness and for developing hand eye co-ordination. It can be played by all ages and abilities - boys and girls can play together, so it’s ideal for mixed classes.

Schools give most children their first experience of sport and a players’ early experience can often determine whether they stay in the game. Since the launch of the Schools Tennis Strategy in 2009 the Tennis Foundation has (figures correct as of August 2011):

- Supported 12,515 schools through AEGON Schools Tennis
- Put 373,000 rackets and 750,000 balls into the hands of young people
- Trained 19,660 teachers and coaches to deliver quality tennis programmes in the school environment

What’s new for 2011 – 2012?

Given the changes to the school sport infrastructure across England we have developed a new way of managing the Schools Tennis ‘offer’ locally, from 2011-2012 onwards.

The Schools Tennis ‘offer’ is being realigned to fit the new School Games structure, which is central to the Government’s strategy for PE and School Sport. By doing this, we will be able to demonstrate how all elements of our ‘offer’ are able to positively contribute to and impact on the School Games.

This Toolkit

The School Games Tennis Toolkit has been designed for teachers and colleagues in school sport, to make running competition as easy as possible.

The Toolkit contains over 40 resources and templates, many of which can be edited. This allows flexibility for you to amend them to fit your needs and personalise by adding in logos and school names.