Overview of other options for Level 2 Competition Primary Schools (3b.1)

In addition to Schools Tennis priority competitions, there are a wide variety of additional options for Level 2 inter-school competition between Primary Schools. These options may be useful when catering for age groups other than Year 3 & 4 or for players who are already regularly competing juniors.

**Mini Tennis Red Events [for additional year groups]**

Whilst the Year 3 & 4 Mini Tennis Red event has been identified as the priority competition for primary schools, many Counties successfully implement the same competition format for Year 5 & 6 also.

Using Mini Tennis Red with Year 5 & 6 players does not fit with the National Competition Framework for British Tennis, however in a school environment it can be a great way of involving players who do not regularly participate or compete – as the rules are simpler and the equipment is easier to use.

Simply use the same format and resources that have been prepared in this toolkit for the Year 3 & 4 events, for these additional age groups.

**Mini Tennis Orange & Green Events**

Some Counties have successfully implemented Mini Tennis Orange and Green events for schools. A School Games Organiser or Satellite Club could run a one-off event, with winning teams progressing through to a County final.

If this approach is taken, it is suggested that Mini Tennis Orange is used for Year 3 & 4 and Mini Tennis Green is used for Year 5 & 6.

The aim of these events is to provide school competition for those players who are already regularly competing outside of school, at the same time allowing lower ability players to compete on behalf of the school in the priority Mini Tennis Red events.

More information about Mini Tennis Red, Orange and Green can be found online at: [www.lta.org.uk/Players/Juniors](http://www.lta.org.uk/Players/Juniors)

**Mini Tennis Festivals**

Information on how to run large group Mini Tennis Festivals and competitive activities for the whole class can be found on the DVD resource which teachers receive when they attend the 3 hour ‘Primary School Teacher Training Course’.

In addition, over 70 ‘Activity Cards’ are available to download for free from: [www.schoolstennis.org](http://www.schoolstennis.org) – you can select a number of cards from the range and use them to run a Mini Tennis Festival.

‘Mini Tennis Festival Class Score Sheet’ and ‘Mini Tennis Pupil Score Sheet’ templates are available to use in conjunction with the Activity Cards stated above, in the ‘Resources’ section of this toolkit.
Multi-skill Festivals form an integral part of the schools competition framework at Key Stages 1 and 2. The activities delivered at a Multi-skill Festival are intended to develop the fundamental movement skills of balance, coordination and agility. Festivals provide an opportunity to implement the principles of a high quality competition for young people and can also be used to initiate assessment of ability. Individual activities could be set up each day for young people to challenge themselves and to practice, and can be delivered in Multi-skill Clubs.

Multi-skill Festival resources which include sets of twelve activity station cards for Key Stages 1 and 2 have been developed by the Youth Sport Trust, to provide ideas and guidance on running a local festival. Please visit www.youthsporttrust.org

More detailed advice and support on running other types of competitions is available from the LTA website - please see www.lta.org.uk for more information.