

## **HERTFORDSHIRE LTA RULES FOR 2011 U12/U14/U16/U18 JUNIOR SUMMER LEAGUES**

1. The competition will be held between May 1<sup>st</sup> and August 31<sup>st</sup> 2011.
2. The competition is open to clubs, who are affiliated to the Herts LTA. If a club has insufficient members to enter a team they may combine with another club to enter a joint team.
3. The competition shall be played under the Rules of the Lawn Tennis Association and the Regulations for County Club and other matches as laid down by The Lawn Tennis Association.
4. Entry forms (in the official form) with the appropriate fee must reach John Bruley by Friday 8<sup>th</sup> April 2011. An entry fee of £20 per team is payable to Herts LTA. **No late entries will be accepted.**
5. Eligibility
  - 12 and Under:**  
All competitors must be 12 or younger on 31<sup>st</sup> August 2011. Mini Tennis Green players may play if they have reached a rating of G1 and are in their last competitive season at Mini Tennis Green. **10&U players with a rating of G2, G3 and G4 are not permitted to play in 12&U matches.**
  - 14 and Under:**  
All competitors must be 14 or younger on 31<sup>st</sup> August 2011. **10&U players with a Green rating are not permitted to play in the 14&U league.**
  - 16 and under:**  
All competitors must be 16 or younger on 31<sup>st</sup> August 2011.
  - 18 and under:**  
All competitors must be 18 or younger on 31<sup>st</sup> August 2011.
6. No competitor can represent more than one club.
7. No competitor may play for a team if they have played more than one match for a team in an older age group or (if the club has more than one team in the same competition) if they have played more than one match for a higher team in that competition.
8. In all leagues each team comprises 2 or 4 players of the same sex. All players must play singles rubbers in order of merit, determined by players' current LTA rating. Where doubles matches are played, players may pair up in any combination. **In the initial group stages the doubles matches should be played.**
9. Matches with 2 players per team comprise two singles and one doubles. Matches with four players comprise 4 singles and 2 doubles.
10. In all divisions, all singles matches will be the best of 3 sets, the first two being tie-break sets to 6 and the third a deciding match tie-break (first to 10 by two clear points). Doubles matches will be one tie-break set to 6 only.

11. All players must have an official LTA rating and British Tennis Membership number, as singles results will be submitted to the LTA for inclusion in the next ratings run.
12. Clubs do not have to nominate players in advance. Where a player plays a match and is discovered to be in contravention of rules 6 or 7 above, that player's results will be void for the purpose of the match.
13. Three points are awarded for each match won, two points for a draw and one point for a loss.
14. If two or more teams score an equal number of points, the order of precedence within the group shall be determined by the percentage of rubbers won to rubbers played, and should the percentage of rubbers be equal, the percentage of sets won to sets played shall decide, and should the percentages in respect of rubbers and sets be equal, the percentage of games won to games lost shall decide.
15. Matches that are abandoned should be replayed at a mutually agreed date, but if a match is abandoned after completion of all singles rubbers, then the match will be recorded as follows: - match score 4 - 0 = final score 6 - 0; match score 3 - 1 = final score 4 - 2; match score 2 - 2 = final score 3 - 3.
16. In the event of a team asking for a fixture to be postponed for any reason, other than on account of weather, the team ready and able to play shall be automatically awarded a walkover unless another date can be mutually agreed upon and arranged. A walkover shall count as if the match had been played and shall be scored as a win to love in rubbers, sets and games with the winning team awarded three points.
17. If a team does not turn up at the agreed time for a match, they shall forfeit the match as a walkover.  
**Where teams fail to fulfil all their fixtures, the Herts LTA Competitions Committee shall review that club's suitability for being accepted into future junior competitions.**
18. All match results must be submitted by e-mail within 48 hours of the matches' conclusion. Results must be sent to: john.bruley@lta.org.uk
19. Complaints must be made in writing within 48 hours of the incident to the League Organiser: John Bruley – Herts LTA Office, Stanborough Road, Welwyn Garden City, Herts AL8 6XE.
20. An adult team organiser representing both teams should be present throughout the entirety of a match. Home teams should provide good quality balls and light refreshments for both teams.
21. The League Organiser and two members of the Tournaments & Competitions Committee whose decision shall be final shall deal with any matters arising from these competitions, which are not specifically covered by the foregoing regulations.