

**KENT JUNIOR TEAM TENNIS – WINTER 2016-17**  
**RULES AND REGULATIONS**

**Club/Place to Play (P2P) Eligibility**

Entry to Kent Junior Team Tennis, is open only to clubs/P2P registered to the Lawn Tennis Association (“the LTA”). For the purposes of these rules the definition of a club/P2P shall be as set out in Rule 40 of the LTA

**Team Eligibility**

Events

Girls/Boys 8 & Under \*

Girls/Boys 9 & Under \*

Girls/Boys 10 & Under

Girls/Boys 12 & Under

Girls/Boys 14 & Under

Girls/Boys 16 & Under

Girls/Boys 18 & Under

\* Please note that this event will be run at a central venue – date, timings and venue TBC.

A club may enter more than one team in each event. **A team shall consist of 2 players**

Where a club has two or more teams in an event, the ‘A’ team must be the strongest team based on ratings, and if applicable, the ‘B’ team must be stronger than the ‘C’ team based on ratings etc. **Each team must consist of different players**

Where a club has two or more teams in an event, a player may ‘play up’ on a maximum of one occasion without loss of eligibility in their lower team. Once a player has represented a higher team on more than one occasion, they are no longer eligible to represent the lower team.

**Player Eligibility**

A player may only;

- I. Represent one club/P2P in the competition at any/all junior age groups
- II. Play in one age group only

All players must;

- I. **Have an LTA British Tennis Membership number**
- II. **Have an LTA rating**
- III. Be a member or registered user of the club/P2P they are competing for
- IV. Be of the appropriate age – use age group calculator

<http://www.lta.org.uk/play/competing/competition-age-groups1/>

**Match Arrangements for 10&U-18&U**

Dates

Matches will be played on the set date. Re-arrangements can only be made for bad weather or prior to the set date by agreement of both teams. Each team must have an adult captain present at each match

Courts

Whenever possible, the home club shall provide 2 courts of the same surface. Where more than one court surface is used, the away team shall have the choice of court allocation.

The Kent Tennis support team will book appropriate courts for events held at a central venue (8&U, 9&U)

### Balls

The home team shall supply 3 new ITF approved balls for each singles rubber

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### Match Format

A match shall consist of 2 singles and 1 doubles rubbers (9&U will be 4 singles and 1 doubles rubber)

Match cards are available by email to allow for an agreed, written record of the match result

### Match Nominations

A team shall consist of two players. Two players shall play one singles rubber each and then team up to play a doubles

### Nominations

Singles players must play in order of merit in accordance with current LTA Ratings. If players have the same rating, the captain/team manager can decide the team order which may change from match to match.

### Scoring:

#### Rubber Scoring

Girls/Boys 8 & Under	10 point tie-break
Girls/Boys 9 & Under	10 point tie-break
Girls/Boys 10 & Under – 18 & Under	Best of 3 short sets, first two sets to 4 games (tie-break to 7 at 4 games all) and third set is a match tie-break to 10 points

### Match Scoring

A team is awarded 2 points for each rubber won

### Match Result

The team with the most rubber points shall win the match. Scores will therefore be 2-1 or 3-0 (5-0, 4-1, 3-2 for 9&U)

A team will receive 2 match points on the league table for a match win

All results must be entered online by the winning team captain within 48 hours of completion of the match (the Kent Tennis support team will load the results from events at central venue - 8&U, 9&U). If the losing team notices any discrepancies the team captain can make an objection within 3 days to the league organiser

The final standings in each division shall be determined by the following:

- I. The team with the greatest number of match points, ie matches won
- II. If number of matches won is equal, the team with the greatest number of rubber points.
- III. If only two teams are level on match points and rubber points; their head to head result.
- IV. If more than 2 teams are level, the round robin rule in the LTA Tournament Regulations will determine the division standings.

### **Problem Solving Issues**

#### Late Arrival

If any nominated player is not ready to play within 15 minutes of a rubber due on court then the opposing team shall be awarded a walkover for this rubber (by the best possible score for the event). No substitutions or alteration to the nominations or playing order may be made. The player concerned shall be permitted to play a doubles rubber provided he/she is ready to play when the doubles rubber is due on court. If he/she is not ready when the doubles rubber is due on court the team will be deemed 'incomplete'

In the event that the entire away team is going to be late for extenuating circumstances (e.g. motorway closure etc) and has contacted the home team in good time, a reasonable degree of flexibility on start time should be shown by the home team and the opposing team shall be awarded a walkover for this rubber (by the best possible score for the event).

#### Player Retirement

If a player retires during a rubber, the opponent shall be deemed to have won all the remaining games and sets necessary to win the rubber. The player retiring from the rubber shall be eligible to compete in any remaining rubbers

#### Completion of Matches

If play is suspended after a match has started then the match shall resume at the point of suspension

If a match cannot be started due to rain or rain stops play before any rubbers have been completed then the match may be rearranged

Where one or more rubbers have been completed, then the winner of the match shall be the team winning the most number of completed rubbers. 2 points shall be awarded for each completed rubber with any remaining points shared. For the purposes of final league placing calculations, the incomplete and unplayed rubbers shall be deemed shared by a score. Should each team have won an equal number of rubbers then each team shall receive equal rubber and match points

#### Team Withdrawal

Teams receiving an entire team walkover will win all rubbers (by the best possible score for the event), and will receive maximum rubber points and a match win.

#### Playing out of order / Ineligible Player(s)

If players play out of order then the singles rubbers involving those players shall be forfeited by a rubber score of the best possible score for the event

If an ineligible player competes then the singles rubber involving the player concerned, and all singles rubbers lower in the team order shall be forfeited by a rubber score of the best possible score for the event

If both teams field a player out of order or an ineligible player then each team shall be deemed to have lost the singles rubber in a similar manner. Likewise if a team fields an ineligible player as a doubles only player they shall forfeit that rubber.

### **Regulations**

All matches in the Competition shall be conducted in accordance with the ITF Rules of Tennis, the Rules and Regulations of the LTA, the LTA Tournament Regulations, the LTA Code of Conduct and these Rules (in the event of any inconsistency, these Rules shall prevail). Each player participating in the competition grants and assigns to the LTA the right to make, use and show from time to time and at its discretion, motion pictures, still pictures and live taped or filmed television and other reproduction of him/her during the event and in connection with the promotion of the event without compensation for him/herself. Such promotional activities by the LTA shall not be identified as or represented to be an endorsement by the player of any product/company.

Any complaint/dispute shall be made in writing on email to the League Organiser by the team captain within 48 hours of the cause of the complaint/dispute arising. Nevertheless, the League Organiser shall have the power to consider any matter coming to their attention subsequently.

All players are subject to the Rules of the LTA (including, without limitation, the LTA's Anti-Doping Programme, the Disciplinary and Dispute Resolution Procedures and the Regulations Concerning

Match Fixing, Financial Speculation and Betting) and fully and unconditionally submit to the jurisdiction and authority of the LTA by competing in the Competition.