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Introduction to AEGON Team Tennis

AEGON Team Tennis is the most popular team competition in Great Britain.

There is something for every team with divisions for all ages and standards, competing locally and nationally, in singles and doubles.

How does being part of AEGON Team Tennis benefit your club?

- It brings more profile to the club and contributes to the attraction and retention of members.
- It offers singles and doubles matches for your members.
- It provides a focus for your club teams and helps promote an enjoyable competitive atmosphere.

How does being part of AEGON Team Tennis benefit your players?

- It provides players with regular team competition over a set time period.
- It offers players the chance to represent their club in competitive team tennis.
- It gives players a chance to be part of a team and enjoy the social side of tennis.

AEGON Team Tennis '8&U – 18&U' (formerly NJCL)

The League runs between March and May and is an opportunity for age group teams to compete regularly in singles and doubles within a '10 week Team Tennis' period.

Please note there are no knockout/finals stages in 2009. See 'FAQs about 2009' for more details.

Entering

The County Division entry period will be extended by 2 weeks. The closing date will now be 19th February 2009.

Clubs wishing to apply for a place in the Premier Division must read the 'Premier Division' section and be prepared to enter online. The Premier Division entry period will be extended by 1 week. The closing date for the Premier Division will now be 27th January 2009.

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AEGON Team Tennis 'Open County' (formerly NCL County)

The league runs between May and June. The winning team in each County Division 1 will advance to the Play-off stage. The entry period runs between 8th December 2008 and 19th February 2009.

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AEGON Team Tennis 'Open National' (formerly NCL National)

The League runs between May and June. The top teams in National Division 1 advance to the knockout Stage with the 8 winning teams then competing for the National Title in Bournemouth. The current National holders are Sutton T&SC (Men's) and Holcombe Brook (Women's).

Entering

Teams in the National Division have been invited to compete based on their performance in the previous year. Captains will need to look at their team's 2009 National Division position on the entry List before completing the Entry Form. The closing date is 12th February 2009.

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AEGON Team Tennis Competition Dates 2009

Age Groups: 8-18 Dates													
8U		9U		10U		12U		14U		16U		18U	
Girls	Boys	Girls	Boys	Girls	Boys	Girls	Boys	Girls	Boys	Girls	Boys	Girls	Boys
09-May	10-May	22-Mar	21-Mar	25-Apr	26-Apr	26-Mar	29-Mar	29-Mar	28-Mar	22-Mar	21-Mar	21-Mar	22-Mar
17-May	16-May	28-Mar	29-Mar	04-May	04-May	05-Apr	04-Apr	18-Apr	19-Apr	04-Apr	05-Apr	05-Apr	04-Apr
24-May	23-May	05-Apr	04-Apr	10-May	09-May	25-Apr	26-Apr	26-Apr	25-Apr	03-May	02-May	18-Apr	19-Apr
		18-Apr	19-Apr	16-May	17-May	03-May	02-May	10-May	09-May	16-May	17-May	02-May	03-May
		26-Apr	25-Apr	24-May	23-May	09-May	10-May	17-May	16-May	24-May	23-May	23-May	24-May

* The above League dates are fixed dates (County exceptions may apply)

* This a League competition (there are no Knockout/Finals in 2009)

County Division Dates

LEAGUE	Date 1	May 3
	Date 2	May 10
	Date 3	May 17
	Date 4	May 31
	Date 5	June 7
	Rain Date	June 14
PLAY-OFF	Date 1	August 9
	Date 2	August 23

* The above League dates are fixed dates (County exceptions may apply)

* Play-off stage is only applicable to winning division 1 teams. These are fixed dates

National Division Dates

LEAGUE	Date 1	03-May
	Date 2	10-May
	Date 3	16-May
	Date 4	17-May
	Date 5	31-May
	Date 6	07-Jun
	Date 7	14-Jun
	Rain Date	21-Jun
KNOCKOUT	Saturday 11 July	
FINAL	04-06 September, The West Hants Club	

*Matches to be played on the fixed dates above (some teams will play on 16th & 17th May)

*Knockout/Finals stages are only applicable to Division 1

AEGON Team Tennis 8&U – 18&U Rules 2009

1. Eligibility

Club Eligibility

- 1.1 Entry to AEGON Team Tennis ("the Competition") is open only to clubs affiliated to the Lawn Tennis Association ("the LTA"). For the purposes of these rules the definition of a club shall be as set out in Rule 40 of the LTA.

Team Eligibility

- 1.2 Events
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| Mixed 8 & Under (born 2001 or later) | Mixed 9 & Under (born 2000 only ¹) |
| Girls/Boys 10s (born 1999 only) | Girls/Boys 12 & Under (born 1997 - 1998) |
| Girls/Boys 14 & Under (born 1995 - 1998) | Girls/Boys 16 & Under (born 1993 - 1998) |
| Girls/Boys 18 & Under (born 1991 - 1998) | |
- 1.3 A club may enter more than one team in each event.
- 1.4 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.
- 1.5 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

- 1.6 A player may only;
- Represent one club in the competition at any/all junior age groups.
 - Play in a maximum of two age group teams inline with rule 1.2.
- 1.7 All players must;
- Have an LTA British Tennis Membership number.
 - Have an LTA rating (mini tennis ratings included).
 - Be a member or registered user of the club they are competing for as of 20th March 2009.
 - Be of the correct age.

2. Competition Structure

- 2.1 County Division
Teams shall be entered in a league based on their County. Each league will be divided into divisions of 3-6 teams. Each team will play each other team in their division once.
- 2.2 Premier Division
The premier division is open to 12&U, 14&U, 16&U, 18&U age groups only. The top 6 teams in 4 regions will be accepted in each age group event (24 teams nationwide). The 4 regions will be formed according to the geography of teams. Teams are required to nominate 6 players at the time of entry. Acceptance will be based on the rating and ranking of these 6 players. The Premier Division sits above the County divisions and is run by the LTA support centre.

3. Match Arrangements for 10&U-18&U only² (see rules 6&7 for 8&U/9&U)

- 3.1 Dates
Matches shall be played on the fixed dates specified. Matches to start between 10am-3pm unless both teams agree otherwise. Each team must have an adult captain present at each match.
- 3.2 Courts
Whenever possible, the home club shall provide 3 courts of the same surface. Where more than one court surface is used, the away team shall have the choice of court allocation.
- 3.3 Balls
The home team shall supply 3 new ITF approved balls for each singles rubber. 10&U rubbers must be played with green balls.
- 3.4 Match Format
A match shall consist of 4 singles and 2 doubles rubbers.
- 3.5 Match Nominations
A team shall consist of four to six players. Four players shall play one singles rubber each and the 5th and/or 6th player(s) may be selected for the doubles only.
- 3.6 Nominations
At least 15 minutes before the start time of each match, team captains must nominate in writing (on a Team Tennis scorecard) their singles players in order of merit in accordance with current LTA Ratings. Doubles nominations must be submitted at the same time. If players have the same rating, the captain can decide the team order which may change from match to match.
- 3.7 Doubles Nominations
Pair 1: Singles players 1&2; Pair 2: Singles players 3&4
NB. A 5th/6th player can be substituted directly for any of the four singles players.

¹ Players born 2001 with an orange mini tennis rating may compete in Mixed 9s age group.

² County exceptions may apply to match arrangements.

3.8 Order of Play

	On 4 Courts	On 3 Courts	On 2 Courts
Round 1	Singles 1-4	Singles 1&2, Doubles 2	Singles 1&2
Round 2	Doubles 1&2	Singles 3&4, Doubles 1	Singles 3&4
Round 3			Doubles 1&2

There is to be a maximum of 30 minutes rest between rounds.

3.9 Rubber Scoring

	Set 1	Set 2	Set 3 (if necessary)
12&U – 18&U	6/6	6/6	Match tiebreak (to 10 points, with 2 clear)
10&U	4/4	4/4	Match tiebreak (to 10 points, with 2 clear)

3.10 Match Scoring

A team is awarded 2 points for each rubber won.

At 6 points each, a doubles tiebreak shoot-out (to 10 points, with 2 clear) shall be played. The doubles team may be any two players who have played the match. 1 bonus point will be awarded to the winning team in a tiebreak shoot-out.

3.11 Match Result

The team with the most rubber points shall win the match.

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

Both captains must complete and sign the Team Tennis scorecards. The winning team captain must submit the result with 48 hours. Walkovers must be inputted with no players entered.

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

- I. The team with the greatest number of match points.
- II. If match points are 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.

4. Problem Solving Issues³

4.1 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 a score of 6-0, 6-0). No substitutions or alteration to the nominations or playing order may be made. The player concerned shall be permitted to play a doubles rubber (and tiebreak shoot-out) 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' and Rules 4.2 and 4.6 will apply.

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.

4.2 Incomplete Teams

If a club is unable to field a complete team for the match then they shall first forfeit the lowest singles rubber and the second doubles rubber, followed by the next lowest rubber and so on. In addition, that team shall have 3 points deducted from their match score where one player is missing and 6 points from their match score where two or more players are missing. The opposing team shall be deemed to have won any forfeited rubbers by a score of 6-0, 6-0.

4.3 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/tiebreak shoot-out.

4.4 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 on or before the rain date at the original venue as set by the League Organiser.

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 of 6-4, 4-6. Should each team have won an equal number of rubbers then each team shall receive 6 rubber points and 1 match point.

If a match has not started and both captains agree the format of each rubber can be changed to 2 short sets with match tiebreak at one set all.

4.5 Team Withdrawal

Teams receiving an entire team walkover will win all rubbers 6-0, 6-0, and will receive maximum rubber points and a match win. Teams giving the walkover shall take no further part in the competition and be relegated. All results will be declared null and void for the purposes of determining the final placings in its group. However, the League Organiser shall have the power to consider a team's position regarding team walkover's with extenuating circumstances.

4.6 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 score of 0-6, 0-6.

³ Note: for 8/9/10 age groups any forfeited/incomplete scores (as highlighted in rules 4.1-4.6) will be subject to the appropriate scoring format for that age group.

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 score of 0-6, 0-6.

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 and where doubles pairings are not in line with Rule 3.7 that club shall forfeit both doubles rubbers.

5. Regulations

- 5.1 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.
- 5.2 The day to day organisation of the Competition shall be carried out by the County Organiser under the auspices of the LTA National Competitions Department (NCD). The Competition is sanctioned by the LTA under the management of the NCD. The NCD shall have the power to decide on matters of interpretation of these rules, to impose penalties including, but not limited to, the deduction of points and suspension for breaches of these Rules; to suspend or modify any of these Rules in appropriate circumstances. The NCD decision on all matters is final.
- 5.3 Any complaint/dispute shall be made in writing on email to the County Organiser by the team captain within 48 hours of the cause of the complaint/dispute arising. Nevertheless, the County Organiser/NCD shall have the power to consider any matter coming to their attention subsequently.
- 5.4 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.

6. Match Arrangements for 9&U⁴

- 6.1 Dates
Matches shall be played on the fixed dates specified. Matches to start between 10am-3pm unless both teams agree otherwise. Each team must have an adult captain present.
- 6.2 Courts and Equipment
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 home team captain shall supply the court equipment and set up the court in line with the National Competition Framework (www.LTA.org.uk/Players/Juniors/Orange).
- 6.3 Balls
The home team shall supply 3 orange balls for each rubber.
- 6.4 Match Format
A match shall consist of 8 singles and 2 doubles rubbers (i.e. 3 rubbers per player).
- 6.5 Match Nominations
A team shall consist of 4 players only; 2 boys and 2 girls.
- 6.6 Nominations
At least 15 minutes before the start time of each match, team captains must nominate in writing (on a Team Tennis scorecard) their singles players in order of merit in accordance with current LTA Ratings. If players have the same rating, the captain can decide the team order which may change from match to match. Note; boys and girls may play against one another.
- 6.7 Doubles Nominations
Pair 1: Singles players 1&2; Pair 2: Singles players 3&4
- 6.8 Order of Play
- | | Court 1 | Court 2 |
|---------|-------------|-------------|
| Round 1 | Doubles 1 | Doubles 2 |
| Round 2 | Singles 2v2 | Singles 4v4 |
| Round 3 | Singles 1v1 | Singles 3v3 |
| Round 4 | Singles 1v2 | Singles 3v4 |
| Round 5 | Singles 2v1 | Singles 4v3 |
- Matches should follow one another immediately.
- 6.9 Rubber Scoring
- | | Set 1 | Set 2 | Set 3 (if necessary) |
|-----|---------------------------------------|---------------------------------------|---------------------------------------|
| 9&U | Tie Break (to 7 points, with 2 clear) | Tie Break (to 7 points, with 2 clear) | Tie Break (to 7 points, with 2 clear) |
- 6.10 Match Scoring
A team is awarded 2 points for each rubber won.

⁴ County exceptions may apply to match arrangements. A 'central venue league' is a competition format option for a County.

6.11 Match Result

The team with the most rubber points shall win the match.
A team will receive 2 match points on the league table for a match win and 1 point for a draw.

Both captains must complete and sign the Team Tennis scorecards. The winning team captain must submit the result with 48 hours. Walkovers must be inputted with no players entered.

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

- I. The team with the greatest number of match points.
- II. If match points are 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.

7. Match Arrangements for 8&U⁵

7.1 Dates

Matches shall be played on the fixed dates specified. Matches to start between 10am-3pm unless both teams agree otherwise. Each team must have an adult captain present.

7.2 Courts and Equipment

The home club should provide 1 court; supply the court equipment and set-up the court in line with the National Competition Framework (www.LTA.org.uk/Players/Juniors/Red1).

7.3 Balls

The home team shall supply 3 outdoor red balls for each rubber.

7.4 Match Format

A match shall consist of 16 singles rubbers. Each player shall play all opposing players (i.e. 4 rubbers per player). There are no doubles.

7.5 Match Nominations

A team shall consist of 4 players only; 2 boys and 2 girls.

7.6 Nominations

At least 15 minutes before the start time of each match, team captains must nominate in writing (on a Team Tennis scorecard) their singles players in order of merit in accordance with current LTA Ratings. If players have the same rating, the captain can decide the team order which may change from match to match.

7.7 Order of play

	Court 1	Court 2	Court 3	Court 4
Round 1	1 v 1	2 v 2	3 v 3	4 v 4
Round 2	1 v 2	2 v 1	3 v 4	4 v 3
Round 3	1 v 3	2 v 4	3 v 1	4 v 2
Round 4	1 v 4	2 v 3	3 v 2	4 v 1

Each round should take approximately 15 minutes. Matches should follow one another immediately. Home players stay on same court.

7.8 Rubber Scoring

	Set 1
8&U	Match Tie Break (to 10 points, with 2 clear)

7.9 Match Scoring

A team is awarded 2 points for each rubber won.

7.10 Match Result

The team with the most rubber points shall win the match.
A team will receive 2 match points for a match win and 1 point for a draw.

Both captains must complete and sign the Team Tennis scorecards. The winning team captain must submit the result with 48 hours. Walkovers must be inputted with no players entered.

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

- I. The team with the greatest number of match points.
- II. If match points are 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.

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FAQs about 2009

The following questions about the 2009 competition have recently been asked by league organisers and clubs to the LTA Support Centre. The answers should help you understand certain decisions made for this season.

What is happening in 2009?

There is an emphasis on simplifying the competition structure and working towards a consistent delivery nationwide. In tennis terms this will mean a change to the competition structure and a limit on the flexibility on some of the 'unwritten rules' that have emerged in recent years at County level.

What is the competition structure for 2009?

The competition will be a league stage only, with all matches set in a specific period in the calendar. Clubs will enter the competition on a County or Regional basis. The County leagues will be organised by the County, the Regional leagues (known as the Premier Division) will be organised by LTA Support Centre. There will be no Regional knockouts or National Finals after the league stages in 2009.

How is the County stage currently being delivered?

There is large variation in the way the competition is delivered at a County level. These variations relate to the entry form, dates, rules, format, structure, communication, league table access and competitive priorities.

Why are changes being made?

- Provide more players with the opportunity to compete in regular team competition.
- Improve the quality and consistency of delivery to provide an enjoyable experience for players.
- Team tennis can attract and retain players in tennis. Historically, there has been a lack of priority given to team competition. This is an opportunity to establish a clear pathway and focus on team competition.
- The number of teams competing in the competition has stagnated in recent years.
- The structure of league/knockout/finals was geared towards 'performance' tennis with the main aim of finding the best team in the country. This has drawn attention away from the league stages and the importance of providing a competitive opportunity for all players at a club, irrelevant of standard.
- The knockout stage of the competition was lengthy and dates clashed with other competitions. The better teams were qualifying through to the knockout stages but then withdrawing from the matches. Walkover rates were as high as 40% in some age group rounds.

What is the long-term aim of AEGON Team Tennis 8-18?

To offer clubs a competition for their members that is a League in the summer season and a separate Cup competition in the winter season. The league will aim to provide regular matches, against similar standard players, with clear rules and online results. A specific period in the calendar is being identified to help prioritise team competition. In the future a proposed Cup competition may run in the winter which will give an opportunity to all players to represent their club and compete on a County, Regional and National level.

Why has the name been changed?

The competition has a new sponsor. Combining the NCL and NJCL competitions under one name will provide a clear team pathway for clubs from 8&U to Open. County leagues should be referred to as 'AEGON Team Tennis <your county>' (E.g. AEGON Team Tennis Essex).

What is the Premier Division?

AEGON Team Tennis Premier Division is a regional league for teams (12&U-18&U only). It is organised by the LTA Support Centre. Teams apply for a place online and if accepted will compete on a regional basis against other teams. It will draw out some of the better teams in counties and provide a better level of competition to those players. Please see the Competition Pack for more details.

Why 8&U/9&U age group events in 2009?

With the National Competition Framework in place and the introduction of mini-tennis ratings, there is an increase in the number of mini-tennis players. Team competition is a great way of attracting and retaining players in tennis by providing an enjoyable and sociable atmosphere. Adding an 8&U/9&U event will provide team competition experience for these players from an early age.

Why did the LTA Support Centre send out the entry forms to LTA affiliated clubs?

It gave an opportunity to standardise the entry process, sell the competition benefits to the clubs, and ultimately reduce time and costs of the LTA. The postal communication was followed up with an insert in the e-newsletter to clubs. All Counties were informed of the new entry process via the LTA weekly field email.

Why should we use the official entry form?

This allows teams to know exactly what they are entering at the time of entry. This includes access to the rules and other elements specific to the competition. This should also simplify the entry process for teams.

Why must each team fill in an entry form?

Teams wishing to enter the competition will need to fill in one entry form per team. This ensures age group team captains submit their details (which should make it easier for organisers to communicate with teams), and should reduce the opportunity for clubs to enter a number of teams without prior thought or commitment.

Why is the closing date later this year?

Feedback commented on the closing date being too close to the Christmas period. There is now a 10 week period for teams to enter.

Why should we use the AEGON Team Tennis rules?

The rules are an integral part of the competition and support consistent delivery. The rules have taken on a different form in some Counties which is having a knock on affect on the understanding of the competition.

What is the flexibility on formats in 2009?

In 10&U-18&U age groups all County Division 1 and Premier Division leagues must be 4 singles/2 doubles. Divisions 2/3/4 etc can either be 4 singles/2 doubles or 2 singles/1 doubles (see League Instructions for 8&U/9&U format information).

Why have you put fixed dates on the entry form?

To help clubs start to plan and prioritise this competition opportunity at the entry process. A specific period in the calendar is being identified for league competition. The concept is for teams to compete in a set number of matches in a set period (e.g. 5 matches in 10 weeks). This is a new development in the calendar and the start of a team pathway for clubs and their members.

Is there a fixed rain date?

Not on the entry form. We suggest you create a rain date between 30th May and 14th June and communicate this to the teams. Putting in a fixed rain date will help bring a conclusion to your leagues.

The rain date should be used by teams if a match is rained off. If the teams mutually agree to play before the rain date then this is permissible. If a team has two matches rained off and schedules the first rained off match for the rain date and can't play the second rained off match prior to the rain date, then this second rained off match should be halved with both teams receiving 6 rubber points and 1 match point each.

Are all divisions to be played in this Team Tennis period?

Yes. All divisions must run concurrently. It is not about 'division 1' and 'division 2 and below'. Divisions relate to standard, and not the level of priority and service given to the teams.

But then the clubs won't have enough court time?

Different clubs have different priorities and will make different decisions around competition. This is an opportunity for clubs that want to offer their members a chance to compete in a team. Social tennis, coaching and club programmes are currently more of a feature than competition in many clubs. With a new 'winning/ competitive' outlook for British Tennis it is hoped the club culture will develop over time and clubs will focus on and provide more court time to competition. Other options such as linking with schools/parks for court time need to be developed by clubs if court time is an issue.

Why has the walkover rule (4.5) been changed?

In 2009 a team giving one walkover shall take no further part in the competition and be relegated (see rule 4.5). In 2008 teams had to give 2 walkovers to take no further part in the competition.

Walkovers and withdrawals are an issue at all age groups and levels of this competition. They have a negative affect on the competition and are contributing to a low quality of experience for teams. This rule is tackling a culture change in the way clubs and their players approach this competition. We will trial this rule for 2009.

Why are the 8&U/9&U age groups 2 boys and 2 girls per team?

This is to ensure there is an equal opportunity to compete in a team for boys and girls.

What ages should players be to compete?

For 8&U players should be born 2001 or later. For 9&U players should be 2000 born or '2001 born with an orange rating'. For 10&U players should be 1999 born only. 10&U players can't play up to 12&U age group.

Are there any printed scorecards this year?

No. Scorecards are costly to print and unnecessary when using League Planner online results submission. The new procedure enables team captain's to print scorecards from the Competition Pack.

Where is the AEGON Team Tennis Competition Pack? www.LTA.org.uk/AEGONteamtennis

How do I search for a player? <http://www2.lta.org.uk/Search/PlayerSearch/>

How do I find a club affiliation code? <http://www2.lta.org.uk/Search/FindAClub/default.htm>

Where do people sign up for British Tennis Membership? www2.lta.org.uk/Membership/Join/

Where can I find information on mini-tennis? <http://www.lta.org.uk/players/juniors/>

Where will the league tables be? <http://lta.tournamentsoftware.com/>

Where are the division grades? www.lta.org.uk/Articles/Competition/Choosing-the-right-competition/

Premier Division Application

Please read all information before applying. The Premier Division entry period will be extended by 1 week. The closing date for the Premier Division will now be 27th January 2009.

What is the Premier Division?

The Premier Division provides an opportunity for the stronger teams to compete in a division appropriate to their standard. The top 6 teams in 4 regions will be accepted in each age group event (24 teams nationwide). The 4 regions will be formed according to the geography of teams. The Premier Division sits above the County divisions and is run by the LTA support centre.

Who can apply for a place in the Premier Division?

Girls and boys teams in 12/14/16/18 age groups.

How are the teams selected?

Teams are required to nominate 6 players at the time of entry. This is to ensure there is a sufficiently committed squad to fulfil all fixtures. Acceptance into the Premier Division will be based on the rating and ranking of these 6 players. Where fewer than 6 players are nominated it will be assumed reserves are 10.2 and this will affect a team's chance of gaining a place. All players who are members of your club as of 20th March 2009 will be eligible to represent the team.

What other information should we know?

- The dates are the 8&U–18&U fixed dates outlined in the Competition Pack.
- You must confirm the availability and commitment of your players before entering a team.
- Players can only play for one club. Please read the rules before entering.
- The entry fee will be £10 per team (payable on acceptance).
- Teams will need to be prepared to travel and provide indoor back-up for home matches.

Should we enter the same team in the County Division and the Premier Division?

No. If not accepted to the Premier Division your entry will be passed to your County.

What happens if the club wants to enter more than one team in an age group event?

Decide if your 1st team wishes to apply for a place in the Premier Division. If so, submit an entry online as below, and enter your remaining team(s) in that event to your County Division (using the manual County entry form). Where this happens it is important you name the teams as follows:

E.g. for 12&U Boys;
Example LTC 1 (for Premier Division)
Example LTC 2 (for County Division)
Example LTC 3 (for County Division)

What players can play in the Premier Division team?

The 6 nominated players are not the only players that can play in the Premier Division team. The 'nomination of players' process is the selection criteria used to determine which teams will play in the Premier Division. The players that the club nominates are not the only players that can compete in the Premier Division team.

Where a club has only one team in an age group event (County or Premier), it will be allowed to play any players inline with rule 1.7.

Where a club has two or more teams in an age group event (e.g. a team in the Premier Division and a team in the County Divisions), the 'A' team must be the strongest team based on ratings and players may play up or down in line with rule 1.5.

When will we know if we have a place in the Premier Division?

Team captains will be emailed by 12th February 2009 detailing whether their application has been accepted (If you haven't heard by 13th February please email Teamtennis@LTA.org.uk).

What happens if we are not accepted?

Your entry will be directed to your respective County and the team will compete in the County Division for the 2009 season. You do not need to submit a further entry to your County. Please note: the organiser's decision regarding acceptance to the Premier Division is final and not subject to appeal. If there are insufficient entries to run an age group event the organiser reserves the right not to organise the division and teams will be directed to their respective County.

How do we apply for a place in the Premier Division?

This is an online entry process and you will need to have to hand:

- Nominated player names with BTM numbers
- Club affiliation code ([Find your club code](#))
- Team captain contact details

Note: if you are entering more than one team into the Premier Division please submit details for one team and then go back to the link below and start the process again for the next team.

[Apply for a place in the Premier Division](#)

Queries

Any questions please contact Teamtennis@LTA.org.uk or call 0208 487 7112

Media Pack

Example Press Release

Title: Short concise title: XXXX LTC begins AEGON Team Tennis campaign

Paragraph one: XXXXX LTC men's team begin their AEGON Team Tennis campaign on Sunday 3rd May against XXXXX LTC. The match will be held at XXXXX with play due to start at midday.

Paragraph two: Details of the team with some quirky facts. Do you have people who have played for the last five years, are there relations playing in the same team. Has one of your team members won a regional/national/international title? What's the age gap between the oldest and youngest member of the team, who is the team's lynch pin and why?

EG "The team will be in confident mood having reached the knockout stages of last year's event and will be drawing on the experience of 43 year old captain Bob Smith who has played for the club since 1973. 19 year old James Davies will also be a key member of the team and will be full of confidence following his semi final place at last week's British Tour event in Corby."

Paragraph three: Quote from captain/coach

EG "We're really looking forward to the start of AEGON Team Tennis and I'm confident that the team will perform well this year. We've got some tough matches coming up and will be relying on the support of the whole club if we are to get to the knock out stages. Huge thanks must go to our sponsors XXXXX who have been extremely generous in their support of the team and ensure that we look the part on court."

Paragraph four: Quote from sponsor.

EG "We're delighted to be sponsoring XXXX LTC and want to wish them luck as they begin their 2009 AEGON Team Tennis campaign."

Paragraph five: What is AEGON Team Tennis?

EG "AEGON Team Tennis is the most popular team competition in Great Britain. There is something for every team with divisions for all ages and standards, competing locally and nationally, in singles and doubles."

XXXX LTC competes in the National stage which comprises of Division 1 and Division 2. Teams are invited to compete on the basis of their league performance in 2008. XXXXX LTC are currently in Division XX. In each Division, teams are grouped into regions. Each team will play each other team in its region once. The top 2 teams from the Division 1 regions will qualify to the Knockout stage in July. The 8 winning teams from the Knockout stage will qualify for the Finals in September. Matches consist of four singles and two doubles rubbers. Singles rubbers to be best of 3 tiebreak sets; doubles rubbers to be 2 sets with a match tiebreak at one set all."

End the release with the contact details of a member of your club/team who will be able to provide results of the match or the relevant website details and the date of your next match.

Things to consider

- If possible attach a team shot to the release with sponsor's logo, it's always more likely to be used if they have an image
- Try and send the release before 12pm so that the paper has plenty of time to follow up with any questions they may have.
- If your local paper is a weekly paper find out what day they go to press and make sure you send them the information in plenty of time.
- Follow up with the match results as soon as possible after the match, the results are far more likely to appear if they don't have to do any work for it.

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

DATE

<Enter Press Release Here>

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For more information please contact:

Name

Telephone

Mobile

E-mail

AEGON Team Tennis '10&U-18&U' Scorecard

Boys / Girls:

Age Group:

Date: / /

County:

Division:

Home Team:

Away Team:

Singles Nominations

	Full Player Name	British Tennis Membership Number	Rating
S1			
S2			
S3			
S4			

Result

Full Player Name	British Tennis Membership Number	Rating	Score E.g. 7 / 6 4 / 6 (10-8) (3)	Winner
				Home / Away
				Home / Away
				Home / Away
				Home / Away

5th/6th Players in team

5			
6			

			Doubles Only Player
			Doubles Only Player

Doubles Nominations

D1	
D2	

		Home / Away
		Home / Away

Home Captain:	(PRINT)	Away Captain:	(PRINT)	Winning Team:	
	(SIGN)		(SIGN)	Result:	
				Shoot Out Result:	

Winning captain to communicate result within 48 hours of the match (please follow your League Organiser procedure)

AEGON Team Tennis '9&U' Scorecard

Date: / /

County:

Division:

Home Team:

Away Team:

R1 Singles Nominations

	Full Player Name	British Tennis Membership Number	Rating
S1			
S2			
S3			
S4			

Result

	Full Player Name	British Tennis Membership Number	Rating	Score E.g. 7/4 5/7 7/2	Winner
S1					Home / Away
S2					Home / Away
S3					Home / Away
S4					Home / Away

R2 Singles Rubbers

S1			
S2			
S3			
S4			

S2				Home / Away
S1				Home / Away
S4				Home / Away
S3				Home / Away

Doubles Nominations

D1	
D2	

		Home / Away
		Home / Away

Home Captain:	(PRINT)
	(SIGN)

Away Captain:	(PRINT)	Winning Team:	
	(SIGN)	Result:	

Winning captain to communicate result within 48 hours of the match (please follow your League Organiser procedure)

AEGON Team Tennis '8&U' Scorecard

Date: / /

County:

Division:

Home Team:

Away Team:

R1 Singles Nominations

	Full Player Name	British Tennis Membership Number	Rating
S1			
S2			
S3			
S4			

Result

	Full Player Name	British Tennis Membership Number	Rating	Score E.g. 10-4	Winner
S1					Home / Away
S2					Home / Away
S3					Home / Away
S4					Home / Away

R2 Singles Rubbers

S1		
S2		
S3		
S4		

S2			Home / Away
S1			Home / Away
S4			Home / Away
S3			Home / Away

R3 Singles Rubbers

S1		
S2		
S3		
S4		

S3			Home / Away
S4			Home / Away
S1			Home / Away
S2			Home / Away

R4 Singles Rubbers

S1		
S2		
S3		
S4		

S4			Home / Away
S3			Home / Away
S2			Home / Away
S1			Home / Away

Home Captain:	(PRINT)
	(SIGN)

Away Captain:	(PRINT)	Winning Team:
	(SIGN)	Result:

Winning captain to communicate result within 48 hours of the match (please follow your League Organiser procedure)

AEGON Team Tennis Open County Rules 2009

1. Eligibility

Club Eligibility

- 1.1 AEGON Team Tennis (the "Competition") shall be open only to clubs which are affiliated to The Lawn Tennis Association (the LTA). For the purposes of these rules the definition of a club shall be as set out in Rule 40 of the LTA.

Team Eligibility

- 1.2 Events: Men's & Ladies Open
- 1.3 A club may enter a maximum of 2 men's and 2 ladies teams in any one County Division.
- 1.4 Where a club has two or more teams in the County Division(s) the top 4 players of team 'A' must be stronger than team 'B' based on ratings.
- 1.5 Where a club has two or more teams in the Competition (National and County) a player may 'play up' on a maximum of one occasion without loss of eligibility for 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 team¹.

Player Eligibility

- 1.6 A player may only represent one club in the Competition at any/all 'Open' events (National and County).

- 1.7 All players must:
- I. Have an LTA British Tennis Membership number.
 - II. Have an LTA rating.
 - III. Be a registered member/user of the club they are competing for.
 - IV. Be born on or before 31st December 1995.

- 1.8 Teams can nominate up to 12 players rated 4.2 or better².

All nominated players (with the exception of 2) must be permanently resident in GB for a period of 24 consecutive months or longer ending on the first fixture date of the respective County Division or; be a National of any member state of the European Union³.

Players rated 5.1 or worse may play in any match and do not need to be nominated.

- 1.9 Play-offs
Players must have represented the team in at least 1 League match prior to the Play-off stage or have a rating of 5.1 or worse.

Where two teams compete and a player is given a walkover, the rubber will count towards a player's eligibility. For the purpose of Rule 1.9 an entire team walkover does not count for player eligibility.

2. Competition Structure

- 2.1 County Division
Teams shall be entered in a division based on County/Countries. Each division will be divided into 3-6 teams⁴. Each team will play each other team in their division once.
- 2.2 Play-offs
The winning team from each County Division 1 shall qualify to the Play-offs. The matches will take place on fixed dates.
- 2.3 Promotion for 2010
Refer to the online document in the 'AEGON Team Tennis Competition Pack' at www.LTA.org.uk/AEGONteamtennis

3. Match Arrangements⁵

- 3.1 Dates
Matches shall be played on the fixed dates specified. Matches to start between 10am-3pm unless both teams agree otherwise. It is the responsibility of the home team to contact the away team at least 5 days before a match. The home captain shall be responsible for welcoming the away team and organising refreshments after the match.
- 3.2 Court Surfaces
Whenever possible, the home team shall provide 4 courts of the same surface. Where more than one court surface is used, the away team shall have the choice of court allocation.
- 3.3 Balls
The home team shall supply a minimum of 3 new ITF approved balls for each singles rubber.

¹ Where a club has a team(s) in the County Division and National Division, any player 4.2 or better in the County Division team(s) must be nominated to Teamtennis@LTA.org.uk (giving BTM number and current rating) by 22nd April 2009. If a County Division player 4.2 or better is not nominated they will not be able to play up to the National Division team(s) in line with rule 1.5.

² Teams with players rated 4.2 or better must nominate to their League Organiser no later than 3 weeks prior to the first fixture date of the respective County Division. Teams with ATP/WTA singles ranking player(s) of 750 or better must consult the National Rule book.

³ A player is a National of a country if he/she is qualified to represent that country under ITF rules.

⁴ County exceptions may apply.

⁵ County exceptions may apply to match arrangements.

3.4 Match Format

A match shall consist of 4 singles and 2 doubles rubbers.

3.5 Match Nominations

A team shall consist of four to six players. Four players shall play one singles rubber each and the 5th and/or 6th player(s) may be selected for the doubles only.

3.6 Singles Nominations

At least 15 minutes before the start time of each match the team captains shall nominate in writing (on a Team Tennis scorecard) their singles players in order of current LTA Ratings. At the same time, captains shall provide the name of any other player(s) who may be selected for the doubles only. If players have the same LTA rating, the captain can decide the team order which may change from match to match.

3.7 Doubles Nominations

The team captains shall nominate their doubles pairings after the singles rubbers have been completed. The doubles pairings shall be nominated in accordance with the sum of the singles positions of the players in each pairing (see below). Where players are nominated for the doubles rubber(s) only then his/her singles position shall be regarded as:

Number 5 in the case of the 'doubles only player' with the higher rating.

Number 6 in the case of the 'doubles only player' with the lower rating.

If singles player number 1 plays with number 5 and singles player 2 plays with 3 then 2 and 3 shall be the first pair. Where the total is the same, the pairing which includes the player who played in the highest order singles match shall be nominated as the first pair (e.g. if the pairings are 1 + 4 and 2 + 3, then 1 + 4 must be nominated as the first pair). If one player from a team of 4 is unable to play doubles, the nominated pair must play number 1.

3.8 Order of Play

	On 4 Courts	On 3 Courts	On 2 Courts
Round 1	Singles 1-4	Singles 1-3	Singles 1&2
Round 2	Doubles 1&2	Singles 4	Singles 3&4
Round 3		Doubles 1&2	Doubles 1&2

3.9 Rubber Scoring

	Set 1	Set 2	Set 3
Singles/Doubles	Tiebreak at 6-6	Tiebreak at 6-6	Match Tiebreak (to 10 points) in place of 3 rd set

3.10 Match Scoring

A team is awarded 2 points for each rubber won.

At 6 points each a tiebreak shoot-out shall be played. 1 bonus point will be awarded to the winning team in a tiebreak shoot-out. A tiebreak shoot-out shall consist of two singles tiebreaks⁶ (to 10 points) which are to be played at the same time followed by a doubles tiebreak (to 10 points) if necessary. No player may play in more than one tiebreak. Players are to be nominated as follows:

Tiebreak 1 (Singles): One of the original players from the 1st/2nd singles rubbers.

Tiebreak 2 (Singles): One of the original players from the 3rd/4th singles rubbers.

Tiebreak 3 (Doubles): A pairing comprising any two of the other players who have played in the match.

3.11 Match Result

The team with the most rubber points shall win the match.

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

Both captains must complete and sign the Team Tennis scorecards. The winning captain must then submit the result within 48 hours⁷. Walkovers must be submitted with no players entered.

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

- I. The team with the greatest number of match points.
- II. If match points are 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 league standings.

⁶ In the event that a team is reduced to 3 players that team must concede the doubles tiebreak. In the event that both teams are reduced to 3 players and the singles tiebreaks are shared, a deciding doubles tiebreak (to 10 points) shall be played between the remaining player and one of the singles shoot-out players. No substitutions or changes are permitted to the players who originally competed in the match. In the event of a match result being overturned by the League Organiser after the match has been completed which then results in a score of 6 points each then both teams will be awarded a half win (1 match point).

⁷ Failure to return results within the required time shall render the offending club liable to a penalty, including, but not limited to, the deduction of points.

4. Problem Solving Issues

4.1 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 a score of 6-0, 6-0). No substitutions or alteration to the nominations or playing order may be made. The player concerned shall be permitted to play a doubles rubber (and tiebreak shoot-out) 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' and Rules 4.2 and 4.6 will apply.

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.

4.2 Incomplete Teams

If a club is unable to field a complete team for the match then they shall first forfeit the lowest singles rubber and the second doubles rubber, followed by the next lowest rubber and so on. In addition, that team shall have 3 points deducted from their match score where one player is missing and 6 points from their match score where two or more players are missing. The opposing team shall be deemed to have won any forfeited rubbers by a score of 6-0, 6-0.

4.3 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/tiebreak shoot-out.

4.4 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 on or before the set rain date at the original venue.

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 of 6-4, 4-6. Should each team have won an equal number of rubbers then each team shall receive 6 rubber points and 1 match point.

If a match has not started and both captains agree the format of each rubber can be changed to 2 short sets (first to 4 games, tiebreak at 4/4) with a match tiebreak at one set all.

4.5 Team Withdrawal

A Team receiving an entire team walkover will win all rubbers 6-0, 6-0, and will receive 12 rubber points and a match win. A team giving the walkover shall take no further part in the competition and be relegated. All results will be declared null and void for the purposes of determining the final placings in its division. However, the County Organiser shall have the power to consider a team's position regarding a team walkover with extenuating circumstances.

4.6 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 score of 0-6, 0-6.

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 score of 0-6, 0-6.

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 and where doubles pairings are not in line with Rule 3.7 that club shall forfeit both doubles rubbers.

5. Regulations

5.1 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.

5.2 The day to day organisation of the Competition shall be carried out by the County Organiser under the auspices of the LTA National Competitions Department (NCD). The Competition is sanctioned by the LTA under the management of the NCD. The NCD shall have the power to decide on matters of interpretation of these rules, to impose penalties including, but not limited to, the deduction of points and suspension for breaches of these Rules; to suspend or modify any of these Rules in appropriate circumstances. The NCD decision on all matters is final.

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

5.4 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.

'Open County and National' Future Plans

This document details the Team Tennis review which includes current and future changes to AEGON Team Tennis 'Open' (formerly NCL).

What is the Team Tennis review?

In 2007 National Club League delivery moved under the remit of the National Competitions Team at the LTA. After receiving queries about the direction of the competition and potential changes, it was agreed to review the structure, calendar and administration of the competition.

Feedback was collated from County league organisers, team captains and players. This was via questionnaires, email/verbal communication as well as face to face contact at league matches/finals. In addition, research on the competition statistics - team and club numbers, match result breakdowns, withdrawal rates and standard profiles of players have been conducted, as well as looking at previous reviews carried out and team tennis structures in other countries.

What were the key findings?

Inconsistent Organisation – Inconsistent delivery between National and County stages has created a disjointed competition approach and resulted in team captains and players having no relation to the bigger picture, a distrust of rules being implemented and in some cases a low quality of experience. There was also a focus on the lack of online support for the competition, a variety of communication techniques and different processes for managing results.

Lack of Prioritisation – Currently players, parents and coaches are not shown the significant role of team competition in player programmes. There is currently no established team tennis pathway with matches being played over an extended period which clash with other major events. It is apparent a high proportion of players would opt for individual opportunities over team tennis on the basis of rating and ranking points, player funding, and quality of experience.

Inappropriate Competition - Not everyone has access to team competition that's right for them. There are currently a high proportion of one sided matches. Some teams are playing in the wrong leagues which are affecting the appropriateness of competition for teams and players.

Changes made in 2008 - Focus on Inconsistent Organisation

- Dates and rules available at start of entry process – enabling clubs and captains to understand their commitment and plan their season.
- Email communication – helping to communicate efficiently between captains and organisers.
- Online Results – instant results and real time league tables has helped give focus to teams in between matches and has reduced postage and manual errors (poorly written scorecards etc).
- Rules refined – reduced and simplified the content to assist captains in delivering fair competition. All rulings answered consistently irrespective of the team involved.
- Prize money - changes were proposed and agreed based on the removal of sponsor support and a strong imbalance of the number of teams receiving prize money and the amounts paid.
- Organiser resource – guides for league organisers at County level to assist in running their leagues, help improve the competition experience and to ensure a consistent delivery of the competition nationwide.

- Improved finals experience – focus on ‘player services’ at the finals.

Changes for 2009 - Focus on Prioritisation

- New sponsor – AEGON, the leading life assurance and pensions company, is the Lead Partner for British Tennis. Team Tennis is part of the AEGON sponsorship package.
- Competition name change – with AEGON coming on board it is an opportunity to simplify the current National Team Tennis Structure. ‘AEGON Team Tennis Series’ will be the overall heading for all nationally organised team competition. This will be made up of club, school and County competition.

In regards to club competition the National Club League (NCL) and National Junior Club League (NJCL) names will cease to exist. These two club competitions will come together under one name ‘**AEGON Team Tennis**’ and provide a Team Tennis pathway from 8&U to Open.

- Further online improvements - 2009 will see all contacts appear online and a reduction in the number of required e-mails/contact points for teams. The competition will also look to widen the impact of the online improvements so that AEGON Team Tennis ‘Open County’ teams will feel the benefits enjoyed by their National counterparts.
- Shrinking season – as a commitment to prioritising AEGON Team Tennis, the junior and senior calendar will develop a recognised Team Tennis period. This will reduce the length of the league season. The reasoning for this is to minimise the number of clashes with individual competitions, identify team tennis as a focus for competition, retain momentum during the season and give teams the opportunity to compete in singles competition week in week out (like football/ cricket/ rugby and hockey clubs). Back-to-back fixtures in one weekend will be trialled in 2009.
- Promotion and relegation – in preparation for the final changes (mostly affecting competition structure) the relegation and promotion process at the end of 2009 will change from previous years. Please see 2010 details below for more information.

Future plans for 2010 – Focus on Appropriate Competition

There are currently 64 men’s and 64 ladies’ spots in National Division 1, and 49 men’s and 49 ladies’ spots in National Division 2. This means tennis recognises there are up to 226 national level teams in GB - approximately 1 in 10 clubs should be fielding a national team. In reality most sports only recognise the top 1% or less as National.

High withdrawal rates and the inability by teams to commit to the competition at the highest level have resulted in a reduction in the number of teams competing in the National Division. In the ladies’ there are currently 24 teams less than the structure provides, and 11 less in the men’s. 2008 alone saw 25 teams withdraw before or during the competition with the most common reasons being player availability, travelling and club commitment.

The match results between teams in the National divisions have been charted in recent years and are a good basis to question the appropriateness of teams across the national divisions. 2008 saw 55% of ladies’ division 1 matches result in either 12-0 or 10-2. This was a similar figure in the respective men’s division. In 2007 the percentages for all national divisions were worse as more teams were competing at the highest level meaning greater disparity in matches.

Prior to the first Open National Division fixture an outline of the 2010 structure will be available to teams. It will focus on a pyramid structure, providing teams with appropriate level of competition, and in turn a better quality of experience in AEGON Team Tennis.

Feedback

To feedback on these proposed changes or to request further information on the review please e-mail teamtennis@lta.org.uk

AEGON Team Tennis Open County Scorecard

Men Ladies (✓)

Date: / /

County:

Division/Group:

Home Team:

Away Team:

Singles Nominations

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S2			
S3			
S4			

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			/ / ()	Home / Away

5th/6th Players in team

5			
6			

			Doubles Only Player
			Doubles Only Player

Doubles Nominations

D1	
D2	

	/ / ()	Home / Away
	/ / ()	Home / Away

Home Captain:	(PRINT)	Away Captain:	(PRINT)	Winning Team:	
	(SIGN)		(SIGN)	Result:	
				Shoot Out Result:	

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Team Eligibility

- 1.2 Events: Men's & Ladies Open
- 1.3 A club may enter a maximum of 3 men's teams and 3 ladies teams in the National Divisions (1&2), but only a maximum of 2 in any one division.
- 1.4 Where a club has two or more teams in the National Division(s) the top 4 rated players nominated for team 'A' may only play for that team. Any other nominated players in a team may play up or down in line with rule 1.5.
- 1.5 Where a club has two or more teams in the Competition (National and County) a player may 'play up' on a maximum of one occasion without loss of eligibility for 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 team¹.

Player Eligibility

- 1.6 A player may only represent one club in the Competition at any/all 'Open' events (National and County).
- 1.7 All players must:
- I. Have an LTA British Tennis Membership number.
 - II. Have an LTA rating.
 - III. Be a registered member/user of the club they are competing for.
 - IV. Be born on or before 31st December 1995.
- 1.8 Teams can nominate up to 12 players rated 4.2 or better no later than the 22nd April 2009 deadline² (2 of which can have an ATP/WTA singles ranking of 750 or better as of 20th April 2009).

All nominated players (with the exception of 2) must be permanently resident in GB for a period of 24 consecutive months or longer ending on 22nd April or; be a National of any member state of the European Union³.

Players rated 5.1 or worse may play in any match and do not need to be nominated.

- 1.9 Knockout and Finals
Players must have represented the team in at least 2 League matches prior to the Knockout stage or have a rating of 5.1 or worse.

Where two teams compete and a player is given a walkover, the rubber will count towards a player's eligibility.

For the purpose of Rule 1.9 an entire team walkover does not count for player eligibility. However, if a team qualifies to the Knockout stage; for each League walkover received the team shall be entitled to include 1 player, who has played only 1 League match, to be eligible for the Knockout/Finals. A player playing no League matches will not be eligible for the Knockouts/Finals.

2. Competition Structure

- 2.1 National Division
Division 1 comprises of 8 groups each consisting of up to 8 teams based on geography. There shall be no more than 2 National Final teams from the previous year's competition per group. Division 2 comprises of up to 7 groups each consisting of up to 7 teams based on geography. Each team shall play each other team in their group once.
- 2.2 Knockout Stage
The top 2 teams from each of the 8 Division 1 groups will progress to the Knockout stage.
- 2.3 Finals
The 8 winning men's and ladies' teams from the Knockout stage will compete in the Final. Prior to the Finals weekend, teams shall nominate 4 to 8 players. The Referee shall seed 4 teams in the draw. Team captains and/or nominated players will be allowed on court during rubbers to encourage and coach their team mates and will be subject to the Code of Conduct.
- 2.4 Promotion/relegation for 2010
Refer to the online document in the 'AEGON Team Tennis Competition Pack' at www.LTA.org.uk/AEGONteamtennis

¹ Where a club has a team(s) in the National Division and County Division, any player 4.2 or better in the County Division team(s) must be nominated to Teamtennis@LTA.org.uk (giving BTM number and current rating) by 22nd April 2009. If a County Division player 4.2 or better is not nominated they will not be able to play up to the National Division team(s) in line with rule 1.5.

² No nominations will be accepted after 22nd April 2009. Any team failing to nominate by this deadline will not be allowed to field in their team any player 4.2 or better. Teams with no players 4.2 or better do not need to nominate but must notify the National Organiser by the 22nd April 2009.

³ A player is a National of a country if he/she is qualified to represent that country under ITF rules.

3. Match Arrangements

3.1 Dates and Match Host

Matches must be played on the fixed dates specified. Matches are to start at midday. It is the responsibility of the home team to contact the away team at least 5 days before a match. The home team shall provide a match host who must not be a playing member of the team. The match host shall be responsible for welcoming the away team; overseeing the exchange of nominations; resolving any problems (liaising with referee if necessary) and organising refreshments after the match.

3.2 Court Surfaces

Whenever possible, the home team shall provide 4 courts of the same surface. Where more than one court surface is used, the away team shall have the choice of court allocation.

3.3 Balls

The home team shall supply a minimum of 3 new ITF approved balls for each rubber.

3.4 Match Format

A match shall consist of 4 singles and 2 doubles rubbers.

3.5 Match Nominations

A team shall consist of four to six players. Four players shall play one singles rubber each and the 5th and/or 6th player(s) may be selected for the doubles only.

3.6 Singles Nominations

At least 15 minutes before the start time of each match the team captains shall nominate in writing (on a Team Tennis scorecard) their singles players in order of merit in accordance with a) ATP/WTA Singles Ranking up to 750 as of 20th April 2009; and b) Current LTA Rating. At the same time, captains shall provide the name of any other player(s) who may be selected for the doubles only.

Players with a world ranking worse than 750 shall be nominated on the basis of their current LTA rating. If players have the same LTA rating, the captain can decide the team order which may change from match to match.

3.7 Doubles Nominations

The team captains shall nominate their doubles pairings after the singles rubbers have been completed. The doubles pairings shall be nominated in accordance with the sum of the singles positions of the players in each pairing (see below). Where players are nominated for the doubles rubber(s) only then his/her singles position shall be regarded as:

Number 5 in the case of the 'doubles only player' with the higher rating.

Number 6 in the case of the 'doubles only player' with the lower rating.

If singles player number 1 plays with 5 and singles player 2 plays with 3 then 2 and 3 shall be the first pair. Where the total is the same, the pairing which includes the player who played in the highest order singles match shall be nominated as the first pair (e.g. if the pairings are 1 + 4 and 2 + 3, then 1 + 4 must be nominated as the first pair). If one player from a team of 4 is unable to play doubles, the nominated pair must play number 1.

3.8 Order of Play

	On 4 Courts	On 3 Courts	On 2 Courts
Round 1	Singles 1-4	Singles 1-3	Singles 1&2
Round 2	Doubles 1&2	Singles 4	Singles 3&4
Round 3		Doubles 1&2	Doubles 1&2

3.9 Rubber Scoring

	Set 1	Set 2	Set 3
Singles	Tiebreak at 6-6	Tiebreak at 6-6	Tiebreak at 6-6
Doubles	Tiebreak at 6-6	Tiebreak at 6-6	Match Tiebreak (to 10 points) in place of 3 rd set

3.10 Match Scoring

A team is awarded 2 points for each rubber won.

At 6 points each a tiebreak shoot-out shall be played. 1 bonus point will be awarded to the winning team in a tiebreak shoot-out. A tiebreak shoot-out shall consist of two singles tiebreaks⁴ (to 10 points) which are to be played at the same time followed by a doubles tiebreak (to 10 points) if necessary. No player may play in more than one tiebreak. Players are to be nominated as follows:

Tiebreak 1 (Singles): One of the original players from the 1st/2nd singles rubbers.

Tiebreak 2 (Singles): One of the original players from the 3rd/4th singles rubbers.

Tiebreak 3 (Doubles): A pairing comprising any two of the other players who have played in the match.

⁴ In the event that a team is reduced to 3 players that team must concede the doubles tiebreak. In the event that both teams are reduced to 3 players and the singles tiebreaks are shared, a deciding doubles tiebreak (to 10 points) shall be played between the remaining player and one of the singles shoot-out players. No substitutions or changes are permitted to the players who originally competed in the match. In the event of a match result being overturned by the League Organiser after the match has been completed which then results in a score of 6 points each then both teams will be awarded a half win (1 match point).

3.11 Match Result

The team with the most rubber points shall win the match.
A team will receive 2 match points on the league table for a match win.

Both captains must complete and sign the Team Tennis scorecards, and retain their copy. The winning captain must then submit the result online within 48 hours⁵. Walkovers must be inputted online with no players entered.

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

- I. The team with the greatest number of match points.
- II. If match points are 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 league standings.

4. Problem Solving Issues

4.1 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 a score of 6-0, 6-0). No substitutions or alteration to the nominations or playing order may be made. The player concerned shall be permitted to play a doubles rubber (and tiebreak shoot-out) 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' and Rules 4.2 and 4.6 will apply.

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.

4.2 Incomplete Teams

If a club is unable to field a complete team for the match then they shall first forfeit the lowest singles rubber and the second doubles rubber, followed by the next lowest rubber and so on. In addition, that team shall have 3 points deducted from their match score where one player is missing and 6 points from their match score where two or more players are missing. The opposing team shall be deemed to have won any forfeited rubbers by a score of 6-0, 6-0.

4.3 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/tiebreak shoot-out.

4.4 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 on or before the set rain date at the original venue.

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 of 6-4, 4-6. Should each team have won an equal number of rubbers then each team shall receive 6 rubber points and 1 match point.

If a match has not started and both captains agree the format of each rubber can be changed to; a) 2 tiebreak sets with a match tiebreak at one set all, or b) to 2 short sets (first to 4 games, tiebreak at 4/4) with a match tiebreak at one set all.

4.5 Team Withdrawal

A team receiving an entire team walkover will win all rubbers 6-0, 6-0, and will receive 12 rubber points and a match win. A team giving the walkover shall take no further part in the competition, be relegated, and forfeit all prize money. All results will be declared null and void for the purposes of determining the final placings in its group. However, the National Organisers shall have the power to consider a team's position regarding a team walkover with extenuating circumstances. A team withdrawing at the Knockout/Final stage may forfeit prize money and be relegated.

4.6 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 score of 0-6, 0-6.

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 score of 0-6, 0-6.

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 and where doubles pairings are not in line with Rule 3.7 that club shall forfeit both doubles rubbers.

4.7 Prize Money

Money shall be paid directly to the club. A club submitting the form after 18th September 2009 may not be entitled to prize money.

⁵ Failure to complete results online within the 48 hour period shall render the offending club liable to a penalty including, but not limited to, the deduction of points. Any teams found guilty of submitting false results shall take no further part in the competition, forfeit all prize money and be placed at the bottom of the league and automatically be relegated to the County division.

5. Regulations

- 5.1 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.
- 5.2 The day to day organisation of the Competition shall be carried out by the LTA National Competitions Department (NCD). The Competition is sanctioned by the LTA under the management of the NCD. The NCD shall have the power to decide on matters of interpretation of these rules, to impose penalties including, but not limited to, the deduction of points and suspension for breaches of these Rules; to suspend or modify any of these Rules in appropriate circumstances. The NCD decision on all matters is final.
- 5.3 Any complaint/dispute shall be made in writing to Teamtennis@LTA.org.uk by the team captain within 48 hours of the cause of the complaint/dispute arising. Nevertheless, the NCD shall have the power to consider any matter coming to their attention subsequently.
- 5.4 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.

Prize Money
Open National Division 1

Stage	National Position	£ Per Team
National Finalists	Winner	£6,000
	Runners-up	£4,500
	Semi-Finalists	£3,500
	5th, 6th	£3,000
	7th, 8th	£2,500
Losing teams in Knockout stage	9th - 16th	£1,000
3rd place in league	17th - 24th	£500
4th place in league	25th - 32nd	£400
5th place in league	33rd - 40th	£300
6th place in league	41st - 56th	£0
7th place in league		£0
8th place in league		£0

AEGON Team Tennis Open National Scorecard

Men Ladies (✓)

Date: / /

Division/Group:

Home Team:

Away Team:

Singles Nominations

	Full Player Name	British Tennis Membership Number	Rating
S1			
S2			
S3			
S4			

Result

Full Player Name	British Tennis Membership Number	Rating	Score E.g. 7 / 6 4 / 6 6 / 2 (3)	Winner
			/ / /	Home / Away
			/ / /	Home / Away
			/ / /	Home / Away
			/ / /	Home / Away

5th/6th Players in team

5				
6				

				Doubles Only Player
				Doubles Only Player

Doubles Nominations

D1	
D2	

	/ / ()	Home / Away
	/ / ()	Home / Away

Home Captain:	(PRINT)	Away Captain:	(PRINT)	Winning Team:	
	(SIGN)		(SIGN)	Result:	
				Shoot Out Result:	

Winning captain to input the result online within 48 hours of the match (Captain to retain scorecard)

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Age Groups: 8-18 Dates

8U		9U		10U		12U		14U		16U		18U	
Girls	Boys	Girls	Boys	Girls	Boys	Girls	Boys	Girls	Boys	Girls	Boys	Girls	Boys
09-May	10-May	22-Mar	21-Mar	25-Apr	26-Apr	28-Mar	29-Mar	29-Mar	28-Mar	22-Mar	21-Mar	21-Mar	22-Mar
17-May	16-May	28-Mar	29-Mar	04-May	04-May	05-Apr	04-Apr	18-Apr	19-Apr	04-Apr	05-Apr	05-Apr	04-Apr
24-May	23-May	05-Apr	04-Apr	10-May	09-May	25-Apr	26-Apr	26-Apr	25-Apr	03-May	02-May	18-Apr	19-Apr
		18-Apr	19-Apr	16-May	17-May	03-May	02-May	10-May	09-May	16-May	17-May	02-May	03-May
		26-Apr	25-Apr	24-May	23-May	09-May	10-May	17-May	16-May	24-May	23-May	23-May	24-May

* The above League dates are fixed dates (County exceptions may apply)

* This a League competition (there are no Knockout/Finals in 2009)

Competition Details

INFORMATION AEGON Team Tennis Competition Pack is online at www.LTA.org.uk/AEGONteamtennis
Team resources (including rules) are viewable here

EVENTS Boys & Girls 10/12/14/16/18&Under
Mixed teams for 8/9&Under (2 boys & 2 girls per team)

ELIGIBILITY All players must have a BTM number and an LTA rating

FORMAT 4 singles and 2 doubles
8&Under will be 4 singles only

SCORING According to the National Competition Framework. Please see rules

ENTRY FEE £10 per team

Premier Division (12/14/16/18&Under only)

Do you think your age group team is one of the top 6 in your region?

If yes, please read the 'Premier Division' section in the Competition Pack at www.LTA.org.uk/AEGONteamtennis



AEGON TEAM TENNIS 2009

Age Groups: 8-18 Entry form

PLEASE USE A SEPARATE FORM FOR EACH TEAM

Club Information

Full club name

Affiliation code

(Go to www.LTA.org.uk/clubs to find your club code)

Team captain

(Please note, your name and contact number will be online this year)

Team captain mobile

Team captain email

(Correspondence will be via email. Please provide a regularly checked email address)

Team Tennis Commitment

To improve the competition experience for teams, please READ and TICK the following boxes before entering and signing the form

- I have assessed the commitment of my club and players in regards to matches, court time, travel and financial cost. We are keen to enter and compete!
- I have thought about my role as captain and I have the time to organise the team this season
- I have read the 2009 rules and agree to ensure the team will abide by them

Events to Enter (please tick one box only)

	8	9	10	12	14	16	18
Boys			<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Girls			<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Mixed	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>					

Please note the ratings of your players to help sort teams to appropriate divisions

Signature

Date

A £10 cheque is payable to the respective County payee name overleaf. Return your form and cheque to 'AEGON Team Tennis Organiser' followed by the appropriate County address overleaf

For all enquiries [E Teamtennis@LTA.org.uk](mailto:Teamtennis@LTA.org.uk) [T 020 8487 7112](tel:02084877112)

CLOSING DATE 5 FEBRUARY 2009

COUNTY CONTACT DETAILS

County	Payee Name (for cheques)	County Address
Avon	Avon County LTA	Avon LTA, Coombe Dingle SC, Coombe Lane, Coombe Dingle, Bristol, BS9 2BU
Bedfordshire	Bedfordshire County LTA	Bedfordshire LTA, Vauxhall Recreation Club, 20 Gipsy Lane, Luton, Bedfordshire, LU1 3UH
Berkshire	Berkshire LTA	Berkshire LTA, Woodford Park, Haddon Drive, Woodley, Reading, RG5 4LY
Buckinghamshire	Buckinghamshire County LTA	Bucks LTA, Bucks Indoor TC, Holmers Lane, High Wycombe, HP12 4QA
Cambridgeshire	Tennis East	Tennis East LTA, Hills Road SC, Purbeck Road, Cambridge, CB2 8PF
Channel Islands	Channel Islands County LTA	C.I. LTA, Les Ormes TTC, Le Mont a la Brune, St Brelades, Jersey, Channel Islands, JE3 8FL
Cheshire	Cheshire County LTA	Cheshire LTA, Wilding Estate, Guilden Sutton Lane, Chester, Cheshire, CH3 7EY
Cornwall	Cornwall County LTA	Tennis Cornwall, Terenore Leisure Park, Edguncumb Avenue, Newquay, Cornwall, TR7 2LZ
Cumbria	Cumbria County LTA	Cumbria LTA Office, Chatsworth TC, St Aidan's Road, Carlisle, Cumbria, CA1 1LS
Derbyshire	Derbyshire County LTA	Derbyshire LTA, Ashle Place, Vincent Street, Derby, DE23 8BF
Devon	Devon County LTA	Devon LTA, c/o South Devon TC, Errington Road, Ivybridge, Devon, PL12 9ES
Dorset	Dorset County LTA	Dorset LTA, c/o West Hans Club, Roslin Road South, Bourneputon, Dorset, BH9 7EF
Durham & Cleveland	Durham & Cleveland County LTA	Durham & Cleveland LTA, Puma Sunderland TC, Silksworth Lane, Sunderland, SR3 2AN
Essex	Essex County LTA	Essex LTA, Redbridge Sports & Leisure, Forest road, Barkingside, Essex, IG6 3HD
Gloucestershire	Gloucestershire County LTA	Gloucestershire LTA, Oxstalls Ttl, Plock Court, Tewkesbury Road, Gloucester, GL2 9DW
Hampshire & IOW	Hampshire & IOW County LTA	Hampshire & IOW LTA, Southampton Ttl, Frogmore Lane, Nursling, Hampshire, SO16 OXS
Herefordshire & Worcestershire	Herefordshire & Worcestershire LTA	H&W LTA, Manor Park, Albert Road North, Malvern, Worcestershire, WR14 2TL
Hertfordshire	Hertfordshire County LTA	Herts LTA, Gosling Sports Park, Stanborough Road, Welwyn Garden City, AL8 6XE
Kent	Kent LTA	Kent LTA, Bromley TC at Newstead, Avebury Road, Orpington, Kent, BR6 9SA
Lancashire	Tennis Lancashire	Robin Park SC, Lorie Drive, Wigan, Lancashire, WN15 0UL
Leicestershire	Leicestershire County LTA	Tennis Leicestershire, Dan Maskell TC, Loughborough University, Loughborough, LE11 3TU
Lincolnshire	Lincolnshire County LTA	LTA County Office, Eastgate Club, Langworthygate, Lincoln, Lincolnshire LN2 4AD
Middlesex	Middlesex County LTA	Middlesex LTA, DL Heston Southall Lane, Hounslow, London, TW15 9PE
Norfolk	Tennis East	Tennis East LTA, Hills Road SC, Purbeck Road, Cambridge, CB2 8PF
Northamptonshire	Northamptonshire County LTA	Northamptonshire LTA, Kings Park TC, Kings Park Road, Northampton NN3 6LL
Northumberland	Northumberland County LTA	Northumberland LTA, North Jesmond Avenue, Jesmond, Newcastle Upon Tyne, NE2 3JU
Nottinghamshire	Nottinghamshire County LTA	Nottinghamshire LTA, County Ground, Tennis Drive, Nottingham, NG7 1AE
Oxfordshire	Oxfordshire County LTA	Oxfordshire LTA, The White Horse LTC, Audlett Drive, Abingdon, OX14 3PJ
Scotland (East)	Scotland East LTA	Scotland East LTA, 12 March Pines, Edinburgh, EH4 3PF
Scotland (North)	Scotland North LTA	Scotland North LTA, 19 Marshall Place, Perth, PH2 8AG
Scotland (North)	Scotland South LTA	Scotland South LTA, Prestwick Ttl, 1 Whinfield Place, Prestwick, KA9 2TS
Scotland (South)	Tennis West of Scotland	Tennis West of Scotland, Newlands LTA, 18 Moorhurn Road, Glasgow, G43 2QE
Scotland (West)	Shropshire County LTA	Well Health & Fitness, Sundome Road, Shrewsbury, Shropshire, SY1 4RG
Shropshire	Somerset County LTA	Somerset LTA, Taunton TC, Blackbrook Pavilion, Blackbrook Way, Taunton, TA1 2RW
Somerset	Staffordshire County LTA	Tennis Staffordshire, Stafford Sports College, Rising Brook, Stafford, ST17 9DH
Staffordshire	Tennis East	Tennis East LTA, Hills Road SC, Purbeck Road, Cambridge, CB2 8PF
Suffolk	Tennis Surrey	Tennis Surrey, St George's College, Welbriidge Road, Addleston, Surrey, KT15 2OT
Sussex	Tennis Sussex	Tennis Sussex, 26 Tongdean Lane, Withdean, Brighton, East Sussex, BN1 5JF
Wales (North)	Tennis Wales Limited	Tennis Wales North, North Wales Regional TC, Plas Cooch Road, Wrexham, LL11 2BW
Wales (South)	Tennis Wales Limited	Tennis Wales South, Ocean Way, Cardiff, CF24 5HF
Warwickshire	Warwickshire County LTA	Warwickshire LTA, c/o Billesley TTC, Wheelers Lane, Birmingham, B13 0SF
Wiltshire	Wiltshire County LTA	Wiltshire LTA, c/o Delta TC, Welton Road, Swindon, Wiltshire, SN5 7XF
Yorkshire	Yorkshire County LTA	Yorkshire LTA, Goole TC, Westfield Banks, Hook, Goole, DN14 5PW

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CLOSING DATE 19 FEBRUARY 2009

County Division Dates

LEAGUE

Date 1	May 3
Date 2	May 10
Date 3	May 17
Date 4	May 31
Date 5	June 7
Rain Date	June 14

PLAY-OFF

Date 1	August 9
Date 2	August 23

* The above League dates are fixed dates (County exceptions may apply)

* Play-off stage is only applicable to winning division 1 teams. These are fixed dates

Competition Details

INFORMATION AEGON Team Tennis Competition Pack is online at www.LTA.org.uk/AEGONteamtennis
Team resources (including rules) are viewable here

EVENTS Men's and Ladies' Open

ELIGIBILITY All players must have a BTM number and an LTA rating

FORMAT 4 singles, 2 doubles

SCORING Each rubber is 2 sets with a match tiebreak at one set all

ENTRY FEE £10 per team



COUNTY CONTACT DETAILS

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Avon	Avon County LTA	Avon LTA, Coombe Dingle SC, Coombe Lane, Coombe Dingle, Bristol, BS9 2BJ
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Berkshire	Berkshire LTA	Berkshire LTA, Woodford Park, Haddon Drive, Woodley, Reading, RG5 4LY
Cambridgeshire	Tennis East	Tennis East LTA, Hills Road SC, Purbeck Road, Cambridge, CB2 8PF
Channel Islands	Channel Islands County LTA	C.I. LTA, Les Ombes TTC, Le Mont a la Bruine, St Breladez, Jersey, Channel Islands, JE3 8FL
Cheshire	Cheshire County LTA	Cheshire LTA Office, Wilding Estate, Guilden Sutton Lane, Chester, Cheshire, CH3 7EY
Cornwall	Cornwall County LTA	Tennis Cornwall, Terrance Leisure Park, Edgurne Avenue, Newquay, Cornwall, TR7 2LZ
Cumbria	Cumbria County LTA	Cumbria LTA Office, Chatsworth TC, St Aidan's Road, Carlisle, Cumbria, CA1 1LS
Derbyshire	Derbyshire County LTA	Derbyshire LTA, Asple Place, Vincent Street, Derby, DE23 8BF
Devon	Devon County LTA	Devon LTA, c/o South Devon TC, Emington Road, Mybridge, Devon, PL21 9ES
Dorset	Dorset County LTA	Dorset LTA, c/o West Hants Club, Roslin Road South, Bournemouth, Dorset, BH3 7EF
Durham & Cleveland	Durham & Cleveland County LTA	Durham & Cleveland LTA, Purna Sunderland TC, Silksworth Lane, Sunderland, SR3 2AN
Essex	Essex County LTA	Essex LTA, Redbridge Sports & Leisure, Forest road, Barkingside, Essex, IG6 3HD
Gloucestershire	Gloucestershire County LTA	Gloucestershire LTA, Oxstalls ITI, Plock Court, Tewkesbury Road, Gloucester, GL2 9DW
Hampshire & IOW	Hampshire & IOW County LTA	Hampshire & IOW LTA, Southampton ITI, Frogmore Lane, Nursling, Hampshire, SO16 OXS
Herefordshire & Worcestershire	Herefordshire & Worcestershire LTA	H&W LTA, Manor Park, Albert Road North, Malvern, Worcestershire, WR1 4 2TL
Hertfordshire	Hertfordshire County LTA	Herts LTA, Gosling Sports Park, Stanborough Road, Welwyn Garden City, AL8 6XE
Kent	Kent LTA	Kent LTA, Bromley TC at Newstead, Avebury Road, Orpington, Kent, BR6 9SA
Lancashire	Tennis Lancashire	Robin Park SC, Lorie Drive, Wigan, Lancashire, WN5 0UL
Leicestershire	Leicestershire County LTA	Tennis Leicestershire, Dan Maskell TC, Loughborough University, Loughborough, LE11 3TU
Lincolnshire	Lincolnshire County LTA	LLTA County Office, Eastgate Club, Langworthgate, Lincoln, Lincolnshire LN2 4AD
Middlesex	Middlesex County LTA	Middlesex LTA, DL, Heston Southall Lane, Hounslow, London, TW5 9PE
Norfolk	Tennis East	Tennis East LTA, Hills Road SC, Purbeck Road, Cambridge, CB2 8PF
Northamptonshire	Northamptonshire County LTA	Northamptonshire LTA, Kings Park TC, Kings Park Road, Northampton NN3 6LL
Northumbria	Northumbria County LTA	Northumbria LTA, North Jesmond Avenue, Jesmond, Newcastle Upon Tyne, NE2 3JU
Nottinghamshire	Nottinghamshire County LTA	Nottinghamshire LTA, County Ground, Tennis Drive, Nottingham, NG7 1AE
Oxfordshire	Oxfordshire County LTA	Oxfordshire LTA, The White Horse LTC, Audlett Drive, Abingdon, OX14 3PJ
Shropshire	Shropshire County LTA	Wellf Health & Fitness, Sundorne Road, Shrewsbury, Shropshire, SY1 4RG
Somerset	Somerset County LTA	Somerset LTA, Taunton TC, Blackbrook Pavilion, Blackbrook Way, Taunton, TA1 2RW
Staffordshire	Staffordshire County LTA	Tennis Staffordshire, Stafford Sports College, Rising Brook, Stafford, ST17 9DH
Suffolk	Tennis East	Tennis East LTA, Hills Road SC, Purbeck Road, Cambridge, CB2 8PF
Surrey	Tennis Surrey	Tennis Surrey, St George's College, Weybridge Road, Addleston, Surrey, KT15 2QT
Sussex	Tennis Sussex	Tennis Sussex, 26 Tongdean Lane, Withdean, Brighton, East Sussex, BN1 5JE
Wales (North)	Tennis Wales Limited	Tennis Wales North, North Wales Regional TC, Plas Coch Road, Wrexham, LL11 2BW
Wales (South)	Tennis Wales Limited	Tennis Wales, Welsh National TC, Ocean Way, Cardiff, CF24 5HF
Warwickshire	Warwickshire County LTA	Warwickshire LTA, c/o Billesley TTC, Wheelers Lane, Birmingham, B13 0ST
Wiltshire	Wiltshire County LTA	Wiltshire LTA, c/o Delta TC, Welton Road, Swindon, Wiltshire, SN5 7XF
Yorkshire	Yorkshire County LTA	Yorkshire LTA, Goole TC, Westfield Banks, Hook, Goole, DN14 5PW

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Open National Division Entry Form

CLOSING DATE 12 FEBRUARY 2009

National Division Dates

LEAGUE	Date 1	03-May
	Date 2	10-May
	Date 3	16-May
	Date 4	17-May
	Date 5	31-May
	Date 6	07-Jun
	Date 7	14-Jun
	Rain Date	21-Jun

KNOCKOUT | Saturday 11 July

FINAL | 04-06 September, The West Hants Club

*Matches to be played on the fixed dates above (some teams will be required to play on 16 & 17 May)

*Knockout/Finals stages are only applicable to Division 1

Competition Details

INFORMATION AEGON Team Tennis Competition Pack is online at www.LTA.org.uk/AEGONteamtennis
Team resources (including rules) are viewable here

ELIGIBILITY All players must have a BTM number and an LTA rating

FORMAT 4 singles, 2 doubles

SCORING Singles rubbers are best of 3 sets
Doubles rubbers are 2 sets with a match-tie break at one set all

ENTRY FEE £20 per team



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PLEASE USE A SEPARATE FORM FOR EACH TEAM

Club Information

Full club name

Affiliation code

(Go to www.LTA.org.uk/clubs to find your club code)

Team captain

(Please note, your name and contact number will be online this year)

Team captain mobile

Team captain email

(Correspondence will be via email. Please provide a regularly checked email address)

Team Tennis Commitment

To improve the competition experience for teams, please READ and TICK the following boxes before entering and signing the form

- I have assessed the commitment of my club and players in regards to matches, court time, travel and financial cost. We are keen to enter and compete!
- I have thought about my role as captain and I have the time to organise the team this season
- I have read the 2009 rules and agree to ensure the team will abide by them

Events to Enter (please tick)

Men Division 1 Men Division 2 Ladies Division 1 Ladies Division 2

Signature

Date

Please return your form and a £20 cheque made payable to 'LTA' to:
George Donnelly, LTA, 100 Priory Lane, London, SW15 5JQ
For all enquiries **E** Teamtennis@LTA.org.uk **T** 020 8487 7112

CLOSING DATE
12 FEBRUARY
2009

Please fill in your details, tear in half, post right hand side to the address below, retain left hand side