

LTA National League Winter (Cheshire) 2025/26 – RULES

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QUICK VIEW MATCH FORMATS:

MINI RED (MIXED) DIVISION 1 AND 2 - 2018 & Younger

4 PLAYERS PER TEAM. BEST OF 16 RUBBERS. ALL RUBBERS FIRST TO 10 POINTS BY 2 CLEAR POINTS. IF THE MATCH FINISHES 8 RUBBERS ALL THEN THE MATCH IS A DRAW

MINI ORANGE (MIXED) DIVISION 1 AND 2 - 2017 & 2018

4 PLAYERS PER TEAM. BEST OF 10 RUBBERS (8 SINGLES AND 2 DOUBLES). ALL RUBBERS BEST OF 3 TIEBREAKS TO 7 POINTS BY 2 CLEAR POINTS. IF THE MATCH FINISHES 5 RUBBERS ALL THEN THE MATCH IS A DRAW

MINI GREEN (MIXED) DIVISION 1 AND 2 - 2016 & 2017

4 PLAYERS PER TEAM. BEST OF 6 RUBBERS (4 SINGLES AND 2 DOUBLES). ALL RUBBERS TWO SETS TO 4 GAMES (TIEBREAK AT 3 GAMES ALL TO 7 POINTS). IF SETS ARE SPLIT THEN TIEBREAK TO 10 POINTS IS TO BE PLAYED. SHOOTOUT (TIEBREAK TO 10 POINTS BY 2 CLEAR POINTS) TO BE PLAYED IF THE MATCH FINISHED AT 3 RUBBERS ALL. SUDDEN DEATH DEUCH IN ALL GAMES

ALL BOYS DIV 1

4 PLAYERS PER TEAM. BEST OF 6 RUBBERS (4 SINGLES AND 2 DOUBLES). ALL RUBBERS TWO SETS TO 4 GAMES (TIEBREAK AT 3 GAMES ALL TO 7 POINTS). IF SETS ARE SPLIT THEN TIEBREAK TO 10 POINTS IS TO BE PLAYED. SHOOTOUT (TIEBREAK TO 10 POINTS BY 2 CLEAR POINTS) TO BE PLAYED IF THE MATCH FINISHED AT 3 RUBBERS ALL. SUDDEN DEATH DEUCH IN ALL GAMES

ALL BOYS DIV 2 & ALL GIRLS DIV 1 & 2

2 PLAYERS PER TEAM (A MAXIMUM OF 2 ADDITIONAL PLAYERS CAN PLAY AS DOUBLES ALTERNATES IF REQUIRED). BEST OF 3 RUBBERS. ALL RUBBERS TWO SETS TO 4 GAMES (TIEBREAK AT 3 GAMES ALL TO 7 POINTS). IF SETS ARE SPLIT THEN TIEBREAK TO 10 POINTS IS TO BE PLAYED.

MENS DIV 1/2 & LADIES DIV 1/2

4 PLAYERS PER TEAM (A MAXIMUM OF 2 ADDITIONAL PLAYERS CAN PLAY AS DOUBLES ALTERNATES IF REQUIRED). BEST OF 6 RUBBERS. ALL RUBBERS TWO SETS TO 6 GAMES (TIEBREAK AT 6 GAMES ALL TO 7 POINTS). IF SETS ARE SPLIT THEN TIEBREAK TO 10 POINTS IS TO BE PLAYED. SHOOTOUT (TIEBREAK TO 10 POINTS BY 2 CLEAR POINTS) TO BE PLAYED IF THE MATCH FINISHED AT 3 RUBBERS ALL. SUDDEN DEATH DEUCH IN ALL GAMES

MIXED DIV 1 & DIV 2

2 MEN AND 2 LADIES PER TEAM. EACH FIXTURE IS BEST OF 4 RUBBERS. RUBBER 1, MENS DOUBLES. RUBBER 2, LADIES DOUBLES. RUBBER 3, MIXED DOUBLES 1. DOUBLES 4, MIXED DOUBLES 2. ALL RUBBERS TWO SETS TO 6 GAMES (TIEBREAK AT 6 GAMES ALL TO 7 POINTS). IF SETS ARE SPLIT THEN TIEBREAK TO 10 POINTS IS TO BE PLAYED. SUDDEN DEATH DEUCH IN ALL GAMES. IF THE MATCH FINISHES 2 RUBBERS ALL THEN THE MATCH FINISHES AS A TIE. CAPTAINS SHOULD DECIDE WHICH PLAYERS PLAY AS THE SEED 1 AND SEED 2 MIXED DOUBLES PAIR USING PLAYERS WTN WHERE POSSIBLE.

YELLOW BALL AGE GROUPS

- U11 2015 or 2016
- U12 2014 to 2015
- U14 2012 to 2015
- U16 2010 to 2015
- U18 2008 to 2015

PLAYING ORDER

In all junior yellow ball fixtures, players are to play in RANKING order (Not WTN order). If a player does not have a ranking then they must play below players who do have a ranking. In all adult fixtures, players are to play in WTN order (Not ranking order).

In mini red matches, playing order is irrelevant.

In mini orange and mini green matches, players must play in recent form order. If a player doesn't have any recent form points then they must play below players who do have recent form points.

HOW MANY DIFFERENT CLUBS CAN A PLAYER PLAY FOR

A player is only permitted to play for one club during this league season.

HOW MANY TEAMS CAN A PLAYER PLAY FOR AT THEIR CLUB

A player may play for a maximum of 3 teams for their club during this league season. Any matches player in the Open Mixed events for adults do not count towards their 3 teams.

CAN A PLAYER PLAY FOR BOTH 'A & B' TEAMS

Where a club has more than one team in the same event/age group, a player may play 'across' no more than once during the season. This has been put in place to help clubs fill their teams if they are struggling to find a player for a particular match. When playing 'across', the match they have played for another team will count as one of their three teams.

BALLS

For all mini tennis and junior matches, slightly used balls are fine. For all adult matches new balls must be used.

IMPORTANT POINTS

It is the responsibility of both the home and away team captains to contact each other to arrange a start time for the matches.

The home team will provide the away team with a start time on the scheduled date between the hours of 9am and 5pm.

Matches are to be played on the scheduled dates only, unless both captains agree to change the date. This is only in place for unavoidable circumstances. If a date is changed then a comment must be inserted on the system stating the changed date.

Clubs must make the following courts available for fixtures:

- Mini Red x4 mini red courts setup with correct lines over x2 normal tennis courts
- Mini Orange minimum of x2 courts setup with correct lines (including side lines)
- Mini Green & All other x4 singles/x2 doubles either x3 or x4 courts
- All x2 singles and x1 doubles and Mixed events x2 courts

If the match is unable to be played because of the weather, then both captains must aim to agree a revised date to play the fixture as soon as possible. For mini green and all yellow ball events, If a match has started and one or more rubbers have been completed then the winner of the match shall be the team winning the most completed rubbers.

If a team is unable to make a match, then the opposition will be awarded a walkover victory winning all rubbers in the match to nil.

If an ineligible player competes then their rubbers will be a walkover to the opposition

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.

END OF LEAGUE PLANS

All events with one box: The winners will be crowned as league champions.

All events with two boxes: The winners will play each other at Finals weekend indoors at The Wirral Tennis Centre.

All events with more than two boxes: The winners will play playoffs with the winners of these then playing each other at Finals weekend indoors at The Wirral Tennis Centre.

PLEASE DO NOT FOLLOW ANY RULES OR OTHER INFORMATION YOU FIND ON THE GENERAL LTA WEBSITE!

Due to the size of the winter league in Cheshire, we don't follow the same guidelines as may be advertised on the general LTA website. Please only follow information sent out by myself or in this document.

FINALLY.....

We would like the amount of matches played overall this year to be the highest yet. If your team are struggling for players then please send an incomplete team or send ineligible players. This means you will have to concede the relevant rubbers during your match but will still enable the match to be played.

LINKS

[Please click this link to access several how to guides. These include adding scores after matches have been completed and updating captains contact details.](#)

[Mini Red Scoresheet](#)

[Mini Orange Scoresheet](#)

[x2 singles x1 doubles Scoresheet](#)

[x4 singles x2 doubles Scoresheet](#)

[Adult Mixed Scoresheet](#)