

COMPETITION SCHEDULE			SQUAD INFORMATION			
Dates for Diary:		Venue:	Timings:		Schools Competition – Schools can enter a local preliminary competition organised by the School Games Organiser (SGO), from which a borough champion emerges. An SGO in each borough will nominate a school (usually the winning school) to enter the Main Draw for the London Competition.	
13 th June- Closing date 22 nd June– Publish draw 28 th June– Competition		Crystal Palace NSC SE19 2BB – Tennis Courts londonyouthgames.org/crystalpalace	Opening Ceremony 9.15 Registration 10.15-10.30 Start Time 10.30 Finish Time TBC			
<i>If you are running late for registration contact: 07944 414 192</i>						
COMPETITION FORMAT			Team on the day		4 (2 boys + 2 girls)	
Draw Format	Round Robin Box Leagues followed by Medal knock-outs		License required		None	
Seeding	None		Team Manager notes		Team Managers are asked to bring appropriate Mini Tennis rackets with them – although spares will be available on the day. All other equipment (Mini Tennis balls and Mini Tennis nets) will be provided.	
Match Format	Matches will be timed, lasting approximately 7 - 10 minutes (depending on time available and the number of entries)		Kit / Equipment		Rackets no longer than 23” in length should be used. Mini Tennis Red felt balls will be used outdoors and Mini Tennis Red Sponge balls indoors.	
Final Positions	Teams will be allocated final positions depending on knockout and round robin position.		Events		School Year	Probable Age
Medals Awarded	GOLD-1 st , SILVER-2 nd , BRONZE-3 rd		Tennis - Mini		Year 3 & 4	01/09/02 - 31/08/04
SPORTS RULES			Standard			
<p>Competition Overview</p> <p>The Year 3 & 4 Mini Tennis Red LYG/Tennis Foundation London Finals will be contested between the top 33 teams who qualify through local School Games level 2 competitions. To find out about the local competitions, contact your local School Games Organiser or if you are unsure who this is please contact info@londonyouthgames.org</p>			<p>Sport Rules continued...</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 5. Players are allowed a second serve if the first is not successful. 6. Simple numbered scoring is used i.e. 1, 2, 3, 4 etc (instead of traditional tennis scoring (15, 30, 40 etc) 7. Players play each rubber for a set period of time, until the whistle blows. Timed Tennis is used in the majority of Mini Tennis Schools Competition whereby players play each match for a set period of time, until the whistle blows. The length of matches depends on time available and amount of entries, although it will normally be around 7 – 10 minutes per match. 8. At the end of each rubber the final score entered onto the ‘Mini Tennis Match Card’ and then the ‘Round Robin Box Sheet’ would either be; 4-0, 3-1, or 2-2 – taking into account the individual results from each of the 4 rubbers. 9. If the rubber is a draw when the whistle blows a further deciding point is to be played. 10. Box League winners will be calculated by total rubbers won. In the event of a tie in Box league positions the following will decide the positions: total points won (all matches), points difference, (i.e. subtracting total points against from total points scored) and finally result of the match between the two teams tied. 11. Mini Tennis Red is played on badminton sized courts, however, Mini Tennis courts can also be marked out on standard tennis courts, both inside and outside. 12. Rackets no longer than 23” in length should be used. 13. Mini Tennis Red felt balls will be used outdoors and Mini Tennis Red Sponge balls indoors. 14. Young leaders and officials will assist the players to score matches 15. The ‘Schools Games Tennis Toolkit’ is an interactive CD-Rom, which contains 40 resources and templates to assist the delivery of schools competitions. Resources can be downloaded and full copies can be ordered from: www.schoolstennis.org. 			
<p>Standard / Eligibility</p> <p>The Year 3&4 Mini Tennis Red Schools Competition is an entry level event, aimed at beginners and players new to the game, rather than an opportunity for advanced players already competing regularly outside of school. To ensure that players taking part in the competition are of an appropriate standard for the purpose / level of competition, restrictions are in place for players that have an LTA Mini Tennis Rating. Players who have a Mini Tennis Rating of ‘Red 1’ / ‘Orange 1’ or better on the date of their first event are not eligible to play in this particular competition. If you are unsure if your players could have a Mini Tennis Rating of ‘Red 1’ / ‘Orange 1’ or better please contact your local Tennis Development Manager www.lta.org.uk/in-your-area who will be happy to help you.</p>			<p>Players with a Mini Tennis rating of Red 1 or Orange 1 are not eligible</p>			
<p>Sport Rules</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Each team consists of 4 players – two boys and two girls from Years 3 and / or 4. Players should be numbered 1 and 2 – with your higher ability player number 1. 2. Once the team has commenced playing a rubber there may be no substitution even in the case of injury. However a reserve can be fielded for subsequent matches in the place of an injured or ill player. 3. Each match consists of 4 separate rubbers: Boy 1 v Boy 1 Singles Boy 2 v Boy 2 Singles Girl 1 v Girl 1 Singles Girl 2 v Girl 2 Singles 4. The serve is decided by a ‘toss’ at the start of the rubber. The nominated person serves for the first point, it then alternates every 2 points. When serving, players should stand behind the baseline – the ball must not be bounced before being hit. The serve can be hit over or under arm. Serves should be hit diagonally, landing in the diagonally opposite service box. 			<p>The Competition Director’s decision is final and reserves the right to suspend/cancel the event where required by weather/unsafe conditions.</p>			