

LTA SCHOOLS
YOUTH

THE SCHOOL GAMES

TENNIS IN THE
SCHOOL GAMES

WELCOME TO LTA YOUTH

LTA Youth is the overarching programme for all youth tennis. It's not just about playing; it's about developing young people mentally and physically on and off the court. LTA Youth Schools is just one strand of the programme.

The elements and principles are aligned across all areas to ensure young people have a positive and progressive experience whether it be at school, in a coaching session or when taking part in a competition.

LTA Youth Schools has been designed specifically for primary and secondary schools to support the curriculum, and brings together free PE lesson plans, personal development resources, teacher training and competition resources.



LTA Youth Schools in the School Games

There are five tennis events within the School Games:

- 1 Primary Skills Festival**
A flexible format allowing SGOs to tailor the event to meet the intention of the event, the age and ability of the participants, and the time and space available. It can be delivered as a standalone event or alongside the Red Ball or Orange Ball competitions.
- 2 Year 3&4 Red Ball Competition**
- 3 Year 5&6 Orange Ball Competition**
- 4 Secondary Inclusive Red Ball Competition**
- 5 Wheelchair Tennis Competition (National Finals only)**

The detailed sports formats and additional competition resources are available for free at www.lta.org.uk/schools



SCHOOL GAMES VALUES AND INTENTIONS OF COMPETITION

The LTA Youth Schools programme helps to develop young people as players and people.

Character skills are the golden threads that run through the programme; they feature in the PE lesson plans, cross-curricular assemblies and challenges, Tennis Leaders, as well as the School

Games competitions. In any of the School Games events, reward and recognition can be given for positive demonstration of values.

The tennis formats available can be selected based on the desired intention of the event. The table below shows some example intentions and appropriate tennis formats for School Games events:

YEAR GROUP(S)	INTENTION	EVENT
Reception to Year 6	Give young people a safe, fun, skill-based introduction to competition.	Primary Skills Festival
Reception to Year 6	Target young people who are new to competition to increase their confidence in taking part in a safe, fun, skill based introductory event.	Primary Skills Festival
Reception to Year 6	Target the least active to encourage participation through fun accessible activities.	Primary Skills Festival
Year 3&4 and Year 5&6	Self-score to develop character and life skills (leaders can be utilised as court supervisors to support participants).	Year 3&4 Red Ball Competition or Year 5&6 Orange Ball Competition
Year 5&6	Prepare young people for the transition to Secondary school by using Year 7 students to lead the activities. If relevant hold the festival at a secondary school and ask the Year 7 students to share their experiences of Secondary school.	Primary Skills Festival or Year 5&6 Orange Ball Competition
Secondary	Self-score to develop character and life skills.	Inclusive Red Ball Competition
Secondary	Target the least active to encourage participation through fun accessible activities.	Inclusive Red Ball Competition





PREPARING FOR A SCHOOL GAMES EVENT

All the School Games formats are available at www.lta.org.uk/schools, including a video showing how to score a tie-break, which is used in timed-tennis for the Year 3&4 and Year 5&6 events.

In addition there are resources, such as scoresheets, to help you run your own intra school competition. For all formats it is recommended that pupils practice the skills required for the event at school, in order to help them feel competent and confident. This could be through including the festival activities in lessons or by ensuring pupils are confident in the rules and scoring if self-officiating.

Schools can link with a local LTA Accredited tennis coach to support pupils' preparation ahead of the School Games. This could be during curriculum time or extra-curricular sessions. Schools that complete an LTA Youth Schools Teacher Training course will receive a £250 voucher that can be redeemed against 10 hours of team teaching with an LTA Accredited Coach or tennis equipment.

The free online Primary and Secondary Teacher Training courses are fully mobile enabled so can be completed on a phone, tablet or computer at any time of the day. Progress can be saved and the course continued at a later time.

£250
VOUCHER
for each school*

* Vouchers are limited to one per school. Visit www.lta.org.uk/schools to access the courses.

EXIT ROUTES FROM THE SCHOOL GAMES

Where possible, SGOs are encouraged to hold events at a local tennis venue within the community.

Certificate templates and invitation cards providing details of where to find and how to access community tennis sessions are available on the LTA Youth Schools website. Teachers who complete the LTA Youth Schools Primary Teacher Training course will receive a set of invitation cards.

If an LTA Accredited Coach is involved in delivering the event, they may also provide information to participants about their programme.



Schools are encouraged to establish school club links with a local coach(es) and tennis venue(s) to provide further opportunities for their school community.

This could include, but is not limited to:

- Team Teaching in curriculum time
- Deliver / support extra-curricular sessions
- Deliver an intra school festival or competition
- Host a “family” day or support a school community event
- Use of facilities (the school to access the tennis venue facilities, or the tennis venue / coach could use the school facilities)

In addition to the resources for schools, the LTA Youth Home Activities Hub hosts a range of videos and activities that can be used out of school and are accessed directly via the [LTA website](#).



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