



# **MATCHES AND TOURNAMENTS INFORMATION PACK**



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## Introduction

Matches are such an important part of tennis for both juniors and adults. They are a great way to keep players engaged in the sport and have fun whilst challenging what they have learnt against other players. There are both team events, singles and doubles.

The best way to learn about tennis competition is to join as a British Tennis Member (BTM) and this is free for all juniors. Just visit <https://www.lta.org.uk/member>

You should also read through the competition section of the LTA website as this is a great way to understand how it all works.

If you have any questions on competition then please just ask one of the coaches or email [lisa@tennis4all.org.uk](mailto:lisa@tennis4all.org.uk)

### Rating and Rankings

All Mini tennis players are now not given a rating but instead are just encouraged to play lots of matches and winning is not the important factor. Its about gaining experience. At Red, Orange and Green level, players will be given a certificate after 10 matches played, a t shirt after 20 and a hoodie after 40. This will be sent directly from the LTA.

Juniors over 10 will be given a World Tennis Number and for full information on this please visit thr LTA Website.

Players will also have county, regional and national rankings based on how they have done in competitions. This shows how they rank compared to other players and rankings are used for entry into some tournaments and also for county training selection. Again for full information please visit the LTA website.

### Competition grading

To help players identify suitable competitive opportunities so they can play against others of a similar standard competitions are graded from 7-1, progressing from local club level to county, regional and finally national level competitions.

#### Grade 7

If you are just starting to compete, Grade 7 competitions offer a great opportunity to gain some competitive experience in a local environment. These include local competitions such as club or squad box leagues and ladders. This grade of competition counts for ratings but not rankings.

#### Grade 6

Competitions in this grade are usually match-plays which are open to all players to enter. They are run throughout the year and across the country and offer players in all age groups the chance to develop their competitive tennis. This grade of competition counts for ratings but not rankings.

#### Grade 5

These competitions take place at local club or county level and are open to players of all ages and abilities. They might be for specific age groups or cater for different age groups within one tournament. These competitions count for both ratings and rankings. From September 2019, players will be accepted for Grade 5 competitions on a First Come, First Served basis

#### Grade 4

These are county level competitions giving players the opportunity to gain competition experience at the next level and count for both ratings and rankings.

#### Grade 3

These are regional level competitions that count for both ratings and rankings. There are opportunities for players of all ages to compete in grade 3 competitions throughout the year.

#### Grade 2

These are national level competitions and count for both ratings and rankings.

#### Grade 1

This is the top level of national competition and counts for ratings and rankings.



## What is on offer

- End of term Team Challenge
- Team Challenge match practice sessions.
- Mini Tennis League and Junior League matches against other clubs
- Caunton Masters series tournaments
- Caunton Grade 5 tournaments
- A full range of competitions for all levels and ages of juniors at many venues across Notts and the Midlands. Search <https://www3.lta.org.uk/Competitions/Search/>
- Adult team matches against other clubs for men's, ladies and mixed teams
- Club Championships

## End of term team challenge



On the last week of each term we will be running 'Team Competition week'. This will be matches, fun games etc. Every player, both juniors and adults from the coaching group will be given a colour (Red or Blue). You will be competing for that team on each match week every term. Every match or game from every group will be added to the teams score throughout the week and updates will be posted on Facebook and Instagram each day along with pictures. The results at the end of the week will be announced on Facebook and Instagram. We feel this is a great way to finish a term and get everyone engaging in some sort of competition. If you can wear something of your teams colour that would be brilliant

To see updates and the results please like our Facebook page @tennis4allcoachingservices or on Instagram 'tennis4allcoaching'

## Team challenge match practice sessions

As part of our coaching programme we often play matches in group sessions to practice and learn how to score etc. We also run some fun match practice sessions every term to put this into practice in live match situations against other players from Caunton only. These are informal and a great way to practice and gain confidence before going into a full competition. The dates for these will be posted out in the WhatsApp group.

## Mini Tennis and Junior League matches against other clubs

For all our juniors we run teams who will compete against team from other clubs throughout Nottinghamshire.

### **Winter Leagues (These take place at a central venue in Nottingham)**

Mini Red- Teams are made up of 4 players who play singles against the players from another team. Matches last about 1 hour.

Mini Orange-Teams are made up of 3 players who play singles against the players from another team. Matches last about 1 hour.

Mini Green-Teams are made up of 3 players who play singles against the players from another team. Matches last about 1 hour 30 minutes

Junior Team-Teams are made up of 2-4 players who play doubles against another team and match lengths can vary.

### **Summer Leagues (These are home and away matches)**

Mini Red- Teams are made up of 4 players who play singles against the players from another team. Matches last about 1 hour.

Mini Orange-Teams are made up of 4 players who play singles and doubles against the players from another team. Matches last about 1-2 hours.

Mini Green-Teams are made up of 4 players who play singles and doubles against the players from another team. Matches last about 1-2 hours

Junior Team-Teams are made up of 4 players who play singles and doubles against another team and match lengths can vary.

## Cauntton Masters series tournaments

These are grade 6 competitions for all ages from Mini Tennis Red, Orange, Green and Under 18's . There are usually 3 Summer tournaments and 4 winter tournaments in the Masters Series where you can get Masters points towards the final (the more tournaments you play the more points you get!). Points are rewarded based on where you finish in each event. If you win you get 200 points for example. At the end of the 3-4 events the top 6-8 players get invited to the Grand Masters Final. These events can be found on the LTA website [www.lta.org.uk](http://www.lta.org.uk) or just email [info@cauntontennisclub.co.uk](mailto:info@cauntontennisclub.co.uk) for the full list from the club.

## Cauntton Grade 5 tournaments

These are 1 off events which we run 4-5 times per year and are similar to the masters events but don't carry points towards a final. These events do count for ranking points (please see the gradings above). Each event will be for different ages so not all events are appropriate for all ages and levels. These events can all be booked online through [www.lta.org.uk](http://www.lta.org.uk)

## **Adult team matches against other clubs for men's, ladies and mixed teams**

We have leagues matches which are run in a winter season and a summer season. We have many teams which you can be in. These take place on weekends and if you are interested then please let the office know [info@cauntontennis.club.co.uk](mailto:info@cauntontennis.club.co.uk)

These matches are both home and away and are a nice social event too. Teams are made up of 6 players.

Strong Juniors are also able to join the teams as they get older.

## **Tournaments at other clubs**

Once players feel comfortable competing against others and have competed in some tournaments and matches at caunton, it is very beneficial to star competing at other clubs to gain experience against different players. A full range of competitions for all levels and ages of juniors at many venues across Notts and the Midlands. Search <https://www3.lta.org.uk/Competitions/Search/>

## **Club Championships**

In June every year we hold our Annual Club Championships. This is open and is free to all members. You compete against the others in your age group to try and become the club champion. It is singles based and we have the following events for juniors: Mini Red, Mini Orange, Mini Green, 12 and under boys, 16 and under boys, 16 and under girls.