**WILTSHIRE LTA WINTER LEAGUE 2018-2019**

**8U / 9U Age Group Rules**

**1. Eligibility**

***Venue Eligibility***

1.1 Entry to Wiltshire Winter Junior League (‘the Competition’) is open only to LTA registered venues, defined as Associates in Rule 28 of the LTA.

***Team Eligibility***

1.2 Event: Mixed 8U (born on 1 April 2010 or later).

Event: Mixed 9U (born between 1 April 2009 - 31March 2010). Players who are in their last or one from last season in Red Ball and have earned an orange ball rating are eligible to compete in the 9U event Passport players will be allowed to play up in line with the Player Passport system.

1.3 A venue may enter more than one team in the event.

1.4 Where a venue has two or more teams in the event, the ‘A’ team should be the strongest team based on ratings, and if applicable, the ‘B’ team should be stronger than the ‘C’ team based on ratings etc.

1.5 Where a venue has two or more teams in the 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:

I. Represent one venue in the competition.

II. Play in a maximum of two age groups.

1.7 All players must:

I. Have a British Tennis Membership number which links to the venue they are competing for.

II. Have a Mini Tennis rating except Mini Tennis Red players

III. Be a member of the LTA registered venue they are competing for as of 1 September 2018.

IV. Be of the correct age (see rule 1.2).

***2. Competition Structure***

2.1 Each league will be divided into divisions of 3-5 teams. Each team will play each other team in their division once. Central venues will be used.

***3. Match Arrangements***

3.1 Time & Date

Fixtures shall be played on the fixed dates specified by the League Organiser. Matches are to start between 10am-2pm unless both teams agree otherwise. The home team must confirm start time with the away team a minimum of 10 days before the match date4. Each team must have an adult captain (age 18+) present at each match. The home team captain shall be responsible for welcoming the away team and organising refreshments.

3.2 Courts and Equipment

The home venue shall provide a minimum of 2 mini-red courts (preferably 4); supply the court equipment and set-up the court in line with the Competition Framework http://www.LTA.org.uk/LTA-Mini-Tennis/Red/Mini-Tennis-Red/

3.3 Balls

The home team shall supply a minimum of 3 red (sponge for indoor; felt for outdoor) or orange balls for each rubber.

3.4 Match Format

8U: A match shall consist of 16 singles rubbers. Each player shall play all opposing players. There are no doubles.

9U: A match shall consist of 8 singles and 2 doubles rubbers.

3.5 Team Format

A team shall consist of 4 players of any gender. There are no additional players or substitutions permitted at a match.

3.6 Singles Nominations

At least 15 minutes before the start time of each fixture, team captains must nominate in writing their singles players which should be in order of merit.

Singles Playing Order

8U: Priority 1 Eligible orange rated players in order of merit (see rule 1.2) then Priority 2 Red players in order of merit (captains decision)

9U: Priority 1 Eligible Green rated players in order of merit (see rule 4.2) then Priority 2 Orange 1\* Priority 3 Orange 1 Priority 4 Orange 2-4 in any order (captains decision)

If players have the same rating, the captain can decide the team order which may change from fixture to fixture. Note; boys and girls may play against one another.

3.7

8U Order of play (based on 4 mini-red courts)

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.

9U 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

3.8 Rubber Scoring

8U: Match Tie Break (to 10 points, with 2 clear)

9U: Best of 3 tie-breaks (to 7 points, with 2 clear)

3.9 Match Scoring

A team is awarded 2 points for each rubber won.

3.10 Match Result

The team with the most rubber points shall win the match. If teams are level on rubbers the match shall result in a draw. A team will receive 2 match points on the league table for a match win and 1 match point for a draw.

Both captains must complete and sign the scorecards, and retain their copy. The winning captain (or home captain if a draw) must then submit the result online within 48 hours

3.11 Division Standings

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 Competition Regulations will determine the league standings.

**10&U Age Group Rules**

**1. *Eligibility***

***Venue Eligibility***

* 1. Entry to Wiltshire Junior Winter League (‘the Competition’) is open only to LTA registered venues, defined as Associates in Rule 28 of the LTA.

***Team Eligibility***

1.2 Event: Mixed 10U (born 1st April 2008 - 31 March 2009). Mini Tennis orange players will be allowed to play up when in their final season of orange ball if they have reached an orange 1 or orange 1\* Mini Tennis rating. Passport players will be allowed to play up

In line with the Player Passport system.

1.3 A venue may enter more than one team in the event.

1.4 Where a venue has two or more teams in the event, the ‘A’ team should be the strongest team based on ratings, and if applicable, the ‘B’ team should be stronger than the ‘C’ team based on ratings etc.

1.5 Where a venue has two or more teams in the 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:

I. Represent one venue in the competition.

II. Play in a maximum of two age groups.

1.7 All players must:

I. Have a British Tennis Membership number which links to the LTA registered venue they are competing for.

II. Have a Mini Tennis rating.

III. Be a member of the venue they are competing for as of 1 September 2018.

IV. Be of the correct age (see rule 1.2).

***2. Competition Structure***

2.1 Each league will be divided into divisions dependant on entries. Each team will play each other team in their division once.

***3. Match Arrangements***

3.1 Time & Date

Fixtures shall be arranged by the League Organiser. Matches are to start between 10am-2pm (3pm with floodlights) unless both teams agree otherwise. The home team must confirm start time with the away team a minimum of 10 days before the match date. Each team must have an adult captain present at each match. The home team captain shall be responsible for welcoming the away team and organising refreshments.

3.2 Courts

The home team 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.

3.3 Balls

The home team shall supply a minimum of 3 green balls for each rubber.

3.4 Match Format

A match shall consist of 2 singles and 1 doubles rubbers.

3.5 Team Format

A team shall consist of 2 players of any gender. There are no additional players or substitutions permitted at a match.

3.6 Singles Nominations

At least 15 minutes before the start time of each match, team captains must nominate in writing their singles players in order of merit in accordance with current Mini Tennis ratings.

Singles Playing Order

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.

Priority 1 Eligible British Tennis rated players in order of merit Priority 2 Green 1\* Priority 3 Green 1 Priority 4 Orange 1\*, Orange 1 and/or Green 2-4 in any order (captains decision)

3.7 Order of Play

Round 1 Singles 1&2 Singles Round 2 Doubles 1 There is to be a maximum of 30 minutes rest between rounds.

3.8 Rubber Scoring Sets 1 & 2 Set 3 (if necessary) First to 4 games (with 2 clear), tiebreak at 4-4 Match tiebreak (to 10 points, with 2 clear)

3.9 Match Scoring

A team is awarded 2 points for each rubber won.

3.10 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.

3.11 Both captains must complete and sign the scorecards, and retain their copy. The winning captain must then submit the result online within 48 hours

3.12 Division Standings

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 Competition Regulations will determine the league standings.

**12&U – 18&U Age Group Rules**

***1. Eligibility***

***Venue Eligibility***

1.1 Entry to Wiltshire Junior Winter League (‘the Competition’) is open only to LTA registered venues, defined as Associates in Rule 28 of the LTA.

***Team Eligibility***

1.2 Events:

Girls/Boys 12 & Under (born 1 April 2006 - 31 March 2008)

Girls/Boys 14 & Under (born 1 April 2004 - 31 March 2008)

Girls/Boys 16 & Under (born 1 April 2002- 31 March 2008)

Girls/Boys 18 & Under (born 1 April 2000 - 31 March 2008)

1.3 A venue may enter more than one team in each event.

1.4 Where a venue has two or more teams in an event, the ‘A’ team should be the strongest team based on ratings, and if applicable, the ‘B’ team should be stronger than the ‘C’ team based on ratings etc.

1.5 Where the venue 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:

I. Represent one venue in the 8U-18U age groups.

II. Play in a maximum of two age groups

1.7 All players must:

I. Have a British Tennis Membership number which links to the venue they are competing for.

II. Have a British Tennis rating.

III. Be a member of the LTA registered venue they are competing for as of 1 September 2017.

IV. Be of the correct age (see rule 1.2)

***2. Competition Structure***

2.1 Each league will be divided into divisions dependant on entries.

***3. Match Arrangements***

3.1 Time & Date

Fixtures shall be played on the fixed dates specified. Fixtures are to start between 10am-2pm (3pm if you have floodlights) unless both teams agree otherwise. The home team must confirm start time with the away team a minimum of 10 days before the match date4. Each team must have an adult captain (age 18+) present at each fixture. The home team captain shall be responsible for welcoming the away team and organising refreshments.

3.2 Courts

The home team 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.

3.3 Balls

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

3.4 Match Format

A match shall consist of 2 singles and 1 doubles rubbers.

3.5 Team Format

A team shall consist of 2 players.

3.6 Singles Nominations

At least 15 minutes before the start time of each fixture, team captains must nominate in writing their singles players in order of merit in accordance with current British Tennis ratings. 12&U event, Green 1\* players will play above 9.2 rated players, but below 9.1 rated players. Green 1 players will play above 10.1 players but below 9.2 players. If players have the same rating, the captain can decide the team order which may change from fixture to fixture.

3.7 Order of Play

Round 1 Singles 1&2 Round 2 Doubles 1 There is to be a maximum of 30 minutes rest between rounds.

3.8 Rubber Scoring

Sets 1 & 2 Set 3 (if necessary)

12U – 18U Tiebreak at 6-6 Match tiebreak (to 10 points, with 2 clear)

3.9 Match Scoring

A team is awarded 2 points for each rubber won.

3.10 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 scorecards, and retain their copy. The winning captain must then submit the result online within 48 hours

3.11 Division Standings

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 Competition Regulations will determine the league standings.

**Open Rules**

1 Entry to Team Tennis (‘the Competition’) is open only to LTA registered venues, defined as Associates in Rule 28 of the LTA.

**2 Team Eligibility**

2.1 A venue may enter as many teams as it wishes in the competition.

2.2 Where a venue has two or more teams in the Competition 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 team.

**3 Player Eligibility**

3.1 A player may only:

I. Represent one venue in the Open (adult) age group.

II. Play in a maximum of two age groups (including 14&U, 16&U or 18&U).

3.2 All players must:

I. Have a British Tennis Membership number which links to the venue they are competing for.

II. Have a British Tennis rating.

III. Be a member of the venue they are competing for as of 1 April 2018.

IV. Be born on or before 31 August 2006.

Where two teams compete in a division match and a player is given a walkover, the rubber will count towards a player’s eligibility. An entire team walkover does not count for player eligibility.

**4 Competition Structure**

4.1 Each league will be divided into divisions dependant on entries.

**5 Match Arrangements**

5.1 Time & Date. Fixtures are to be played on the dates specified to start between 10am-4pm unless both teams agree otherwise.

The home team must confirm start time with the away team a minimum of 14 days before the match

5.2 Court Surfaces. The home team shall provide 2 courts of the same surface. Where more than one court surface is used for singles rubbers, the away team shall have the choice of court allocation

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

5.4 Match Format. A match shall consist of 2 singles and 1 doubles rubber.

5.5 Team Format. A team shall consist of 2 to 4 players. Two players shall play one singles rubber each and the 3rd and/or 4th player(s) may be selected for the doubles rubber only.

5.6 Singles Nominations. At least 15 minutes before the start time of each match the team captains shall nominate in writing their singles players in order of current British Tennis ratings6. 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 rating, the captain can decide the team order which may change from match to match.

5.7 Order of Play. Ideally the 2 singles play first, unless court pressure would be alleviated by playing the doubles first.

5.8 Rubber Scoring. Singles and doubles to be 2 tie-break sets with a match tie-break replacing the 3rd set.

5.9 Match Scoring. A team is awarded 2 points for each rubber won. The winning team will receive 2 match points.

5.10 Match Result. The team with the most rubber points shall win the match. The winning captain must then submit the result online within 72 hours. The result may be added by the losing team captain if agreed on match day.

5.11 Division Standings

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 Competition Regulations will determine the league standings.