

MINI Games 08

Tennis – Competition Rules

Ethos

Fun Competition. The emphasis of the MINI games is competing for your borough in a fun / relaxed atmosphere. Where winning is the aim but not the 'be all and end all', playing the game fairly to the best of your ability is priority.

The Mini's provide a great opportunity for Sport Leaders and Young Officials to gain valuable experience of running and officiating competitions in a controlled supportive atmosphere.

The Mini Games is a school-based competition; club teams are not eligible to participate.

Age Group

The young people taking part in this competition should be in School Years 1, 2 & 3

Squad

The number of young people in a squad to take part in the competition should be no more than 4 - This should be two boys and two girls

Rules

It should be recognised that due to the multi-sport nature of the event the best/perfect facilities may not always be available. The host will do the best they can to accommodate sports with the facilities available, however, please understand there may need to be compromise to get the best overall atmosphere on one venue. This may mean that some sports may have slight changes or adaptations. E.g. Tennis outdoors rather than indoor.

This competition will run as far as possible to the rules for Mini Tennis Red laid out by the Lawn Tennis Association available from <http://www.arielminitenis.com/> . It's exactly what the name suggests – a modified version of the real game of tennis.

Balls: Low bounce, foam or felt covered, larger than a tennis ball for slow movement. Red coded where possible.

Rackets: Strung rackets, length depending on size and strength of player: 43cm – 58cm (17" – 23"). Plastic rackets may sometimes be used in schools.

Scoring: In a team environment. The tie break-scoring format is used.

Participant entry

A participant entry form should be completed and handed to you borough contact before the day of the event. This form can be obtained from your borough contact or downloaded from www.greatersport.co.uk/whats-on/gm-mini-games

Photographic consent form should be completed by or on behalf of the young people taking part and handed to you borough contact before the day of the event. This form can be obtained from your borough contact or downloaded from www.greatersport.co.uk/whats-on/gm-mini-games

Fair Play

A perpetual fair play trophy will be awarded to the team (including the teacher/coach) that has participated in the competition with the spirit of fair play.

Review

These competition guidelines will be reviewed on annual basis in March and changes will be implemented in the following year e.g. review March 08 – changes implemented for 09 MINI competitions.