

U13 and U15 National Tennis Event
Wednesday 10 May 2023
Rugby School Sports Centre, Horton Cres, Rugby,
CV22 5DJ

School Information Pack

Registration and Warm Up: 9.00-9.45am

Coaches Briefing: 9.45am

Tournament Timings: 10.00am - 4.30pm

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Tournament Information

- Singles in the morning and doubles in the afternoon.
- Matches will not be scheduled to fixed times; orders of play will be available.
- Matches will mostly be played on astro turf, as well as some hard court (TBC)
- Changing rooms will be available, do not leave personal belongings in there during the day.

Tournament Rules

- Please provide one tube of balls per player with the school name clearly marked on the tube.
- The event will run in accordance with the LTA Rules & Regulations, unless stated otherwise.
- Groups will be assigned specific courts
- Timings are approximate and due to the nature of sport, timings may be delayed. We will endeavour to keep this schedule, but please do be prepared for change.

Warm Up:

- During warm up, please be considerate of other teams and share the space (10 mins each).
- Players are entitled to warm up for a maximum of 30 seconds prior to a match.
- You may then continue a non-ball warm up elsewhere (where appropriate).

Points:

Points will be awarded in the following manner throughout the day:
 3 Points for a win
 1 point for a draw

Group and Knockout Matches:

- Matches will be first to 3 games.
- There will be a tie break at 2 games all, played to 5 points.
- A deciding point will be played at 4 points all.

Finals:

- Matches will be first to 5 games.
- There will be a tie break at 4 games all, played to 5 points.
- A deciding point will be played at 4 points all. (subject to shortening due to time restrictions).

Doubles event:

- Compass Draws.
- First to 3 games.
- Matches will be first to 3 games.
- There will be a tie break at 2 games all, played to 5 points.
- A deciding point will be played at 4 points all.
- Players 1 & 3, and 2 & 4 will partner up from each school.
- If a school has an uneven number of players, we will create a pairing from another school, or create a group of 3 to ensure every gets to play.

*Scoring format is dependent on entry numbers and will be confirmed in the event programme.

No advantage scoring:

- If the score reaches deuce, a sudden death point will decide the winner of the game.
- The receiver chooses which side to take the serve on.
- This also applies in doubles with the receiving pair deciding who receives the serve, however the pair cannot change positions.

Timings:

- Please may all coaches be aware of their player's time keeping on and off the court
- Players are discouraged from taking toilet breaks during matches and will only be allowed off the court to do so in exceptional circumstances.

In matches played without a Chair Umpire:

- Each player or doubles pair is responsible for all calls on their side of the net.
- 'Out' and 'fault' calls must be made loudly and promptly after the ball has bounced.
- If a player incorrectly calls 'fault' or calls ball 'out' and then realises that the ball was good, the point should be replayed unless it was clearly a point-winning shot.
- Each player must, where in doubt, give the benefit of the doubt to the opposition.
- The server must call the score before each serve, loudly enough for the opposition to hear.
- If a player is unhappy with the decisions or actions of the opposition, the player may call the court supervisor.
- Spectators should not attempt to resolve the issue or influence any decision.

Penalties:

- A player must be ready to play and present themselves before their next match starts.
- If a player is not ready when called upon (unless for justifiable reasons), they will forfeit the game.
- Play must continue in a timely manner; should a player be deliberately slowing the game down they will be warned by the court manager in the first instance before penalty points are awarded.

Catering/Refreshments:

- We advise pupils and staff to bring a packed lunch with them.
- Tea and coffee will be provided for staff and spectators in the Club Room.
- Access to water will be provided for players.

Travel & Parking:

- Please make contact if you are going to be late on the day, details provided above.
- Mini buses and coaches are permitted to park on site.
- Parking will be sign posted towards the sports centre and tennis courts.
- Parking must only be used outside the sports facilities and not on the main school ground.

First Aid:

You as staff will be responsible for initial contact with any injured player, followed by a signal/message to the first aiders on site if you require their expertise.

Presentations:

There will be a presentation for the winners, runners up and 3rd place in each event. Certificates will be included in the post event email and can be downloaded from the ISA website (sports section).

Photography:

DE Photography will be present at the event. Photos will be available to purchase after the event. Link to follow.

IMPORTANT:

Players and all other persons involved with this tournament must comply with the LTA and ISA Code of Conduct, including officials, staff, coaches, representatives, agents, medical, relatives and spectators.