

Mini Tennis U10's Guide to Competing

British Tennis Membership

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To join go to: www.lta.org.uk/britishtennismembership

Mini Tennis Ratings

Mini tennis is broken down into ball colours:

Red Ball (born 2002 or later)

Orange Ball (born 2001)

Green (born 2000)

All mini tennis players are given a rating on a scale between 1-4. The starting point being 4 and the highest, 1, being the players with the most experience in competing.

Do you find the grading confusing?

Grading Explained

The Grading system can be confusing you can use the tables below to match your child with either their respective player level or mini tennis rating.

Grade Event	Player Standard
1 and 2	National / International
3	Regional
4	County
5	Higher Club Level
6	Club Level
7	First experience (internal matchplay)

	Mini Tennis (R/O/G)
Grade 4	Mini Tennis 1,2
Grade 5	Mini Tennis 2,3
Grade 6	Mini Tennis 3,4
Grade 7	Players new to competing.

New to competing? Get involved on our internal matchplay's

Internal mini tennis matchplay's

The easiest way for your child to learn the rules of competing is through playing in our match play's. They provide a positive environment to play and get better whilst still improving their rating.

Our match play's take place throughout the week:

- Red - Tuesday 4.30 –5.30
- Saturday 10.00– 11.00
- Orange - Saturday 11.00-12.00
- Green - Saturday 1.00-2.00

To join in call Carl Shoulders on 07983981575.

Where can I find external competitions?

The first place to check for upcoming events is our competition white board in the clubhouse. Where we also have tournament guides for Dorset, Hampshire and Wiltshire for you to collect the tournament information you require.

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Junior Tennis Guide to Competing

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How to improve your rating

If you are a junior with a rating of 10.2 or 10.1 you need to achieve:

- 4 Wins to improve from 10.2 to 10.1
- Another 4 wins to improve from 10.1 to 9.2

These wins can be against any player with a rating during a monitored competition.

If you are a junior with a rating of 9.2 or better you need to achieve:

- 7 qualifying wins and to have a 60% win/loss ratio in all matches that qualify.

A match counts if:

- You win against a player rated the same or higher than you. This is a qualifying win.
- You lose against a player rated the same or lower than you. This is a qualifying loss.

Ratings Scale

Highest Rating

1.1
1.2
2.1
2.2
3.1
3.2
4.1
4.2
5.1
5.2
6.1
6.2
7.1
7.2
8.1
8.2
9.1
9.2
10.1
10.2

Lowest Rating

Junior Tennis Ratings

Junior Ratings start at 10.2 for junior beginners and can be lowered through the ratings scale from lowest 10.2, 10.1, 9.2, 9.1 and so on until 1.2 and 1.1 the highest ratings. Players that have reached a green 1 rating will automatically start at a 9.2.

Grading Explained

The Grading system can be confusing you can use the tables below to match your child with either their respective player level or junior tennis rating.

Internal Junior Matchplay's

The easiest way for you to improve your rating is through our match play's. They provide a positive environment to play and get better whilst giving you the confidence to compete in external tournaments.

Junior Matchplay takes place on Sunday Evening between 6-7.30 and 7.30-9 depending on your competition experience.

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Grade Event	Player Standard
1 and 2	National / International
3	Regional
4	County
5	Higher Club Level
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	Yellow
Grade 4	County standard events for players rated 6, 7 and some 8.
Grade 5	Club based matchplay events. Rated 9 and 10.
Grade 6	Club based matchplay events. Rated 10.
Grade 7	Internal club competition (box matches and ladders) All count towards LTA ratings. Players new to competition

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