



# SUMMER GAMES

## GREATER MANCHESTER SCHOOL GAMES 2018

### YEAR 3/4 MINI TENNIS RED COMPETITION

Friday 6<sup>th</sup> July 2018

Manchester Tennis Centre (Opening Ceremony at Sport City first)

#### SCHOOL GAMES BACKGROUND INFORMATION:

The Greater Manchester School Games aims to further revive the culture of competitive sport in schools. This exciting new concept will harness the power of the Olympics and Paralympics and is designed to motivate and enthuse more young people than ever before to participate in high quality, meaningful competition within and across schools, supporting them in achieving their own personal best in sport and in life.

The competition will run across three distinct, but integrated levels (see below) providing a simple and progressive pathway culminating in a multi sport festival (level 3) that will showcase the very best of competitive sport across the County.

Level 3 – Greater Manchester School Games

Level 2 – Inter-school competition

Level 1 – Intra-school competition



Teams from Primary, Secondary and Special Schools will win the right to compete in the Level 3 Games having qualified through their local level 2 inter-school competitions. The 'Summer Games' will feature thirteen sports; all of which will be delivered simultaneously utilizing a number of the City's world class sporting facilities.





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## COMPETITION PATHWAY:

In partnership with the Tennis Foundation and the Lawn Tennis Association, the Greater Manchester Local Organising Committee proudly presents the Year 3/4 Mini Tennis Red Competition. This competition is aimed at encouraging more young people to participate and compete in tennis and is appropriate for all ability levels.

The Year 3 & 4 competition is run using the concept of Mini Tennis red, which is a modified version of tennis and provides an exciting introduction to the game. Mini Tennis Red uses badminton size courts (so an indoor sports hall is the ideal venue for events to take place), sponge balls, smaller rackets and simple scoring.

The School Games competition is open to all schools; however they must have qualified through their local SGO area/borough heats in order to progress to the County Final.

The competition adopts a simple pathway as follows:

### 1. SGO Area/Borough Events

Primary Schools within an SGO Area/Borough will be encouraged to enter the first stages of the competition at a venue local to their school. The top two teams from the Borough will then be invited to the School Games County Final.

### 2. Greater Manchester School Games County Final

This stage of the competition will be organised by the LTA and will comprise of 20 schools representing the 10 Boroughs of Greater Manchester. The event will take place at the Manchester Tennis and Football Centre, one of the leading tennis facilities in the UK.

NB An athlete can only represent their school in one sport at the GM School Games County Final.

## STANDARD RULES:

### Age Groups

All players must be from Year 3 and/or Year 4.

### Team Composition

Teams must consist of 4 players.

- 2 x Boys from Y3 and/or Y4.
- 2 x Girls from Y3 and/or Y4.

A mixture of the two year groups can be used or the team can be from all one year group. The two boys from years 3 &/or 4 will be numbered number one and number two. The number one boy should be the stronger of the two, however this is not needed to be publicised to the players. NB. 1 = Best player. The same goes for 2 girls in the team. Therefore you will have a team as follows:

Player #1 Boy  
Player #2 Boy

Player #1 Girl  
Player #2 Girl

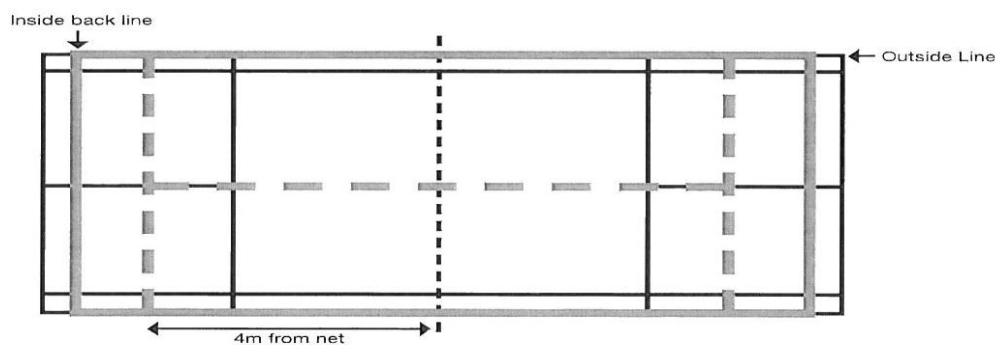
## Court/Equipment Requirements

- Ball: Red sponge ball
- Court: 11m x 5.5m
- Net height: 80cm
- Racket size: 43cm – 58cm (No longer than 23" in length)

Mini Tennis Red can be played on the following size courts:

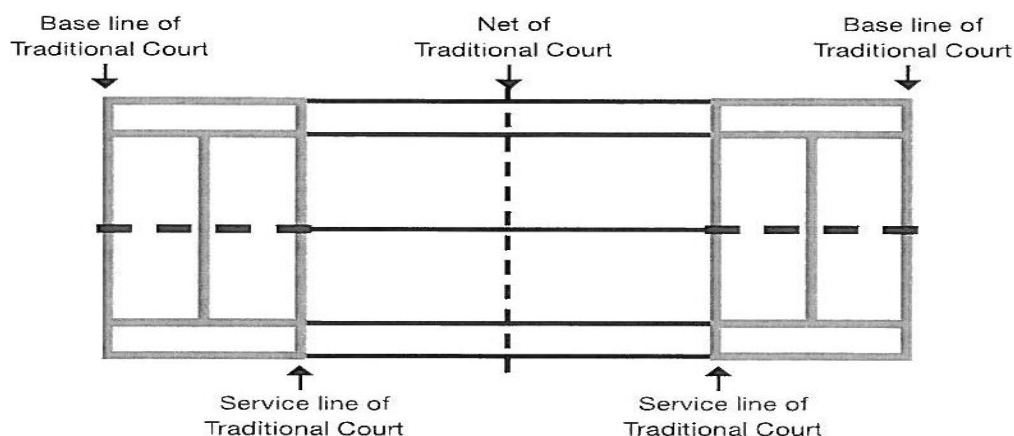
### Option1 – A modified Badminton Court

- The dimensions of a badminton court are 11.88m x 6.10m. To adapt a badminton court for mini tennis competition you should use the following boundaries:
- Length = inside back line as baseline.
- Width = outside lines as sidelines.
- Service box use = use throw down lines to add service lines 4m from the net, extend existing centre line to the net.

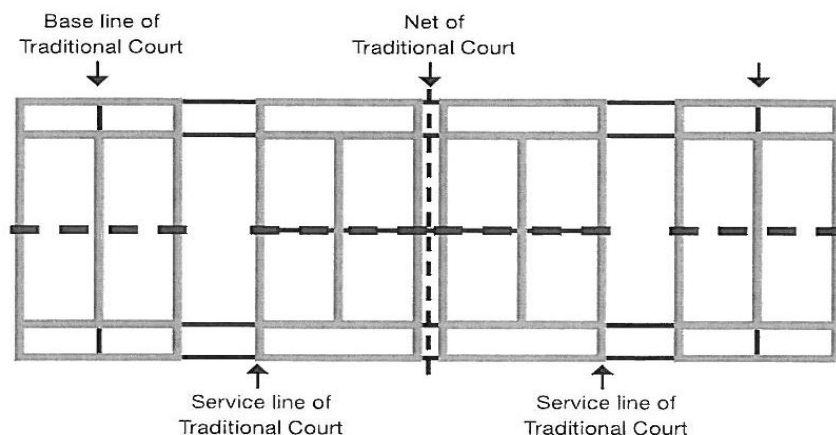


### Option 2 – Red Courts using the length of 1 standard tennis court

Using this option makes use of existing on lines of standard tennis court; however additional lines are required to fully mark out the Mini Tennis Red Courts. These lines can be 'throw down' lines, or depending



### Option 3 – Red Courts using the length of 1 standard tennis court



### Competition Format

At SGO Area/Borough level, local organisers will decide on the format i.e. 'home & away' leagues, central venue festivals. A 'Round Robin Box' format is the most appropriate and popular way of organising a mini tennis schools competition.

All matches will be singles – one 'match' (School v School) will consist of 4 fixtures:

Player #1 Boy v	Player #1 Boy
Player #2 Boy v	Player #2 Boy
Player #1 Girl v	Player #1 Girl
Player #2 Girl v	Player #1 Girl

Mini Tennis Competition – Match Scorecard		
<b>Group:</b>		
<b>Schools:</b>		
	Team A Points	Team B Points
Boy 1		
Boy 2		
Girl 1		
Girl 2		
<b>Total Points</b>		
<b>Winning School</b>		

### Duration/Length of matches

Mini Tennis Scoring does not use traditional tennis scoring i.e. 15, 30, 40 etc. Instead, simple numbered scoring is used, i.e. 1, 2, 3, 4 etc. Several scoring options can be adopted for competitions:

*'First to 10'*



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This is called a Match Tie Break. A benefit of this option is that it is most realistic to a real match situation. On average, a Match Tie Break (with 1 or 2 point clear gap) takes 10 minutes to play.

*'Timed'*

Players play for a set period of time, until the whistle blows. The length of matches depends on time available and amount of entries. A benefit of this option is that you can plan exactly how long matches will last and therefore, the overall time your competition will take.

### Playing the Game

- The serve is decided by a 'toss' at the start of the match.
- The nominated person serves for the first point. Serving then alternates every 2 points.
- When serving, players should stand behind the baseline.
- When serving, the ball must not be bounced before being hit.
- The serve can be hit over arm or under arm.
- Serves should be hit diagonally, landing in the diagonally opposite service box.
- The player loses a point if:
  - The ball bounces out the court.
  - The ball bounces more than once.
  - The ball fails to go over the net.
- It is advised that each court should have an umpire who calls out the scores and helps out with decisions. Tennis leaders can be used here.

### Fair Play

The ideals of good sportsmanship and respect should permeate throughout all competitive and recreational sport. They are displayed by someone who abides by the rules of a contest, respects their opponents and accepts victory or defeat graciously.

## **HEALTH & SAFETY:**

Before any matches take place, the following **MUST** be read and adhered to:

- Players will not be permitted to compete in bare feet or unsuitable footwear.
- No jewellery should be worn.
- Long hair must be tied back.
- All loose clothing must be tucked in and shoelaces tied.
- No chewing gum/sweets allowed.
- It is recommended players bring plenty of liquid refreshment with them.
- All players are advised to warm up appropriately before each match.
- When not competing, players are reminded to remain off the courts and do not get in the way or distract the officials at any time.
- Medical supplies that players may need i.e. asthma inhalers should be brought with them on the day.
- All team teachers must ensure their pupils are under adult supervision at all times, even when playing. During this time players can watch and encourage their fellow team members.
- Please ensure that your pupils have been thoroughly briefed with regards to health and safety.



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**DEADLINE FOR ENTRY: FRIDAY 22<sup>nd</sup> JUNE 2018\***

**\*please note if you enter past this deadline your school will not feature in pre- press material or the lanyard.**

