

## Cheshire & Warrington School Games Festival

### Mini Red Tennis – Team Event

KEY INFORMATION	
<b>Age Category</b>	<b>Year 3&amp;4</b>
<b>Squad size</b>	Team will be made up of four players
<b>Gender</b>	Minimum of two boys and two girls
<b>Eligibility</b>	<p>Team will be made up of two boys and two girls from years 3 and / or 4</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Both club and non-club tennis players are eligible to enter</li> <li>• Teams will be split into groups</li> <li>• Teams will play against all other teams in their group, with the winning team from each group playing off in a final, to determine the overall winner</li> <li>• Each team is asked to nominate 'Boy 1', 'Boy 2', 'Girl 1' and 'Girl 2'. In each match, players will play against their opposite player</li> </ul>
<b>Basic Rules</b>	<p><b>Matches</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Mini Tennis scoring does not use traditional tennis scoring (15, 30, 40 etc). Instead, simple numbered scoring is used, i.e. 1, 2, 3, 4 etc</li> <li>• Matches will take place on a quarter of a full tennis court</li> <li>• Matches will be 'timed', so play starts and finishes on the sound of the whistle</li> <li>• Matches will be up to ten minutes in length <b>(Times of matches may be reduced due to extenuating circumstances e.g. bad weather or event over running. This is at the referees discretion)</b></li> <li>• Each 'match' is set off to play and the final score is recorded. All of the points from the matches are added together to come up with a cumulative team score. Wins and losses are not recorded</li> <li>• Only players, competition staff and 1 member of staff from each school (if needed) are allowed on court during play</li> <li>• The Tournament Referees decision is final</li> </ul> <p><b>Playing</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The serve is decided by a 'toss' at the start of the match</li> <li>• The nominated person serves for the first point, it then alternates every 2 points</li> <li>• When serving, players should stand behind the baseline</li> <li>• When serving, the ball must not be bounced before being hit</li> <li>• The serve can be hit over or under arm</li> <li>• Serves should be hit diagonally, landing in the diagonally opposite service box</li> </ul>

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- Each court will have a scorer, who calls out the scores and helps out with decisions
- Felt Mini Tennis Red Balls will be used for all matches
- Matches will take place outdoors
- Rackets no longer than 23" in length should be used

### COMPETITION DELIVERY DETAILS

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