



## Hertfordshire Schools Lawn Tennis Association

This has been such a difficult time for everyone with schools just back and no certainty about the starting of school sport and inter-school sport. Herts Schools Tennis is offering a flexible format for tennis competition this summer for schools to use in the way that best suits them. We are basing this on our normal Nicola Mabbitt Trophy format, with the option to use either the League Format or the Finals Format or Timed Format. Teams will be 2 pairs and the competition will be Doubles only.

For 2021 **only** there is an option to enter both Less Experienced Player Teams and Experienced Player Teams. Please do not mix these!

### **League Format (2 pairs per team)**

Pairs play 1 short set against their opponents. The winning pair is the first to six games (no tiebreak). Pairs then cross over and play the other pair in their team.

### **Finals Format (2 pairs per team)**

Pairs play a modified 'fast four' format. The winning pair is the first to win 4 games. Only 1 point is played at deuce, receiver chooses which player receives serve. Pairs then cross over and play the other pair in their team.

### **Timed Format (2 pairs per team)**

Pairs play for a fixed time against their opponent. Only 1 point is played at deuce, receiver chooses which player receives serve. Pairs then cross over and play the other pair in their team.

These formats can be used within schools, and later if the pandemic permits, in inter-school matches. It may even be possible to find area winners! For inter-school matches we recommend the Finals Format to keep matches short and minimise the necessity to use toilets etc.

Sadly, there will not be a county schools final this year. However we are happy to certificate winners.

If you would like to organise your own competition within your school there is paperwork on LTA website. This includes formats and downloadable certificates for winners.