

IAPS Tennis Championships

Clifton College, Monday 11th and Tuesday 12th May 2026

Bookings open – Tuesday 20th January 2026, 08:00

Bookings close – Friday 13th February 2026, 23:55

Cost of entry - £40 per individual

Entering the competition

Booking onto an event:

- All bookings are made online via the IAPS website.
- Only a member of school staff with a school email address can book onto an event.
- If your chosen location is fully booked, please join the waiting list. Should space become available, we will contact you to offer you the space. There is no guarantee we can find schools an event to attend.

Eligibility:

- All competitors must attend an IAPS School.
- Competitors ages are taken from 1st September.
- Only competitors who are part of the Prep School are eligible to take part. Competitors in Year 7 and Year 8 who are part of the Senior School are not eligible to take part in U12 and U13 events.
- Pupils **can only participate in one age group** throughout the competition. The competition is defined as both qualifying events and the finals.
- All schools must bring first aid and additional first aid might be provided.

Terms & conditions:

- Please make sure to read our [booking terms and conditions](#) before booking onto an event.

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Event information

- U11 – **Monday 11 May 2026**
- U13 – **Tuesday 12 May 2026**
- Competitors will only be required for the day of their event.

Age groups

- U11 and U13 tournament for both boys and girls
- A team is made up of two players of the same sex
- Schools can enter two teams into each category (age group/gender)
- Teams will be allocated to a pool based on LTA rankings.

Festival format

- The competition will be a round robin format for all categories.
- Each pool will have 3-5 teams allocated, playing a round robin.
- See example playing schedules below:

U11

Schedule per court/group			3 team schedule		
900	A	B	900	A	B
1030	D	C	1030	B	C
1200	A	C	1200	A	C
1330	D	B	1330	A	B
1500	A	D	1500	B	C
1630	B	C	1630	A	C

U13

5 team schedule for U13s					4 team schedule for U13s		
Court 1		Court 2			Court 1		
900	1	2	3	5	900	A	B
1030	4	5	2	3	1030	D	C
1200	BREAK				1200	A	C
1300	1	4	2	5	1330	D	B
1430	3	4	1	5	1500	A	D
1600	BREAK				1630	B	C
1630	1	3	4	2			

Match playing format

- All matches will follow the FAST4 scoring
- Teams will play one rubber per match
- A rubber is made up of 2 singles and 1 doubles - E.g player 1 v player 1(singles 1), player 2 v player 2 (singles 2), school 1 v school 2 (doubles)
- Each match will be played on one court as nominated by the referee, with players rotating on and off after matches as quickly as possible.

Umpiring and scoring

- Players will be expected to score all their matches, as there will be no umpires on court. LTA officials will be acting as court supervisors.
- Less experienced players can have help scoring by an experienced and **neutral** adult.
- LTA officials will be present to help with any queries or discrepancies
- Matches will not count towards LTA rankings.

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Fast4 Tennis

1. Matches will be played as the best of two short sets (first to four games) with a tie-break (first to seven points, two points clear at six points all) played at three games all. If at the conclusion of the second set, the score is 1 set all, a match tie-break (first to 10 points, two points clear at nine points all) will be played to determine the outcome of the match.
2. All singles and doubles matches will be played using no-ad scoring, with the receiver choosing the side to receive the service from when the game reaches deuce. In doubles the receiving team cannot change positions to receive this deciding point. The player/team who wins the deciding point wins the game.
3. Between points, a maximum of 25 seconds is allowed. The maximum time starts from the moment that one point finishes until the first service is struck for the next point.
4. When the players change ends at the end of a game, a maximum of 60 seconds are allowed. Players are not permitted to sit down during the change of ends during a set.
5. At the end of each set there shall be a set break of a maximum of 90 seconds. Players are permitted to sit down at the end of a set.
6. Players are entitled to a 20 minute rest in between matches. The minimum rest periods may be reduced in exceptional circumstances.
7. A player shall be scheduled to play up to four FAST4 singles matches in a day.
8. REFEREE'S DECISION IS FINAL - The referee reserves the right to reduce the scoring format if weather conditions are poor.

Para-sport

- If you have a child at your school who would like to get involved in one of our events, but adaptation would be required, please contact the sport team to discuss (sport@iaps.uk).

Refreshments

- Schools will provide lunch for their competitors
- Food and drinks will be available to purchase both days.

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Rules and regulations

- The national governing body for Tennis in England is the [LTA](#).
- This tournament is conducted under the LTA guidelines
- Please read the rules and regulations in full before entering the event

Risk assessment

A full risk assessment is carried out by the host. If you would like a copy of the risk assessment, please contact IAPS Sport.

IAPS policies

Please make sure you have read and understand our policies before booking onto an IAPS Sport event. All policies and procedures can be found on our website [here](#).