

Leeds Tennis League

Singles League Entry Form

Name:	_____		
Address:	_____ _____		
Email:	_____		
Contact no. 1	_____	2	_____
Preferred method of contact:	_____		
DoB:	_____	Gender:	M F

British Tennis Membership number: _____

If you don't have a BTM number, don't worry. Log on to www.lta.org.uk/BritishTennisMembership and complete the registration process. Please put 'Applied for' in the space above and leave the ratings section below blank.

If you are not a member of a club, or your club is not affiliated to the LTA, click on 'John Charles Centre for Sport'. This will ensure that the process is free.

If you do not have computer access, contact the league organiser at the details below and you will receive a form to complete in the post.

British Tennis Membership rating: _____
If you are unsure of your rating, leave blank.

How would you describe your standard of play?	Beginner	_____
	Improver	_____
	Advanced	_____

Beginner	-	Keen to play but new to competitive tennis. Basic grasp of technique and rules.
Improver	-	Played singles before and comfortable in a match situation. Can hit the ball with topspin on the forehand side, competent with sliced backhand and volleys. Good knowledge of rules.
Advanced	-	Experienced competitor at club level or better. Comfortable with different types of spin on both sides, can control direction on serving and comfortable at the net. Good knowledge of rules.

Please note, **all players are welcome** in the league. This is just meant as a very rough guide so you can enter the ladder format at an appropriate level.

What is your home club? _____

You do not have to be a member of a club to participate in the league. If you are not a member of a club, put 'none'.

There is a one-off entry fee of £10 for the league.
Once a player has joined, future rounds of the league are free.
There are no match fees in the league.

Please note that your entry is not valid until the entry fee has been received.
Return this form with either cash or cheque (payable to Leeds Tennis League) to:

Dwight Brown
C/O JCCS Tennis Centre
Middleton Grove
Leeds
LS11 5DJ

The above player hereby applies to enter the Leeds Tennis League Singles Competition and agrees to abide by the League Rules.

The player's entry into future rounds of the LTL Singles Competition will be assumed until the organiser is informed otherwise by the player.

Separate entry forms will not be required for each new round of matches. The player shall inform the organiser of any changes to any of the details above.

Permission is given by the above to store their details in computerised form.

Signed: _____

Date: _____

Questions? Contact Dwight
Mobile: 07715 627159
Tennis Centre: 0113 3950010

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Leeds Singles League – 2013

Rules

Conditions of entry

1. Players must be aged 16 or above at the beginning of the season
2. All players must be a British Tennis Member, have a BTM number and a rating (see below for BTM details)
3. There is a one-off initial entry fee of £10 to enter the league. Following this, there are no match fees payable to Leeds Tennis League. This fee is not payable at the beginning of each round; only when players enter the league. Should a player sit out a round and then re-enter, the entry fee applies again.

Divisional conditions

4. In each division, everyone plays each other once.
5. Upon the completion of a round players are promoted and relegated as specified by the co-ordinator at the beginning of that round.

Match format

6. Each match will be 2 tie-break sets. If at the conclusion it is one set all, a “match” (or “championship”) tie break will be played – that is, first to 10 by two clear points. **However, if both players agree prior to the match starting, a full 3rd set may be played.**

Match scores

7. The winning player must email the score within 48 hours of the match to singles@leedstennis.org.uk

Points

8. Each player scores 3 points for a win, and 1 point for a loss. 0 points are scored for no-shows.
9. If there are players on equal points at the end of the season, then sets difference (sets being either tie break sets or match tie breaks) will be used to determine league position. If players are still equal, positions will be determined by who won when playing each other.

Match venues

10. The **home** player is responsible for arranging a court for the match (note: does not need to be the player’s home club) and paying any relevant court fees. In the event that substantial court fees apply, I suggest a conversation

between players agreeing to a 50/50 split. If this is not agreed, play at a less expensive venue.

11. As a supporter of the league, the **John Charles Centre for Sport is offering discounted court time for players in the LTL Singles Competition**. If you are playing a match in the Leeds Tennis League Singles Competition then you get 50% of all off-peak courts. Off-peak is before 4.30pm on weekdays, and all days weekends. Call 0113 3950010 for more information and to book.

Balls

11. The **away** player is responsible for purchasing and providing a new can of 3 or 4 balls for each match. If the away player does not arrive with new balls, the players can agree to play with old balls.
If no agreement can be reached, the away player must produce new balls, or the match is conceded 6-0, 6-0 to the home player.

Match date and times

12. Matches have been scheduled at (approx) 2 week intervals. These dates represent a suggested order of play. Players are encouraged to complete fixture and submit score to singles@leedstennis.org.uk by the scheduled date. All matches must be completed by the round deadline date.
13. **Home** players are responsible for making contact with away players to arrange the match date/time/venue. If the away player cannot make the time suggested by the home player, two alternative dates/times must be offered. The fixture list will indicate the home/away players.
14. Time and dates of matches should be agreed by both players. If a player is late, every effort should be made to inform the opponent of the situation and expected time of arrival. In the event that a player is late and hasn't informed their opponent, the following should apply:
 - if a player is 20 minutes late, they sacrifice the first set 6-0.
 - if a player is 40 minutes late, they sacrifice the match 6-0, 6-0.

Bad weather

14. Matches may be postponed and replayed if there is bad weather when a match is due to be played. Alternatively they could be arranged at a venue with indoor courts (in this case, I suggest splitting the cost of the court).

Conduct and Disputes

15. Any disputes arising that can't be settled between the two players, to be referred to the Singles Co-ordinator (e.g. Charlie Tatman) within one week of playing date. The Singles Co-ordinator will then arbitrate and if need be on rare occasions, will consult the Chairman and Secretary of the Leeds Tennis League. The decision of the League will be final.
16. The Leeds Tennis League's 'Charter for Fair Play' on court behaviour and politeness to apply at all times whilst on a clubs premises in addition to when playing on court. This can be found at www.leedstennis.org.uk.

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Group A

NAME	A	B	C	D	E	F	TOTAL
A. Roger Federer		H 16 th May	A 27 th June	H 2 nd May	A 13 th June	H 30 th May	
B. Rafael Nadal	A 16 th May		H 30 th May	A 13 th June	H 27 th June	A 2 nd May	
C. Novak Djokovic	H 27 th June	A 30 th May		H 16 th May	A 2 nd May	H 13 th June	
D. Serena Wiliams	A 2 nd May	H 13 th June	A 16 th May		H 30 th May	A 27 th June	
E. Andy Murray	H 13 th June	A 27 th June	H 2 nd May	A 30 th May		H 16 th May	
F. Justine Henin	A 30 th May	H 2 nd May	A 13 th June	H 27 th June	A 16 th May		

So where will I enter the league?

You will need a British Tennis Membership (BTM) number and a rating to enter the competition.

If you are a player new to the ratings system, your initial rating as an adult will be 9.2. Players can improve their rating by gaining the necessary wins against players of a similar or better rating.

Players with a rating of 6.2 or better will enter Division A

Players with a rating of 7.1 or 7.2 will enter Division Bs

Players with a rating of 8.1 or 8.2 will enter Division Cs

Players with a rating of 9.1 will enter Division Ds

Players with a rating of 9.2 (starter rating) will enter Division Es

I don't have a British Tennis Membership or rating and have no idea what they mean?

Don't worry. All the information you need to know about BTM and ratings is on the next few pages, including the criteria for you to improve your rating.

Further information can be found on the LTA website (www.lta.org.uk) or by contacting the competition organiser.

[AEGON British Tennis Ratings](#)

What is a Rating?

A player rating is a way of measuring your tennis ability so you can see how you are improving. You need a rating to compete and it should help you enter the right level of competitions.

Getting a Rating

To get a rating you need to be a British Tennis Member (BTM). If you haven't already then [join British Tennis Membership](#)

If you have previously signed up for BTM, but did not apply for a rating at the time, you can request one by emailing Info@LTA.org.uk with your name and BTM number.

If you are an experienced player, with a competitive record, and think you should be assigned a higher rating than the entry level of 9.2 for adults and 10.2 for juniors then email Info@LTA.org.uk with as much information as possible about your playing experience, foreign rating/ranking and results. It may be possible to assign you a higher rating or equivalency.

Once you have a rating you will appear in the [LTA Player Search](#).

Rating bands

There are 20 rating bands, starting with 10.2, which is the lowest, progressing to 10.1, 9.2, 9.1, 8.2 etc. until you reach 1.1, which is the highest. The start rating for someone 18 and under (junior) is 10.2 and, for someone 18 & over (adult), is 9.2.

How to improve your rating

Adult players rated 10.2, 10.1, 9.2 or 9.1 can improve their ratings by recording qualifying wins as follows:

- 4 qualifying wins (singles matches) to move from a 10.2 to 10.1
- A further 4 qualifying wins (singles matches) to move from a 10.1 to 9.2
- A further 4 qualifying wins (singles matches) to move from a 9.2 to 9.1
- A further 4 qualifying wins (singles matches) to move from a 9.1 to 8.2

These wins can be achieved at any time, ie. not restricted to a ratings run period. Wins used for one rating move will be marked as 'used' and cannot be included in subsequent calculations for further moves. Your rating will automatically change once you have the correct number of wins and your results have been recorded. The (overnight) calculation takes into account players' ratings as they stand at the time the calculation is made.

If you are an **adult player with a rating of 8.2 or higher** you need to achieve:

- 3 qualifying wins with a 60% win/loss percentage in all qualifying matches

Which Matches Count?

A qualifying win = a win against a player rated the same or higher than you

A qualifying loss = a loss against a player rated lower than you (before April 1st 2011 a QL was a loss against a player rated the same or lower than you).

The competition end date dictates the season in which the match will count for your rating, ie. if you play a match in August, but the competition ends in September, that match will not count until the mid season winter ratings run.

The exception is County Closed; all 2011 County Closed competition results will count for the summer 2011 end of season ratings run.

When can your rating change?

If you are a player with a rating of 8.2 or higher, you have the opportunity to increase your rating 4 times a year. Your new rating will depend on results achieved during the previous half season period or the entire season.

Results used to increase your rating in the mid season review will also be used during the end of season review. This is because results from the whole ratings run season will be taken into account based on your rating at the time of the ratings run.

Note: wins which have been marked as 'used' to increase your rating in the rolling system (up to 8.2) cannot be included in subsequent calculations to increase to 8.1 and higher.

What is a Mid-season Review?

A mid-season review provides players who progress quickly in a short space of time with the opportunity to increase in rating without having to wait until the end of the ratings run season.

How is Mid-season Different to a Normal Ratings Run?

The mid-season run takes into account the first 3 months of a ratings run. A player's rating will increase if he/she has met the criteria. The mid season summer run spans less than 3 months because it takes account the peak summer season competition period.

Can My Rating Decrease?

Only adult players' ratings can decrease and, where this happens, it does so in each end of competition season ratings run. Adult players' ratings cannot decrease below a rating of 6.2.