

### COMPETITION AGE GROUPS

By now all coaches, clubs, players, parents and volunteers should be aware the changes to the competition age groups coming into effect from September 2010.

For more information on competition age groups and to access an online calculator which will help you see which players compete in which age group, simply [click here](#).

### CHANGE TO AFFILIATION

Many clubs may already be aware that the LTA council recently voted in favour of introducing a new registration scheme to replace the current affiliation. This will involve clubs paying a flat fee of £100 per court instead of paying a fee on the number of members they have.

Lots more information [can be found online](#). This is now a great opportunity for clubs throughout the county to begin reinvesting any money saved in equipment, schools programmes, marketing, additional coaching support and much much more.

### EXCITING OPPORTUNITIES

Totally Tennis Basingstoke are an accredited Beacon site as well as Clubmarked club, working towards Satellite status. The team are looking for a new [Head of Performance](#) as well as [Head of Community Tennis](#) to support the growth of tennis throughout the city of Basingstoke. Click on either of the titles above for more information.

### CASC STATUS

Over 500 tennis clubs across Great Britain are now registered as Community Amateur Sports Clubs. The scheme is proving extremely popular and has a number of great benefits such as business rate relief, free gift aid, free JustGiving and corporate tax exemption. More information can be found on [CASC online](#).

### LATEST TENNIS NEWS

The Hampshire & Isle of Wight tennis website has been viewed over 3,000 in the last two months. We are encouraging any clubs that have open days, special events, competitions to send through a brief report and a picture to us here in the County Office. You can keep up-to-speed with all the latest news across the County by visiting [the County Website](#).

### CLUBMARK COURSES

#### Equity in Your Coaching

Date: 23rd June

Time: 6.30 pm - 9.30 pm

Venue: Brockenhurst College

Cost: £25

Licence credits: 3

Contact: Terry Burton (023 8089 8671)

#### Safeguarding & Protecting Children

Date: 7th July

Time: 6.30 pm - 9.30 pm

Venue: Winchester Tennis Club

Cost: Free

Licence credits: 3

Contact: [Sandra.Holmes@LTA.org.uk](mailto:Sandra.Holmes@LTA.org.uk)

#### Safeguarding & Protecting Children

Date: 19th July

Time: 6.30 pm - 9.30 pm

Venue: Southampton

Cost: £25

Licence credits: 3

Contact: [eleonor.wilde@southampton.gov.uk](mailto:eleonor.wilde@southampton.gov.uk)

#### Safeguarding & Protecting Children

Date: 4th October

Time: 6.30 pm - 9.30 pm

Venue: Riverside Centre, Newport, IOW

Cost: £15

Licence credits: 3

Contact: [sports.unit@iow.gov.uk](mailto:sports.unit@iow.gov.uk)

#### Safeguarding & Protecting Children

Date: 6th October

Time: 6.30 pm - 9.30 pm

Venue: Winchester Tennis Club

Cost: Free

Licence credits: 3

Contact: [Sandra.Holmes@LTA.org.uk](mailto:Sandra.Holmes@LTA.org.uk)

### COACH REGISTRATION

We now have an increasing number of registered coaches working throughout Hampshire & Isle of Wight. Coach Registration is an accreditation scheme for anyone who has a minimum one-day coaching qualification, CRB, and up-to-date first aid. Coaches wishing to become registered can [apply online](#) and receive their individual benefits package from the LTA.

### TIMED TENNIS

The County Team have been at various clubs in the last month, getting on court with coaches and competition organisers to introduce the new Timed Tennis format to players of all ages. If your club has a large number of players rated 10.1 or 10.2 and would like us to come down for the day and help run an event, please [email Simon](#).

### AEGON COACH OF THE MONTH

Last month Kathy Charles from Avondale Tennis Club in Fleet was selected by the team at the National Tennis Centre as AEGON Coach of the Month. This is great recognition for all the hard work that takes place at the club.

This month we are delighted to let everyone know that two coaches from Hampshire have again been chosen by the team at the National Tennis Centre. Dave and Marie Buzzard from Alverstoke Lawn Tennis, Squash & Badminton Club will receive their award at the upcoming AEGON Championships.

To nominate someone for AEGON Coach of the Month simply [click here](#).

### COMPETITION SURVEY

With so many competitions taking place throughout Hampshire & Isle of Wight it's important that we all maintain the high quality experience for players and parents.

We are encouraging clubs to send [this SurveyMonkey questionnaire](#) out by email to anyone who attends their competitions.

### WINTER COMPETITIONS

The County Team are currently putting together the Winter Competition Circuit and are keen for new clubs to host any adult or junior competitions. These can range from half-day events for Mini Tennis players, or simply an afternoon for adults.

If your club hasn't hosted a competition before but would like to find out what's involved, please [email Simon](#).

### TENNIS CLUBMARK

Nicky will be contacting all clubs regarding Tennis Clubmark Annual Health checks. There are currently 25 clubs within the County with Clubmark Accreditation and a further 10 working towards the accreditation.

### COMPETITION ORGANISERS

The Competition Organisers course is aimed at young people aged 16 - 25 years old and teaches them the skills needed to provide high quality and enjoyable competition experiences for players, parents and coaches. If you would like Simon to deliver a free Competition Organisers Course at your club, please [email Simon](#).

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