



MUNSTER SCHOOLS TENNIS CHAMPIONSHIPS **FAQ 2024**

1. What is the Munster Tennis Schools Competition?

- a) It is a Tennis Team competitions for Primary & Secondary Schools in Munster run by Munster Tennis annually. There are events for Boys Teams, Girls Teams and also Mixed Teams.
- b) It is a doubles competition for Boys & Girls Teams and a Singles, Mixed and Doubles Competitions for the Mixed Teams.

2. What is the objective of the Competition?

The objective is to encourage more children to compete in a team sport in general and to represent their school in the province in sport. It is there to help keep Children in Sport.

3. Can any Primary or Secondary School enter?

Yes as long as the school has access to tennis courts somewhere that can be a home venue then any school can enter.

4. Can Schools amalgamate to create a Team?

- a) Yes once a school has at least 2 players they can fill a team using players from another school once both schools agree.
- b) *However it is important to understand that this rule is there to facilitate smaller schools who haven't enough players to participate and it is not intended that large schools would "load teams" with the best players from 2 schools etc. It is only to be used if a school has no other players available. This will be monitored by Munster Tennis.*
- c) This rule has also been introduced to allow all boys and all girls schools to enter mixed teams.

5. Do the matches take place within school hours ?

Yes in general matches take place during school hours or in some cases directly afterwards. Each tie is played with the agreement of both schools.

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6. How far are School Teams expected to travel?

The earlier rounds are regionalised as much as possible once enough entries are received in a particular region. The later knockout rounds will likely require travel outside a region and finals will be held in one of the Munster Regions at the end of the competition.

The 3 regions in Munster are broadly: Northwest (Clare, Limerick & North Tipperary) South East (Waterford & South Tipperary) and South West (Cork & Kerry)

7. We do not have school tennis courts so would we be allowed to use our local club courts?

In general most schools do not have tennis courts. However schools can seek permission to play in local Tennis Club courts or in Council facilities. Most Munster affiliated Tennis clubs will accommodate schools as play is during the day on Weekdays when club courts are quiet.

8. How many rounds are there/about how many matches would we play?

The round robin or preliminary stage will mean maybe 2, 3 or 4 ties. There will then be usually be semi finals and finals if a team gets that far.

You can view the competition online at

9. Does the competition run over a number of weeks?

It runs generally over a 2 month period (March & April) with finals in May. In future years we hope to allocate more time for the Competition.

10. When does it start and finish?

It usually starts in early March and finishes with finals in May.

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