



## **MUNSTER PRIMARY SCHOOLS' TENNIS CHAMPIONSHIPS RULES 2023**

1. A School may enter more than one team. **No member of one team may play on another team. All members of a team must be from a single school and no amalgamation of schools is permitted.**
2. Panels must be submitted for all teams entered with a date of birth for each child. Only children born in **2012 and earlier** may enter this competition in accordance with ITF recommendations for under 10 tennis.
3. A team shall consist of 4 players i.e. 4 Boys in Boys Competition **or** 4 Girls in Girls Competition or 2 boys and 2 girls in Mixed Competition.  
Doubles only will be played.  
Girls Competition and Boys Competition:-  
Each pair will play both opposing pairs, i.e. 4 matches.  
**Each match will be the first to reach 8 games with a tie-break at 7 all.**  
In the event of a tie at 2 matches all, one more doubles will be played between two pairs who have not played together, i.e. one player from each doubles combination. This decider will be one tie-break set.  
Mixed Competition:-  
Play will consist of a boys doubles, a girls doubles and followed by 2 mixed doubles.  
In the event of a tie at 2 matches all, one more mixed doubles will be played between two pairs who have not played together i.e. one player from each mixed doubles combination. The decider will be one tie break set.
4. The winners of the Preliminary Round will enter the Cup Draw and the runners-up will enter the Shield Draw. **Teams who give a walkover in the Preliminary round are not eligible to enter the Shield competition.**
5. Home school must ensure that courts are up to standard, i.e. Nets, Centre Straps, well-lined and free from obstacles.  
Any legitimate complaints will result in loss of home advantage for future matches.
6. Each team shall nominate its order of play prior to the start of each match.
7. The top team drawn shall have choice of venue in the Preliminary round. In the next and later rounds the team which did not have choice in the previous round shall have choice. A bye or walkover counts as having choice of venue.
8. The date by which matches must be played will be stated on the draw. No postponement to this date will be entertained except in exceptional circumstances. Any team which breaches this rule will automatically be disqualified. Exceptional circumstances shall be determined by the Competitions Committee of the Munster Branch whose decision will be final. Schools may play before the specified dates provided both Schools are in agreement.



9. Balls will be provided by the Munster Branch for finals and the home team must provide new Tournament standard balls for all earlier matches.
10. Any queries in relation to the rules should be sent via e-mail to [admin@munstertennis.ie](mailto:admin@munstertennis.ie), directly from the school (contact person) and not a parent.
11. Each team must be accompanied by a member of staff or an adult nominated by the school who should be acquainted with the Rules and who will supervise the team throughout the fixture. **(Please check your Insurance in this regard).**
12. The Competitions Committee shall have absolute power to deal with any matter which may arise which is not provided for in these rules.