

LTA COMPETITION REGULATIONS – SUMMARY OF MAJOR CHANGES 2013

The LTA Competition Regulations (which can be found at www.lta.org.uk/CompetitionRegulations) will be amended as from 1 September 2013. This document summarises the major changes that will be made.

Overlapping Competitions

1. There is now an exception in 3.10, which relates to LTA Staged Winter Competitions (ie. National Tour weekend Winter Regional Tour and weekend Winter County Tour tournaments) whereby a Player can enter only one competition at each grade in the same age group taking place on the same weekend.

Withdrawals and Code Violations

2. Paragraph 4.8 has been amended to include suspension periods for a third and fourth suspension in the same 12 month period.
3. Paragraph 4.9 now makes clear that, if the suspension date starts during a competition, a Player is not permitted to play in that competition, even if part of the competition takes place outside of the suspension dates.

Referee

4. Following the introduction of the Officials Licence Scheme, the person appointed as Referee must be an LTA Licensed Official for Grades 1 to 5 competitions

Prize Money

5. The organising committee of a competition has the discretion to withhold all or part of the prize money due to a Player where a serious breach of the Regulations has been committed.

Ranking

6. With effect from 1 January 2014, when a Senior player moves up to a new age group, their accumulated ranking points will automatically be carried forward to the new age group. This applies to Seniors events only and not Open age groups.
7. Grade 4 and Grade 5 Ranking Points for individual competitions have been increased.