



# Munster Branch Tennis Ireland

## MUNSTER SCHOOLS TENNIS CHAMPIONSHIPS 2010

1. There are Championships for 3 age groups for Boys and Girls.  
Munster Cup for Boys under 19 on 01/01/2010  
Munster Cup for Girls under 19 on 01/01/2010  
Munster Cup for Boys under 16 on 01/01/2010  
Munster Cup for Girls under 16 on 01/01/2010  
Munster Cup for Boys under 14 on 01/01/2010  
Munster Cup for Girls under 14 on 01/01/2010

There is a Shield in all age groups for both Boys and Girls. Preliminary rounds for all age groups shall be regionalised **where possible**. Winners of this Preliminary round shall enter the draw for the Cup; the losers shall enter the draw for the Shield. **A team who gives a walkover in the Preliminary rounds disqualifies itself from entering the Shield competition.**

2. Panels must be submitted for all age groups. See Entry Form.  
No player may play in more than one age group.
3. A team will consist of 4 players. Two singles and one doubles will be played involving all 4 players. Each singles player will then take a doubles player of his/her team as a doubles partner and 2 more doubles matches will be played i.e. a total of 5 matches - 2 singles and 3 doubles. **Singles must be played in order of merit. Order of merit shall be established in the first match played and shall be maintained throughout the competition. National and Provincial Rankings must be adhered to in order of merit. In the event of a player being unavailable, a substitute may be played. This substitute must play in the place of the missing player.** Each team shall nominate in writing its order of play prior to the start of each match. **A school entering more than one team in the same competition shall treat each team as if they were drawn from different schools, i.e. there shall be no interchange of players or substitutes between teams.**
4. Each match shall be the best of 3 tie-break sets.
5. All matches must be played on a minimum of 3 hard/all weather courts in good condition, properly marked and with nets in good condition. Schools that have a problem in this regard are recommended to seek help from local clubs.
6. The top team drawn shall have choice of venue in the first round. In the second and later rounds the team which did not have choice in the previous round shall have choice of venue. **Where both or neither had choice in the previous round, the top team shall have choice.**

7. The date by which matches must be played will be set out on the draw. No postponements or exceptions to this rule will be entertained and a team which breaches this rule will automatically be disqualified. Schools may play before the specified dates provided both schools are in agreement. However having agreed on an alternative date then this becomes the official time and date of the fixture.
8. Tennis Balls will be provided by the Munster Branch for all Finals and the Home team must provide new Tournament Standard balls for earlier matches.
9. **Each School 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.**
10. It is requested that meals or teas be provided by the Home Team. It is recommended that matches start not later than 2.30 p.m.
11. The Competitions Committee of the Munster Branch of Tennis Ireland shall have absolute power to deal with any matter which may arise which is not provided for in these Rules.
12. **Result Sheet to be returned by the WINNING CAPTAIN within 24 hours to the Administrator: -**  
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