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Competition framework descriptor	Recommended competition	Level and location	Scheduling	Next steps in competition
<p><b>Key Stage 2: 7-9 years</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Multi-skill festivals (termly)</li> <li>Off school site</li> <li>Theme based</li> <li>Possible early specialisation in some sports through NGB and club structure</li> </ul>	<p>a) <b>Termly multi-skill festivals (Years 3 and 4)</b> with a focus on working with tennis rackets and balls within the activities. Festivals to build on introducing such elements as rallying, throw actions, space awareness using tennis equipment, etc</p> <p>b) <b>Introductory Mini Tennis Red team competition for Year 4 and able Year 3s.</b> Singles and doubles, six - ten per team. Schools allowed to enter more than one team</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Between primary cluster held at local secondary school, local ITI centre or leisure centre</li> <li>Between primary cluster held at local secondary school, local ITI centre or leisure centre</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Three times a year</li> <li>January – April</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Partnership finals – winners of each cluster come together to a play off</li> </ul>
<p><b>Key Stage 2: 9-11 years</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Multi-sport competition (six-week block rotation)</li> <li>Central venue leagues</li> <li>Coaching and competition based on primary, secondary or club sites</li> </ul>	<p><b>Year 4 Mini Tennis Red Competition</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Four in a team – mixed boys and girls</li> <li>Ideally each teacher in the primary schools will have been on a Key Stage 2 training course and had additional support from the NGB so that they are able to put the framework into operation</li> </ul> <p><b>Year 5 Mini Tennis Red Competition</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>As above</li> </ul> <p><b>Year 6 and below Mini Tennis Orange Competition</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Four in a team – separate boys and girls teams</li> <li>Schools will be encouraged to enter more than one team per event, providing more opportunity for children to compete</li> <li>Prior to the competition the children will take part in some coaching</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Matches played indoors on badminton courts or Mini Tennis Red marked out courts. If weather allows, the event could be run on the same sized courts outside with the Mini Tennis Red outdoor ball.</li> <li>The competition will be run at any of the secondary schools within the partnership that have the facilities (i.e. tennis courts) or a local tennis club identified as the pathway for tennis development</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Cluster competitions must take place in the early part of the summer term (April – May)</li> <li>Cluster competitions must take place end of May</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The partnership final can take place at the end of the summer term (June)</li> <li>A partnership final to be run at the Sports College or chosen venue within the partnership for the winners of the preliminary events. Played by end of June</li> <li>The county will operate a Mini Tennis Green competition for Year 6 and below</li> </ul>

	<p>sessions at a central venue. The chosen teams will be selected from the children that have shown promise and interest from the activity that would have taken place in the earlier years. This coaching should take place in April – May (five sessions per team). These sessions could be delivered by Key Stage 2 trained teachers, specialist coaching staff or the children could contribute to paying for tennis coaches to come in to run sessions. <u>However</u>, coaches' availability may be difficult if this is out of curriculum time as they may be committed to delivering tennis in clubs. <b>(It is likely that this will be linked to PESSCL delivery within the partnership.)</b></p>			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Four in a team, boys and girls events. Schools enter directly to the county (this will cater for independent schools as well) and the county will organise district events and a county final</li> <li>• May – June partnerships/area competitions. Finals late June/early July</li> </ul>
<p><b>Key Stage 3: 11-12 years</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Multi-sport competition (monthly, three sports)</li> <li>• E.g. central venue, leagues in a range of sports, coaching and competition at secondary, hub or club sites</li> </ul>	<p><b>Raw Slam events</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• For up to 24 players</li> <li>• Singles, league format team event</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Competition to be hosted and organised by each secondary school (with courts) in the partnership, in turn</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Summer term</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Inter-partnership competition optional</li> </ul>

<p><b>Key Stage 3 and 4: 12-16 years</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Inter-school leagues and cup competitions within SSPs (year group teams)</li> <li>• (NGBs would have to have an integrated competitive structure including School Sport Associations accepted as core)</li> </ul>	<p><b>Year 7 and 8 (U13)</b> boys, girls and mixed league competition</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Up to eight players per team event</li> <li>• Short format selected from organisers' guide (singles and doubles)</li> <li>• Restricted to Division 7 and below rated players and non rated players</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Can be played at selected venues with courts or central venue within partnership (rotation of organisers)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Summer term (played in half-term blocks)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Inter-partnership finals at end of summer term</li> </ul>
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<p><b>16-19 years</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <u>Not</u> for talented already identified as part of NGB talent programmes</li> <li>• 'Junior Varsity' to give this group an identity</li> <li>• Intra-mural competition within the learning community, e.g. schools, PE, sixth forms</li> <li>• Organised sport in core sports that match the secondary programmes</li> <li>• E.g. single venue festivals for a number of institutions during ring fenced time (Wednesday pm)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Senior student boys, girls and mixed doubles competitions. Partnership based. Four in a team, one-day events</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Secondary school with courts or ITI centre or suitable club venue</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Autumn term and spring term</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Link to regional and national finals</li> </ul>