**LTA & Scottish Disability Tournaments 2023 - Volunteers needed!**

In 2023 we will once again be running a series of disability tournaments. All of the tournaments will be held at an indoor venue. Some of our competitions require a number of volunteers. These are detailed below.

**LTA Scottish Disability Tournaments:**

LTA Learning Disability Regional Tournament on 2nd & 3rd September – Newlands Tennis Club, Glasgow

LTA Visually Impaired Regional Tournament on 14th & 15th October – Newlands Tennis Club, Glasgow

**Scottish Disability Tournaments**

Scottish Closed Learning Disability Tournament 20th & 21st May – Prestwick Tennis Club

Learning Disability One Day Tournament – 18th June at Prestwick Tennis Club

Scottish National Summer Games – 23rd July at Stirling University

The recreational and regional tournaments provide the opportunity for many athletes to participate in local competition. Those that play will range from beginner to advanced level and many require support on court to ensure their competitive experience is a positive one.

For the LTA Scottish Disability Tournaments there will be LTA Licensed Officials who will umpire all the matches but we are looking for enthusiastic volunteers aged 14 or over to help players on court.

* Escort players on to the correct court
* Assist players to be ready to serve or receive
* Ensure that the court is clear of any tennis balls prior to the start of each point
* Ensure players take a break at the change of ends and take on fluids when needed
* Change the scoreboard at the change of ends
* Escort players from the court after their match
* General support to organisers

For the Scottish Disability Tournaments (not LTA), we will not have any LTA Licensed Officials working with us so we are looking for enthusiastic volunteers aged 14 or over to help players on court and for some to umpire matches.

Players with a visual impairment rely solely on an umpire to call the balls in or out and players with a learning disability struggle to remember the scores, so it is vital that we can provide some willing helpers to umpire their matches. For this you will need to be a club player with a good knowledge of scoring. Please indicate on the form opposite if you are willing to help with umpiring some matches

Volunteers will be required on the days of the tournament as follows:

LTA Scottish Tournaments - From 8.30am to 6.00pm Saturday and 8.30am to 4.00pm Sunday

Scottish Disability Tournaments – From 8.30am to 5.30pm

Please note – times may be shorter depending on number of entries

Volunteers supporting the LTA Scottish Disability Tournaments will receive a free t-shirt and lunch and drinks each day. A free t shirt will also be given to volunteers attending the Scottish Disability Tournaments as well as drinks.

Without the help of willing volunteers, many of the athletes would not be able to compete, so your support is vital for them. If you are able to volunteer your time at any of our tournaments, please complete the reply slip and return to the tournament organiser Lesley Whitehead by email [Lesley.whitehead@ymail.com](mailto:Lesley.whitehead@ymail.com) or by post – Hillside, 121 Skelmorlie Castle Road, Skelmorlie, Ayrshire, PA17 5AL by **Saturday 6th May 2023.**

I look forward to hearing from you

Many thanks

Lesley Whitehead

Tournament Organiser



**LTA & Scottish Disability Tournaments Volunteer Reply Slip**

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| Name |  | Email |  |
| Tel No |  | Mobile |  |

No experience is necessary but it would help us to get to know you a bit better if you could answer the following questions: (please circle your answer)

Do you play tennis? Yes No

Are you a member of a tennis club? Yes No

If yes, which one? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Have you helped at a tennis event before? Yes No

If yes, what role did you have? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Have you worked with people with a disability before? Yes No

If yes, in what capacity? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Please indicate the size of t-shirt required: small medium large X large

**Are you available to umpire at any of our Scottish Disability Tournaments?**

I am available to volunteer at the tournament/s below (please tick)

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| Scottish Closed Learning Disability Tournament  Date: 20th & 21st May 2023  Venue: Prestwick Tennis Club, 1 Whinfield Pl, Ayrshire, Prestwick KA9 2TS | Saturday | Sunday |
| Learning Disability One Day Tournament  Date: 18th June 2023  Venue: Prestwick Tennis Club, 1 Whinfield Pl, Ayrshire, Prestwick KA9 2TS |  | Sunday |
| Scottish National Summer Games  Date: 23rd July 2023  Venue: Stirling University |  | Sunday |
| LTA Learning Disability Regional Tournament  Date: 2nd & 3rd September 2023  Venue: Newlands Tennis Club, 18 Mochrum Rd, Glasgow G43 2QE | Saturday | Sunday |
| LTA Visually Impaired Regional Tournament  Date: 14th & 15th October 2023  Venue: Newlands Tennis Club, 18 Mochrum Rd, Glasgow G43 2QE | Saturday | Sunday |

**Please return completed form to Lesley** [**Lesley.whitehead@ymail.com**](mailto:Lesley.whitehead@ymail.com) **by Saturday 6th May 2023**

