



# Welcome to the February edition of the Kent Tennis Clubs Newsletter

Hope you find the information below helpful and informative.

The first Kent Tennis coaches network meeting is being held at Bromley Tennis Centre on **Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> March, 10am – 1pm**. Invitations to coaches will be sent shortly.

## LTA VENUE REGISTRATION CHANGES

A set of 'Minimum Registration Requirements' will still be introduced, improving safeguarding and legal compliancy within tennis venues.

The Minimum Registration Requirements are a central element of the LTA's strategy for improving safeguarding within the sport. All venues will be required to confirm at the point of registration that they meet these minimum standards; otherwise they will not be permitted to register. The minimum requirements for registration that will come into force **from autumn 2018** are:

1. A diversity & inclusion policy that is actively promoted across the venue
2. A safeguarding policy that is actively promoted across the venue
3. An appointed Welfare Officer that has undertaken the necessary training
4. Valid Criminal Records Check undertaken for relevant roles at the club that is renewed every 3 yrs.
5. Risk Assessments

This will be undertaken through a self-declaration process during Venue Registration. Templates and further information can be found on the link below.

<https://www.lta.org.uk/about-the-lta/policies-and-rules/safeguarding-protection/venue-minimum-standards/>

## LTA Performance Strategy

The LTA are delighted to be announcing our new Performance Strategy. This is a 10 year vision for British Tennis that aims to make Great Britain one of the most respected nations in the world for player development.

The strategy is underpinned by a clear player development philosophy, which drives selection and individual development plans. [Click here](#) to find out more about the strategy.

**GBTW** open days can take place at any point between May and the end of August, and venues can run as many GBTW open days as they wish. The national GBTW weekends are the **12th & 13th May** and the **21st & 22nd July 2018** and the dates the LTA will focus most of our marketing and promotion. We therefore encourage venues to consider holding their open days on these dates to maximise support from the national campaign. You can sign-up online by following these simple steps:

1. Go to the [ClubSpark website](#)
2. Login to your ClubSpark account or register if you don't have one
3. Click Admin and go through to the Events Module
4. Click Create new and select GBTW from the types of events