

Junior Grand Slam Policy 2024

1. Introduction

We, (the LTA), believe the Junior Grand Slam events are amazing opportunities for our best junior players to compete in and experience, as well as being a key way to develop and recognise the personal coaches working with these players. We also believe Junior Grand Slams are a great opportunity for the LTA Men's and Women's National Coaches to work with and support both our top junior players and their personal coaches in a high pressure environment.

To acknowledge this, we will recognise all British players (those eligible to represent GB as per the ITF rules and regulations) in the Main Draw* (singles only) of the three overseas Junior Grand Slams** with a grant to support the costs of both the player and their coach^ to travel for both a warm up event and the Grand Slam itself.

These events are:

- J300 Traralgon and Australian Open Junior Championships.
- Milan or Belgium and Roland Garros Junior French Championships.
- College Park or Canada and US Open Junior Tennis Championships.

Other relevant events may be approved by the Men's or Women's team.

**Where the Grand Slam is in the agreed schedule of the player with the Head of Men's/Women's tennis or their nominee.*

***Please note for The Junior Championships, Wimbledon grants will not be offered.*

^The coach must hold a valid qualification and LTA Accreditation.

2. The Grant

The grant amount will vary depending on the event and will be based on the LTA's calculation of the average cost of flights and the cost of the official accommodation for the duration of the stay (with nights covered by the event taken into account). It is designed to be a contribution towards costs and can be used towards flights/travel and accommodation for both the player and coach, but food and other expenses will not be covered.

To be eligible to receive the grant you must:

- Be accepted into the Singles Main Draw of the Grand Slam event on your own merit/ranking (not by receiving a Wildcard), this does include coming through qualifying.
- Adhere to the LTA code of conduct at all times. Any player in breach of the code of conduct (before or during the trip) will not be able to access the grant. In such instances, any amounts already transferred to the player must be reimbursed to the LTA immediately.
- Please note players at National Academies or on Pro Scholarship Programme (PSP) are not eligible to claim.

The grant amounts will be as follows*:

- Australian Open Junior Championships – up to £3,500 (reduction due to the Australian Open making a travel grant available to players)
- Roland Garros Junior French Championships – up to £2,000
- US Open Junior Tennis Championships – up to £3,000

*The amount available is for the player to play both a warm up event and the grand slam itself. If only the grand slam event is played, the player will normally only be eligible to claim a proportion of the amounts highlighted above.

This amount is calculated based on both a coach and player travelling for two weeks, in the event of the coach not being able to travel then the LTA will amend the amount to reflect this. It cannot be transferred to parents. If the coach receives the "official coach" status and therefore subsidised accommodation, then the total amount will be amended to reflect this.

3. Payment Schedule

The first 50% of the total can be paid in advance to help with upfront costs, bank details will have to be confirmed in order to receive this.

The remaining 50% will be paid upon receiving valid receipts up to the value of the grant. The total paid will not exceed more than the original grant offer even if total costs are greater than this, likewise if the receipts do not total the original grant offer then only the value of the receipts will be reimbursed.

If you are in the qualifying draw of the Junior Grand Slam and qualify for the MD, and you have met the other criteria, then the grant will be paid to you in one instalment against receipts.

Any questions around the payment of the Grand Slam Grants and submission of receipts to claim the remaining grant must be sent to Imogen Woodham (Imogen.Harry@lta.org.uk)

4. Amendments

The LTA may amend this Policy from time to time. Any amended Policy will be published on the LTA website.