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INTRODUCTION

The AEGON British Tour provides a circuit of tournaments designed to compliment the International Calendar giving up and coming players the opportunity to gain experience in their quest to become professional tennis players as well as those already competing on the international stage.

Players can gain points from each competition with a leaderboard displaying the total points gained from competitors throughout the year. Similar to the WTA Tour and ATP Tour, the top players on the leaderboard after all tournaments have been played are invited to the end of year Masters.

Who can play the AEGON British Tour?

The tournaments are open age group category with a mixture of adults and juniors competing. The tournaments are grade 1 (Tier 1) & grade 2 (Tier 2) and therefore aimed at performance players with a minimum rating cut-off of 6.1.

Tournament Format

Each tournament is run over 6/7 days with the Finals on a Saturday (there may be some exceptions to this so please check the dates on the [calendar](#)). Matches are scheduled during the daytime. Pre-qualifying and qualifying draws feed through to the main draw which commences on the Wednesday. A maximum of 28 players are accepted directly into the main draw with the qualifying and pre-qualifying events catering for all other players who have entered.

Some of the tournaments are stand alone AEGON British Tour competition with men's and women's singles. However, some of the tournaments in the summer (Ilkley, Tunbridge Wells, West Worthing & Sutton) are part of a larger tournament and therefore offer other events as well (this will be viewable when entering the competition online).

NEW FOR 2010

The AEGON British Tour has been revamped for 2010, with the aim to better provide more players aged 16+ with the chance to access regular competitive opportunities and earn prize money to support their competition programmes.

Key features of the AEGON British Tour in 2010

- Prize money has been increased.
- The Tour has been split into Tier 1 and Tier 2 tournaments, with both Tiers culminating in an end of year Masters for the top 14 points scorers (+ up to 2 wild cards) of each Tier.
- **Players must enter online by the entry closing date – no late entries will be accepted.**
- Where they fall in the same week as an AEGON Pro-Series tournament, they will accommodate those players who may have lost in qualifying – providing the players have entered the AEGON British Tour tournament.
- Players who win their qualifying matches and make the main draw of an AEGON Pro-Series will be permitted to withdraw late from the AEGON British Tour.
- The following table highlights the main differences of the two Tiers:

	Tier 1	Tier 2
Tournament Grade	1	2
No. of tournaments in 2010	14	15
Rating Parameter	1.1 – 5.1	1.1 – 6.1
Total Tournament Prize Money	£6,200 distributed down to last 16	£3,040 distributed down to last 16
Prize Money – Singles Winner	£750	£400

Feed Up to AEGON Pro-Series

Wild cards to AEGON Pro-Series tournaments will be awarded as follows (men only):

- Winner of ABT Tier 1 will receive a wild card into the main draw of a men's AEGON Pro-Series tournament (\$10k or \$15k) - to be determined by the Men's Tennis Team
- Winner of ABT Tier 2 will receive a wild card into the qualifying draw of a men's AEGON Pro-Series tournament (\$10k or \$15k) - to be determined by the Men's Tennis Team
- If a player wins three ABT Tier 2 tournaments in the calendar year (e.g. 2010), they will receive a wildcard into the main draw of a men's AEGON Pro-Series tournament (\$10k or \$15k) - to be determined by the Men's Tennis Team

Online Entry & Payment System

Entry and payment for all AEGON British Tour tournaments will be via the online entry system on the website. Details for this can be found under [Online Entry & Withdrawal Procedures](#).

Online Withdrawal System

Likewise, any withdrawals for the tournaments will also be online. Information on this process is also under [Online Entry & Withdrawal Procedures](#).

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TOURNAMENT INFORMATION

Format

Both men's and women's singles events are run at each tournament. Most tournaments start on a Monday. Pre-qualifying and qualifying draws feed through to the main draw which commences on the Wednesday with the Finals normally scheduled on the Saturday (please check the dates on the [calendar](#)).

	Main Draw	Qualifying/Pre-qualifying
Draw size	Max 32	depends on entries
Direct Acceptances	Max 28	-
Qualifiers	Max 8	-

Wild Cards: 1-4 wild cards per main draw may be awarded at the discretion of the Tournament Organiser providing the wild card applicant is within the main draw acceptance cut-off for that tournament. A wild card may be awarded to a player who has not entered the tournament. For wild card applications please contact the relevant tournament referee.

Scoring

All singles matches are the best of 3 tie break sets. Tier 1 finals will be appointed a chair umpire to officiate the match. A referee will be on-site for the duration of all tournaments.

Leaderboard

A separate leaderboard will operate for Tier 1 and Tier 2 tournaments. The points allocated to each tournament follow the AEGON British Tennis rankings points distribution for grade 1 & 2 tournaments. This breakdown is as follows:

	Tier 1 (grade 1)	Tier 2 (grade 2)
Winner	1000	750
Runner-up	750	565
Losing semi-finalist	550	415
Losing quarter-finalist	400	300
Losers of the last 16	300	225

Tier 1 - A player must play in a minimum of **three** Tier 1 AEGON British Tour tournaments during the calendar year in order to be considered for the end of year Masters.

Tier 2 - A player must play in a minimum of **four** Tier 2 AEGON British Tour tournaments during the calendar year in order to be considered for the Masters.

Prizes

Prize money will be awarded and will be broken down as follows:

	Tier 1	Tier 2
Winner	£750	£400
Runner-up	£450	£250
Losing semi-finalist	£300	£125
Losing quarter-finalist	£175	£75
Losers of the last 16	£75	£40

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ONLINE ENTRY & WITHDRAWAL PROCEDURES

Online Entry

- All entries for the AEGON British Tour Tournaments must be made via the online entry system on the LTA website www.lta.org.uk/Search/FindACompetition by entering the relevant tournament code (see Calendar) and clicking on 'Accepting Entries'.
- Please have card details ready when entering online as you will need to provide this information in order to complete your online entry.
- Each tournament will open for entry 1 month prior to the entry closing date.
- **The closing date for all tournaments will be at 14.00 hrs on the Thursday eighteen (18) days prior to the Monday of the tournament week.**
- Please remember to update your British Tennis Membership (BTM) details with your correct contact details as these will be used to communicate with you.
- Once a player has entered online they can check the entry has been received by going to the entry list for that tournament www.lta.org.uk/Search/FindACompetition. Each player must ensure that their name is on the entry list before the closing date in order to be considered for the tournament.

Acceptance Information

- Once the closing date has passed, and the latest AEGON British Tennis Rankings are assigned, acceptances will be published on www.lta.org.uk/Search/FindACompetition (approximately 2 working days after the closing date).
- It is the responsibility of the player to check their status for the event they have entered.

Online Withdrawal

- **The withdrawal deadline is at 14.00 hrs on the Tuesday six (6) days prior to the Monday of the tournament week.**
- A player should withdraw via the LTA website by logging on to their British Tennis Membership account. Once logged in go to the 'Play' tab, followed by 'Events Entered' directly below and select the tournament from which they wish to withdraw.
- A player can check their status has changed via the entrant list within Competition Search.
- After the withdrawal deadline players can no longer withdraw online and must contact the tournament referee.
- If you are having problems with withdrawing online please contact the referee, contact details are displayed on the tournament page via the competition search.
- For players who phone to withdraw they will be manually taken out of the tournament file by the referee and this will be displayed on the website as 'not accepted'.
- Withdrawals after the withdrawal deadline will not have their entry fee refunded. Main Draw direct acceptances will not have their entry fee refunded if they withdraw after the main draw has been made.

Draws & Match Times

- The draws and match times will be published within 2 days after the withdrawal deadline.
- It is the responsibility of the player to check the website for match times.

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MASTERS INFORMATION

Format

- The top 14 points scorers, who have competed in a minimum of three AEGON British Tour tournaments, will be invited to the end of year Masters for Tier 1.
- The top 14 points scorers, who have competed in a minimum of four AEGON British Tour tournaments, will be invited to the end of year Masters for Tier 2.
- Two wild card spaces will be reserved for each Masters, in the event these are not used the places will be awarded to the next players on the Leaderboard.
- If a player appears in both Tier 1 and Tier 2 Leaderboards and qualifies for both Masters then the Tier 1 Masters will take priority. The space in the Tier 2 Masters will then be awarded to the next player on the Tier 2 Leaderboard.
- If there is a tie for any position the player who has played the fewest tournaments will be placed higher
- If a player is unable to take part then their place will be allocated to the next person on the Leaderboard.
- The format for the Masters will be confirmed by April 2010.

Scoring

All matches will be the best of 3 tie break sets and the Finals will be officiated by a chair umpire. A referee will also be on-site for the duration of the event.

Prizes

Trophies will be awarded to the finalists. Prize money will also be given to players, the breakdown of which is as follows:

	Tier 1 Masters	Tier 2 Masters
Winner	£1000	£650
Runner-up	£600	£400
Losing semi-finalist	£350	£175
Losing quarter-finalist	£200	£100
Losers of the last 16	£100	£65

CALENDAR

Category	Tournament	Tournament Code	Dates	Entry Closing Date	Surface	Rating Cut-off	Entry Fee
Tier 1	AEGON British Tour Billesley Billesley Indoor Tennis Centre	WAR601	4–9 Jan	17 Dec – 14.00hrs	Indoor Hard	5.1	£20
Tier 2	AEGON British Tour Stirling University of Stirling LTC	NSC601	11-16 Jan	24 Dec - 14.00hrs	Indoor Hard	6.1	£20
Tier 1	AEGON British Tour Graves Graves Tennis & Leisure Centre	YOR603	31 Jan–6 Feb	14 Jan – 14.00hrs	Indoor Hard	5.1	£20
Tier 1	AEGON British Tour Corby Corby Indoor Tennis Centre	NTP601	15-20 Feb	28 Jan – 14.00hrs	Indoor Hard	5.1	£20
Tier 2	AEGON British Tour Swansea Swansea Tennis Centre	S.W202	22–27 Feb	4 Feb – 14.00hrs	Indoor Hard	6.1	£20
Tier 1	AEGON British Tour Bolton Bolton Arena	LAN601	1–6 Mar	11 Feb – 14.00hrs	Indoor Hard	5.1	£20
Tier 1	AEGON British Tour Sutton Sutton Tennis Academy	SUR206	7-13 Mar	18 Feb – 14.00hrs	Indoor Hard	5.1	£20
Tier 2	AEGON British Tour Warwick University of Warwick TC	WAR602	22-27 Mar	4 Mar – 14.00hrs	Indoor Hard	6.1	£20
Tier 2	AEGON British Tour Tipton Tipton Sports Academy	STA201	12-17 Apr	25 Mar – 14.00hrs	Indoor Hard	6.1	£20
Tier 1	AEGON British Tour Bournemouth The West Hants Club	DOR201	19–24 Apr	1 Apr – 14.00hrs	Outdoor Clay	5.1	£20
Tier 2	AEGON British Tour Hatfield Queenswood Tennis Centre		10-15 May	22 Apr – 14.00hrs	Outdoor Clay	6.1	£20
Tier 2	AEGON British Tour Doncaster Doncaster LTC	YOR201	17–22 May	29 Apr – 14.00hrs	Outdoor Clay	6.1	£20
Tier 1	AEGON British Tour Cardiff Esporta Cardiff (Welsh NTC)	S.W401	23–28 May	6 May – 14.00hrs	Outdoor Clay	5.1	£20
Tier 1	AEGON British Tour Nottingham City of Nottingham TC		31 May–5 Jun	13 May – 14.00hrs	Outdoor Hard	5.1	£20
Tier 2	AEGON British Tour Sheffield Hallamshire T&SC	YOR202	7–12 Jun	20 May – 14.00hrs	Outdoor Hard	6.1	£20
Tier 2	AEGON British Tour Nottingham City of Nottingham TC	NOT203	28 Jun–3 Jul	10 Jun – 14.00hrs	Outdoor Hard	6.1	£20
Tier 1	AEGON British Tour Felixstowe Felixstowe LTC		5-10 Jul	17 Jun – 14.00hrs	Grass	5.1	£20
Tier 2	AEGON British Tour Ilkley Ilkley LT&SC		26-31 Jul	8 Jul – 14.00hrs	Grass	6.1	£20
Tier 2	AEGON British Tour Tunbridge Wells Tunbridge Wells LTC	KEN402	2–7 Aug	15 Jul – 14.00hrs	Grass	6.1	£20
Tier 2	AEGON British Tour West Worthing West Worthing T&SC	SUS401	8–14 Aug	22 Jul – 14.00hrs	Grass	6.1	£20
Tier 1	AEGON British Tour Sutton Sutton Tennis & Squash Club		16–21 Aug	29 Jul – 14.00hrs	Outdoor Hard	5.1	£20
Tier 2	AEGON British Tour Paddington Paddington Sports Club	MID603	6-11 Sep	19 Aug – 14.00hrs	Outdoor Hard	6.1	£20
Tier 2	AEGON British Tour Nottingham City of Nottingham TC		13-18 Sep	26 Aug – 14.00hrs	Outdoor Hard	6.1	£20
Tier 1	AEGON British Tour Wrexham North Wales Regional TC	N.W601	27 Sep–2 Oct	9 Sep – 14.00hrs	Indoor Hard	5.1	£20
Tier 2	AEGON British Tour Norwich Easton College TC		11-16 Oct	23 Sep – 14.00hrs	Indoor Hard	6.1	£20
Tier 1	AEGON British Tour Taunton Taunton Tennis Centre	SOM601	24–30 Oct	7 Oct – 14.00hrs	Indoor Hard	5.1	£20
Tier 1	AEGON British Tour Hull Nuffield Tennis Academy	YOR601	8–13 Nov	21 Oct – 14.00hrs	Indoor Hard	5.1	£20
Tier 1	AEGON British Tour Nottingham City of Nottingham TC	NOT603	13–20 Nov	28 Oct – 14.00hrs	Indoor Hard	5.1	£20
Tier 2	AEGON British Tour Welwyn Gosling Tennis Centre		29 Nov-4 Dec	18 Nov – 14.00hrs	Indoor Hard	6.1	£20
Tier 1 & 2	AEGON British Tour Masters City of Nottingham TC	NOT604	w/c 13 Dec	Invitation only	Indoor Hard		

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VENUES

NAME	ADDRESS	POST CODE	MAP	VENUE WEBSITE
Billesley Indoor Tennis Centre	Wheelers Lane, Billesley, Birmingham	B13 0ST	Link to Multi Map	Website
Bolton Arena	Arena Approach, Horwich, Bolton	BL6 6LB	Link to Multi Map	Website
City of Nottingham TC	University Boulevard, Nottingham	NG7 2QH	Link to Multi Map	Website
Corby ITC	Rockingham Road, Corby	NN17 2AE	Link to Multi Map	
Doncaster LTC	Saxton Avenue, Bessacarr, Doncaster	DN4 7AY	Link to Multi Map	Website
Easton College TC	Easton College, Easton, Norwich	NR9 5DX	Link to Multi Map	Website
Esporta Cardiff (Welsh NTC)	Ocean Park, Ocean Way, Cardiff	CF24 5HF	Link to Multi Map	Website
Felixstowe LTC	Bath Road, Felixstowe	IP11 7JN	Link to Multi Map	Website
Gosling Tennis Centre	Gosling Sports Park, Stanborough Road, Welwyn Garden City	AL8 6XE	Link to Multi Map	Website
Graves Tennis & Leisure Centre	Bochrum Parkway, Sheffield	S8 8JR	Link to Multi Map	Website
Hallamshire T&SC	716 Ecclesall Road, Sheffield	S11 8TA	Link to Multi Map	Website
Ilkley LT&SC	Stourton Road, Ilkley	LS29 9BG	Link to Multi Map	Website
North Wales Regional TC	Plas Coch Road, Wrexham	LL11 2BW	Link to Multi Map	Website
Nuffield Tennis Academy	Nuffield Health Club, Kingston Park, Kingston Street, Hull	HU1 2TX	Link to Multi Map	Website
Paddington Sports Club	Castellain Road, Maida Vale, London	W9 1HQ	Link to Multi Map	Website
Queenswood Tennis Centre	Shepherds Way, Brookmans Park, Hatfield	AL9 6NS	Link to Multi Map	Website
Sutton Tennis Academy	Rosehill Park, Sutton	SM1 3HH	Link to Multi Map	Website
Sutton Tennis & Squash Club	19 Devonshire Road, Sutton	SM2 5HH	Link to Multi Map	Website
Swansea Tennis Centre	Upper Bank, Landore, Swansea	SA1 7DS	Link to Multi Map	Website
Taunton Tennis Centre	Blackbrook Pavillion, Blackbrook Way, Taunton	TA1 2RW	Link to Multi Map	Website
The West Hants Club	Roslin Road South, Bournemouth	BH3 7EF	Link to Multi Map	Website
Tipton Sports Academy	Wednesbury Oak Road, Tipton	DY4 0BS	Link to Multi Map	Website
Tunbridge Wells LTC	Nevill Gate, Warwick Park, Tunbridge Wells	TN2 5ES	Link to Multi Map	Website
University of Stirling LTC	University of Stirling, Stirling	FK9 4LA	Link to Multi Map	Website
University of Warwick TC	Westwood Campus, University of Warwick, Gibbet Hill Road, Coventry	CV4 7AL	Link to Multi Map	Website
West Worthing T&SC	Titnore Way, Worthing	BN13 3RT	Link to Multi Map	Website

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Tournament Referee: please go to the tournament page on the website using the Competition Search (www.lta.org.uk/Search/FindATournament) to view these details.