

LEXUS JUNIOR NATIONAL TENNIS CHAMPIONSHIPS 2026

PLAYER INFORMATION PACK

16U National Championships – SUR-26-0056

Qualifying – Saturday 28 – Sunday 29 March 2026

Main Draw – Monday 30 March – Friday 3 April 2026

18U National Championships – SUR-26-0055

Qualifying – Saturday 4 - Sunday 5 April 2026

Main Draw – Monday 6 – Friday 10 April 2026



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INTRODUCTION

Welcome to the player information pack for the 18U & 16U Lexus Junior National Tennis Championships 2026. This document will help provide you with the information you need to enter and compete in the events.

We are very pleased to be delivering the 18U & 16U Lexus National Championships in 2026 on the outdoor acrylic courts at the National Tennis Centre, Roehampton.

In partnership with the All-England Club, once again there are some great Wimbledon wild card opportunities for the Winners and Runners Up of the Singles events. In 2026 our 18U National Champion, in both the Girls and Boys events, will receive a wild card into the Qualifying event of The Championships, Wimbledon, as well as a wild card into the main draw of The Junior Championships, Wimbledon. The Runners Up will also receive a wild card into the main draw of The Junior Championships, Wimbledon. In the 16U event the Winners will receive a wild card into the main draw of The Junior Championships, Wimbledon and the Runners Up will receive a wild card into the Qualifying event of The Junior Championships, Wimbledon.

In addition, the 18U National Doubles Champion's, in both the Girls and Boys events, will receive a wild card into the doubles main draw of the Junior Championships, Wimbledon.

All the above wild cards are subject to the player's eligibility to compete in the associated event at The Championships, Wimbledon (see Prizes & Wild Card Feed-ups section on page 6).

We are also delighted to confirm additional wild card opportunities to events in the LTA Performance Competition calendar in Great Britain for 2026 (see Prizes & Wild Card Feed-ups section on page 6).

The singles main draw will be a 24-player draw, with the doubles a 12 pair draw. The 1st round of main draw starts on the Monday (with the 8 singles seeds and 4 doubles seeds receiving a 1st round bye).

Continuing from 2025 the 'no let rule' will be in operation to bring this event in line with the ITF World Junior Tour and Tennis Europe Junior Tour.

We look forward to receiving your entry and hopefully welcoming you to the Lexus Junior National Tennis Championships 2026.

REGULATIONS

The Lexus Junior National Tennis Championships are staged by the LTA and will be conducted in accordance with the ITF Rules of Tennis and LTA Competition Regulations, including the LTA Code of Conduct.

PLAYER ELIGIBILITY (NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS)

To enter and compete in the Lexus LTA Junior National Tennis Championships a player must meet the following criteria:

- A. Players must hold, a British passport or British Citizenship
- B. Player **must not** have competed in another closed national championship in the 12 months preceding the Lexus Junior National Tennis Championships
- C. If a player has an ATP/WTB/ITF/TE IPIN the IPIN must show the player appearing as **GBR**
- D. Player must be eligible to represent Great Britain and have not represented any other nation in a representative team event in the 12 months preceding the Lexus Junior National Tennis Championships
- E. Player must have an LTA membership number.

By committing to compete in the Lexus Junior National Championships, a player is committed to representing Great Britain now and in the future (if selected)

Players will be required to provide proof of Nationality and date of birth.

All players must be available for the full duration of the tournament – singles and doubles (if entered).

Tournament Dates

Event	Tournament Dates	Tournament Code	Accepting Entries	Entry Deadline	Withdrawal Deadline
16U Singles	Qualifying: Sat 28 -Sun 29 March 2026 Main Draw: Mon 30 March - Fri 3 April 2026	SUR-26-0056	Mon 9 Feb	Mon 9 March 10:00 am	Mon 16 March 10:00 am
16U Doubles	Mon 30 March - Thu 2 April 2026		Sat 28 March*	Sun 29 March 4:00 pm**	Sun 29 March 4:00 pm**
18U Singles	Qualifying: Sat 4 - Sun 5 April 2026 Main Draw: Mon 6 - Fri 10 April 2026	SUR-26-0055	Mon 16 Feb	Mon 16 March 10:00 am	Mon 23 March 10:00 am
18U Doubles	Mon 6 - Thu 9 April 2026		Sat 4 April*	Sun 5 April 4.00 pm**	Sun 5 April 4.00 pm**

*On-site entry only, or by telephone to the Tournament Referee

**If qualifying hasn't finished by 4.00pm on the day of doubles entry deadline, the deadline will be extended to close 30 minutes after completion of the last qualifying match in that qualifying event

Draws, Format & Scoring

Event	Draw Size	Direct Acceptances	Wild Cards	Qualifying spaces	Draw Type	Match Format	Surface
Singles Qualifying	32	28	4	-	Elimination 32 to 8	Best of 2 tie-break sets & match tie-break	Outdoor acrylic
Singles Main Draw	24	13	3	8	Elimination	Best of 3 tie-break sets	Outdoor acrylic
Singles Consolation	Eligibility: Main draw singles 1 st match loser Days: Wednesday-Friday Sign in closes 30 minutes after last eligible 1 st match main draw singles finishes. Match Format: Best of 2 tie-break sets & match tie-break						Outdoor acrylic
Doubles	12 pairs	11 pairs	1 pair	-	Elimination	Best of 2 tie break sets & match tie-break (no-ad scoring)	Outdoor acrylic

Prizes and Wild Card Feed-Ups

Trophies, medals and vouchers

Position	Perpetual trophy to be retained by the LTA	Trophy to retain	Medal	Amazon voucher to the value of
Main Draw Singles Winner	✓	✓		£100.00
Main Draw Singles Runner-Up		✓		£50.00
Main Draw Singles losing semi-finalist				£25.00
Doubles Winners	✓	✓	✓	£50.00 (each player)
Doubles Runner-Ups			✓	£25.00 (each player)

Wild card opportunities

STATUS OF MAIN DRAW PLAYER	TYPE OF WILD CARD FEED-UP
18U Boys Singles Winner	Wild card for Wimbledon Championships – Qualifying Wild card for Wimbledon Junior Championships – Main Draw Wild card into 1 x ITF M25 event (April/May 2026) – Main Draw Wild card into 1 x ITF M25 event (April/May 2026) – Qualifying Wild card for ITF J300 Roehampton – Main Draw
18U Girls Singles Winner	Wild card for Wimbledon Championships – Qualifying Wild card for Wimbledon Junior Championships – Main Draw Wild card for 1 x ITF W35 event (April/May 2026) – Main Draw Wild card for ITF WTA125 Ilkley (June 2026) – Main Draw Wild card for ITF J300 Roehampton – Main Draw
18U Boys Singles Finalist	Wild card for Wimbledon Junior Championships – Main Draw Wild card for 1 x ITF M25 event (April/May 2026) – Qualifying Wild card for ITF J300 Roehampton – Main Draw
18U Girls Singles Finalist	Wild card for Wimbledon Junior Championships – Main Draw Wild card for 1 x ITF W35 event (April/May 2026) – Main Draw Wild card for ITF WTA125 Ilkley (June 2026) – Qualifying Wild card for ITF J300 Roehampton – Main Draw
16U Boys Singles Winner	Wild card for Wimbledon Junior Championships – Main Draw Wild card for ITF J300 Roehampton – Main Draw Wild card for ITF J200 Aldershot (April 2026) – Main Draw
16U Girls Singles Winner	Wild card for Wimbledon Junior Championships – Main Draw Wild card for 1 x ITF W35 event (April/May 2026) – Main Draw Wild card for ITF J300 Roehampton – Main Draw Wild card for ITF J200 Aldershot (April 2026) – Main Draw
16U Boys & Girls Singles Finalists	Wild card for Wimbledon Junior Championships – Qualifying
18U Boys & Girls Doubles Winners	Wild card for Wimbledon Junior Championships – Main Draw

*The wild card opportunities above are subject to a players ITF/TE/ATP/WT A IPIN being registered as GBR, plus are also subject to the players eligibility to compete in that event, and any wild card limits under that events tournament regulations.

If a player is unable to play the Lexus National Junior Championships due to illness or injury, the player must produce suitable medical evidence supporting the decision to withdraw. Players that do not do this will not be eligible for any wildcards into the summer grass court events.

ENTRY INFORMATION

How To Enter – Singles

- Players must enter online prior to the closing deadline, using online tournament entry:

[Enter the 16U Lexus Junior National Tennis Championships](#)

[Enter the 18U Lexus Junior National Tennis Championships](#)

- A player **must** ensure that his/her name appears on the entry list before the entry deadline to be considered.
- Singles entry fee - £45.00 per event. Payment will be taken during the online entry process.
- Players should check their contact details are up to date on their LTA profile as these will be used to send any communication.
- If you are experiencing problems entering online, please contact the Tournament Director richard.joyner@lta.org.uk or on 07971 141329 **BEFORE** the entry deadline.
The date and time of the email / telephone call will be considered in any entry disputes.
No action can be taken if contact is not made prior to the entry deadline.

How To Enter – Doubles

- Entry into doubles events will open on the first day of the Qualifying event for each age group.
- Entry can be made via on-site sign-in at the tournament or by contacting the tournament referee. The entry deadlines for the double's events are:

16U Doubles – 4:00pm*, Sunday 29 March 2026

18U Doubles – 4:00pm*, Sunday 5 April 2026

* If qualifying hasn't finished by 4.00pm on the day of doubles entry deadline, the deadline will be extended to close 30 minutes after completion of the last qualifying match in that qualifying event.

- Doubles entry fee - £22.00 per player. Payment will be taken on-site. **Players must pay their entry fee into the doubles event before competing.**

Late Entries

- A late entry may not be accepted if he/she would be seeded at the time of making the late entry.
- Late entries will only be accepted if the event is under-subscribed or there are places available on the reserve list.
- Late entries will join the bottom of the reserve list, in order of receipt.
- Should a late entry move to the top of the reserve list **before** the draw is made and a place becomes available, he/she can be accepted into the event, even though at that point, he/she could be seeded.
- **After the draw has been made, a late entrant may not be accepted into the event if he/she moves to the top of the reserve list and would be seeded.**

Wild Cards

The tournament reserves the right to issue up to 1 wild card for every 8 spaces in the draw. Wild cards are spaces in the draw reserved for players who have entered but would not be accepted through the stated acceptance criteria.

- Wild cards will be awarded in accordance with the LTA Competition Regulations (3.20-3.22) and the [LTA Wild Card Policy](#).
- Where possible we aim to publish wild cards for singles events by the following dates:
 - 16U – Thursday 12 March 2026
 - 18U – Thursday 19 March 2026
- Any wild card spaces not used will be released and the next eligible player will move into the draw.
- Wild cards are awarded on an entirely discretionary basis, and we shall not enter any correspondence as to why a particular player was (or was not) issued a wild card.

ACCEPTANCES

Singles Acceptance Criteria

1. Acceptance is based on a player's LTA combined ranking as at the entry deadline. Where this is equal the players will be drawn by lot i.e. randomly.
2. All eligible players not accepted will be placed on the reserve list.

Doubles Acceptance Criteria

Doubles acceptance will give priority to players in the following order:

1. 2 players in same age group singles main draw
2. 1 player in same age group singles main draw & 1 player in qualifying, reserve or non-entered singles player (players in qualifying, reserve, or non-entered singles are classed as the same)
3. 2 players in qualifying, reserves or non-entered singles players (players in qualifying, reserve, or non-entered singles are classed as the same)

Where an event is over-subscribed selections will be made based on the above order of priority and according to:

1. Combined domestic age group ranking (using data available at the time the qualifying singles draw was made)
2. Where pairings are tied, the pair with the highest singles ranked player will take precedence.
3. By lot where pairs are still tied.

Publication of Singles Acceptance Lists

We will aim to publish the acceptance list for the 16U singles event by Thursday 12 March 2026.

We will aim to publish the acceptance list for the 18U singles event by Thursday 19 March 2026.

Reserves

- It is the responsibility of reserves to check the website to track their reserve status and acceptance. Prior to the withdrawal deadline reserves will not be contacted by the Tournament Director or Referee if a space becomes available.
- A reserve will only be personally contacted by the Tournament Director or Referee after the withdrawal deadline has passed if a space becomes available.
- If a player on the acceptance list, withdraws after the withdrawal deadline, he/she will incur withdrawal points, and the entry fee will be retained.
- Players on the reserve list may at any time, prior to the referee contacting the player/parent to confirm their place in the draw, withdraw without penalty. Also, a player on the reserve list may decline to play if called upon 24 hours prior to the start of the relevant event, and will not incur withdrawal points, and their entry fee will be refunded.

SEEDINGS

Seeding criteria for Singles and Doubles

- Singles seeding for qualifying and main draw shall be based on the players' LTA Ranking on the date the Qualifying Singles draw was made.
- Doubles seeding shall be based on the players' combined LTA Ranking on the date the Qualifying Singles draw was made.

PROPOSED ORDER OF PLAY

16U Proposed Order of Play	
Date	Event
Friday 27 March	Practice
Saturday 28 March	Qualifying: Round 1
Sunday 29 March	Qualifying: Round 2
Monday 30 March	Singles Main Draw: Round 1 Doubles: Round 1
Tuesday 31 March	Singles Main Draw: Round 2 Doubles: Quarter-Final
Wednesday 1 April	Singles Main Draw: Quarter-Final Doubles: Semi-Final Singles Consolation:
Thursday 2 April	Singles Main Draw: Semi-Final Doubles: Final Singles Consolation:
Friday 3 April	Singles Main Draw: Final Singles Consolation:

18U Proposed Order of Play	
Date	Event
Friday 3 April	Practice
Saturday 4 April	Qualifying: Round 1
Sunday 5 April	Qualifying: Round 2
Monday 6 April	Singles Main Draw: Round 1 Doubles: Round 1
Tuesday 7 April	Singles Main Draw: Round 2 Doubles: Quarter-Final
Wednesday 8 April	Singles Main Draw: Quarter-Final Doubles: Semi-Final Singles Consolation:
Thursday 9 April	Singles Main Draw: Semi-Final Doubles: Final Singles Consolation:
Friday 10 April	Singles Main Draw: Final Singles Consolation:

CONTACT

If you have any further questions, please email richard.joyner@lta.org.uk or call 07971 141329.

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**WE LOOK FORWARD TO WELCOMING YOU TO THE 2026
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