



LTA BRITISH TOUR INFORMATION 2023

Who can play the LTA British Tour?

The tournaments are open age group category with a mixture of adults and juniors competing, and are LTA grade 1 (Premier & Tier 1) & LTA grade 2 (Tier 2) events

Format

Both men's and women's singles events are run at each tournament.

Tournament formats vary, but include

- 1) Weeklong tournaments, typically starting on a Monday, with qualifying draws feeding through to the main draw which usually then commence on the Wednesday and the Finals normally scheduled on the Saturday. Matches are scheduled during the daytime.
- 2) 3-day events with a Thursday-Saturday, or Friday-Sunday format. These have one men's and one women's draw (no qualifying event), each with a typical draw size of 28, playing a match tie-break as the final set. Match schedule – day 1 1st round; day 2 last 16 & quarter-final; day 3 semi-final & final. Refer to tournament information specific for that event.
- 3) 4-day events, which will operate a one day qualifying, with main draw 3-day main draw,
- 4) Some Premier Tier events are staged as a 16-player round robin format to knock-out
- 5) Some 2-day week-end events are also played as a 16-player round robin format to knock-out

FOR ANY LTA BRITISH TOUR EVENT PLEASE CHECK THE TOURNAMENT SCHEDULE/FORMAT/EXACT DAYS FOR THAT EVENT ON THE WEB-SITE (OR WITH THE REFEREE), AS THESE DO VARY.

Some of the tournaments are solely an LTA British Tour competition with Men's and Women's Singles. However, some of the tournaments in the summer are part of a larger tournament, which also offer other events (this should be viewable when entering the competition online).

Order of acceptances is based on ATP/WTA singles ranking, then ITF World Tennis singles ranking of 1500 or better, followed by ITF World Tennis Number at the entry deadline. LTA Open ranking will be used to determine the order of players with the same ITF World Tennis Number. ATP Protected/WTA Special Ranking may be used for acceptance provided the player informs the Tournament Director before the closing deadline. It is the player's responsibility to request and receive confirmation of this request in good time. Seeding in all draws is based on ATP/WTA singles ranking, then ITF World Tennis singles ranking of 1500 or better, followed by ITF World Tennis Number (and then LTA Open ranking) at the time of making the qualifying draw (7 day rank). Once qualifying draws have been published, only in exceptional circumstances, will any players be moved from a qualifying draw to a main draw.

	Main Draw	Qualifying
Draw size	Max 32	This varies based on number of entries and number of match courts at each event
Direct Acceptances	Max 28 (unless no qualifying)	-

Qualifiers	Varies	-
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Draw sizes will vary according to the number of entries, and number of courts available at each venue.

Wild Cards

At a British Tour event two wild cards per draw may be awarded at the discretion of the LTA Performance Team, irrespective of whether that player falls within the acceptance criteria for that draw. The Performance Team wild card will normally be given to a young / junior player who doesn't yet have an ATP/WTA singles ranking or an ATP/WTA ranked doubles player who has no ATP/WTA singles ranking, and is normally allocated by the day of the withdrawal deadline. In certain circumstances the wild card criteria may vary to the above.

Outside of the above exception, at British Tour events (Premier Tier, Tier 1, and Tier 2 events) 1-4 wild cards per main draw may be awarded at the discretion of the Tournament Director providing the wild card applicant is within the main draw acceptance cut-off for that tournament. In certain circumstances and if there are spaces in the main draw, this number may be increased at the discretion of the LTA British Tour Tournament Director. A wild card may be awarded to a player who has not entered the tournament. A wild card may also be awarded into the relevant Qualifying draw, to a non-entered player of the relevant rating (open ranking), in a situation where all the originally entered players have moved into the event. In both the above instances a Wild Card may be seeded.

For wild card requests (other than the LTA Performance Team wild card mentioned above) please contact the LTA British Tour Tournament Director, by Friday (midday) before the event for Main Draw, and by the withdrawal deadline for Qualifying. These wild cards will normally be allocated in order of ATP/WTA singles ranking, then ITF World Tennis singles ranking of 1500 or better, followed by ITF World Tennis Number (LTA Open ranking will be used to determine the order of players with the same ITF World Tennis Number). For any LTA Performance Team wild card, these are discretionary and not necessary linked to any ranking order, with the wild card normally allocated by the day of the withdrawal deadline.

Playing more than one tournament in the same week

Players can play more than 1 tournament in the same week provided they have completed the previous tournament.

Where a player has played in an ITF tournament, they should have been released by the ITF Supervisor of that tournament. Players cannot compete in multiple tournaments at the same time.

Scoring

Singles matches are either the best of 3 tie break sets or a deciding match tie-break if one set all (unless otherwise stated). Generally, the 3- or 4-day events will play a deciding match tie-break at one set all. A small number of finals will be appointed a chair umpire to officiate the match. A referee will be on-site for the duration of all tournaments.

Withdrawals

With the exception of a player who withdraws because they are competing in a LTA GB Pro-Series/ITF World Tennis Tour /ATP/WTA event, all other players withdrawing after the withdraw deadline will receive late withdrawal points.

Leader board

A leader board will operate for LTA British Tour tournaments. The points allocated to each tournament follow the LTA British Tennis rankings point's distribution for grade 1 & 2 tournaments, with enhanced leader board points for a player reaching the last four of a Premier Tier. Only main draw points count towards the leader board (see below). A player's best 8 LTA British Tour events count towards the Leader Board. This breakdown is as follows:

	Premier Tier (grade 1)	Tier 1 (grade 1)	Tier 2 (grade 2)
Winner	6000	4000	3000
Runner-up	4500	3000	2260
Losing semi-finalist	3300	2200	1660
Losing quarter-finalist	1600	1600	1200
Losers of the last 16	1200	1200	900
Losers of the last 32	1	1	1

Points allocated for leader board positions will fall in line with the LTA ranking's points for grade 1 & 2 events. Player's reaching the last 4 of Premier Tier events, receive 1.5 the number of points of a grade 1 event.

Points are assigned to the losers of the round indicated above. A player needs to have played and won a match to receive points allocated for losers of last 16, and beyond. A slightly adapted version of the above is applied where the event is a round robin format.

See LTA British Tour Masters information, for how players qualify for the year end Masters.

Prize Money

Equal prize money is available in men's and women's main draws.

By entering a LTA British Tour event, a player is expected to be available to compete in each part of the event which they progress to. If a player is unable to start a match or withdraws from a match (including due to a prior commitment), the LTA British Tour Tournament Director may decide to withhold all or part of any prize (including any prize money) won by the player. Where the LTA British Tour Tournament Director decides to withhold any prize pursuant to this paragraph, they will notify the player as soon as practicable. The player may appeal against the Tournament Director's decision by providing written notice of the appeal, with details of the evidence that will be provided in support of the appeal, to the LTA Disciplinary Officer (at ltadiscipline@lta.org.uk) within 72 hours of receipt of the notification of the decision to withhold all or part of the prize.

In addition, where a club has increased the prize money, the club and tournament may withhold all or part of this additional sum.

The Prize money break down for 2023 is as follows:

	Premier Tier	Tier 1	Tier 2
Winner	£1,500	£600	£300
Runner-up	£850	£350	£150

Losing semi-finalist	£425	£175	£75
Losing quarter-finalist	£200	£75	na

There are some events which have increased the prize money stated above. This will be highlighted in that tournament's information.

Feed Up to LTA GB Pro Series

Information for wild cards to LTA GB Pro-Series tournaments to British players through the British Tour will appear here once confirmed for 2023.

This will be updated during the course of the year

LTA Wimbledon wild card play offs 2023

Dates: Thursday 22 & Friday 23 June 2023. Information to follow.

Bonus Pool Winner

In 2023, the male and female players who finish top of the Leader board, after the LTA British Tour tournaments staged up to the Masters, will receive a Bonus Pool payment of £500.00. Where there are two or more players at the top of the Leader board on the same number of points, the £500.00 Bonus Pool payment will be equally shared.

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