

# JUNIOR NATIONAL Championships



# **PLAYER INFORMATION PACK**

11U,12U & 14U Lexus Junior National Championships NOT-24-0048

9U Lexus National Tour – Grade 1 - NOT-24-0057 10U Lexus National Tour – Grade 1 - NOT-24-0056

Friday 16th– Sunday 25th August 2024



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# The LTA reserve the right to make any changes to these regulations as determined appropriate at any time



## **INTRODUCTION**

Welcome to the player information pack for the 11U,12U and 14U Lexus Junior National Tennis Championships 2024. This document will provide you with the information you need to enter and compete in the events.

We are incredibly excited about delivering the 11U, 12U and 14U Lexus National Championships in 2024 at Lexus Nottingham Tennis Centre. There will be no format changes for 2024 however there are **important changes being made to player eligibility.** If a player has an ATP/WTA/ITF/TE IPIN the IPIN must show the player appearing as GBR; at the time of acceptance (entry deadline) and throughout the tournament.

The 14U format will be a 'double elimination' format (also known as feed in consolation). For the 11U and 12U main draw in each event will start with a round robin format, with every player playing three matches. The top two players in each box will then progress to compete in a 16-player elimination draw to become the national champion.

The 9U and 10U Grade 1 National Tour is not considered as a National Junior Tennis Championships but will be run alongside the Lexus Junior National Tennis Championships. This National Tour Tournament is the final event of the 2023/24 calendar; the event aims to create an opportunity for the best players in a year group to compete against their peers. Following the success of last year the 10U event will be played with a yellow ball and the 9U event being played with a green ball and on a green court. These enhancements have been made in collaboration with the Performance Team to ensure player development is at the heart of the Performance Competition Calendar. The 9U National Tour will be held indoors and some matches of the 10U National Tour will also be played indoors.

We look forward to receiving your entry and hopefully welcoming you to the Lexus Junior National Tennis Championships & Lexus National Tour 2024.

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## **REGULATIONS**

The Lexus Junior National Tennis Championships & Lexus National Tour 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 ONLY)

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

- A. Player must be a national of Great Britain;
- B. Player **must not** have competed in another closed national championship in the 12 months preceding the Lexus Junior National Tennis Championships;
- C. **NEW for 2024** If a player has an ATP/WTA/ITF/TE IPIN the IPIN must show the player appearing as **GBR**;
- D. Player must not have previously represented any other nation in the Davis Cup or Billie Jean King Cup (formerly Federation Cup) or the Olympic tennis event; and
- E. Player must have an LTA membership number.

# Once the acceptances have been published players will be asked to provide proof of Nationality and date of birth. More details will be sent to the relevant players.

All players must be available for the full duration of the tournament – round robin, elimination and doubles (if entered).

## **AGE GROUP ENTRY RESTRICTIONS**

#### FOR 14U PLAYERS:

Singles & Doubles Players are permitted to enter & compete in the 14U singles and doubles events in August 2024, and the 16U and 18U singles and doubles events in April 2024.

#### FOR 12U PLAYERS:

Singles & Doubles Players are permitted to enter both the 12U and 14U singles events <u>but may only compete in one</u> of these events.

#### FOR 11U PLAYERS:

Singles & Doubles Players are permitted to enter both the 11U and 12U singles events <u>but may only compete in one</u> of these events.

#### FOR 10U PLAYERS:

Singles Players are permitted to enter & compete in both the 10U National Tour and 11U National Championships singles events.

#### FOR 9U PLAYERS:

Singles Players are permitted to enter both the 9U and 10U singles events <u>but may only compete in one of</u> <u>these events</u>.



#### **Doubles**

Players are permitted to enter multiple doubles events but can only compete in one doubles event. They can choose which doubles event they can compete in irrespective of which singles event they compete in e.g. a player can compete in the 12U singles event and the 14U doubles event.

# **TOURNAMENT DATES**

# Lexus National Championships

Event	Tournament Dates	Tournament Code	Accepting Entries	Closing Deadline	Withdrawal Deadline
11U Singles	Sat 17 – Thu 22 August		Mon 01 July	Mon 29 July 10:00 am	Mon 05 Aug 10:00 am
11U Doubles	Mon 19 – Thu 22 August		On-site**	Sun 18 Aug* 12:00 noon	N/A
12U Singles	Tue 20 – Sun 25 August		Mon 01 July	Mon 29 July 10:00 am	Mon 05 Aug 10:00 am
12U Doubles	Thu 22 – Sun 25 August	NOT-24-0048	On-site**	Wed 21 Aug* 12:00 noon	N/A
14U Girls Singles	Mon 19 – Fri 23 August	NOT-24-0048	Mon 01 July	Mon 29 July 10:00 am	Mon 05 Aug 10:00 am
14U Girls Doubles	Tue 20 – Fri 23 August		On-site**	Mon 19 Aug* 12:00 noon	N/A
14U Boys Singles	Sat 17 – Wed 21 August		Mon 01 July	Mon 29 July 10:00 am	Mon 05 Aug 10:00 am
14U Boys Doubles	Sun 18 – Wed 21 August		On-site**	Sat 17 Aug* 12:00 noon	N/A

\*On-site entry only (or by telephone to the Tournament Referee) \*\*Entry will open online on Mon 01 July but close online with the singles events, and will reopen on-site

#### **Lexus National Tour**

Event	Tournament Dates	Tournament Code	Accepting Entries	Closing Deadline	Withdrawal Deadline
10U Singles	Qualifying: Fri 16 Aug Main Draw: Fri 23 - Sun 25 Aug	NOT-23-0056	Mon 01 July	Mon 29 July 10:00 am	Mon 05 Aug 10:00 am
9U Boys Singles	Qualifying: Fri 16 Aug Main Draw: Sat 17 - Sun 18 Aug	NOT-24-0057	Mon 01 July	Mon 29 July 10:00 am	Mon 05 Aug 10:00 am
9U Girls Singles	Qualifying: Wed 21 Aug Main Draw: Fri 22 - 23 Aug	NO1-24-0057	Mon 01 July	Mon 29 July 10:00 am	Mon 05 Aug 10:00 am



# **DRAWS, FORMAT & SCORING LEXUS NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS**

#### **11U and 12U**

Event	Draw Size	Direct Acceptances	Wild Cards	Qualifying spaces	Draw Type	Match Format	Surface					
Singles Qualifying	No Qualifying Draw											
Singles Main Draw	32	28	4	0	8 round robin groups of 4 players leading to a 16 player elimination for top 2 players in each group	Round robin: 2 tie-break sets and a match tie-break* Elimination: Best of 3 sets	Outdoor Acrylic					
Singles Consolation		No Consolation Draw										
Doubles	16 pairs	14 pairs	2 pairs	0	Elimination	Best of 2 tie break sets & match tie-break, no-ad scoring	Outdoor Acrylic					

#### **14U**

Event	Draw Size	Direct Acceptances	Wild Cards	Qualifyin g spaces	Draw Type	Match Format	Surface					
Singles Qualifying	No Qualifying Draw											
Singles Main Draw	32	28	4	0	32 Double Elimination	Main Draw Best of 3 sets Consolation Best of 2 tie break sets & match tie- break	Main Draw Indoor Acrylic Consolation maybe played indoors					
Doubles	16 pairs	14 pairs	2 pairs	0	Elimination	Best of 2 tie break sets & match tie- break, no-ad scoring	Outdoor /Indoor Acrylic					



# **DRAWS, FORMAT & SCORING LEXUS NATIONAL TOUR**

#### **10U**

Event	Draw Size	Direct Acceptances	Wild Cards	Qualifying spaces	Draw Type	Match Format	Surface
Singles Qualifying	16	14	2	0	4 round robin groups of 4	2 FAST4 sets + MTB	Outdoor Acrylic
Singles Main Draw	24	17	3	4	8 round robin groups of 3 players leading to a 16 player compass for top 2 players in each group + an extra 8 player compass	Best of 2 tie break sets & match tie- break*	Main Draw Outdoor Acrylic Consol maybe played indoors

**9U** 

Event	Draw Size	Direct Acceptances	Wild Cards	Qualifying spaces	Draw Type	Match Format	Surface
Singles Qualifying	16	14	2	0	4 round robin groups of 4	2 FAST4 sets + MTB	Indoor Acrylic
Singles Main Draw	16	10	2	4	4 round robin groups of 4 players leading to a 8 player compass for top 2 players in each group + an extra 8 player compass	2 FAST4 sets + MTB	Indoor Acrylic

The referee may change the surface and whether the match is played indoor/outdoor at his/her discretion.



# **PRIZES AND INCENTIVES**

Position	Perpetual trophy to be retained by the LTA	Trophy to retain	Medal	Amazon voucher to the value of	Player Goodie Bag	Food Vouchers	Winners Merch
Main Draw Singles Winner	~	~		£100.00			$\checkmark$
Main Draw Singles Runner-Up		~		£50.00			
Main Draw Singles losing semi-finalist				£25.00			
Doubles Winners	~	~		£50.00 (each player)			
Doubles Runner-Ups			~	£50.00 (each player)			
All players					~		
Main Draw Singles players						~	

#### Trophies, medals and vouchers for Lexus Junior National Tennis Championships

#### Trophies, medals and vouchers for National Tour

National Tour players will receive a player gift, certificates and winner's prizes and pins

# **ENTRY INFORMATION**

#### How To Enter – Singles

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

Enter the 11U Lexus LTA Junior National Tennis Championships Enter the 12U Lexus LTA Junior National Tennis Championships Enter the 14U Lexus LTA Junior National Tennis Championships Enter the Lexus National Tour - 10U Enter the Lexus National Tour - 9U

- A player **must** ensure that his/her name appears on the entry list before the closing deadline in order to be considered.
- Junior National Tennis Championships Singles entry fee £52.00 National tour events - £35.00 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 at <u>Nationaltour@LTA.org.uk</u> **BEFORE** the closing 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 made after the closing deadline.



#### How To Enter – Doubles

- Entry will be possible online when the singles opens and will close at the singles closing deadline.
- Entry will reopen on the day before the singles events start.
- Entry can be made via on-site sign-in at the tournament or by contacting the tournament referee. The entry deadline for the doubles events is 12 noon on the first day of the singles draw (round robin stage).
- Doubles entry fee £20 per player. Payment will be taken on-site. Players will not be entered into the doubles event until their entry fee has been received.

#### 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.
- <u>After the draw</u> 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.
- Wild cards for the 11U, 12U & 14U singles events will ideally published by Thursday 1 Aug 2024 however the LTA reserve the right to hold the wild cards and issue them at any time up to the draw
- Wild cards for the National Tour 9U & 10U will ideally published by Thursday 1 Aug 2024 however the LTA reserve the right to hold the wild cards and issue the wild card prior to the draw
- 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. Neither the Tournament Team nor the LTA Performance Team will enter into any correspondence as to why a particularly player was (or was not) issued a wild card.



# **ACCEPTANCES**

#### Singles Acceptance Criteria – 11U to 14U

- 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.

#### Singles Acceptance Criteria – 90 & 100

- 1. Acceptance is based on a player's LTA recent form 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 another age group singles main draw
- 3. 1 player in same age group singles main draw & 1 reserve or non-entered singles player
- 4. 2 reserves or non-entered singles players

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 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 <u>Singles</u> Acceptance Lists

The acceptance list will be published by Thursday 1 August 2024.

#### **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 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, including reserves, withdraws after the withdrawal deadline, he/she will incur withdrawal points and the entry fee will be retained with one exception relating to reserves.
- Exception: Reserves may decline an offer to play in the 24 hours prior to the start of the event without incurring withdrawal penalty points, and their entry fee will be refunded.



# **SEEDINGS**

#### Seeding criteria for Singles and Doubles – 11U to 14U

- Singles seeding shall be based on the players' LTA Ranking on the date the singles draw is made.
- Doubles seeding shall be based on the players' combined LTA Ranking on the date the Singles draw is made.

#### Seeding criteria for Singles and Doubles – 90 & 100

• Singles seeding shall be based on the players' LTA Recent Form on the date the singles draw is made.

Please click <u>here</u> to read the acceptance & seeding guide.

# CONTACT

If you have any further questions please email NationalTour@LTA.org.uk

From Monday 29 July the contact details are:

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# **WE LOOK FORWARD TO WELCOMING YOU TO THE 2024**

# **LEXUS LTA JUNIOR NATIONAL TENNIS CHAMPIONSHIPS**

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# **LEXUS JUNIOR NATIONAL TOUR**

