

2023 DOUBLES WILD CARD CRITERIA FOR THE LTA GRASS COURT EVENTS

In 2021, the Women's Team introduced a doubles specific criteria for wild cards into events during the grass season. This has been reviewed and updated again for 2023. Please note that this criteria will apply for events week commencing 5th June (Surbiton), 12th June (Nottingham), 19th June (Birmingham and Ilkley). It will not apply for Eastbourne WTA week commencing 26th June. The criteria for this event is also referenced below.

The priority order for wild cards will be as follows:

1. British number one doubles player on WTA ranking partnering with a British player with a combined singles/doubles ranking of WTA 200
2. British number one singles player on WTA ranking partnering with a British player with a combined singles/doubles ranking of WTA 200
3. All British team with both players being in the top 200 WTA singles or doubles ranking and committed to playing doubles (defined as playing doubles in 40% of events where the player has played singles, within the current WTA ranking period, unless there is a clear reason why this hasn't been possible (for example but not limited to ranking progression in singles and not doubles whereby the player is not able to get in to higher level doubles events; in such a scenario a players commitment to doubles over the previous 12 months will then be considered)). Regular partnerships (regular meaning 5+ events within the current WTA ranking period), combined WTA team ranking, team success leading into the grass court season and form throughout the 2023 grass court season will determine the Wild Card order for priority 3 teams
4. (a) All British team with the highest combined WTA ranking using singles or doubles ranking (whichever is highest)

(b) A British junior player competing in the main draw or qualifying either by direct acceptance or wild card may be considered for a doubles wild card provided they have competed in a minimum of 40% of doubles and are playing with a British partner

(c) A British NCAA Division 1 National Singles / Doubles Champion or a British player ranked in the top 3 NCAA doubles teams during 2023 competing with another British player ranked 250 WTA singles or doubles (or their regular NCAA partner if also British) who has played 40% doubles or alongside a junior player with direct entry or WC into singles events with a minimum of 40% doubles participation

In deciding wild card selection for priority 4 teams, recent doubles results (pre and during grass season) and combined team ranking will be considered as well as the development opportunity that the wild card may present for players U18 or at NCAA
5. A British player with a regular foreign partner (regular meaning 5+ events within the current WTA ranking period)

For the final week of grass court season (Eastbourne) the wild card will be determined by:

- Form throughout the grass court season
- Ranking

Please note:

1. If an all British Team make the final of a WTA event during the grass court season (Nottingham or Birmingham) then the following week that team will be the first priority over the above criteria
2. If a player / team accept a main draw doubles wild card they are expected to be available for the published duration of the doubles event. If a player / team withdraw, unless due to illness / injury, they will not be considered for any further doubles wild cards during the 2023 grass court season. In addition, they will not be awarded a qualifying singles wild card for the WTA / ITF event the following week