JUNIOR NATIONAL TENNIS CHAMPIONSHIPS 2021

PLAYER INFORMATION PACK

12U and 14U National Championships – NOT-21-0056
Monday 16th – Saturday 21st August 2021

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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 12U and 14U Junior National Tennis Championships 2021. This document will provide you with the information you need to enter and compete in the events.

We are incredibly excited about delivering the 12U and 14U National Championships in 2021. Some changes have been made to the events since 2019 and we hope that this will result in a fantastic and competitive tournament that provides a great experience for players, parents, coaches and spectators.

The 12U and 14U events will continue in the same place in the calendar, however from 2021 both events will be played at Nottingham Tennis Centre. The facilities available at this venue mean that we can reinvigorate the format to create a more competitive event that gives players more matches and more opportunities to progress to the latter stages of the competition. The 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. All matches from the quarter finals onwards will be umpired and COVID protocols permitting a ball crew will be provided for the latter stages of the competition, leaving the players to focus on playing their best tennis.

We look forward to receiving your entry and hopefully welcoming you to the Junior National Tennis Championships 2021.

REGULATIONS

The 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

To enter and compete in the 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 Junior National Tennis Championships;
c) 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
d) 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: Born between 1 January 2007 – 31 December 2008

Singles & Doubles
Players are permitted to enter & compete in the 14U singles and doubles events in August 2021, and the 16U and 18U singles and doubles events in May /June 2021.

FOR 12U PLAYERS: Born between 1 January 2009 – 31 December 2010

Singles
Players are permitted to enter both the 12U and 14U singles events, to see if they are accepted, <u>but can only compete in one of these events</u>.

Following standard entry procedures 10U & 11U players may enter the 12U National Championships. Players should note that acceptance is based on ranking, or on wild cards awarded by the Performance Team, and that the 12U competition dates clash with the dates of the 10U & 11U National Tour at the end of the same week. A player is permitted to compete in both competitions, however players are advised that should they still be competing in the Junior National Tennis Championships they may be expected to play in more matches than the maximum number of singles matches in a day.

Doubles
Players are permitted to enter both the 12U and 14U 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

Event	Tournament Dates	Tournament Code	Accepting Entries	Closing Deadline	Withdrawal Deadline
12U & 14U Singles	Mon 16 – Sat 21 August 21	NOT-21-0056	Sat 26 Jun 21	Mon 26 July 21 10:00 am	Mon 2 Aug 21 10:00 am
12U & 14U Doubles	Wed 18 – Fri 20 August 21		Sun 15 Aug 21*	Tues 17 Aug 21* 12 noon	Tues 17 Aug 21* 12:00 noon

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

Draws, Format & Scoring

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*	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	Outdoor Acrylic

*Round robin singles matches. 2 tie-break sets and a match tie-break if 1 set all
*16 player elimination singles matches. Best of 3 tie-break sets

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)

ENTRY INFORMATION

How To Enter – Singles

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

Enter the 12U Junior National Tennis Championships
Enter the 14U Junior National Tennis Championships

- A player **must** ensure that his/her name appears on the entry list before the closing deadline in order to be considered.
- Singles entry fee - £30.00 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 at Nationaltour@LTA.org.uk or on 07971 141329, **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 not made prior to the closing deadline.

How To Enter – Doubles

- For each age group, entry into doubles events will open 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 - £10 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.
- **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.
- Wild cards for the 14U & 12U singles events will be published by Thursday 29 July 2021
- 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 into any correspondence as to why a particularly 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 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 Singles Acceptance Lists

The acceptance list will be published by Thursday 29 July 2021.

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

- 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.
- Please click here to read the acceptance & seeding guide.

PROPOSED ORDER OF PLAY

12U & 14U Proposed Order of Play	
Date	**Event**
Sun 15/08/21	Practice – Times to be confirmed
Mon 16/08/21	12U & 14U Singles Round Robin: - 12U Round 1 + Round 2 - 14U Round 1
Tue 17/08/21	12U & 14U Singles Round Robin: - 12U Round 3 - 14U Round 2 + Round 3
Wed 18/08/21	12U & 14U Singles Elimination: Round 1 12U & 14U Doubles Elimination: Round 1
Thu 19/08/21	12U & 14U Singles Elimination: Quarter-Final 12U & 14U Doubles Elimination: Quarter- Final
Fri 20/08/21	12U & 14U Singles Elimination: Semi-Final 12U & 14U Doubles Elimination: Semi-Final + Final
Sat 21/08/21	12U & 14U Singles Elimination: Final

CONTACT

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

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WE LOOK FORWARD TO WELCOMING YOU TO THE 2021

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