



**JUNIOR NATIONAL
TENNIS CHAMPIONSHIPS**

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PLAYER INFORMATION PACK

16U National Championships – SUR-21-0553

Qualifying – Sunday 30 – Monday 31 May 2021

Main Draw – Tuesday 1 – Friday 4 June 2021

18U National Championships – SUR-21-0552

Qualifying – Saturday 5 - Sunday 6 June 2021

Main Draw – Tuesday 8 – Friday 11 June 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 18U & 16U 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 18U & 16U National Championships in 2021. A number of key changes were made for 2020, although unfortunately due to COVID-19 ultimately the 2020 event's had to be cancelled. Along with the exciting incentives on offer, we hope that this will result in a fantastic and competitive tournament that provides a great experience for players, parents, coaches and spectators (although at this stage it is still to be determined what COVID protocols will still need to be in place in late May/early June. This will be communicated nearer the event).

Key Changes

The 18U & 16U events were originally scheduled to take place in consecutive weeks during the Easter holidays however, due to COVID related restrictions have now been moved to the late May / early June dates outlined above.

In partnership with the All England Club, there are some very exciting Wimbledon wild card opportunities for the Winners and Runners Up of the Singles events. In 2021 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.

For 2021 there is a change of venue, with both the 16U and 18U events now taking place on the grass courts of the Surbiton Racket & Fitness Club home to the pre-Wimbledon Surbiton Trophy. For COVID related reasons the need to move the date together with the fact that for 2021 the Surbiton Trophy has been postponed presents a fantastic opportunity to stage this event on grass courts, linking it in very well with the wild card opportunities mentioned above for the Winners and Runners Up.

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 – singles and doubles (if entered).

Age Group Entry Restrictions

FOR 18U PLAYERS: Born between 1 January 2003 – 31 December 2004

Singles & Doubles

Players are permitted to enter & compete in only the 18U singles and doubles events.

FOR 16U PLAYERS: Born between 1 January 2005 – 31 December 2006

Singles & Doubles

Players are permitted to enter & compete in the 16U and 18U singles and doubles events

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, but can only compete in one of these events.

Tournament Dates

Event	Tournament Dates	Tournament Code	Accepting Entries	Closing Deadline	Withdrawal Deadline
18U Singles	Qualifying: Sat 5 - Sun 6 June 21 Main Draw: Tue 8 – Fri 11 June 21	SUR-21-0552	Sat 17 April 21	Mon 17 May 21 10:00 am	Mon 24 May 21 10:00 am
18U Doubles	Tue 8 – Thu 10 June 21		Sat 5 June 21*	Mon 7 June 21 12:00 noon	Mon 7 June 21 12:00 noon
16U Singles	Qualifying: Sun 30 - Mon 31 May 21 Main Draw: Tue 1 - Fri 4 June 21	SUR-21-0553	Sat 10 April 21	Mon 10 May 21 10:00 am	Mon 17 May 21 10:00 am
16U Doubles	Tue 1 – Thu 3 June 21		Sun 30 May 21*	Mon 31 May 21 12:00 noon	Mon 31 May 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	32	28	4	-	Elimination 32 to 4	Best of 2 tie-break sets & match tie-break	Grass
Singles Main Draw	16	10	2	4	Elimination	Best of 3 tie-break sets	Grass
Singles Consolation	Eligibility: Main draw 1 st round loser Days: Wednesday-Friday Sign in closes 30 minutes after last 1 st round main draw singles finishes Match Format: Best of 2 tie-break sets & match tie-break						Grass
Doubles	8 pairs	7 pairs	1 pair	0	Elimination	Best of 2 tie break sets & match tie-break (no-ad scoring)	Grass

Prizes and Incentives

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 Singles Winner	Wild card for Wimbledon Championships – Qualifying and Wild card for Wimbledon Junior Championships – Main Draw
18U Singles Finalist	Wild card for Wimbledon Junior Championships – Main Draw
16U Singles Winner	Wild card for Wimbledon Junior Championships – Main Draw
16U Singles Finalist	Wild card for Wimbledon Junior Championships – Qualifying

Players must meet the relevant eligibility criteria for the event they are winning a wild card into.

ENTRY INFORMATION

How To Enter – Singles

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

[Enter the 18U Junior National Tennis Championships](#)
[Enter the 16U 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

- 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 doubles events are:

18U Doubles – 12:00 noon, Mon 7 June 21
16U Doubles – 12:00 noon, Mon 31 May 21

- Doubles entry fee - £10 per player. Payment will be taken on-site. **Players must have paid 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.

- Only entered players will be considered for wild cards and their request for a wild card can only be in relation to injury/illness.
- Wild cards will be awarded in accordance with the LTA Competition Regulations (3.20-3.22) and the [LTA Wild Card Policy](#).
- Wild card requests must be received by the closing deadline on a wild card application form – available at <https://www.lta.org.uk/play-compete/competing/junior-tennis-competitions/summer-competition/junior-national-tennis-championships/>
- Wild cards for singles events will be published by the following deadlines:
 - 18U – Thursday 20 May 2021
 - 16U – Thursday 13 May 2021
- Any wild card spaces not used will be released at the same time 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 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 qualifying, reserve or non-entered singles player
3. 2 players qualifying, 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 for the 18U event will be published by Thursday 20 May 2021.

The acceptance list for the 16U event will be published by Thursday 13 May 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.

PROPOSED ORDER OF PLAY

18U Proposed Order of Play	
Date	Event
Fri 04/06/21	Practice – times to be confirmed
Sat 05/06/21	Qualifying: Round 1
Sun 06/06/21	Qualifying: Round 2 & Final Round
Mon 07/06/21	Practice – times to be confirmed
Tues 08/06/21	Singles Main Draw: Round 1 Doubles: Quarter-Final
Wed 09/06/21	Singles Main Draw: Quarter-Final Doubles: Semi-Final Singles Consolation: Round 1
Thurs 10/06/21	Singles Main Draw: Semi-Final Doubles: Final Singles Consolation: Semi-Final
Fri 11/06/21	Singles Main Draw: Final Singles Consolation: Final

16U Proposed Order of Play	
Date	Event
Sat 29/05/21	Practice – times to be confirmed
Sun 30/05/21	Qualifying: Round 1
Mon 31/05/21	Qualifying: Round 2 & Final Round
Tues 01/06/21	Singles Main Draw: Round 1 Doubles: Quarter-Final
Wed 02/06/21	Singles Main Draw: Quarter-Final Doubles: Semi-Final Singles Consolation: Round 1
Thurs 03/06/21	Singles Main Draw: Semi-Final Doubles: Final Singles Consolation: Semi-Final
Fri 04/06/21	Singles Main Draw: Final Singles Consolation: 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 JUNIOR NATIONAL TENNIS CHAMPIONSHIPS!

