

JUNIOR NATIONAL TENNIS CHAMPIONSHIPS 2018

AGE GROUP ENTRY CRITERIA

The Junior National Tennis Championships is comprised of events for the 12U, 14U, 16U and 18U age groups. Standard age group entry regulations apply, but there are conditions and exceptions for certain age groups which ensure a high standard of competition.

Following standard entry procedures 10U players in their last season, or 10U players who hold a 12U passport, may enter the 12U National Championship. However, 10U players should note that acceptance is based on ranking, or on wild cards awarded by the Performance Team, or on earning a Summer National Tour place.

The information below explains what is permitted in each age group.

FOR 12U PLAYERS: Born between 01/09/2005 – 31/08/2007

Venue: West Hants Tennis Club, Bournemouth

Date of birth between: 01/01/2006 – 31/08/2007

It is mandatory for these players to play their own age group event. They are permitted to only enter the 12U singles event and the 12U doubles event.

If a player's name appears on an older age group singles entry list the organisers reserve the right to remove the player's name and therefore entry in the older age group.

***** EXCEPTION *****

It is not compulsory for the 2017 12U National Singles Champion to compete in the 2018 12U event if he/she is still eligible to do so. This player is allowed to play the 14U singles & doubles events if they wish.

Date of birth between: 01/09/2005 – 31/12/2005

These players can enter the 12U and the 14U singles event if they wish, in order to check acceptance status in each event, but will then have to choose one of the age groups as they are only permitted to play in one age category.

Doubles

For these players the doubles event they enter must be in the same age group category as the singles event.

Such players are allowed this option of 12U or 14U because they are defined as 14U players under Tennis Europe regulations.

FOR 14U PLAYERS: Born between 01/09/2003 – 31/08/2005:

Venue: Nottingham Tennis Centre, Nottingham

Age qualified players are permitted to enter & compete in the 14U and 16U singles events and one doubles event. These players also have the choice to compete in the 14U event only, or in the 16U event only.

Please note these events are run over the same week and a player who chooses to compete in both 14U & 16U events may need to play two best of 3 set singles matches in one day, plus doubles if entered. Players will have rest time between matches as set out in LTA Competition Regulations, but they should be aware that their day will be long.

Penalty points will be incurred if players withdraw after the withdrawal deadline so players should consider, before the withdrawal date, if they wish to compete in two singles events in the one week.

Doubles

Players can choose whether they compete in the 14U or the 16U doubles event, regardless of which singles event they compete in.

***** EXCEPTION *****

For 12U players with a date of birth between: **01/09/2005 – 31/12/2005**
These players can enter the 12U and the 14U singles event if they wish, in order to see their acceptance status in each event, but will then have to choose one of the age groups as they are only permitted to play in one. Players cannot compete in both 12U and 14U age groups.

Doubles - Players must compete in the same age group category as the singles event.

12U players are allowed this option because they are defined as 14U players under Tennis Europe regulations.

FOR 16U PLAYERS: Born between 01/09/2001 – 31/08/2003:

Venue: Nottingham Tennis Centre, Nottingham

Age qualified players are permitted to enter & compete in the 16U and 18U singles events and one doubles event. They also have the choice to compete in the 16U singles event only, or in the 18U singles event only.

Please note these events are run over the same week and a player who has chosen to compete in both 16U & 18U events may need to play two best of 3 set singles matches in one day, plus doubles if entered. Players will have rest time between matches as set out in LTA Competition Regulations, but they should be aware that their day will be long.

Penalty points will be incurred if players withdraw after the withdrawal deadline so players should consider, before the withdrawal date, if they wish to compete in two singles events in the one week.

Doubles

Players can choose whether they compete in the 16U or the 18U doubles event, regardless of which singles event they compete in.

FOR 18U PLAYERS: Born between 01/09/1999 – 31/08/2001:

Venue: Nottingham Tennis Centre, Nottingham

These players are permitted to only enter the 18U singles event and the 18U doubles event.