

JUNIOR NATIONAL TENNIS CHAMPIONSHIPS 2018

REGULATIONS

1. The Junior National Tennis Championships are staged by the LTA and will be conducted under the Rules of Tennis and LTA Competition Regulations, including the LTA Code of Conduct.

PLAYER ELIGIBILITY

2. Competitors must meet the criteria below to compete in the Junior National Championships:
 - 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 Federation Cup or the Olympic tennis event
 - d) Player must be a British Tennis member.

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.

3. Age eligibility for the 2018 summer season follows the LTA competition age groups – check your eligibility on the [Age Group Calculator](#) on the LTA website.
4. See the 'Age Group Entry Criteria' document to confirm which events you can participate in.
5. All players must be available for the full duration of the tournament - main draw, consolation & doubles (if entered). Dates can be found in [here](#).

SINGLES ACCEPTANCE CRITERIA

6. Acceptance is based on a player's British Tennis combined ranking as at the entry deadline. Where this is equal the players will be drawn by lot, ie. randomly.
7. At the end of the Summer National Tour (SNT) circuit there will be, for the 12U – 18U age groups, 2 places in the main draw reserved for the top 2 players in the Summer National Tour Leaderboard who have not already been accepted into the Junior Tennis National Championships.
8. **To secure the SNT linked place in the National Championships the relevant player must have entered the Junior National Tennis Championships by the entry deadline AND must meet the criteria to participate in the Junior National Tennis Championship.**
9. All eligible players not accepted directly into the main draw will be placed on the reserve list.
10. Sign-in for the singles consolation event (optional) will be on-site from the morning the main draw singles commences and will close 30 minutes after the last 1st round singles match finishes for each gender.

DOUBLES ACCEPTANCE CRITERIA

11. Sign-in for the doubles events (optional) will be on-site from the morning the main draw singles of the relevant age group commences and will close at 12:00 noon that same morning.
12. Doubles acceptance will be made with the British Tennis ranking data used when making the draw for the singles event (Wed 15 Aug).
13. 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 and 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 reserve 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 draws were made)

2. Where pairings are tied, the pair with the highest singles ranked player will take precedence
3. By lot where teams are still tied.

WILD CARDS

14. Only entered players will be considered for wild cards and their request for the wild card can only be in relation to injury/illness.
15. Wild card requests must be submitted via email using the wild card application form which can be found via the ['Find a Competition'](#) tab on the LTA website by putting in the relevant tournament code.

SEEDING CRITERIA

16. The singles seeding order will follow the acceptance criteria of Grade 1 events detailed in point 6, using the latest available combined British Tennis ranking on the date the draw is made (Wed 15 Aug).
17. Doubles seeding will be done according to a team's combined ranking position which is determined by the British Tennis rankings used when making the singles draw.

RESERVES

18. It is the responsibility of reserves to check the website to track their reserve order and acceptance. Prior to the withdrawal deadline reserves will not be contacted by the Organiser if a space becomes available.
19. A reserve will only be personally contacted by the Organiser after the withdrawal deadline has passed if a space becomes available
20. Reserves may decline an offer to play in the 24 hours prior to the start of the event without incurring withdrawal penalty points.

DRAWS, FORMAT & SCORING

21. The composition of the draws are:

| Event | Draw Size | Direct Acceptances | Wild Cards | Summer National Tour Leaderboard Places | Draw Type | Match format |
|--------------------------------|-----------|--------------------|------------|---|-------------|---|
| Singles Main Draw | 32 | 26 | 4 | 2 | Elimination | Best of 3 tie-break sets |
| Singles Consolation - optional | 16 | N/A | N/A | N/A | Elimination | Best of 2 tie break sets & Match Tie Break |
| Doubles - optional | 16 pairs | 14 pairs | 2 pairs | N/A | Elimination | Best of 2 tie break sets & Match Tie Break (no-advantage scoring) |

22. The LTA and Tournament Referee reserve the right to alter the format, programme and order of play at any time, to ensure suitable competition for players and that each event is played to a conclusion. Events may be cancelled on the day due to bad weather.

ARRIVAL TIME + SIGN IN

23. An order of play will be published for each day on the LTA website; players must be available to play up to 15 minutes before their scheduled time. If absent when called to play, a player is liable to be defaulted and liable to incur penalty points. Players must sign in at the Control Desk on arrival each day.

CLOTHING

24. Competitors must wear recognised tennis clothing (including plain t-shirts), which may be coloured. **Skirts/shorts must be worn over ball shorts during matches.** Advertising logos are restricted to the maximum size laid out in Appendix Four of the LTA Competition Regulations. Footwear must be clean for use on indoor courts and with non-marking soles.