

Summer National Tour General Information - 2018

The Summer National Tour (SNT) is a circuit of national level Grade 2 tournaments which take place between April and July for the 10U – 18U age groups across the country. Results from the Summer National Tour events are linked to the Summer National Tour Leaderboard, which in turn is linked to the [Junior National Tennis Championships](#) and the [10U SNT Finals](#).

General Tournament Information

The SNT events are organised by venues, and each venue organises their tournament within guidelines set by the LTA.

The Tournament Director & the Referee of each tournament will do their best to ensure the tournament runs smoothly, but the wet weather can have an impact on the tournament and therefore on the player experience. Some venues have some indoor cover, but it may not be enough to run the tournament without changes to match times, the format or in some cases the cancellation of some events. The Tournament Director & the Referee will endeavour keep you informed of changes.

What a player can enter

Subject to age restrictions, players may enter a maximum of 2 consecutive singles events. A player may enter more than one doubles event if the Referee is in agreement and there is no disruption to the scheduling. It is the Referee's decision if he/she will accept entry into two doubles events.

Singles acceptance & seeding

12U – 18U events

Acceptance is based on a player's British Tennis combined ranking as at the closing deadline. Where this is equal the players will be drawn by lot, ie. randomly.

Seeding will be based on a player's British Tennis combined ranking as at the date the draw is made.

10U events

Acceptance will be based, as at the entry deadline, on the player's:

1. Mini Tennis Rating
2. Recent Form – which is a player's best individual tournament performance at that ball colour within the last 3 months
3. If players are tied then acceptance is by lot

Seeding will be based on the above features as at the date the draw is made.

For the Summer National Tour 2018 season, 10U players allocated a passport with a yellow rating will be treated the same as G1* rated players when they compete in their own ball colour for seeding purposes only.

Wild cards

The Tournament Committee reserves the right to issue wild cards, in accordance with LTA Competition Regulations. They shall not enter into any correspondence regarding wild card decisions which are made on an entirely discretionary basis and are not subject to appeal.

- 12U – 18U: Wildcards may be awarded up to a maximum of 1 place in 8.
- 10U: Wildcards may be awarded up to a maximum of 1 place in 4.

Please read the wild card information specific to each Grade 2 competition.

Doubles

Players will earn ranking points for their performance in the doubles events and these points are included in the Summer National Tour Leaderboard.

Please read the information on doubles in the document titled '[Doubles Information for National Tour events](#)'.

Formats

	12U-18U Singles	12U-18U Doubles (optional)	10U Singles	10U Doubles
Draw Format	Elimination draw with optional consolation; players must sign-in by the stated deadline to participate in the consolation event.	Elimination draw; players must sign-in by the stated deadline to participate.	Round Robin qualification groups with winner and runner up progressing to compass main draw. Third-place players in each box to compete in ratings only compass draw	Compass draw
Draw Size	32-player main draw 16 player consolation draw. <u>No qualifying.</u>	Minimum of 3 pairs for ranking purposes.	24 players accepted; 8 round robin boxes of 3 leading to 16 player compass draw and additional ratings only 8 player compass draw	Maximum 8 pairs
Number of days	See event dates for each individual tournament.	See event dates for each individual tournament.	Two days – all players required to compete on both days	1 day
Scoring	Best of 2 tie-break sets & match tie break. The main draw singles final will be the best of 3 tie-break sets.	Best of 2 tie-break sets & match tie break; sudden death deuce to be used in all matches	Best of 2 short sets and match tie break – sudden death deuce to be used in all matches	Best of 2 short sets and match tie break; sudden death deuce to be used in all matches
Entry Fees	£30 per player	£10 per player	£30 per player	£10 per player

Summer National Tour Leaderboard

Results from the SNT events will count towards a Summer National Tour Leaderboard. There are five tournaments for the 10U – 18U age groups and results from **three of the five** tournaments will count towards a player's tally on the Summer National Tour Leaderboard. See detailed information below. Leaderboard points are the same value as British Tennis ranking points and will be taken from the age group points' tables.

12U – 18U age groups & the Summer National Tour Leaderboard

For these age groups **a player's three best singles results and three best doubles** results will contribute towards their leaderboard position. The overall figure will be calculated according to a split of 75% singles results / 25% doubles results; **three quarters of a player's points will come from singles events and the remaining quarter from doubles events.**

Players will compete in an elimination draw with an optional consolation event and points can be earned from main draws and consolation draws. The doubles event is also optional.

10U & Summer National Tour Leaderboard

For the 10U age group it is **a player's best three singles results** that will contribute towards his/her leaderboard position. Points can be earned from qualifying, main and consolation draws. Draws which are **not** qualifying, main draw or consolation will count for ratings only.

The format for the 10U tour event consists of 24 players in 8 round robin draws progressing to a compass draw; the round robin draw is the 'qualification' draw. After the round robin stage the top two players from each group will compete in a 16 player compass draw for ranking points. The players who come third in their group will compete in an 8 player compass draw and these matches will count for ratings only.

General leaderboard information

Points are assigned according to the round reached in a draw and a player must win a match in a draw in order to receive points respective to that particular draw stage. Where there are multiple draws in an event, a player will be given the highest single set of points earned.

Note to 10U players: The main draw for the 10U competition will be a compass draw which has its own built-in consolation (left hand side of the draw). Players in this main compass draw will be assigned either main draw points or consolation points depending on their progress within the competition. For example in a 16 player compass draw the player who loses his/her first match, but wins the next three matches will receive consolation winner points-not points for coming 9th in the main draw.

The leaderboards are published weekly every Friday after the standard British Tennis rankings run.

It is the player's responsibility to check his/her points regularly to ensure all results are appearing correctly on the leaderboard. Read further details on how leaderboards operate in the on the [LTA website](#) .

What happens at the end of the Tour?

After the last Grade 2 tournament has been completed the final leaderboard will be calculated. As a result of their leaderboard position a player is rewarded in the following manner:

12U – 18U: Two places in the draw for the Junior National Tennis Championships will be reserved for the first two players from the 12U, 14U, 16U and 18U leaderboards who have not been directly accepted into the draw. This gives the opportunity for a player to compete in the National Championships based on their performance in the Summer National Tour events

To qualify for the SNT place in the National Championships the relevant player must have entered the Junior National Tennis Championships by the closing deadline and must meet the criteria to participate in the Junior National Tennis Championship. Information on the criteria will be found in the information on the [Junior National Tennis Championships](#).

10U: Players at the top of the 10U SNT leaderboards will be invited to compete in the Summer National Tour Finals (Grade 1) which will take place at The West Hants Club, Bournemouth. This will be a 16 player draw for with 14 players being accepted directly and 2 wild cards spaces.

There is no other prize/medal for players who are top of the age group leaderboards.

Date of 10U SNT Finals

Thursday 23 & Friday 24 August 2018

Players will be required on both days.

Click [here](#) to for Summer National Tour tournament codes & dates