

# Winter National Tour Finals 2018 – 2019

## What are the Winter National Tour Finals?

The Finals bring together the most successful players, according to the Winter National Tour leaderboard positions, to determine the Champion in the 10U – 18U age groups at the end of the winter season. Players will have accumulated leaderboard points from Winter National Tour event (Grade 2) which will feed in to a leaderboard for each age group.

## What points count for the Winter National Tour Leaderboard?

### 14U – 18U age group

Results from a player's **top 2 tournaments** – i.e. the highest points from the **qualifying event or main draw event, including consolation**, will count towards the Winter National Tour leaderboard; If an event has two stages such as Round Robin to Elimination, or Round Robin to Round Robin play off, the first Round Robin draw is the qualification draw.

### 10U & 12U age group

Results from a player's **top 3 tournaments** - i.e. the highest points from the **qualifying event or main draw event, including consolation**, will count towards the Winter National Tour leaderboard; If an event has two stages such as Round Robin to Elimination, or Round Robin to Round Robin play off, the first Round Robin draw is the qualification draw.

### NOTE FOR ALL AGE GROUPS:

Draws which are **not** qualifying, main draw or consolation will count for ratings only.

## Who qualifies for the Finals?

The Finals will be a 16 player draw; players who finish in the top 14 of their leaderboard will earn a place in the Finals, whilst the remaining 2 places in the draw will be reserved for wild cards to be awarded by the relevant age group captains if they feel this is appropriate. If no wild cards are awarded the next player on the leaderboard will be awarded the space in the draw.

The next 8 players on the leaderboards, after the top 14 players have been identified, will be recognised as reserves for the Finals.

## When will players know if they are in the Finals?

The relevant players will be notified via email shortly after the last Winter National Tour event and once the final leaderboard is calculated.

## What happens if players are tied on the Leaderboard?

Where players are tied they are shown on the Leaderboard in alphabetical order. For selection purposes for the Finals, when two or more players have the same total number of points, ties shall be broken as follows:

- Fewest tournaments played and, if still tied, then:
- The highest number of points from one single tournament, then, if needed, the second highest etc., if still tied, then:
- Drawn by lot

## Seeding for the Winter National Tour Finals

The selection of seeds and the draw will be made according to merit based on British Tennis rankings for the 12U – 18U age group, and rating & recent form for the 10U age groups. These competition measures will be updated on the day the draw is made. Seeding is not based on a player's position on the final leaderboard.

### Change to seeding after the draw has been made:

In a 'Finals' such as the Winter National Tour Finals, where acceptance into the draw is decided by a player's position on the final leader board, seeding adjustments may take place **due to withdrawals after the draw has been made**. In this situation if the reserve moving in would have been seeded, then the seeding will be adjusted accordingly with the lowest seed being moved into the position in the draw of the player withdrawing.

However, if the withdrawal occurs **after 8.00pm the day before play in this event starts**, and the reserve would have been seeded, **this reserve may not be brought in**, and the next player on the reserve list will be invited where appropriate.

### Format for Finals

Age Group	Draw Type	Direct Acceptances	Wild Cards	Scoring
14U-18U	Elimination with compulsory consolation for losers of the 1 <sup>st</sup> round.	14	Up to 2	<b>Main Draw:</b> Best of 3 tie break sets <b>Consolation:</b> Two tie-break sets + deciding match tie-break if the score reaches one set all
12U	Elimination with compulsory consolation for losers of the 1 <sup>st</sup> round.	14	Up to 2	<b>Main Draw Up to &amp; including the semi-finals:</b> Two tie-break sets + deciding match tie-break if the score reaches one set all <b>Main Draw Final:</b> Best of 3 tie-break sets <b>Consolation:</b> Two tie-break sets + deciding match tie-break if the score reaches one set all
10U	Compass Draw	14	Up to 2	Two short sets + deciding match tie-break if the score reaches one set all

### Prizes

The main draw winners of the Finals will be awarded:

- trophies / medals
- vouchers

### Dates, schedule & venue for Winter National Tour Finals

Age Group	Code	Dates	Withdrawal Deadline*	Venue
18U	SUR18W0193	Fri 1 – Sun 3 Feb 2019	10:00am Mon 21 Jan 2019	National Tennis Centre, Roehampton
16U	SUR18W0197	Fri 15 – Sun 17 Mar 2019	10:00am Thurs 7 Mar 2019	
14U	SUR18W0194	Fri 8 – Sun 10 Feb 2019	10:00am Mon 28 Jan 2019	
12U	SUR18W0196	Fri 22 - Sun 24 Mar 2019	10:00am Mon 11 Mar 2019	
10U Boys	SUR18W0197	Sat 2 – Sun 3 Mar 2019	10:00am Mon 25 Feb 2019	
10U Girls	SUR18W0198	Sat 9 – Sun 10 Mar 2019	10:00am Mon 4 Mar 2019	

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