

# **LTA COMPETITION REGULATIONS**

## **ACCEPTANCE & SEEDING CRITERIA**

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## SUMMARY

The tables below summarise the acceptance and seeding criteria for each age group and grade of LTA Sanctioned Competition.

### Acceptance

		Grade				
		5	4	3	2	1
Age Group	9U	First Come, First Served	Recent Form			[Redacted]
	10U		Recent Form			
	11U		Ranking			
	12U					
	14U					
	16U					
	18U		Rating* (followed by Ranking)			
	Open		Rating* (followed by Ranking)			

### Seeding

		Grade				
		5	4	3	2	1
Age Group	9U	Recent Form			[Redacted]	
	10U	Recent Form				
	11U	Ranking				
	12U					
	14U					
	16U					
	18U	Rating* (followed by Ranking)				
	Open	Rating* (followed by Ranking)				

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## OWN AGE GROUP PRIORITY (APPLICABLE TO ALL GRADES)

Where own age group (OAG) priority has been approved by the LTA Competitions Team, priority acceptance is given to those players whose competition age group is the same as the event e.g. 19 & over.

## WILD CARDS

As per the LTA Competition Regulations, 3.20 – 3.22, Wild Cards may be awarded for an event up to a maximum of one (1) place in eight (8) spaces in the draw. Wild cards may be seeded

## **SINGLES GRADE 1 - 4 MINI EVENTS**

### **Acceptances**

Where an event is over-subscribed acceptances will be made according to:

1. LTA Recent Form<sup>1</sup> (as at the closing deadline)
2. In a situation where two or more players have the same Recent Form, players will be drawn by lot

### **Seeding**

Seeding shall be based on the players' LTA Recent Form as at the draw date

<sup>1</sup> Recent Form will be the player's best 3 individual tournament performance at that ball colour within the last 6 months.

## **GRADE 1 – 4 JUNIOR EVENTS**

### **Acceptances**

Where an event is over-subscribed acceptances will be made according to:

1. LTA Ranking (as at the closing deadline)
2. In a situation where two or more players are ranked equally, acceptance order will be drawn by lot

### **Seeding**

Seeding shall be based on the players' LTA Ranking as at the draw date.

## **GRADE 1 - 4 OPEN EVENTS**

### **Acceptances**

Where an event is over-subscribed acceptances will be made according to:

1. LTA Rating\* (as at the closing deadline)
2. If two or more players are equally rated, their LTA Ranking (as at the closing deadline)
3. In a situation where two or more players are rated and ranked equally, acceptance order will be drawn by lot

### **Seeding**

Seeding shall be based on the players' LTA Rating\* followed by LTA Ranking as at the draw date.

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## **GRADE 5 MINI EVENTS**

### **Acceptances**

Where an event is over-subscribed acceptances will be made according to:

1. Date and time of entry (first come, first served)
2. If two or more players enter at exact same time, acceptance will be determined by LTA Recent Form (as at the closing deadline)

### **Seeding**

Seeding shall be based on the player's LTA Recent Form as at the draw date.

## **GRADE 5 JUNIOR EVENTS**

### **Acceptances**

Where an event is over-subscribed acceptances will be made according to:

1. Date and time of entry (first come, first served)
2. If two or more players enter at exact same time, acceptance will be determined by LTA Ranking (as at the closing deadline)

### **Seeding**

Seeding shall be based on the player's LTA Ranking as at the draw date.

## **GRADE 5 OPEN EVENTS**

### **Acceptances**

Where an event is over-subscribed acceptances will be made according to:

1. Date and time of entry (first come, first served)
2. If two or more players enter at exact same time, acceptance will be determined by LTA Rating\*, then by LTA Ranking (as at the closing deadline)

### **Seeding**

Seeding shall be based on the player's LTA Rating\* followed by LTA Ranking as at the draw date.

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## **DOUBLES GRADE 1 - 4 JUNIOR EVENTS**

### **Acceptances**

Where a doubles event is oversubscribed, 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 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 LTA Ranking (using data available at the time the singles draws were made).
2. Where pairings are tied, the pair with the highest LTA Ranked singles player will take precedence.
3. By lot where teams are still tied.

For a tournament which only has doubles events, the acceptance priorities will not apply.

### **Seeding**

Seeding shall be based on the players' combined LTA Ranking.

## **GRADE 5 JUNIOR EVENTS**

### **Acceptances**

Where a doubles event is oversubscribed, acceptance will give priority to players in the following order:

1. Date and time of entry (first come, first served)<sup>1</sup>
2. If two or more players enter at exact same time, acceptance will be determined by combined LTA Ranking of players (using data available at the time the singles draws were made)
3. If tied the team with the player who has the best LTA Ranking will take precedence
4. If still tied players will be drawn by lot

<sup>1</sup>The date and time of entry used to determine acceptance is that of the second player in the pair to enter the event.

### **Seeding**

Seeding shall be based on the players' combined LTA Rankings.

## GRADE 1 - 4 OPEN EVENTS

### Acceptances

Where a doubles event is oversubscribed, 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 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 LTA Rating\* of players (using data available at the time the singles draws were made)
2. If tied the team with the player who has the best LTA Rating\* will take precedence
3. If still tied players will be drawn by lot

For a tournament which only has doubles events, the acceptance priorities will not apply.

### Seeding

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