



JUNIOR NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS

2026

PLAYER INFORMATION PACK

11U,12U & 14U Lexus Junior National Championships
NOT-26-0010

9U Lexus National Tour – Grade 1 - NOT-26-0010
10U Lexus National Tour – Grade 1 - NOT-26-0010

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The LTA reserve the right to make any changes to these regulations as determined appropriate at any time

INTRODUCTION

Welcome to the player information pack for the 11U, 12U and 14U Lexus Junior National Tennis Championships 2026. This document will provide you with the information you need to enter and compete in the events.

We are incredibly excited about delivering the 11U, 12U and 14U Lexus National Championships in 2026 at Lexus Nottingham Tennis Centre. There will be no format changes for 2026 and slight clarity to eligibility for 2026. Please be reminded of the **important changes made to player eligibility in 2024**. If a player has an ATP/WTA/ITF/TE IPIN the IPIN must show the player appearing as GBR; **at the time of acceptance (entry deadline) and throughout the tournament**.

The 14U format will be a 'double elimination' format (also known as feed in consolation). For the 11U and 12U main draw in each event will start with a round robin format, with every player playing three matches. The top two players in each box will then progress to compete in a 16-player elimination draw to become the national champion.

The 9U and 10U Grade 1 National Tour is not considered as a National Junior Tennis Championships but will be run alongside the Lexus Junior National Tennis Championships. This National Tour Tournament is the final event of the 2025/26 calendar; the event aims to create an opportunity for the best players in a year group to compete against their peers. The 10U event will be played with a yellow ball and the 9U event being played with a green ball and on a green court. These enhancements have been made in collaboration with the Performance Team to ensure player development is at the heart of the Performance Competition Calendar. The 9U National Tour will be held (new for 2026) on the Clay courts and some matches of the 10U National Tour will be played indoors.

We look forward to receiving your entry and hopefully welcoming you to the Lexus Junior National Tennis Championships & Lexus National Tour 2026.

[Watch a video wrap up of the LTA Junior National Tennis Championships 2022...](#)

REGULATIONS

The Lexus Junior National Tennis Championships & Lexus National Tour are staged by the LTA and will be conducted in accordance with the ITF Rules of Tennis and LTA Competition Regulations, including the LTA Code of Conduct.

PLAYER ELIGIBILITY (NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS ONLY)

To enter and compete in the Lexus Junior National Championships a player must meet the following criteria:

- A. Players must hold, a British passport or British Citizenship
- B. Player **must not** have competed in another nations closed national championship in the 12 months preceding the Lexus Junior National Tennis Championships
- C. If a player has an ATP/WTA/ITF/TE IPIN the IPIN must show the player appearing as **GBR**
- D. Player must be eligible to represent Great Britain and have not represented any other nation in a representative team event in-the 12 months preceding the Lexus Junior National Tennis Championships
- E. Player must have an LTA membership number.

By committing to compete in the Lexus Junior National Championships, a player is committed to representing Great Britain now and in the future (if selected)

Players will be required to provide proof of Nationality and date of birth.

All players must be available for the full duration of the tournament – round robin, elimination and doubles (if entered).

AGE GROUP ENTRY RESTRICTIONS

FOR 14U PLAYERS:

Singles & Doubles

Players are permitted to enter & compete in the 14U singles and doubles events in August 2026, and the 16U and 18U singles and doubles events in April 2026.

FOR 12U PLAYERS:

Singles & Doubles

Players are permitted to enter both the 12U and 14U singles events but may only compete in one of these events.

FOR 11U PLAYERS:

Singles & Doubles

Players are permitted to enter both the 11U and 12U singles events but may only compete in one of these events.

FOR 10U PLAYERS:

Singles

Players are permitted to enter & compete in both the 10U National Tour and 11U National Championships singles events.

FOR 9U PLAYERS:

Singles

Players are permitted to enter both the 9U and 10U singles events but may only compete in one of these events.

Doubles

Players are permitted to enter multiple doubles events but can only compete in one doubles event. They can choose which doubles event they can compete in irrespective of which singles event they compete in e.g. a player can compete in the 12U singles event and the 14U doubles event.

TOURNAMENT DATES

Lexus National Championships

Event	Tournament Dates	Tournament Code	Accepting Entries	Closing Deadline	Withdrawal Deadline
11U Singles	Sat 15 – Thu 20 August	NOT-26-0010	Mon 30 June	Mon 27 July 10:00 am	Mon 03 Aug 10:00 am
11U Doubles	Mon 17 – Thu 20 August		On-site**	Sun 16 Aug* 12:00 noon	N/A
12U Singles	Tue 18 – Sun 23 August		Mon 30 June	Mon 27 July 10:00 am	Mon 03 Aug 10:00 am
12U Doubles	Thu 20 – Sun 23 August		On-site**	Wed 19 Aug* 12:00 noon	N/A
14U Girls Singles	Mon 17 – Fri 21 August		Mon 30 June	Mon 27 July 10:00 am	Mon 04 Aug 10:00 am
14U Girls Doubles	Tue 18 – Fri 21 August		On-site**	Mon 17 Aug* 12:00 noon	N/A
14U Boys Singles	Sat 15 – Wed 19 August		Mon 30 June	Mon 27 July 10:00 am	Mon 04 Aug 10:00 am
14U Boys Doubles	Sun 16 – Wed 19 August		On-site**	Sat 15 Aug* 12:00 noon	N/A

*On-site entry only (or by telephone to the Tournament Referee)

**Entry will open online on Mon 29 Jun but close online with the singles events, and will reopen on-site

Lexus National Tour

Event	Tournament Dates	Tournament Code	Accepting Entries	Closing Deadline	Withdrawal Deadline
10U Singles	Qualifying: Fri 14 Aug Main Draw: Fri 21 - Sun 23 Aug	NOT-26-0010	Mon 30 June	Mon 27 July 10:00 am	Mon 03 Aug 10:00 am
9U Boys Singles	Qualifying: Fri 14 Aug Main Draw: Sat 15 - Sun 16 Aug	NOT-26-0010	Mon 30 June	Mon 27 July 10:00 am	Mon 03 Aug 10:00 am
9U Girls Singles	Qualifying: Wed 19 Aug Main Draw: Fri 20 - 21 Aug		Mon 30 June	Mon 27 July 10:00 am	Mon 03 Aug 10:00 am

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11U and 12U

Event	Draw Size	Direct Acceptances	Wild Cards	Qualifying spaces	Draw Type	Match Format	Surface
Singles Qualifying	No Qualifying Draw						
Singles Main Draw	32	28	4	0	8 round robin groups of 4 players leading to a 16 player elimination for top 2 players in each group	Round robin: 2 tie-break sets and a match tie-break* Elimination: Best of 3 sets	Outdoor Acrylic
Singles Consolation	No Consolation Draw						
Doubles	16 pairs	14 pairs	2 pairs	0	Elimination	Best of 2 tie break sets & match tie-break, no-ad scoring	Outdoor Acrylic

14U

Event	Draw Size	Direct Acceptances	Wild Cards	Qualifying spaces	Draw Type	Match Format	Surface
Singles Qualifying	No Qualifying Draw						
Singles Main Draw	32	28	4	0	32 Double Elimination	Main Draw Best of 3 sets Consolation Best of 2 tie break sets & match tie-break	Main Draw Indoor Acrylic Consolation maybe played indoors
Doubles	16 pairs	14 pairs	2 pairs	0	Elimination	Best of 2 tie break sets & match tie-break, no-ad scoring	Outdoor /Indoor Acrylic

DRAWS, FORMAT & SCORING LEXUS NATIONAL TOUR

10U

Event	Draw Size	Direct Acceptances	Wild Cards	Qualifying spaces	Draw Type	Match Format	Surface
Singles Qualifying	16	14	2	0	4 round robin groups of 4	2 FAST4 sets + MTB	Outdoor Acrylic
Singles Main Draw	24	17	3	4	8 round robin groups of 3 players leading to a 16 player compass for top 2 players in each group + an extra 8 player compass	Best of 2 tie break sets & match tie-break*	Main Draw Outdoor Acrylic Consol maybe played indoors

* 10U Extra Matches will be played using FAST4

9U

Event	Draw Size	Direct Acceptances	Wild Cards	Qualifying spaces	Draw Type	Match Format	Surface
Singles Qualifying	16	14	2	0	4 round robin groups of 4	2 FAST4 sets + MTB	Outdoor Clay
Singles Main Draw	16	10	2	4	4 round robin groups of 4 players leading to a 8 player compass for top 2 players in each group + an extra 8 player compass	2 FAST4 sets + MTB	Outdoor Clay

The referee may change the surface and whether the match is played indoor/outdoor at his/her discretion.

PRIZES AND INCENTIVES

Trophies, medals and vouchers for Lexus Junior National Tennis Championships

Position	Perpetual trophy to be retained by the LTA	Trophy to retain	Medal	Amazon voucher to the value of	Player Goodie Bag	Food Vouchers	Winners Merch
Main Draw Singles Winner	✓	✓		£100.00			✓
Main Draw Singles Runner-Up		✓		£50.00			
Main Draw Singles losing semi-finalist				£25.00			
Doubles Winners	✓	✓		£50.00 (each player)			
Doubles Runner-Ups			✓	£50.00 (each player)			
All singles players					✓		
Main Draw Singles players						✓	

Trophies, medals and vouchers for National Tour

National Tour players will receive a player gift, certificates and winner's prizes and pins

ENTRY INFORMATION

How To Enter – Singles

- Players must enter online prior to the closing deadline, using online tournament entry:

[Enter the 11U Lexus LTA Junior National Tennis Championships](#)

[Enter the 12U Lexus LTA Junior National Tennis Championships](#)

[Enter the 14U Lexus LTA Junior National Tennis Championships](#)

[Enter the Lexus National Tour - 10U](#)

[Enter the Lexus National Tour - 9U](#)

- A player **must** ensure that his/her name appears on the entry list before the closing deadline in order to be considered.
- Junior National Tennis Championships Singles entry fee - £65.00
National tour events - £45.00
Payment will be taken during the online entry process.
- Players should check their contact details are up to date on their LTA profile as these will be used to send any communication
- If you are experiencing problems entering online please contact the Tournament Director at Nationaltour@LTA.org.uk **BEFORE** the closing deadline. The date and time of the email / telephone call will be considered in any entry disputes. No action can be taken if contact is made after the closing deadline.

How To Enter – Doubles

- Entry will be possible online when the singles opens and will close at the singles closing deadline.
- Entry will reopen on the day before the singles events start.
- Entry can be made via on-site sign-in at the tournament or by contacting the tournament referee. The entry deadline for the doubles events is 12 noon on the first day of the singles draw (round robin stage).
- Doubles entry fee - £22 per player. Payment will be taken on-site. **Players will not be entered into the doubles event until their entry fee has been received.**

Late Entries

- A late entry may not be accepted if he/she would be seeded at the time of making the late entry.
- Late entries will only be accepted if the event is under-subscribed or there are places available on the reserve list.
- Late entries will join the bottom of the reserve list, in order of receipt.
- Should a late entry move to the top of the reserve list **before** the draw is made and a place becomes available, he/she can be accepted into the event, even though at that point, he/she could be seeded.
- **After the draw has been made, a late entrant may not be accepted into the event if he/she moves to the top of the reserve list and would be seeded.**

Wild Cards

The tournament reserves the right to issue up to 1 wild card for every 8 spaces in the draw. Wild cards are spaces in the draw reserved for players who have entered, but would not be accepted through the stated acceptance criteria.

- Wild cards will be awarded in accordance with the LTA Competition Regulations (16.8 – 16.10) and the [LTA Wild Card Policy](#).
- Wild cards for the 11U, 12U & 14U singles events will ideally published by Thursday 30 July 2026 however the LTA reserve the right to hold the wild cards and issue them at any time up to the draw
- Wild cards for the National Tour 9U & 10U will ideally published by Thursday 30 July 2026 however the LTA reserve the right to hold the wild cards and issue the wild card prior to the draw
- Any wild card spaces not used will be released and the next eligible player will move into the draw.
- Wild cards are awarded on an entirely discretionary basis. Neither the Tournament Team nor the LTA Performance Team will enter into any correspondence as to why a particularly player was (or was not) issued a wild card.

ACCEPTANCES

Singles Acceptance Criteria – 11U to 14U

1. Acceptance is based on a player's LTA combined ranking as at the entry deadline. Where this is equal the players will be drawn by lot, i.e. randomly.
2. All eligible players not accepted will be placed on the reserve list.

Singles Acceptance Criteria – 9U & 10U

1. Acceptance is based on a player's LTA recent form as at the entry deadline. Where this is equal the players will be drawn by lot, i.e. randomly.
2. All eligible players not accepted will be placed on the reserve list.

Doubles Acceptance Criteria

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 & 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 reserves 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 draw was made)
2. Where pairings are tied, the pair with the highest singles ranked player will take precedence
3. By lot where pairs are still tied.

Publication of Singles Acceptance Lists

The acceptance list will be published by Thursday 30 July 2026.

Reserves

- It is the responsibility of reserves to check the website to track their reserve status and acceptance. Prior to the withdrawal deadline reserves will not be contacted by the Tournament Director if a space becomes available.
- A reserve will only be personally contacted by the Tournament Director or Referee after the withdrawal deadline has passed if a space becomes available.
- If a player, including reserves, withdraws after the withdrawal deadline, he/she will incur withdrawal points and the entry fee will be retained – with one exception relating to reserves.
- Exception: Reserves may decline an offer to play in the 24 hours prior to the start of the event without incurring withdrawal penalty points, and their entry fee will be refunded.

SEEDINGS

Seeding criteria for Singles and Doubles – 11U to 14U

- Singles seeding shall be based on the players' LTA Ranking on the date the singles draw is made.
- Doubles seeding shall be based on the players' combined LTA Ranking on the date the Singles draw is made.

Seeding criteria for Singles and Doubles – 9U & 10U

- Singles seeding shall be based on the players' LTA Recent Form on the date the singles draw is made.

Please click [here](#) to read the acceptance & seeding guide.

CONTACT

If you have any further questions please email NationalTour@LTA.org.uk

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