

LTA SuperSeries Tournaments – Prospectus and Entry Conditions

1. SuperSeries tournaments are sanctioned and approved by the Lawn Tennis Association ("the LTA") and will be conducted in accordance with the Rules of Tennis; the Rules & Regulations of the Lawn Tennis Association; LTA Competition Regulations (including the LTA Code of Conduct, the LTA Complaints Procedures and the LTA Clothing and Equipment Regulations), LTA Anti-Doping programme, LTA Disciplinary Resolution Procedures, Regulations concerning Match Fixing, Financial Speculation and Betting, The Tennis Services UK Limited Registration, Payment Conditions and Privacy Policy, the rules of the hosting centre and the conditions detailed hereinafter. By submitting an application you are agreeing to be bound by these conditions.
2. The draw for all tournaments shall be made immediately after the published application deadline. No refund of entry fee shall be allowed to any player withdrawing after this time.
3. Each tournament shall be divided into three stages - a one-day Pre-Qualifying event, a one-day Qualifying stage and a two-day Main Draw. The committee reserves the right to omit one or more stages of a tournament where insufficient applications are received.
4. With the exception of player awarded wild cards, applicants shall be merited according to their LTA rating at the application deadline. Players of equal rating shall be split according to LTA ranking. The best 40 players shall be accepted for each tournament; the first 12 shall be included directly in the Main-Draw; the next 12 shall be placed in the Qualifying stage and a further 16 included in the Pre-Qualifying stage. For the purposes of acceptance, players of equal rating and ranking shall drawn by lot.
5. In Pre-Qualifying and Qualifying stages players winning TWO matches shall qualify to the next stage of the tournament.
6. The committee reserves the right to decline any application.
7. The referee may fill vacant positions in the main-draw and qualifying events with losers from the previous stage. Players losing in the final round of the Pre-Qualifying and Qualifying events automatically become "lucky losers" for the next stage. Lucky loser positions shall be allocated by rating division and then by lot. If further lucky losers are needed, then these shall be allocated by rating division and then by lot from the winners of the consolation round in the Pre-Qualifying and Qualifying stages.
8. An entry fee shall be payable according to the section of the tournament in which a player is placed AND for each event of the tournament a player reaches. No refunds shall be made if a player is unable to take part in any stage of the tournament for whatever reason.
9. Reserves/lucky losers shall be deemed available to compete if called upon to do so up to and including 8:00pm on the day before play in each event, unless they contact the referee to cancel their place in the tournament prior to notification of acceptance.
10. All matches, with the exception of the main-draw final shall be two sets with a 'match tiebreak' to decide the winner if the score reaches one set-all. The main-draw final shall be the best of three tiebreak sets. The referee may adopt abbreviated scoring methods if considered necessary.
11. New balls shall be provided for all progressive matches. In junior events, once-used balls shall be used for all consolation, playback matches and playoffs.
12. It is each player's sole responsibility to find out if they have been accepted and the time they should report to play. No postal confirmations will be sent.
13. In normal circumstances players accepted into the Pre-Qualifying and Qualifying stages shall take part in two matches in each of these stages. The Main Draw event shall use a two-day compass draw where each player will normally compete in FOUR matches. Players are expected to commit to ALL matches, unless ill or injured.
14. In the event of expiry of court booking time, bad weather (outdoor events), or other circumstances preventing the completion of a Pre-Qualifying or Qualifying event then matches shall not be carried forward to another playing day. The following system shall be applied to each match to determine which players shall qualify to the next stage of the tournament, once the referee has declared play abandoned:
 - (a) For matches in progress, the player with the leading score shall be deemed the winner.
 - (b) In each match which has not started (or for a match in progress where the score is level), the highest rated player shall be deemed the match winner. Where players are of the same rating then the highest ranked player shall be considered the winner. Where two players are of equal rating and ranking then the winner shall be decided by the spin of a coin.Incomplete matches and matches not started shall not be reckoned for ratings or rankings purposes.
15. Subject to condition no. 2, a proportionate entry fee refund shall be made where it is not possible to offer a player two matches in the Pre-Qualifying/Qualifying sections and a minimum of three matches in the Main-Draw. For the purposes of refund eligibility, a match started shall count as a match played.
16. A small personal prize or trophy shall be awarded to the winner and runner-up of each Main-Draw event in junior events. In mens and ladies open events £75.00 shall be paid to the winner of the main draw event and £40.00 shall be paid to the runner-up.
17. The committee reserves the right to allocate wild cards at its discretion in accordance with LTA tournament regulations.

