

The Esher Open Tournament

Monday 21st to Saturday 26th August 2017

Singles Consolation Events

Event Classes/Age Groups

Singles consolation events will be staged in the same age categories as all yellow ball main draw events which use a knockout draw format. There is no additional charge for singles consolation events.

Entry Restrictions

Consolation events are open to all players who have taken part in a main draw singles event but have lost their first match by the application deadline. Players must have taken part in the main draw (or qualifying) event of the consolation event which they are applying for. A player who receives a walkover in their first match and then loses in their second match may be considered at the discretion of the referee.

Players must sign the consolation sign-in sheet at the control desk if they wish to be considered. For players under 16 years of age, the form must be countersigned by a parent or guardian. **Players may apply for MORE THAN ONE consolation event, if eligible BUT MAY BE NEEDED TO PLAY THREE OR MORE SINGLES MATCHES PER DAY, PARTICULARLY TOWARDS THE END OF THE TOURNAMENT.**

Players who win one or more matches in one age group, but lose their first match in a 2nd singles age group may still apply for the consolation event for that 2nd age group.

Application/Cancellation Deadline

Consolation event applications/cancellations will be accepted up to **15 minutes** after all players have completed their first matches on the **FIRST DAY** of the corresponding main draw event.

Dates of Play

Please see the consolation sign-in sheets for the maximum number of days over which these events will take place.

All players/parents must check the website (www.tennisuk.net) after 8:00pm each evening (from the evening they sign-up) to see if their match has been scheduled for the following day. This may also be checked by telephone (0333 247 9819) between 8:00pm and 9:00pm ONLY.

Ratings/Rankings

Consolation events count towards both ratings and grade 3 rankings points will also be awarded.

Acceptance Criteria

In the event of over-application then players will be accepted in the order that consolation applications are made.

Event/Match Format

Matches will be TWO standard sets with a tiebreak at 6-6. Should the score reach one set all, then a match tiebreak shall be played to decide the winner. In the event of a larger than anticipated entry or other unforeseen circumstances abbreviated scoring methods may be used. Up to three matches per day may be played using this format. Consolation events may be cancelled or abandoned in the event of bad weather.

Chris Drewe, Tournament Referee (T: 0333 247 9819)