

## The TennisUK One-Day Event Programme

### Entry Conditions for FAST4, Grade 4 & 5 competitions (including LTA Summer & Winter County Tour events)

- 1) FAST4 events 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 FAST4 scoring format and rules, The Tennis Services UK Limited ("TSUK") 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) Events shall use a draw format which will normally ensure that each player (or pair in a doubles event) take/s part in a minimum of three and a maximum of four matches. Events may be split into qualifying and main draw sections if this is considered reasonable and appropriate.
- 3) The number of players accepted into an event will be decided by the organiser on an event-by-event basis. An event will not take place if there are fewer than 5 applicants (3 pairs for doubles events) as at the cancellation (withdrawal) deadline, or a greater number if, in the opinion of the organiser it is not economically viable to hold an event
- 4) (a) In events with the words "ADULT PRIORITY" in the title, with the exception of player awarded wild cards, applicants who have an LTA season age of 19 or more shall be accepted first and shall be merited according to their LTA rating at the application deadline. Applicants of equal rating shall be split according to LTA ranking at as the application deadline. For the purposes of acceptance, applicants of equal rating and ranking shall be drawn by lot. Players with an LTA season age of 18 or under shall be accepted as a 2<sup>nd</sup> priority and shall be merited on the same basis (i.e. rating, Open Ranking and by lot)  
  
(b) In all grade 5 events and/or events with the words "FCFS" or "First Come, First Served" in the title, entries will be accepted in the order in which applications are made  
  
(c) In all other SINGLES events, with the exception of players awarded wild cards, applicants shall be merited according to their LTA rating at the application deadline. Applicants of equal rating shall be split according to LTA ranking at as the application deadline. For the purposes of acceptance, applicants of equal rating and ranking shall be drawn by lot  
  
(d) In Men's, Ladies, Boys and Girls doubles events with the exceptions of teams awarded wild cards, pairs with the highest aggregate LTA rating will be accepted first. Where doubles pairs have the same aggregate rating then the team with the highest aggregate ranking will be accepted first. Where this fails to break a tie then teams shall be split by lot. An application shall only be considered complete on receipt of a valid application from BOTH players in a doubles team  
  
(e) In an "ADULT PRIORITY" "First Come, First Served" event, the provisions of paragraph 4(a) above shall take priority over 4(b)
- 5) The committee reserves the right to include late entries and to allocate wild cards at its discretion in accordance with LTA tournament regulations at variation to regulations 4(a) to 4(e)
- 6) No refund (or part refund) of entry fee shall be allowed to any player or doubles team withdrawing after this time (including players who withdraw during an event). If one member of a doubles pair withdraws before the cancellation deadline, the remaining player from the withdrawn pair may find a replacement partner, but the pair so formed will be treated as a new entry. If one member of a doubles pair withdraws after the cancellation deadline the whole pair will be replaced by the next pair on the reserve list. No refund shall be made to a player whose partner withdraws and fees are not transferable from one player to another. Any substitute partner shall pay his/her entry fee
- 7) For events entered via [www.tennisuk.net](http://www.tennisuk.net) – where a player is accepted into an event, they will be automatically cancelled from any other event in the **TennisUK One-Day event programme** taking place on the same day. A player exercising their option to cancel from a FAST4 event (prior to the published cancellation deadline) will NOT be automatically reinstated into events for which they were previously applied taking place on the same day within the **TennisUK One-Day event programme**
- 8) The committee reserves the right to decline any application
- 9) It is each player's sole responsibility to find out if they have been accepted and the time they should report to play. Players on the reserve list must check to see if they have been moved from the reserve list into the event up to 24 hours before the start of the event. Email notifications are sent as a courtesy reminder and no claim will be considered where a player does not receive an email communication regarding an event
- 10) Reserves players/pairs shall be deemed available to compete if called upon to do so, unless they contact the referee to cancel their place in the tournament prior to notification of acceptance (or in the case of events entered via the TSUK website), cancel from the reserve list online via [www.tennisuk.net](http://www.tennisuk.net)). An exception applies if a player is contacted less than 24 hours before the starting time of the first match in the event in which case, they may decline the offer to play without charge or penalty

- 11) All matches shall use the FAST4 scoring format and rules
- 12) In 16&U, 18&U and Men's/Ladies Open events, new balls shall be provided for each match in the main draw and in the consolation final. Used balls may be used in all other consolation and playoffs matches. In 10&U, 12&U & 14&U junior events (Winter & Summer County Tour competitions) used balls may be used for all matches with the exception of the main draw final (where new balls will be provided)
- 13) In normal circumstances players who are accepted shall play a minimum of 3 matches and a maximum of 4 matches depending on the number of players in each event and the draw format used. All matches (including round-robin, playback and consolation rounds) are mandatory and players are expected to commit to ALL matches, unless ill or injured
- 14) Subject to regulations 6 and 10 a proportionate entry fee refund shall be made where it is not possible to offer a player (or doubles team) a minimum of three matches provided that:
  - a) the player has not played in a minimum of three matches through no cause of their own (or in the case of doubles events, their doubles partner) AND
  - b) the player has not withdrawn or retired from ANY event in the TennisUK One-Day event programme in the 90 days prior to the event date where this has resulted in (or contributed to) another player being refunded (or partially refunded) as a consequence of such withdrawal or retirement

For the purposes of refund eligibility, a match started shall count as a match played. For the avoidance of doubt, a player taking part in only two matches (through no cause of their own and subject to regulation 14b above) shall be entitled to a refund of 1/3<sup>rd</sup> of his/her entry fee; a refund of 2/3<sup>rd</sup>s shall be made if a player takes part in just one match (through no cause of their own and subject to regulation 14b above)

- 15) A medal or personal prize shall be awarded to the winner and runner-up in all junior events. No prize money, prizes or trophies shall be awarded in Men's or Ladies events
- 16) All singles results will be submitted for LTA ratings purposes and rankings points shall be awarded for both singles and doubles matches
- 17) In the event of a complaint in respect of an LTA Official Competition (including in relation to an Organising Committee, Referee, Chair Umpire, line/net umpire, Court Supervisor or coach), a written complaint may be lodged with the LTA at [officiatingsupport@lta.org.uk](mailto:officiatingsupport@lta.org.uk) within 7 days of the occurrence of the situation leading to the complaint

The LTA's Officiating Development Manager will determine what further action, if any, should be taken, including referring the matter to another party such as ABTO, a club, County Association or Organising Committee and/ or the LTA Disciplinary Officer (to be dealt with in accordance with the LTA's Disciplinary and Dispute Resolution Procedures). For the avoidance of doubt, the results of all matches connected to the complaint will stand in any event.

