

The TennisUK One-Day Event Programme

Entry Conditions for Matchplay Events

(1) Events are one-day LTA grade 6 competitions open to players who hold a rating of 10.2 or better at the time of application and are open to players of all ratings. Decisions as to the ratings categories to be included in each event will not be decided until after the application deadline. We will try to ensure, wherever possible that over a period of time, players of all ratings are given an opportunity to play, although this is dependent on entry numbers. The programme organiser's decision as to the composition, ratings categories and number of players in each event shall be final. Where there are very few applicants in a particular ratings category, we may decide not include that category in an event.

(2) Where there are too many applicants of a particular rating then selections will be made by assigning each player a "Matchplay History Grade" (MHG). This is an internal banded scoring system, calculated on a weekly basis which takes into account recent withdrawals, non-appearances and first match retirements from events within the **TennisUK One-Day Event Programme**. Players who are not accepted for events or are placed on a reserve list will receive credits to help improve their MHG and increase their chances of selection into future events.

Players with a higher MHG will be selected in preference to players with a lower MHG. Where players have the same MHG then selections will be based on date and time of application.

An operational overview of the selection process and the "Matchplays History Grading System" is available from the FAQ section of www.tennisuk.net. We are unable to discuss reasons for non-acceptance on an individual basis nor the detailed operation of the "Matchplays History Grading System".

Wild cards may be awarded at our discretion at variation to the published selection method (although this will normally be done in unusual or special circumstances only).

(3) In normal circumstances, players who are accepted shall play two matches in each event. **All matches will be against opponents of the same LTA rating** as at the application deadline for each event. The usual format of an event will be a 4 player matchplay "box" or 3 player round-robin although other formats may be used at the discretion of the referee, particularly where 5 or 6 players of the same rating are accepted for an event. A rest period will be allowed between rounds.

(4) Acceptance lists/player selections for each event are normally prepared immediately following the application deadline which shall be the same as the cancellation deadline. No refund of entry fee is allowed (and any entry fee due shall become payable immediately) where any accepted player withdraws from an event - for whatever reason after this time, nor to any player who is defaulted or scratched from a match or an event. The programme organiser and event referees may change any draw, include late entries if they feel it is reasonable and appropriate to do so.

(5) Players may cancel an application to any event provided we receive notification prior to the published cancellation deadline AND you check to ensure that your cancellation request has been received prior to this time. ALL cancellations are acknowledged and we accept no responsibility where such requests are delayed or are not received on time. Cancellations received after the published application deadlines will be processed as "withdrawals". No refund of entry fee is allowable in such cases for players who have been accepted into the event (and any unpaid entry fee will become payable).

(6) Players on the reserve list may cancel **at any time, prior to notification of acceptance** without charge or incurring LTA withdrawal points. Reserve players who do not cancel are declaring themselves as available to play provided we give at least 24 hours notification of acceptance (i.e. we inform you that you have been accepted for an event at least 24 hours prior to the starting time of the first match in an event). Players who are unable to play after such notification will incur LTA withdrawal penalty points and will be charged an entry fee.

If we contact a player on the reserve list less than 24 hours before the published start time of the event then the player will be **invited** to play and may decline the offer without charge or penalty.

If a reserve player is accepted into an event, we shall notify the player by telephone and/or email. It is however the responsibility of all reserve players to find out if they have been accepted to play by checking the www.tennisuk.net website up to and including the day before an event. We will not accept any claims that an email or voicemail acceptance notification was not received.

(7) A player accepted for an event, wishing to withdraw after the cancellation deadline must make contact with the programme organiser or event referee, BY TELEPHONE, as soon as possible, to confirm their inability to play. Withdrawals are not valid unless and until they are received by us and acknowledged.

(8) The committee reserves the right to refuse an application from any applicant if we have reasonable justification for doing so.

(9) All matches shall consist of two sets (tiebreak at 6-6). Should the score reach one set all, a MATCH-TIEBREAK (i.e. first player to win 10 points with a margin of 2 points) shall be played to decide the match. Abbreviated scoring methods may be used at the discretion of the referee if this is considered reasonable and appropriate.

(10) In Men's and Ladies Open events, new balls will be provided for all matches. In all other events, new balls will be provided for one of the two matches; once-used balls will be provided for the other match.

(11) Players who fail to commit to all matches as arranged or withdraw after they have been accepted for an event will incur automatic LTA withdrawal points.

(12) In standard matchplay events, in the unlikely event of any match remaining incomplete due to lack of court time, then half the entry fee will be refunded to each player concerned. Similarly, should it not be possible to offer two matches due to a withdrawal, bad weather (at outdoor events) or other unforeseen circumstances a 50% refund will also be made. A match which ends as a result of a retirement or a default will count shall not be eligible for a refund. Where we are only able to offer one match in an event then both players are committed to playing the match and will receive LTA withdrawal points (and NO refund) if they decide not to play. No refund (or part) will be made to any player withdrawing from an event.

(13) Adjacent courts may be used for coaching and non-tennis activities. These may be noisy and involve very young children. Efforts will be made to segregate these activities from matchplay courts, where possible. All events take place regardless of temperature and humidity conditions.

(14) In view of the limited court booking time, referees may not be able to delay play for late arrivals. Any player arriving late may forfeit one or both matches. This decision is at the sole discretion of the event referee. No entry fee refund is allowed in these circumstances and LTA withdrawal penalty points may be incurred.

(15) Events starting in the afternoon may continue until late into the evening. Parents of younger children are asked to consider this, before entering. By submitting an application, you are committing to the duration of an event and accept that this may involve late evening matches.

(16) The decision as to the use and playability of outdoor courts shall be at the sole discretion of the event referee. Some matches at indoor events may also be played on outdoor courts, but only with the agreement of the referee and both players. Indoor courts are used throughout the year, regardless of temperature and humidity conditions. Some indoor courts may also be used at outdoor events.

(17) Credit card payments and cheques will only be processed once a player is accepted into an event. Cheques relating to unused reserve entries, cancellations prior to the draw, or players not accepted into any event, will be destroyed 10 days after the event, unless an SAE is provided for the return of the cheque within this time period. We regret that entry fees cannot be paid in cash. We reserve the right to make a reasonable administrative charge where a payment is dishonoured, declined or late. A full copy of our payment conditions and privacy policy is available from the www.tennisuk.net website.

(18) By making an application you accept these conditions, the LTA Competition Regulations, The Tennis Services UK registration and payment conditions and our privacy policy (available from the www.tennisuk.net, website).

(19) We will acknowledge postal and faxed applications and confirm each player's acceptance status BY E-MAIL. Regardless of whether an e-mail confirmation is received, it is each applicant's responsibility to check whether they have been accepted and, if so, ascertain their reporting time. Not all players will be asked to report at the published starting time of an event and individual player reporting times may be staggered to avoid undue waiting times.

TSUK One-Day Event Programme Committee: Chris Drewe, David Fuchs (Chair), Carole Heritage and Kath Lovell.

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