

Q&A

Q. What is the Junior Tennis Festival?

A. Each year, Counties throughout the UK host a 'closed' tournament for their junior players. 'Closed' means the event can only be entered by players from within that County. The Oxfordshire event is called the Junior Tennis Festival; previously the Oxfordshire County Closed

Q. Why does the event always happen in August?

A. All Counties are required to run their junior tournaments on the same week of the year – the last week of August.

Q. What level is the tournament?

A. Grade 3 (except for 25 Under)

Q. Is the Festival just for County level players?

A. The Festival is for anyone who plays tennis at school or at a club and has some experience of competition. Some regular county players will be taking part but for most juniors, it's about enjoying a great week of tennis; having fun; and having a go.

Q. What are the age groups?

A. There are separate events for mini tennis (8 Under), Orange ball (9 Under), and Green ball (10 under) plus Yellow ball - 12 Under, 14 Under, 16 Under and 18 Under; boys & girls.

Q. How many people take part?

A. In 2018 we had over 120 junior players - across all ages.

Q. What is the 25 Under competition?

A. This is new for 2019; allowing older players to take part in the Festival.

Q. Is the 25 Under also a grade 3 tournament?

A. The 25 Under event is being run alongside but is separate from the Junior tournament. It is not a grade 3 event and will not count towards ranking points. But there will be prizes.

Q. Can I just enter the doubles?

A. Yes, players can enter the singles, doubles or both. Up to a maximum of 2 (contiguous) age groups for singles; and two age groups for doubles – one of which must be mixed.

Q. What are the dates and where is the Festival held?

A. The Festival runs from 25 to 31 August 2019 and is held at North Oxford Lawn Tennis Club.

Q. Do I have to be there the entire week?

A. The tournament schedule is organised by age group so that players only need to come for the specific days and times they are playing.

Q. Can anyone come to watch?

A. Yes, we want to encourage as many people as possible to come along – players, parents, family, friends, coaches – everyone is welcome.

Q. Where can I get more information about the Festival and how to enter?

A. Details are on the Tennis Oxfordshire web site www.tennisoxfordshire/tennisfestival. Entries should be made via the LTA website www.lta.org.uk – tournament code OXF19s9934.

Q. When do entries for the 2019 Festival open and close?

A. Entries open on 10 July and close on 18 August (for singles); 25 August (for doubles).

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