

Sutton New Year Tournament

Tuesday 2nd to Sunday 7th January 2024

Singles Consolation Events

Event Classes/Age Groups

Optional singles consolation events will be staged in the same age categories as all yellow ball main draw events which use a knockout/elimination draw format, i.e. Boys/Girls 12/14/16/18 and Men's/Ladies Open. All other events will use draw formats which include mandatory consolation matches.

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 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 sign-in sheet should be countersigned by a parent, guardian or responsible adult.

Application/Cancellation Deadline

Consolation event applications/cancellations will be accepted up to **15 minutes** after all players have completed their first matches 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 World Tennis Number ("WTN") 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 **OR** FAST4 scoring depending on entry numbers and available court time. This decision shall be made on an event-by-event basis by the referee, whose decision shall be final. Consolation events may be cancelled or abandoned in the event of unforeseen circumstances.

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