

FACT SHEET FOR THE BERKSHIRE JUNIOR COUNTY CHAMPIONSHIPS AT BRADFIELD TENNIS CENTRE, 2020



Sports Complex
Bradfield,
Berkshire,
RG7 6BZ

The Berkshire Junior County Championships, sanctioned by the Lawn Tennis Association, will run in accordance with the ITF Rules of Tennis, the Rules of the LTA and the LTA competition Regulations, including the LTA Code of Conduct and current Covid-19 guidelines.

Due to current LTA rules regarding competitions, this event will run as a Grade 6 event, rather than the usual Grade 3. Whilst there are no ranking points available, players can still accumulate wins for their rating, and results will be included in the World Tennis Numbers algorithms when that comes in to effect January 2021.

Bradfield Tennis Centre follows the "Covid Secure" guidelines published by the LTA. All competitors are expected to undergo a pre-attendance self-assessment for any Covid-19 symptoms using the information on the NHS website before leaving home to attend the event. Venue protocols will be distributed with the first match times.

Every competitor wishing to enter events must have a valid British Tennis Membership (BTM) number, rating, and qualify as a Berkshire player (either through birth or residency).

Overlapping competitions: See pages 8-10 LTA Competition Regulations (3.10, 3.11, 3.12 & 3.13) published 1 September 2016.

Any complaint against the Referee or against the tournament organisation shall be lodged in writing with the Committee within 48 hours of the occurrence of the cause of the complaint. Also, see LTA Competition Regulations 8.1 (Page 31 of the LTA Competition Regulations published 1 September, 2016).

Consecutive events: Players are permitted to enter their own age group, and the one consecutively above. Any player not adhering to this rule will automatically be assigned to their current seasons age group only.

Closing and withdrawal dates:

- Closing date: Saturday 15th August, 23:00
- Withdrawal deadline: Monday 17th August, 10:00

Any player withdrawing from the tournament must do so officially and in accordance with the LTA withdrawal regulations. Any player withdrawing after the withdrawal deadline **MUST** immediately inform the Tournament Referee. All withdrawals will be subject to the LTA Withdrawal Points System (Withdrawal Regulations are listed on Page 15 of the LTA Competition Regulations dated 1 September 2016).

Player Acceptance:

Whilst this is officially a Grade 6 event, acceptance criteria will be the same as Grade 3, Ranking followed by Rating.

Draws and first match time information will be e-mailed to each competitor, and posted on the LTA website. It is the players' responsibility to check the web site for the time of their first matches.

Competition formats:

Age Group	Day	# entries	Draw Format	Match Format	Surface
10U	Monday	Maximum 16	Round Robin or KO	Fast4	Clay
11U	Tuesday	Minimum of 5 required for the event to run	Player KO Draw (Automatic entry to the consolation)		
12U	Monday				
14U	Wednesday				
16U	Thursday				
18U	Friday				

For 2020, the Berkshire JCC event is running singles only. 8U & 9U events will be held at a later date in the year.

In the event of bad weather, events may have to be cancelled (This will be at the discretion of the Referee). There will be no indoor space for players to congregate, so should the weather turn, players will be required to use umbrellas or wait in their vehicle.

On the Day: Competitors must register their attendance with the Referee immediately upon arrival each day. Late arrivals and absentees are liable to be scratched at the discretion of the referee. I.e. if a player is not ready to play within 15 minutes after the match has been called, the player may be deemed to have failed to appear by the referee. (See 5.16 LTA Competition Regulations)

Competitors must not leave the grounds without the Referee's permission.

Clothing: Competitors must wear recognised tennis clothing (which may include t-shirts) which may be coloured. Advertising logos are restricted to the maximum laid down in the LTA Competition Regulations. Ball shorts and leggings alone, are not recognised tennis attire, and must have a skirt or shorts over the top.

Clay Courts: Players competing on the clay courts will be asked to drag the courts and sweep the lines after each use. Please watch the video on the link below for information on how to do that:
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=28lmmkY0tBg>

Parking: Please park considerately in the Sports Complex Car Park. The Disabled parking next to the Clay Courts is for officials and Blue Badge holders use only.

Pro Shop: The Pro Shop is located in the Sports Complex Reception and offers on site re-stringing and racket advice. Demo models are available for players to try. If you have any questions or queries regarding rackets or re-stringing, please contact our Coach and Racket Technician, Peter Mogan: PMogan@BradfieldCollege.org.uk

Catering: Tea and Coffee is available from vending machines in the Sports Complex. Due to Covid-19, unfortunately we will not be able to provide our usual standard of catering.

Spectators: We request that players travel with only one parent/guardian, and preferably without any siblings. This will help us to keep the number of people on site to a minimum. We won't be able to provide seating for spectators and encourage players/parents to bring their own fold up chair or picnic blanket. Please remember to not walk alongside or behind courts whilst play is in progress. You may inadvertently distract a player.

Dogs: Outdoor areas at Bradfield are dog friendly. Dogs are not permitted in any of the buildings on site. If you wish to bring your furry family member with you, please keep them under control and be responsible and clean up after them.

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