

An Explanation of Elthorne Club Membership, the Lawn Tennis Association (LTA), LTA Membership, The Wimbledon Ticket Club Member's Ballot, The Wimbledon Ticket Public Ballot, myWimbledon Account.

This notice strives to explain the intricacies of how to be involved with the Wimbledon Ticket Ballots each year.

Wimbledon takes place in early July each year and tickets are sold for all the show courts. Tickets are typically sold in pairs although you may be able to buy single tickets. Thousands of tickets are distributed by the All England Club (Wimbledon) and by the LTA in various Ballots. The 2 biggest ballots are **The Public Ballot** and **The LTA Advantage Member's Ballot**.

The Public Ballot

Typically, you have a 1 in 10 chance of winning tickets in the Public Ballot. Online entry to the Public Ballot opens in mid-September each year and closes in November. There is only one application from each household allowed so beware making multiple entries !! Successful ticket winners are notified in February of the following year. The emails arrive out of the blue and commonly go straight to your spam folder – so be on the ball(ot). You won't get a choice about which tickets you win. In order to be able to enter you'll need a myWimbledon account and download the Wimbledon app to your phone. You'll also need to turn on all the notifications in the app so that when the ballot opens in September you are notified. During the application window you must physically go into your app and say you wish to take part in Ballot. Good luck !!

The Club Member's Ballot – LTA Advantage Members Ballot

This ballot is slightly more complicated as it has the LTA involved as an extra layer of bureaucracy that some say is designed to discourage some from applying. You will manage this Ballot through your LTA Advantage online area

To qualify for this ballot, a person must be registered with the LTA and hold one of their Advantage memberships – which are free as you are a member of Elthorne Tennis. During the period from the middle of November to the middle of the following January you will need to opt-in within your LTA login. Keep your LTA login details handy. Sounds a lot but it's not as bad as it sounds.

In practice, if you have paid your £10 to be a member of Elthorne Tennis and you've had to register with the LTA as part of the sign-up process for the Elthorne Tennis ClubSpark website, you will have been given a free LTA Advantage membership when it asked you to name your club. Elthorne Tennis is a registered LTA Club. You are more than half way there and just need to make sure you don't miss the ballot window when the "OPTING IN" phase comes around in November 2024 – January 2024.

Typically, you will have a 1 in 6 chance of winning tickets in this Ballot, and if you are successful the way they distribute the tickets changed for the better this last year – you were notified that you had been successful in the ballot and were told you could buy any ticket you wanted from a certain day. This was neat for many reasons as winning ballot people got to go on the day they wanted and spend dependent on their means, a much better system. It is very likely they (The LTA) will distribute 2024 tickets in this way as it was deemed to be a success this last year.

Elthorne Tennis Membership

Each year around February the club is asked to list all their current up-to-date members so they can be reconciled against the LTA's database of "opted in" members. Those that are not current members of the club will not qualify for the ballot. Users of the park that do not use the tennis courts are welcome to become members of Elthorne Tennis for £10/year.

If you have questions about these ballots, you are welcome to ask Matthew Cattaway, who will answer to the best of his knowledge.

Links to the various websites referenced above;

Wimbledon Public Ballot info - https://www.wimbledon.com/en_GB/tickets/index.html

LTA Advantage Ballot - <https://www.lta.org.uk/fan-zone/grand-slam/wimbledon-championships/ballots/>

Elthorne Tennis Membership - <https://clubspark.lta.org.uk/ElthorneTennis/Membership/Join>