

## Team Tennis Premier 12&U-18&U 2019

### Online Application Information

The Team Tennis Premier 12&U-18&U 2019 application period is from Wednesday 5 December 2018 to Wednesday 23 January 2019. Please read all information before applying.

#### **Overview**

**What is the Premier 12&U – 18&U Tier?** The Premier 12&U-18&U tier provides an opportunity for stronger teams to compete on a regional basis in a group appropriate to their standard. The top 6 teams in 4 set regions (based on county registration) may be accepted in each age group event based on standard and geography

**Who can apply for a place in the Premier 12&U-18&U?** LTA registered venues (clubs, parks, universities, tennis centres etc) with girls and/or boys teams in 12&U, 14&U and 18&U age groups.

**When will we know if we have a place in the Premier 12&U-18&U?** We aim to contact all team captains on Thursday 31 January 2019 detailing whether their application has been accepted (If you haven't heard by Friday 1 February, please email [teamentennis@LTA.org.uk](mailto:teamentennis@LTA.org.uk)).

**Are there Finals after the group stage?** Yes. There are 4 groups in an age group event. The team placed 1<sup>st</sup> in each Tier 1 group will qualify to the Premier 12U-18U Finals at the National Tennis Centre on 20/21 July 2019. Players must play in a minimum of one group match (singles or doubles) to be eligible for the Finals. There are no Finals in place at Tier 2 due to these divisions running in only some regions year on year.

#### **Player Questions**

**Can players play for two different clubs?** A player may only represent one venue in the competition from 8&U-18&U. A player may represent a separate venue in the Open (adult) age group. However, players will only be able to play in 2 age groups, e.g. 18&U and Open.

**Can a club contract a player for this competition?** No club can 'contract' a junior player to compete for their club. It is entirely a junior player's (and their parents) choice to represent any club to which they are a British Tennis Member (BTM).

#### **Team Questions**

**Should we enter the same team in the County Tier and the Premier 12&U-18&U?** No. If not accepted to the Premier 12&U – 18&U your entry will be passed to your County organiser.

**What if our club wants to enter more than one team in an age group event?**

Decide if your '1<sup>st</sup>' team wish to apply for a place in the Premier 12&U-18&U. If so, submit an entry online, and enter your remaining team(s) in that event either in to the relevant Premier 12-18 event or to your County. Where this happens (E.g. for 12&U Boys) it is important you name the teams as follows:

'Example LTC 1' (for Premier 12&U Boys)  
'Example LTC 2' (for County Tier 12&U Boys)  
'Example LTC 3' (for County Tier 12&U Boys)

#### **Commitment**

It is the team captain's responsibility, prior to applying, to ensure all players nominated are eligible to play, have given their commitment to your place to play and are available on the fixed dates. Captains **must** ensure a minimum of 6 players are **fully committed** to meeting **all of the match dates** before entering. Players must only be nominated if they're committed to at least 3 out of the 5 fixture dates. The Premier 12&U – 18&U requires travel outside of your county and captains and players must be committed.

**Will you be running a second tier of the Premier 12&U-18&U in 2018?** Extra tiers may be created in some events in some regions for teams deemed too strong for their county tier. These teams cannot qualify for the Finals but will play league tennis against similar standard teams. It is the competition team's decision to run these leagues depending on entry standard, geography and depth in regions. It is advised for teams who feel they will be too strong for their county tier to apply to the Premier tier so the competition can assess suitability.

**What other information should we know?**

- The competition dates are fixed and must be viewed at [www.LTA.org.uk/Team-Tennis](http://www.LTA.org.uk/Team-Tennis)
- Teams will need to be prepared to travel and provide indoor back-up for home matches.
- The entry fee is £30 per team payable online. Teams will only be accepted once payment is made.

## **Acceptance Process**

Acceptance into Team Tennis Premier 12&U - 18&U is based on the combined **rankings** of 6 players nominated by the team captain at the entry stage. **Six players must be nominated** for acceptance. Teams nominating 5 or less players may not be accepted. Because of illness, injury, exams and tournaments, teams are very likely to require six or more players to fulfil all fixtures during the season.

The competition is split into four GB wide regions which are North, Midlands, South West and South East. Teams will be accepted per region. It is the decision of the organisers to determine the leagues in each region. The league organisers reserve the right to place a team in a different region if they feel it is of the greatest benefit to the competition and/or the right to accept fewer than 6 teams in a division. Teams who do not qualify for the Premier tier will be forwarded to their relevant County based on the registration code of the venue

## **Ranking for Acceptance**

In line with all LTA junior competitions at Grade 3 and above, acceptance for Team Tennis Premier 12&U-18&U 2019 (Grade 3) will be based on the **combined British Tennis Rankings** of the six players nominated in each team.

## **Key Notes**

- Each player's British Tennis Age Group ranking as of Wednesday 23 January 2019 will be used
- If a team does not submit a full six players with rankings, those players will be awarded the lowest age group ranking on the ranking list
- Green 1\* rated players as of Wednesday 23 January 2019 nominated in the Premier 12&U event will be given a ranking of 750 for the purpose of the acceptance process
- Green 1 rated players as of Wednesday 23 January 2019 nominated in the Premier 12&U event will be given a ranking of 1250 for the purpose of the acceptance process
- To recognise commitment and success of Tier 2 leagues, winners from Tier 2 Divisions from the 2018 season will receive a 25% deduction to their points total providing the same club re-apply for the same age group event. The deduction will only be applied if a minimum of 4 active players from the 2018 season are nominated for the same team in the 2019 application.

## **Example 12&U Team**

The below example shows the calculation of a team score at 12&U:

Player 1 - 65; Player 2 - 180; Player 3 - 195; Player 4 – 420; Player 5 (Green 1\*) - 750; Player 6 - 1015  
Combined Ranking of Team = 2,625

The table below serves as a guide to help you decide whether your team would be suitable for the Premier 12&U-18&U events. Rankings are used for acceptance and it is important to note this is only a guide. The acceptance for 2019 may be above or below the guidance below. A team within the criteria does not guarantee a team entry into the Premier 12&U-18&U for 2019.

<b>Event</b>	<b>Combined Ranking</b>	<b>Event</b>	<b>Combined Ranking</b>
12&U Tier 1	<3000	12&U Tier 2	<8000
14&U Tier 1	<3250	14&U Tier 2	<9500
18&U Tier 1	<3500	18&U Tier 2	<10000

## **Application**

This is an online entry process which requires a login/password:

- On 5 December 2018, LTA Registered Venues who entered teams entered in 2017 and/or 2018 will be sent a login and password to enter teams into the Premier 12&U–18&U. If you do not receive this email please email [teamentennis@LTA.org.uk](mailto:teamentennis@LTA.org.uk) to request a club login and password to enter.
- Player nominations for 6 players with BTM numbers are required ([Find a BTM number](#))
- Acceptances will be confirmed by email to team captains on Thursday 31 January 2019

We advise all team captains entering teams to watch a 'How to Enter Online' video that is available on in the [entry information area of the Team Tennis website](#). Once you have watched please click on the link to apply:

**[Click here to apply for the Team Tennis Premier 12&U-18&U 2019](#)**

Closing Date: 23.59pm on Wednesday 23 January 2019

## **Queries**

If you have any questions please email [teamentennis@LTA.org.uk](mailto:teamentennis@LTA.org.uk) or call 0208 487 7000