

AON **18U TENNIS NZ** **JUNIOR** **CHAMPIONSHIPS**



QUALIFYING: 15 December 2021
MAIN DRAW: 16 November to 19 December 2021
VENUE: Scarbro Tennis Centre, Auckland
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Entries close Friday 8 October 2021



V5 – 1/9/21

Te Tenehi o Aotearoa

Eligibility Criteria

1. Players must be a minimum age of 13 years at entry deadline
2. Players must be 18 and/or under as of 31st December 2021
3. Entry is restricted to NZ passport holders or NZ permanent residents unless special exemption is granted by Tennis NZ
4. Minimum MatchHub Ranking grade of S5 as at the 15 November 2021 update[#]
5. Players must play 'in age' at Tier 1 and National Championships*

*Players can apply to Tennis New Zealand before the entry deadline to play 'out of age' if within the preceding 12 months has won a Tier 1 or National Championship in that age group (Singles only) or due to medical/injury reasons

[#]Players outside this minimum MatchHub Ranking grade will be eligible for Regional Qualifying events

Verification

Players may be required to provide a copy of their passport or birth certificate prior to the tournament

Online Entry

Entries open 12th July 2020

Players must enter no later than **MIDNIGHT, FRIDAY 8 OCTOBER 2021**

Players may enter late for a \$10 fee until **MIDDAY, SUNDAY 10 OCTOBER 2021**

Entry Fee

	Online Entry Fee	Late Entry
Singles and /or Doubles	\$95.00	\$105.00

Online Withdrawal Deadline

Withdrawals can be made online by **MIDDAY, SUNDAY 28 NOVEMBER 2021** without penalty. Any withdrawals after this deadline must be received via email to blake@tennis.kiwi with a medical certificate

Acceptance Lists

The first acceptance lists will be available on the Tennis NZ website by **6PM, MONDAY 11 OCTOBER 2021**

Doubles Entry

Both players must nominate Doubles partners by **6PM, Friday 5 NOVEMBER 2021** via email to blake@tennis.kiwi

Surface

Hardcourt

Draw Size

BOYS

Singles: 32 Qualifying > 32 Compass Main Draw - (56 players) – see NOTE

Doubles: 28 pairs – all players in Qualifying or Main Draw will be placed into Doubles

GIRLS

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Doubles: 28 pairs – all players in Qualifying or Main Draw will be placed into Doubles

NOTE: Players who are not accepted or do not qualify for the Singles Main Draw, will compete in a Tier 3 event alongside the Nationals

MIXED DOUBLES

Doubles: 8 pairs per tier, up to 3 tiers (based on combined MatchHub Rankings)

COMPASS DRAW EXPLANATION

Main Draw - players will compete in a standard knock-out format

Compass Draw – in lieu of consolation and plate events, a Compass Draw will be conducted. This draw format will guarantee all Main Draw players 4 singles

Acceptances

Singles

Main Draw Singles

22 Direct Acceptances based on MatchHub Rankings as at the entry deadline date

2 Wild Card Acceptances

8 Qualifying Acceptances

Qualifying Singles

12 Direct Acceptances based on MatchHub Rankings as at the entry deadline date

8 Junior Masters Points Race 16U Top 8 Finalists*

12 Regional Qualifying Acceptances

*Any unused places will be split between the next highest eligible players on MatchHub Rankings as at the entry deadline as Direct Acceptances and Regional Qualifying Acceptances

Regional Qualifying

All remaining players will be entered into a Regional Qualifying event, based on their MatchHub Code as at the entry deadline. The winner of the Regional Qualifying event will gain acceptance into the Qualifying Draw

Regional Qualifying

Northern – 23rd, 24th and 25th October – Forrest Hill Tennis Centre, Auckland

Auckland – 23rd, 24th and 25th October – Scarbro Tennis Centre, Auckland

Waikato-Bays – 23rd and 24th October – Waikato Tennis Centre, Hamilton

Central – 23rd, 24th and 25th October – Tawa Tennis Club, Wellington

Canterbury – 16th and 17th October – Wilding Park Tennis Centre, Christchurch

Southern – 16th and 17th October – Logan Park Tennis Centre, Dunedin

If a winner of a Regional Qualifying position chooses not to compete in the Qualifying Draw, or if there are any other unused positions in Qualifying Draw, these positions will become Tennis NZ Wild Card positions

Doubles

28 Direct Acceptances – automatic entry for all players accepted for Singles Qualifying and Singles Main Draw

NOTE: Players who are not accepted into the National draw, will be placed into the Tier 3 event which will run alongside the National draw

NOTE: Players entering without naming a partner, will be partnered by Tennis NZ with the next-highest athlete based on MatchHub Rankings*

*Doubles MatchHub Rankings – calculated as 25% of Doubles points added to 100% of Singles points

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Provisional Schedule

Day 1 – Qualifying Singles & Mixed Doubles Day

8.30am	PLAYER MEETING Welcome/introduce officials, rules explanation and general information for all Qualifying Singles athletes
8:45am	Play commences
11.00am	Mixed Doubles – to commence at the conclusion of Qualifying

Day 2 – Main Draw Singles & Main Draw Doubles

8.30am	PLAYER MEETING Welcome/introduce officials, rules explanation and general information for all athletes with matches starting 8.45am-9.30am
8:45am	Play commences

9.45am	PLAYER MEETING Welcome/introduce officials, rules explanation and general information for all athletes with matches starting 9.45am-10.30am
12 noon	Doubles sign-in closes
12.30pm	The doubles draw will be available on the tournament website, and also at the tournament venue

Day 3, Day 4 & Day 5

8.30am	Play commences
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NOTE: All Play-Off and Tier 3 draws conclude on Day 4. Players in Main Draw Singles (including 3rd and 4th Play-Off) and Doubles Finals only will compete on Day 5

Match Format

Singles

Main Draw Singles matches are to be the best of three tiebreak sets with a conventional 12 point tiebreak (first to 7 points with a margin of 2) at six games all

Compass Singles matches are to be the best of two tiebreak sets with a conventional 12 point tiebreak (first to 7 points with a margin of 2) at six games all. If sets are tied, a “match” tie break (first to 10 points with a margin of 2) will be played to determine the winner of the match

Doubles

Main Draw Doubles matches are to be the best of two tiebreak sets and a conventional 12 point tiebreak (first to 7 points with a margin of 2) at six games all, with sudden-death deuce (receiver’s choice of side at deuce). If sets are tied, a “match” tie break (first to 10 points with a margin of 2) will be played to determine the winner of the match

NOTE: Tournament Officials have the right to alter the length of matches if circumstances make it necessary

Practice Courts

Practice courts will be made available during the event and players must book courts before use

Results

All matches and results from the tournament will be recorded in the MatchHub Rankings grading system

Player Code

You must supply your MatchHub Rankings player code on the entry form. If you do not have, or do not know your player code, please contact your Club or Region before entering

Medical Contacts

The tournament will provide contact details of a local medical centre and physio

Prizegiving

Prizegiving will be held on the last day of the tournament. All finalists are expected to attend the prize giving

Rules

The tournament will be played in accordance with the Rules and Regulations of Tennis NZ, Rules of Tennis and Tennis NZ Player Code of Behaviour

Photographs

Photographs may be taken by tournament staff or TNZ approved photographers at the tournament. All players who enter the tournament permit the free use of their name, voice or picture to be used in any broadcasting, advertising or promotion or any other way relating to this event pursuant to the Privacy act 1993

Accommodation

Accommodation is the player's responsibility

Questions & Answers

Q: I have entered the tournament but did not make the Qualifying Draw Acceptance list for Singles. What will I be playing?

A: Players not accepted into the Qualifying Draw will compete in a Regional Qualifying event. The winners of these events will gain acceptance to the Qualifying Draw. If you do not move into the Qualifying, you will be able to enter the Tier 3 event which will run alongside the National draw

Q: I do not meet all of the eligibility criteria. Can I still play?

A: Yes, you can play in the Tier 3 event which will run alongside the National draw

Q: I lost in Qualifying. Do I get a Consolation/Plate event?

A: If you lose in Qualifying, you will be placed into the Tier 3 event which will run alongside the National draw

Q: Do I have to play the Tier 3 event if I lose in Qualifying?

A: Yes, all players who enter the Nationals and do not qualify will be required to compete in the Tier 3 event

Q: Do I have to play the Tier 3 event if I lose in Regional Qualifying?

A: No. All players who lose in Regional Qualifying can choose to enter the Tier 3 event

Q: Can I enter the Tier 3 event instead of the Nationals?

A: All players will nominate for the Nationals tournament and then placed into their respective events after entries close

Q: I am in the Main Draw Singles. How many matches will I be playing?

A: All players who make the Main Draw Singles will compete in a minimum of 4 singles matches. Therefore players are expected to be available until Day 4 of the tournament

Q: I have entered Doubles with someone who is in the Qualifying. Will we still make the draw?

A: All players in National Singles Qualifying and National Singles Main Draw will be automatically entered into Doubles. Players who are not accepted into these Singles draws will be placed into a Tier 3 Doubles draw, to run alongside the National draw

Q: I would like to play Mixed Doubles but I don't have a partner. Will one be allocated to me?

A: All players who nominate without a partner will be found a partner if numbers allow, however cannot be guaranteed

Q: I am 13 years old and wish to play in the 16U event. Can I do this?

A: Players are to compete 'in age' at the National Junior Championships. Players can apply to Tennis NZ for an exemption on medical/injury grounds or if within the preceding 12 months have won a Tier 1 or National Championship (Singles only) in that age group

Q: What day can I leave?

A: Players can leave on the afternoon of Day 4 unless making the Singles Semi-Final and/or Doubles Final (Singles Final and 3rd/4th Play-Off will be played morning on Day 5, followed by Doubles Final)

Q: How will the Regional Qualifying work?

A: Regional Qualifying positions will be available for all players who do not gain acceptance into Qualifying, or do not meet the minimum MatchHub Ranking grade. The winner from each event will gain entry into the Qualifying Singles

