ULSTER JUNIOR REGIONAL MATCHPLAYS WINTER 2019

Entries are open for the Ulster Winter Regional Matchplays. Please note the following:

1. All entries **MUST** be made on-line using the Tournament Software website for the matchplays. **Entries will be not be accepted by email or phone or any other method.** The list of exempt players for each age group can be found below.
2. There will be an entry fee of £6 per player to cover the cost of facilities and tennis balls. This fee must be paid using a credit/debit card or PayPal when submitting the online entry.
3. The top two finishers in each regional matchplay will qualify for the Provincial matchplays in that age group.
4. Provincial matchplays will be run in November.
5. Players must complete all matches in the regional matchplay to qualify for the Provincial matchplay.

AGE GROUPS

The matchplays are part of the **2019** season, so players must be under the required age on 31st December 2018. The 2020 tournament season will start in January.

Players may play up one age group but not two. For example, an Under 14 may play either Under 14 or Under 16, but not Under 18.

Age Group	Year of Birth
Under 12	2007, 2008 **(*)**
Under 14	2005, 2006, 2007, 2008
Under 16	2003, 2004, 2005, 2006
Under 18	2001, 2002, 2003, 2004

(*) Players born in 2009 who have a valid Tennis Ireland passport allowing them to play Under 12 yellow ball may enter Under 12 events.

ENTRY CLOSING DATES

The closing date for entry for each matchplay will be as follows:

Matchplay Day	Closing Date
Friday	Preceding Wednesday at 23:59
Saturday	Preceding Thursday at 23:59
Sunday	Preceding Friday at 23:59

MATCHPLAY DATES

The following are dates for each matchplay. Further dates will be added when available.

Southern Region

Age Group	Date	Venue	Time
Under 12 Boys and Girls	Sunday 13th October	Portadown	10:00 am
Under 14 Boys and Girls	Sunday 13th October	Portadown	10:00 am
Under 16 Boys and Girls	Friday 18th October	Downshire	6:00 pm
Under 18 Boys and Girls	Friday 18th October	Downshire	6:00 pm

South Eastern Region

Age Group	Date	Venue	Time
Under 12 Boys and Girls	Sunday 20th October	Bangor	1:30 pm
Under 14 Boys	Sunday 13th October	Donaghadee	10:00 am
Under 14 Girls	Sunday 20th October	Bangor	1:30 pm
Under 16 Boys and Girls	Sunday 20th October	Bangor	1:30 pm
Under 18 Boys and Girls	Sunday 20th October	Royal Belfast	10:00 am

Belfast Region

Age Group	Date	Venue	Time
Under 12 Boys and Girls	Sunday 20th October	Belfast Boat Club	11:30 am
Under 14 Boys and Girls	Sunday 20th October	Belfast Boat Club	10:30 am
Under 16 Boys and Girls	Sunday 20th October	Belfast Boat Club	10:30 am
Under 18 Boys and Girls	Sunday 13th October	Hawarden	10:00 am

North Eastern Region

Age Group	Date	Venue	Time
Under 12 Boys and Girls	Saturday 12th October	ATT	1:00 pm
Under 14 Boys	Saturday 12th October	ATT	1:00 pm
Under 14 Girls	Saturday 5th October	Ballycastle	10:00 am
Under 12 Boys and Girls	Saturday 12th October	ATT	3:00 pm
Under 16 Boys and Girls	Sunday 20th October	Belfast Boat Club	10:30 am
Under 18 Boys and Girls	Saturday 19th October	Ballycastle	11:00 am

Western Region

Age Group	Date	Venue	Time
Under 12 Boys and Girls	Sunday 13th October	Omagh	12:00 pm
Under 14 Boys and Girls	Sunday 13th October	Enniskillen	11:00 am
Under 16 Boys and Girls	Sunday 13th October	Letterkenny	10:00 am
Under 18 Boys and Girls	Sunday 13th October	Letterkenny	10:00 am

MATCHPLAY REGIONS

Belfast	South Eastern	Southern	North East	Western
Ballynafeigh	Bangor	Banbridge	ATT	Derry
Belfast Boat Club	Civil Service	Downshire	Ballycastle	Donegal
Cavehill	CIYMS	Hilden	Ballymena	Enniskillen
Hawarden	Cloughey	Lurgan	Coleraine	Irvinestown
Malone	David Lloyd	Newry	Larne	Omagh
Windsor	Donaghadee	Portadown	Limavady	
	Downpatrick	Warrenpoint	Whitehead	
	Helen's Bay			
	Newcastle			
	Royal Belfast			
	St. Patrick's			

MATCHPLAY RULES

- Matchplays are open to all Junior **Members** of affiliated clubs who are eligible to represent Ulster.
- Players must enter the region which the Club they are a member of is in.
- All players must have a Tennis Ireland PIN to play in the matchplays.
- All players may enter either the age group which they are currently in or the next higher age group. Players will not be permitted to enter two age groups higher than their own age group. For example if a player is Under 14 they will be able to enter the Under 14 or Under 16 regional but not the Under 18 one.
- The maximum number of entries for a Provincial matchplay will be 16.
- One or two qualifying places will be available in each age group from each regional matchplay.
- In addition, under normal circumstances the top ranked players in each age group will be exempt from the regional matchplays in that age group. These players will qualify directly for the Provincial matchplays in that age group. Names of these players will be published before the matchplay entries open and will be based on the top players in the UTP rankings who are still in the age group.
- For National matchplays, a number of the top ranked available players in each age group in the National Junior Rankings on a specific date will also qualify directly for the National Matchplays and may not be required to play in Provincial Matchplays.
- If the matchplay is a 16-player event (this is dependent on the number of regional entries), then further places in each age group may be available to players who played in the regional match plays but did not qualify for the provincials.
- Further places in the Provincial event may also be available if a region does not put forward two qualifiers in an age group, or if players who qualify directly through being exempt from regional matchplays either do not enter that age

group in the Provincial event, or gain direct entry into the National Matchplays based on their National ranking (as above).

- **Any** additional places will either be determined by the UBTI Junior Seeding Committee or by running play-offs. This decision will be at the discretion of the UBTI Junior Development Committee.
- In the event that a Regional qualifier pulls out at very short notice the Junior Development Committee may choose a player to fill that position from another region taking the advice of the UBTI Seeding Committee.
- The seeding for the Provincial matchplays will be done by the Ulster Branch Junior Seeding Committee and their decision is final.
- **All** players must register on-line using the Tournament Software online entry facility to play in the Regional and Provincial matchplays by the dates given on the website. Entries will not be accepted by email or phone or any other method. Entries will not be accepted after the published deadline. **Any** player failing to enter by the published deadline will lose their place in the event.
- If a player registers to play in the Provincial or National matchplays and fails to attend the event without prior notice being given to the matchplay organizer, they will lose any points they have accumulated in the regional matchplays and be penalized 100 UTP ranking points.
- Players who withdraw due to injury or illness from Provincial or National matchplays after the draw has been published will be deducted 100 UTP ranking points, unless they provide a valid doctor's certificate to the matchplay organizer within three days of the tournament completing.
- Any ranking point penalty will apply even if the player earned no points from the matchplay for which the penalty was issued.
- All players must complete **all** their matches in regional and provincial matchplays. Failure to do so means that they will automatically be allocated **last** position in the matchplay rankings and cannot qualify from the event.

- UTP Ranking Points will be awarded for all finishing positions in regional and provincial matchplays. In the event of there being only 1 entrant to a regional matchplay the event will automatically be given a UTP count of 2 and the sole entrant will receive the winner's points of 200 plus entry points.

- Players who are exempt from regional matchplays will receive 200 points plus 10 entry points for the regional matchplay if they enter the Provincial matchplay in the corresponding age group.
- Please note competitors should check in 15 minutes before the start of play at regional and provincial matchplays. A competitor arriving late at an event may be scratched from the event.
- **The Code of Conduct for Players** is in use at all UBTI matchplays and will be enforced by the referee at **all times** and **without exception,** including the use of the penalty point system. Any player who is disqualified from a match will take no further part in the matchplays.
- **The Code of Conduct for Spectators** is in use at all UBTI matchplays and will be enforced by the referee **at all times** and **without exception.** In particular all spectators should note that they are ***not*** to interfere in a match ***for any reason*** - if such interference occurs, it may result in the child of the parent/spectator who is interfering forfeiting the match.
- The UBTI Junior Development Committee will appoint a referee for each matchplay and their decision on all matters arising at the event will be final.