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95th Annual Individual
Tennis Championships

2026

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Entry Form

2026

Last day of entry – MUST BE IN HANDS OF TOURNAMENT

SECRETARY BY Sunday 3rd MAY 2026

Finals to be held on Saturday 29th August 2026

At

Frinton on Sea Lawn Tennis Club

PLEASE PRINT OFF AND KEEP THIS PAGE FOR YOUR FUTURE REFERENCE

GUIDANCE NOTES:- FAILURE TO COMPLY WITH THESE CONDITIONS WILL RENDER THE COMPETITOR LIABLE TO BE SCRATCHED FROM THE COMPETITION WITHOUT NOTICE

NOTE: The First round must be completed by 31st May
The Second round must be completed by 21st June
Quarter finals must be completed by 19th July
Semi finals must be completed by 16th August

1. The **top named player in the top half, and bottom named player in the bottom half of the draw** shall have the choice of venue, and be responsible for arranging the match. They should offer within 5 days of knowing their opponents, at least two dates to play the match. All players will be jointly responsible for playing the match by the date specified. If a round is not played by the specified date, and no reason is reported to the Tournament Secretary by that date, the players may be scratched from that particular competition.
2. All matches (including juniors) shall consist of the best of 3 tie-break sets, the tie-break coming into force at 6 games all.
3. No substitution of one player for another can be permitted under any circumstances.
4. **You must provide a contact phone number**. Matches **MUST** be played by the dates specified in respect of **EACH ROUND**, and results forwarded by the winner via email to the Tournament Secretary within 24 hours of the match being played, (email address – asimpsonaccounts@hotmail.co.uk)
5. Competitors **will not** be notified individually of their opponents in the next round, and should contact (see No. 4) the Tournament Secretary for this information preferably by email. The tournament draw will appear on the LTA website and whenever possible on the League's website.
6. Competitors unable to play in the finals must retire from the competition immediately this fact becomes known – (Rule IV4b), **and certainly before the semi-final is completed**. The Committee reserves the right to disqualify such a player and reinstate the beaten semi-finalist. Finalists must be available to play **any time** after 10am on Finals Day.
7. An individual will be restricted to entering no more than two singles events and a maximum of five events overall,
8. For the convenience of competitors, names telephone numbers and email addresses will be provided by email.
9. If not entering online, an application form must be completed by **EACH** competitor and returned with both the appropriate entry fees. (cheques payable to Colchester & District Tennis league).
10. Please note that in the case of doubles events, pairs **WILL NOT** be entered in the draw until fees are received from **BOTH** partners.
11. Juniors may enter Senior events. Your attention is drawn to note 7 above.
12. Tournament extensions - **no extensions** (not holidays nor injuries and not a late attempt to try and arrange a match). Players should ensure that matches are arranged early and played **as soon as possible**, to allow time for rearrangements due to inclement weather. If a match has not been played by due date the players must decide who is to advance to the next round - otherwise all will be scratched. Any other request for an extension must be in writing or email, and received by the Tournament Secretary within 24 hours of the closing date of the round at the latest. The request will be considered by the Executive Committee. The Tournament Secretary has no power to grant extensions.

13. Recognised tennis clothing will be worn by **ALL** competitors on Finals Day, **failure to do so may result in players being scratched.**
14. Home player should provide balls of a standard, satisfactory to both parties. (Any away player may wish to have a spare set in reserve)

This year use this table for your age eligibility to enter events based on LTA age criteria

FOR THE YEAR 2026 :-							
	JUNIORS				SENIORS		
	born in	born in	born in	born in	born in	born in	
	2014 - 2015	2012 - 2015	2010 - 2015	2008 - 2015	1986	1971	
	(or after)	(or after)	(or after)	(or after)	(or before)	(or before)	
can enter	U12	U14	U16	U18	Over 40's	Over 55's	

OPEN EVENTS	PARTNER	FEES PER PERSON	TICK
U12 Boys Singles		£2.50	
U12 Girls Singles		£2.50	
U14 Boys Singles		£2.50	
U14 Girls Singles		£2.50	
U14 Boys Doubles		£2.00	
U14 Girls Doubles		£2.00	
U16 Boys Singles		£2.50	
U16 Girls Singles		£2.50	
U18 Boys Singles		£2.50	
U18 Girls Singles		£2.50	
U18 Boys Doubles		£2.00	
U18 Girls Doubles		£2.00	
U18 Mixed Doubles		£2.00	
Open Mens Singles		£4.50	
Open Ladies Singles		£4.50	
Open Mens Doubles		£3.50	
Open Ladies Doubles		£3.50	
Open Mixed Doubles		£3.50	
Mens Singles 40 or over		£4.50	
Ladies Singles 40 or over		£4.50	
Mens Doubles 40 or over		£3.50	
Ladies Doubles 40 or over		£3.50	
Mixed Doubles 40 or over		£3.50	
Mens Doubles 55 or over		£3.50	
Ladies Doubles 55 or over		£3.50	
Mixed Doubles 55 or over		£3.50	
Married Mixed Doubles		£3.50	

RESTRICTED EVENTS - These are open to members of affiliated Clubs. Winners of any of the Open Competitions are ineligible for entry into any of the Restricted Competitions. However winners of a 'Restricted' event in this competition shall not be debarred from entering other Restricted events in successive seasons, but will not be permitted to enter a 'Restricted' event which they have already won, other than by default or walkover, until 15 years have elapsed from the date of winning.

RESTRICTED EVENTS	PARTNER	FEES PER PERSON	TICK
Ladies Singles		£4.50	
Mens Singles		£4.50	
Ladies Doubles		£3.50	
Mens Doubles		£3.50	
Mixed Doubles		£3.50	
	TOTAL PAYMENT	£	

Please write clearly:-

I, being a bona fide member ofTennis Club (full name), wish to enter for the events recorded on this form **AND**

I CONFIRM THAT:

- 1 I have provided a contact telephone number (**mandatory - enter below****)
- 2 I agree to abide by the rules and regulations governing the competitions.
- 3 I conform to the age limits and **I have read & kept a copy of these Guidance Notes.**
- 4 The League Executive Committee's decision on all matters shall be accepted as final.
- 5 I agree to the information given being held on computer for the purpose of running the Competition and to comply with Note 8 on page 2. Whenever possible please use my email for communication.
- 6 My entry for doubles events (if applic.) will be invalid and my fees forfeit if my proposed partner does not forward their own entry form and payment for the relative doubles event.

PLEASE WRITE CLEARLY

Name (please print).....Amount enclosed £.....(Cheques only)

- 7 My partner(s) if applic. will submit their **own entry form and payment**
- 8 I have enclosed payment for my entry. (cheques payable to Colchester & District Tennis League) **Cheque No**.....**Bank**.....

Date of birth if entering a Junior event..... Date of birth if entering a Senior event.....

For ALL Events enter your BTM No.....

For Junior Events, you must enter your BTM No.....**and** BTM rating..... *If you do not have an LTA number/rating please speak to your club or coach (or phone Tom Perry for guidance, on 07947 667183)*

Address,
..... Post Code.....

Please note that the following contact details will be given to all competitors:-

Tel No (Home)..... (Work)..... (Mobile).....
(email) (please print clearly).....(print again email).....
..... (you will be sent the draw and contact details by email)

I confirm I have read (a) Nos. 1 to 8 above (b) all the guidance notes (especially Note 12) - and I have kept a copy of them

Competitors signature..... **Date**

COMPLETED FORMS AND CHEQUES TO BE SENT TO:

Tournament Secretary
Andrew Simpson
3 Worcester Road,
Colchester,
Essex
CO1 2RH

Last date for posting via first class mail - Wednesday April 29h 2026