

National Prep Schools' Tennis Tournament 2019

Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday 15th, 16th and 17th July 2019

Hazlegrove, the preparatory school for King's School, Bruton have kindly offered to host the inaugural National Prep Schools' Tennis tournament in July. The school is well placed, being situated very close to the A303, one of the main arteries to the South-West. They have a large number of excellent courts and there are many others nearby should we need them.

Ages

Players in the senior section must have been under 13 and players in the junior section must have been under 11 on the 31st August 2018. There will be a boys' section and a girls' section in both age groups. Schools are able to enter up to eight players per section.

Format

The tournament will consist initially of a round robin set of matches with players in boxes of four or five. Doubles will be played on the Monday and singles on the Tuesday. *All competitors are expected to play both doubles and singles.* The first three in boxes of five and the first two in boxes of four will proceed to the knock-out stages, while for the doubles there will be a plate tournament for the remaining pairs. There will be a plate tournament for the singles only if time permits.

All matches will consist of one tie-break set.

Entry

Please note that as this is a new venture by our committee we need to be sure that we have sufficient support before committing to going ahead with the tournament. We are therefore asking you to give an early indication of numbers by the 28th February. You will be welcome to make minor changes to these numbers any time up until the 1st May but please ensure that your early estimate is as accurate as possible so that we can make a realistic assessment of the situation.

Once we have made the decision to proceed we will be asking for payment of the entry fee of £25 per player by the 1st March.

Entry Forms

Entries should be completed on the accompanying forms, of which the Entry Form 1 (numbers) should be returned to me by **Thursday 28th February** with the proposed number of players in each section.

Indication of payment of £25 per player by BACS (preferably) or cheque should be made on Entry Form 2 (payment) by **Sunday 31st March**.

The bank is Lloyds and the account name is National Prep School Tennis.

The account number is 44844868 and the sort code is 30-96-26.

Cheques (payable to National Prep School Tennis) should be posted to:

Mike Kelham, 7, Wellesley Green, Bruton, Somerset, BA10 0DU.

The names of the players together with any amendment in numbers should be submitted on the Final Entry Form by **Wednesday 1st May**.

When names are submitted they should be in pairs in order of ability. *Single entries will only be accepted in exceptional circumstances but an under 11 may accompany an under 13 in the doubles.* All ratings 9.1 or better should be included.

Other points

All ten members of the organising committee are well versed in running prep school tennis and have well over 150 years of experience of the IAPS tournament between them.

The aim will be to play the tournament in a friendly but competitive spirit and to offer all players the opportunity for plenty of good, enjoyable tennis.

All players must be accompanied by an adult who will be responsible for their care at all times during the tournament. This can be parents or a member of the school staff.

Once the tournament is confirmed further information will be sent out concerning meals and accommodation in the area.

If in the meantime you have any questions do please contact me on mikekelham@btinternet.com or ring 01749 812281.

Mike Kelham
(Secretary National Prep Schools' Tennis Committee)

14th January 2019