

BTM Venue Ballot Rules 2016

The following ballot rules must be adhered to, in order to ensure that ballots are run fairly and consistently for all British Tennis Members (BTMs) and across all venues.

Those who are able to access free British Tennis Membership as a result of their membership of a venue (i.e. an affiliated BTM and as outlined in the [BTM T&Cs](#), must be included in a venue's Wimbledon ticket ballot ('BTM Venue Ballot') provided that they meet the criteria set in Rules 7 or 8 below. Venues should not hold a secondary 'opt in / sign up' process, solely for the purpose of inclusion into their BTM Venue Ballot.

1. All tickets allocated to a venue must be distributed to BTMs through a transparent and fairly run ballot and venues are not permitted to use tickets as rewards, prizes or benefits for individuals or to charge an individual fee for entering into their ticket ballot. Legal guidance as to how to avoid running an illegal lottery can be found: <http://www.lta.org.uk/major-events/grand-slams/wimbledon/ballots/ballot-administrator/>
2. All tickets allocated to venues within the BTM Venue Ballot **must** be distributed in pairs and must not be split between more than one successful BTM. Any successful BTM in the BTM Venue Ballot must use the tickets for themselves with a guest. The guest can be of the successful member's choosing and does not have to be a BTM, or a member of that venue. Please note this is consistent with the approach of The All England Lawn Tennis and Croquet Club ('AELTC') regarding the allocation of tickets for The Championships, Wimbledon.
3. Any successful BTM in the BTM Venue Ballot who is under the age of 16 on the date that their BTM Venue Ballot takes place must have permission from a parent/legal guardian to enter the ballot. The parent/legal guardian will also purchase the tickets on their behalf and attend The Championships, Wimbledon, with them.
4. Individuals aged 18 & under require consent from their parent/guardian to sign up to access British Tennis Membership. This consent includes, but is not limited to, access to opting in to the BTM Wimbledon Ballot.
5. A BTM may only be assigned a maximum of one pair of tickets through each individual BTM Venue Ballot.
6. Under no circumstances should tickets be given away or used outside of the venue's BTM Venue Ballot - for example as a prize in any raffle, tombola or other prize draw or given to a venues staff, volunteers or coaches (excluding where such individuals are BTMs and are successful in the BTM Venue ballot) or to any sponsors or commercial partners of a venue.

Eligibility of BTMs

7. A BTM is eligible for their venue(s) BTM Venue Ballot if they meet the following criteria **by 19th February 2016**.
 - They are an Adult (18+) or Junior (9-17) BTM

- They hold an active 'Affiliated' BTM
- The relevant venue(s) are linked to their BTM record
- They have **opted in** to the BTM ballot, with the LTA

8. Individuals who become BTMs after the 19th February 2016 are eligible for their venue's BTM Ballot Venue provided that they meet the following criteria 24 hours before the relevant BTM Venue Ballot is due to take place:

- They are an Adult (18+) or Junior (9-17) BTM
- They hold an active 'Affiliated' BTM
- The relevant venue(s) are linked to their BTM record
- They have **opted in** to the BTM ballot, with the LTA

It is the responsibility of each individual venue to clearly communicate the date of their BTM Venue Ballot to their members.

9. A venue's allocation of Wimbledon tickets for their BTM Venue Ballot will be calculated according to the number of BTM's who satisfy the criteria set out in rule 7 above by 19 February 2016. Any new BTMs who satisfy the criteria set out in rule 8 above after the 19 February 2016 are eligible to enter the relevant BTM Venue Ballot however, for the avoidance of doubt, they will not be included for the purposes of calculating a venue's allocation of tickets for their BTM Venue Ballot.
10. Child BTMs (8 and under) are not permitted to enter a BTM Venue Ballot and these BTMs will not be considered in the calculation of a venue's allocation of tickets.
11. Any members of a venue who are not BTMs affiliated to that venue are not permitted to enter that BTM Venue Ballot.
12. If an individual is a member of more than one venue, provided that they meet the criteria set out in rule 7 or 8 above, they are permitted to enter the BTM Venue Ballots at each of the venues where they are members and therefore could be successful in each BTM Venue Ballot.
13. If the BTM Venue Ballot is held during an event and an eligible BTM is unable to attend, then their name must still be included within the BTM Venue Ballot. The BTM can nominate another BTM or a member of the Management Committee at the venue who will be present at the ballot to accept any tickets on his or her behalf. Individuals who appoint another individual to accept the tickets on their behalf must have an equal chance of being successful in the ballot as any affiliate BTM present. If no proxy has been nominated then it is the responsibility of the Ballot Administrator of the relevant venue to assign tickets to the successful member.
14. Once tickets have been purchased by a BTM they **cannot be transferred**. In the event that a member has purchased tickets and does not wish to or is unable to use any tickets issued to them they must offer to return the tickets for a refund to the LTA. Whilst the LTA will normally accept and refund the price of such tickets (provided that the tickets are returned at least 24 hours before the date for which such tickets are valid), the LTA shall not be

bound to do so. In the event that tickets are returned to the LTA before the 20th May 2016 BTM Venue Ballot deadline, then in most cases the venue will be given the option to re-ballot to another eligible BTM.

15. Venues must run their BTM Venue Ballots within the timeframes set out by the LTA.

Terms & Conditions

BTMs must adhere to the T&Cs of the ballot and 2016 Wimbledon ticketing conditions of sale: <http://www.lta.org.uk/major-events/grand-slams/wimbledon/ballots/wimbledon-2016-essential-information/>

British Tennis Membership terms and conditions are provided for all venues to use when running their ballots. These are available at <https://www3.lta.org.uk/Members/Join/>.

Any venue found to be in breach of these rules may have the option to run their ballot manually removed in future years, and will be required to use the automatic system for ticket allocation.

These rules apply to all venues who receive an allocation of tickets from the LTA for their BTMs in 2016. Tickets remain the property of the AELTC at all times and the LTA retain overall responsibility for all tickets.

Any decision made by the LTA regarding tickets is final.

If you have any questions or concerns please contact the LTA Ballot & Ticketing Team:

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