



## Press Release

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### **OPENING UP TENNIS THIS SUMMER - TICKETS ON SALE TODAY FOR LEXUS BRITISH OPEN ROEHAMPTON AND CINCH CHAMPIONSHIPS QUALIFYING / FAN DAY**

- *Annual Wheelchair British Open will take place in first week of Wimbledon on grass at Roehampton with tickets on sale today, Wednesday 24 April*
- *Tickets also on sale for the cinch Championships Qualifying weekend – with a new Fan Day, incorporating an exhibition event, scheduled for Sunday 16 June in aid of the LTA Tennis Foundation*

The LTA has today announced that the 2024 Lexus British Open Roehampton for the best wheelchair players in the world, will take place at the Wimbledon Qualifying and Community Sports Centre in Roehampton alongside the prestigious ITF J300 junior event (the main warm-up to The Championships), on 30 June - 5 July. The Lexus British Open, which has usually taken place in August at the Lexus Nottingham Tennis Centre, moves to a new week in the calendar to provide enhanced grass-court preparations ahead of The Championships at Wimbledon, improve the strength of international player fields and avoid clashing with the Paris Paralympic Games.

The Lexus British Open will be one of a number of grass-court wheelchair tennis events played in the lead up to Wimbledon, with the Rothesay International at Eastbourne once again featuring an ITF wheelchair tournament, this year with a men's women's and quad division. The LTA has also today confirmed that a high- level disability tennis exhibition event will be held at the Queen's Club over the final weekend of the cinch Championships, featuring international wheelchair players as well as Britain's leading learning disability players.

Alfie Hewett, world no.1 said: *"It's great to have a full swing of grass-court events in the calendar this summer – it's perfect preparation for the players before Wimbledon and a brilliant opportunity to showcase the sport during the iconic British grass-court season. I can't wait to be out there playing in front of the home crowds, the support will be amazing for all the British players as we take on the very best wheelchair tennis players in the world."*

Tickets for all events are now on sale on the LTA website.

#### **cinch Championships Qualifying & cinch Championships Fan Day**

Tickets are also now on sale for the cinch Championships qualifying weekend which will be fully open to the public on Saturday 15 and Sunday 16 June. Sunday 16 June will be a special 'Fan Day' in aid of the LTA Tennis Foundation. Ticket holders will be able to enjoy exhibition matches



with top players, open practice sessions and the chance to watch players compete in qualifying for a place in the main draw.

Tickets will start from £5 (for under 16s) to £40 with all proceeds going to the Foundation, which aims to improve lives through tennis. The LTA will make a quarter of tickets on Sunday available to local school and other charity groups at the special price of £15 for adults and £5 for children.

### **LTA Performance Competitions Calendar**

Finally, the LTA has also today published the next five months of the [LTA Performance Competitions Calendar](#). This confirms the ITF World Tennis Tour, Junior and ITF Wheelchair events being hosted in Britain until the end of September, designed to provide British players with international level playing opportunities and the chance to earn ranking points and prize money on home soil. There are now 32 professional ranking events for men and women (across ITF/ATP/WTA levels) staged in Britain this year from January through to September, with 14 international junior events for both boys and girls and seven international tournaments in the wheelchair category.

Highlights for the period July – September include a swing of 5 men's ITF WTT M25 and 4 women's W35 events back-to-back in Nottingham, the NTC and Aldershot. For Juniors there will be three J30 events at Bradfield and Loughborough as well as a Tennis Europe Cat 2 event at Aldershot for 14U and 12U boys and girls and the Lexus National Junior Championships for the same age groups in August.