

CHAMPIONS BOWL 2023



**COMPETE FOR THE
GREATEST PRIZES
IN BRITISH
JUNIOR TENNIS**

FACTSHEET

Venue

Tennis Avenue School, Manor Park, off Malden Road, New Malden, Surrey KT3 6AU

Date Guide

10-11 June: 10&U

17-18 June: 9&U,11&U,12&U

24-25 June: 13&U,14&U,15&U,16&U

[The Sunday after the scheduled weekend could be used to complete any unfinished matches]

Referees

Brenda Stewart

Ilge Alpaly

Prizes

Tennis Avenue School – Scholarships worth up to £24,000 (9&U, 10&U, 11&U), subject to minimum draw sizes

Academia Tennis Ferrer (La Nucia, Spain) – Training Vouchers up to €400

Champions Bowl World Finals (Umag, Croatia) – Invitation to Participate

Return Flights to Champions Bowl World Finals (Umag, Croatia) – 10&U Winners

Wilson – Goodie Bag / Discount Voucher (all entrants), Gifts and Prizes

+ Other sponsors to be announced!

Entry Fee

£30

Extended Entry Deadline (9&U, 11&U, 12&U)

11th June 2023

Extended Entry Deadline (13&U, 14&U, 15&U, 16&U)

18th June 2023

Withdrawal Deadline

31st May 2023

Tournament Format

- Age groups: one age category per player, strictly based on year of birth
- Draw size: max. 32 players per event (subject to change at Referee's discretion)
- Draw format: elimination, no consolation other than in 9&U.
- Matches: two tie-break sets (short sets 9&U), match tie-break at one set all
- Acceptance: all players welcome to enter, acceptance based on WTN / National Ranking
- Balls: Green for 9&U events | Yellow for all other events including 10&U

- Referee's decision is final



**2-YEAR SCHOLARSHIP OFFER FOR ALL
CHAMPIONS BOWL FINALISTS**

9&U, 10&U and 11&U

Subject to a minimum draw size of greater than 12 players

100% FOR WINNERS: WORTH £24,000

50% FOR RUNNERS UP: WORTH £12,000

Where draw size is up to 12 players

50% FOR WINNERS: WORTH £12,000

25% FOR RUNNERS UP: WORTH £6,000



ATF
ACADEMIA
TENIS FERRER



Fantastic prizes from **Academia Tennis Ferrer** in La Nucia, Spain - David Ferrer's tennis academy where Andrew Richardson (who coached Emma Raducanu to the US Open title) is now Head Coach:

All Winners: **€400** Voucher

All Runners Up: **€250** Voucher

All Semi-Finalists: **€150** Voucher

Vouchers to be used towards a training week at the Academy.

Wilson®

Wilson will be providing generous prizes and goodies for all age groups.

ALL entrants will also receive a special discount code for ordering Wilson products, along with a goodie bag of gifts.



All **winners and runners-up** will be offered a place at the World Finals in Umag, Croatia (3-10 September) to represent the GB team against the other Champions Bowl nations. There is a prestigious team trophy for the most successful nation across all age categories.

Family and friends are encouraged to travel, support their players and provide vocal support for the team - there is always a fantastic atmosphere for the players to compete in!

The **winners** of the Boys & Girls 10&U events will have their return flights paid for providing they travel on the official team flights. Only the (fully inclusive) accommodation is payable.



BACKGROUND

Tennis Avenue Academy ran a very successful **Tennis & Education program from 2010 to 2018** before we were informed by Ofsted that we must formally register as a school.

After meeting the stringent compliance and regulatory standards of Ofsted and the Department for Education, **Tennis Avenue School** opened its doors on 16th November 2020. **We are the FIRST and ONLY independent school in the country** dedicated to tennis players.

The school is now a member of the Independent Schools Association (ISA) and the Independent Schools Council (ISC).

In just over a decade, have a **very strong track-record of success** both on court and in the classroom.

- 6 players ranked GB No.1
- 16 Tennis Europe champions
- 37 LTA National (Grade 1-2) champions

This measures up favourably against any other coaching setup in the country, without exception. Almost all of our successes have been **achieved with home-grown players** who we raised up from under the age of 10, unlike many performance centres/academies that rely on recruiting players who have already reached a certain level.

FOUNDERS

Hareen Wasantha (Director): a former British top 10 ranked junior player and a member of the elite LTA School of Excellence based at Bisham Abbey. His contemporaries at the school included Miles Maclagan (who went on to coach Andy Murray) and Andrew Richardson (who coached Emma Raducanu to the US Open title).

Ilge Alpay (Principal): who was coached by Hareen Wasantha to a world ranking of 746 in 2006 before she had to retire due to injury. With a degree in Law, she is now Principal of Tennis Avenue School and ensures that every child is pushed to achieve their maximum, academically as well as in tennis.

SCHOOL AIMS

To enable aspiring young tennis players to pursue the sport to elite level without compromising on their academic potential (whatever that might be for each student):

- The **flexibility** to train daily and attend tournaments in a blended learning environment which means students can access their timetabled lessons live from anywhere in the world.
- Provide a **high-quality academic framework** and curriculum so that we can set and deliver the same high standards academically for every child that we do for their tennis – despite being non-selective academically.
- Unlike online schools (or home schooling), children receive **an education that meets all compliance and regulatory criteria** and the full requirements of the National Curriculum. The children also

grow up around strong, focused, disciplined, competitive, like-minded, peers - which we believe is now more important than ever.

- Our standard fees are just £12K per annum, which is lower than all other independent schools. We aim to bring elite-level tennis training and high-quality independent education **within the financial reach of ordinary families**. Where there is a deserving player unable to afford even our low fees, we provide scholarships.

We are actively creating the legacy of winning mentality (and not just of aspiration) that is passed down from cohort to cohort. Our four pillars of success are:

Desire, to achieve your very best;

Will, to do what is necessary;

Resilience, to never give up; and

Belief, that success will follow.

CASE STUDIES

Jack Pinnington Jones

- After a year in our Mini Academy, started being educated in the TA Tennis & Education Program aged 9 and remained in the program for 3.5 years.
- **Finalist in Longines 13&U Future Stars** (Roland Garros 2015) whilst at TA, in a draw that included both Carlos Alcaraz and Holger Rune.
- Won numerous singles and doubles **Tennis Europe titles** whilst at TA, as well as being Runner Up at Auray (Tennis Europe), Lemon Bowl and Champions Bowl World Finals.
- **No.1 in GB** throughout junior career.
- A year after leaving TA, became **No.1 in Europe 14&U**.
- Went on to win numerous ITFs and Futures titles, and now working his way up ATP rankings (highest rank 489).



Unbeaten TA Girls Team

- **LTA Team Tennis Premier National Champions three years in a row until (12&U, 14&U, 14&U) remaining unbeaten from 2017 through to 2019**
- A generation of girls that included FOUR ranked No.1 in GB for their age at various times (**Leah Gonzales-Edwards, Jaquelyn Ogunwale, Alexandra McDonald, Given Roach**), and which dominated national Grade 1 and 2 events throughout 10&U, 12&U and 14&U age groups.
- All attended the TA Tennis & Education Program from ages 9, 9, 9 and 10 respectively. Also in this group was **Kate Mansfield** (from age 11) who has won numerous LTA Grade 2, Tennis Europe and ITF titles.

Dilhan Wasantha

- Started being educated in the TA Tennis & Education Program aged 8 and completed his GCSE's (**four grade 9; four grade 8**) by age 15 in TA School.
- Won numerous singles and doubles **Tennis Europe titles** and the **Champions Bowl World Finals** twice.
- Consistently ranked top 5 in GB throughout junior career (**with long stints at No.1**) and winner of **14&U LTA Youth National Series** title in 2020 (equivalent of Nationals during Covid restrictions).
- Due to his excellent GCSE results and tennis level, he is currently **being pursued by two Ivy League universities in the US** (both highly prestigious and sought-after with acceptance rates of just 5.3% and 8.7% respectively) with the offer of tennis scholarships – thereby bypassing all regular application processes.



Teta Thuku-Benzinge

- Educated in the TA Tennis & Education Program from age 10 through to age 18 (A Levels).
- Decided at age 14 that she wanted to pursue an academic career rather than a tennis career.
- Achieved top academic results (**nine A*** grades at GCSE and two **A*** grades plus one **A** grade at A Level) that enabled her to be accepted into **Cambridge University** to study Computer Science.
- Teta was then accepted into the prestigious **Morgan Stanley Technology Analyst** graduate program, being afforded a welcome involving having her face lit up in Times Square (New York)!

Mandi Furaji

- Educated in the TA Tennis & Education Program from age 9 through to age 18 (A Levels).
- Won **Tennis Europe singles title 12&U**.
- Had to have major hip surgery at age 16 and unable to resume playing to international standard.
- Achieved remarkable academic results two full years early (**ten A*** grades at GCSE at age 14 and **three A*** grades at A Level by age 16) that enabled her to be accepted into **Oxford University** to study Biochemistry - from where she will graduate this year, Summer 2023.



LOOKING BACK AT THE FUTURE

Our strength lies in producing home-grown players; we spot potential very early and build champions “brick by brick”. In this single picture of a previous Tennis Avenue Generation (even before the school was formed) are: SIX different players who went on to win Tennis Europe titles; FOUR who went on to become No.1 in Britain; one who went on to become a top 5 Junior in France; one who went on to become No.6 Junior in the world (18&U) and currently rising up the ATP rankings.