

SLTC Wimbledon Ballot 2019: the draw

This document outlines the steps involved in the drawing of this year's Wimbledon Ballot. The purpose of the draw is to offer each pair of tickets to a member at the club. A second list of people will also be generated during the draw. This second list will act as a list of reserves in case the member who is offered the tickets turns them down.

The steps in the procedure are as follows:

- 1) Eligible members will have until 9am on Thursday 25th April to submit their ballot paper by putting it in the ballot box in the clubhouse.
- 2) The ballot sheets will be checked and any ineligible papers will be removed (e.g. duplicate entries, entries from people who did not opt-in via the LTA website, etc.)
- 3) All eligible papers will be placed in a container (the 'hat') and drawn one at a time.
- 4) When a paper is drawn, the person's list of preferred tickets will be compared with the list of tickets that have not already been allocated.
- 5) If any of the tickets on the person's list of preferred tickets is still available they will be offered their most preferred pair of tickets of those that remain.
- 6) If all of the tickets that the person has expressed an interest in have already been allocated, the list of reserves will be checked to see whether they can be placed as a reserve for a pair of tickets. If they can, they will become the reserve for their most preferred pair of tickets that does not already have a reserve.
- 7) If all of the tickets that the person is interested in have already been allocated and have reserves, then the person will be added to a list of people that will be considered to be offered a pair of tickets that have been turned down by the first person to be offered them and the reserve (from past experience we do not anticipate that this will happen).
- 8) Papers will continue to be drawn and processed using Steps 4 to 7 until all 29 pairs of tickets have been allocated to someone and have a reserve.
- 9) The results of the draw will be announced on Sunday 28th April and will be entered onto the LTA's system soon after.
- 10) Members who have been allocated tickets will then be contacted by the LTA and formally offered them, they will then have 2 weeks to purchase their tickets through the LTA.
- 11) We will also monitor any tickets that get turned down by a member and will then enter the details of the reserve onto the LTA's system.

Note that as we are drawing ballot papers with members' preferences this year, the order of your preferences does not influence the chances of you being offered a pair of tickets, it simply increases the chances of getting the tickets that you want.

Frequently Asked Questions:

Q. What do I do if I don't have a preference for the tickets I am interested in?

A. If you are interested in some or all of the pairs of tickets but have no preference which tickets you are allocated, simply tick the ones you are interested in. We will work our way down the list from top to bottom until we find the first available tickets and allocate them to you.

Q. What do I do if I have changed my mind or I am no longer available on certain days?

A. Fill out a new ballot paper and place it in the box. We will remove duplicate submissions and keep the most recent one. It would be helpful if you could indicate on your submission that it is a replacement submission.