

2016 WINTER NATIONAL MATCHPLAYS

RULES for the PROVINCIAL ALLOCATION OF SPACES

1. The places in the 2016 Winter National Match-plays allocated to each province will be decided according to the Tennis Ireland National Ranking of all the players that have entered, including regional and provincial match-plays.
2. TENNIS IRELAND NATIONAL RANKING:
 - a. The ranking to be used will be published in www.tennisireland.ie on Wednesday 26th October 2016 after applying Rule 2.b.
 - b. The following conversion factors will be applied in the case of players changing age group: U12 to U14 15%, U14 to U16 30% and U16 to U18 50%. If a player has a ranking in last and current seasons the highest value will be used (i.e. U12 ranking 1250 points x 15% = 187.50, U14 ranking 150 points – Highest 187.50 points applies: ranking week 36 between U14 rank 80 and 81)
3. Each province will be allocated a number of places as follows:
 - a. Its number of players ranked in the top 8 players that have entered.
 - b. A further two players, provided that they are ranked 40 or better in the published ranking (Rule 2.a.)
 - c. In the event that, as a consequence of potential players not being eligible because of their rank, spaces are available, these will be allocated to the province with the highest non-top 8 ranked player.
4. WILD CARDS: To be eligible to apply for a wildcard a player must enter their relevant regional matchplay and be ranked in the top 8 after national rankings are updated and published on Wednesday Oct 26th 2016.
The operation of the wildcards for National Matchplays is at the discretion of the Provinces
5. QUALIFIERS: The number of players from each provincial match-play that will qualify to play in the national matchplays will be the number of allocated spaces minus the number of wild cards that province has granted. Players will qualify according to the position they finished in the provincial matchplay, independently of their ranking before the event.
6. RESERVES: A reserve list will be published according to national rankings on the Wednesday following the last provincial match-play - the reserve list will be composed of one player from each of the provincial matchplays. If further places are required an extended reserve list will drafted according to national rankings.
7. WITHDRAWALS:
 - a. If one of the top 8 players entered withdraws prior to the completion of the provincial match-play, the place will be relinquished by the province and offered to the province with the next highest nationally ranked player.
 - b. If a player withdraws following the completion of the provincial matchplay the place will be offered to players on the reserve list following the published order. Any further places will be filled by following national rankings of the extended reserve list.