



## Liverpool calling for Grand Prix entries

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The 2016/17 Grand Prix circuit gets under way on 20<sup>th</sup> & 21<sup>st</sup> August, with the Lifestyles Tennis Centre in Liverpool playing host as the traditional curtain raiser once again.

Last season's event saw a strong entry with Overall Men's Singles champion Ryan Jenkins claiming his only victory of the main circuit. Consistency was the key for Jenkins on route to securing an unprecedented 8<sup>th</sup> Grand Prix title. Fellow Welsh international and eventual overall runner-up on the Women's side, Charlotte Carey, also won her only Grand Prix of the season in Liverpool last year.

The online entry system is now live, and paper entries are being accepted. The closing date of 4<sup>th</sup> August is just over a month away so act quickly to avoid missing out.

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Last season's circuit saw a big increase in entry numbers with a few Grand Prix having to be restricted and some unlucky entries were turned away. Based on this, we have done our best to select larger venues that can cope with more tables and therefore accept more entries. Even with this measure in place, we advise all players to enter early so that they aren't left disappointed. Nearly all of the venues have now been confirmed for the new season and can be seen on the Grand Prix map below.



## COMPETITIONS GRAND PRIX CIRCUIT 2016/17

Key:	
	= Grand Prix
	= Satellite Grand Prix



1	<b>Liverpool Grand Prix</b> Lifestyles Tennis Centre, Wellington Road, Wavertree, Liverpool, L15 4LE	20-21 Aug 16
2	<b>Crawley Grand Prix</b> K2 Crawley, Pease Pottage Hill, Crawley, West Sussex, RH11 9BQ	24-25 Sep 16
3	<b>Tipton Grand Prix</b> Tipton Sports Academy, Wednesbury Oak Road, Tipton, DY4 0BS	15-16 Oct 16
4	<b>Blackpool Grand Prix</b> Blackpool Sports Centre, West Park Drive, Blackpool, Lancashire, FY3 9HQ	19-20 Nov 16
5	<b>Cardiff Satellite Grand Prix</b> Sports Wales National Centre, Sophia Gardens, Cardiff, CF11 9SW	17-18 Dec 16
6	<b>Cleveland Grand Prix</b> Thornaby Pavillion, Thornaby, Stockton-on-Tees, TS17 9EW	14-15 Jan 17
7	<b>Bath Grand Prix</b> Bath Arena, Sports Training Village, University of Bath, Claverton Down, Bath, BA2 7AY	11-12 Feb 17
8	<b>TBC</b>	25-26 Mar 17
9	<b>Jersey Satellite Grand Prix</b> The Geoff Reed Table Tennis Centre, FB Playing Fields, La Grande Route de St Clement, St Clement, Jersey, JE2 6QN	14-16 Apr 17
10	<b>London Grand Prix</b> Jean Brown Arena, Redbridge Sports & Leisure Centre, Forest Road, Barkingside, Essex, IG6 3HD	20-21 May 17

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Venues and dates are subject to change

The biggest change for next season sees the Women's groups returning to groups of four players rather than the

larger pool of six that has been used in recent seasons. Surveys were conducted towards the end of the 2015/16 campaign, and more research will be done with a view to more changes coming in from the start of the 2017/18 season, in line with the competition review.

The banding points have again been reviewed and updated to help keep a balanced field of entries. Please be sure to check your points and what band you are eligible for before entering. The 2016/17 band restrictions can be seen below:

Men's Band 1	2101 – 3000	Women's Band 1	2301 – 2700
Men's Band 2	1601 – 2100	Women's Band 2	1501 – 2300
Men's Band 3	1401 – 1600	Women's Band 3	1201 – 1500
Men's Band 4	701 – 1400	Women's Band 4	up to 1200
Men's Band 5	501 – 700		
Men's Band 6	up to 500		

Entry forms for the next Grand Prix will be released in due course.

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