

Wimbledon



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History of Wimbledon

Wimbledon is the world's oldest tennis tournament and many consider it to be the most prestigious.

Since 1877, it has been held at the All England Club in Wimbledon, London.

It is one of the four Grand Slam tennis tournaments (Majors) alongside the US Open, the Australian Open and the French Open.

Wimbledon is the only Major still played on traditional grass, the game's original surface, which gave the game its original name of "lawn tennis".



Wimbledon Events

Wimbledon consists of main events, junior events and invitation events.

Main events

The five main events are:

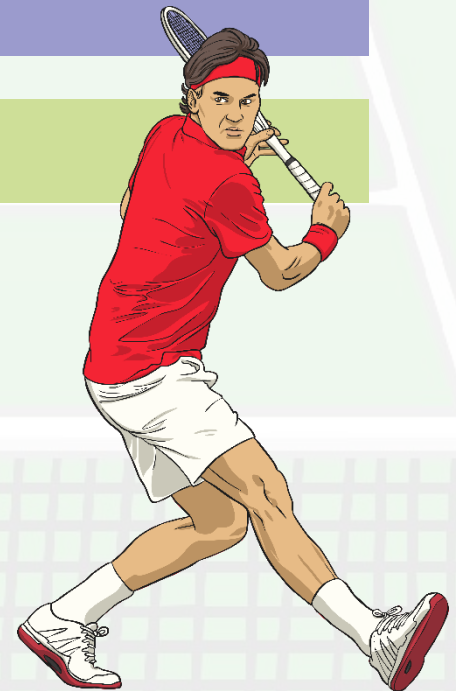
Gentlemen's Singles

Ladies' Doubles

Ladies' Singles

Mixed Doubles

Gentlemen's Doubles



Wimbledon Events

Junior events

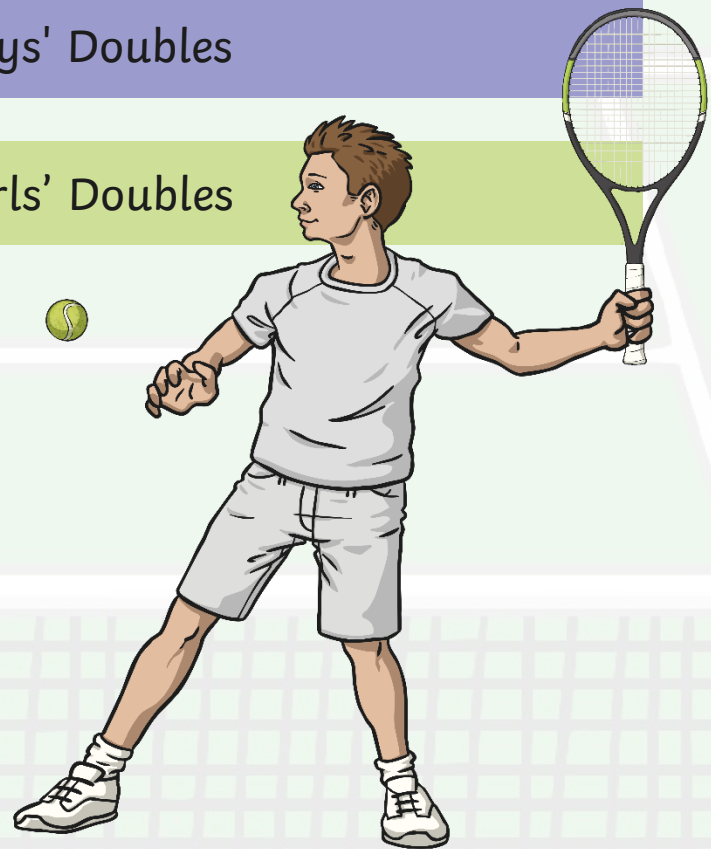
The junior events are:

Boys' Singles

Boys' Doubles

Girls' Singles

Girls' Doubles



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Invitation events

Some former professionals are invited back to compete in the invitation doubles.

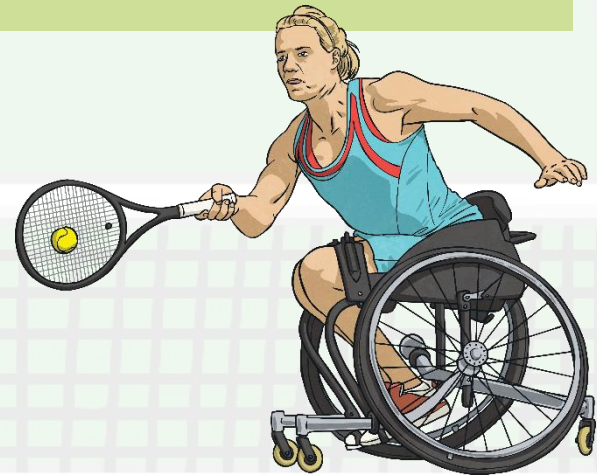
Other events:

Gentlemen's Wheelchair Singles

Gentlemen's Wheelchair Doubles

Ladies' Wheelchair Singles

Ladies' Wheelchair Doubles



Trophies and Prize Money

The Gentlemen's Singles champion receives a silver gilt cup which bears the inscription: "All England Lawn Tennis Club Single Handed Championship of the World".

The Ladies' Singles champion is awarded a sterling silver salver called The Venus Rosewater Dish.

The winners don't keep these actual trophies but take a smaller replica. In 2017, the Gentlemen's and Ladies' Singles Champions were awarded £2.2 million pounds each.



Silver Gilt Cup



The Venus Rosewater Dish

Wimbledon Schedule

Wimbledon takes place in early July and lasts for 14 days.

Traditionally, there are no matches on the "Middle Sunday", which is a rest day. However, due to rain, play has taken place on this day on a few occasions.

Wimbledon Female Champions



Martina Navratilova

She won 18 Grand Slam singles titles, won a record nine Wimbledon singles titles and a record 167 singles titles in total between 1978 and 1990.

Wimbledon Female Champions



Steffi Graf

She won seven Wimbledon singles titles between 1988 and 1996. Her greatest achievement came in 1988 when she won all four Grand Slam titles and Olympic gold.

Wimbledon Female Champions



Serena Williams

Serena has won seven Wimbledon singles titles. She has also won each of the other Grand Slam tournaments at least three times!

Wimbledon Female Champions



Venus Williams

She has won a total of five Wimbledon singles titles and played against her sister Serena in the final.

Wimbledon Female Champions



Billie Jean King

The former world number one won a total of six Wimbledon titles and 39 Grand Slam titles in her career between 1966 and 1975.

Wimbledon Male Champions



Sir Andy Murray

In 2013, Murray won the men's singles title. He was the first British singles winner since 1977 and the first male winner since 1936! He won the title again in 2016.

Wimbledon Male Champions



Roger Federer

Federer has won seven men's singles titles at Wimbledon. He won five in a row between 2003 and 2007, a period where he totally dominated grass-court tennis. Roger has also won all of the other Grand Slam tournaments.

Wimbledon Male Champions



Pete Sampras

He won seven singles titles at Wimbledon, all between 1993 and 2000.

Wimbledon Male Champions



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Boris Becker

Becker won his first Wimbledon title aged just 17 in 1985. Becker went onto win a total of three men's singles titles.

Wimbledon Male Champions



Novak Djokovic

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More Facts and Figures

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An average of 86,000 ice creams are sold during the championships and 28,000kg of strawberries are consumed.

The fastest serve at the tournament was recorded in 2010, travelling at 148mph!

A hawk called Rufus flies around the grounds to deter local pigeons.

The longest ever match played at Wimbledon lasted for over 11 hours!

During the tournament, 40 miles of string is needed to restring rackets!

Grounds



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Centre Court

Wimbledon Traditions



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Ball Girls and Boys

Ball boys and girls play an important role in the tournament. They should blend into the background.

Wimbledon Traditions



Dress Code

Tennis players' clothing must be all-white, or at least almost all-white.

Wimbledon Traditions



Tickets

The majority of centre court tickets are made available by a public ballot where applicants are selected at random by a computer. Fans without tickets can queue up overnight to get seats on match day.

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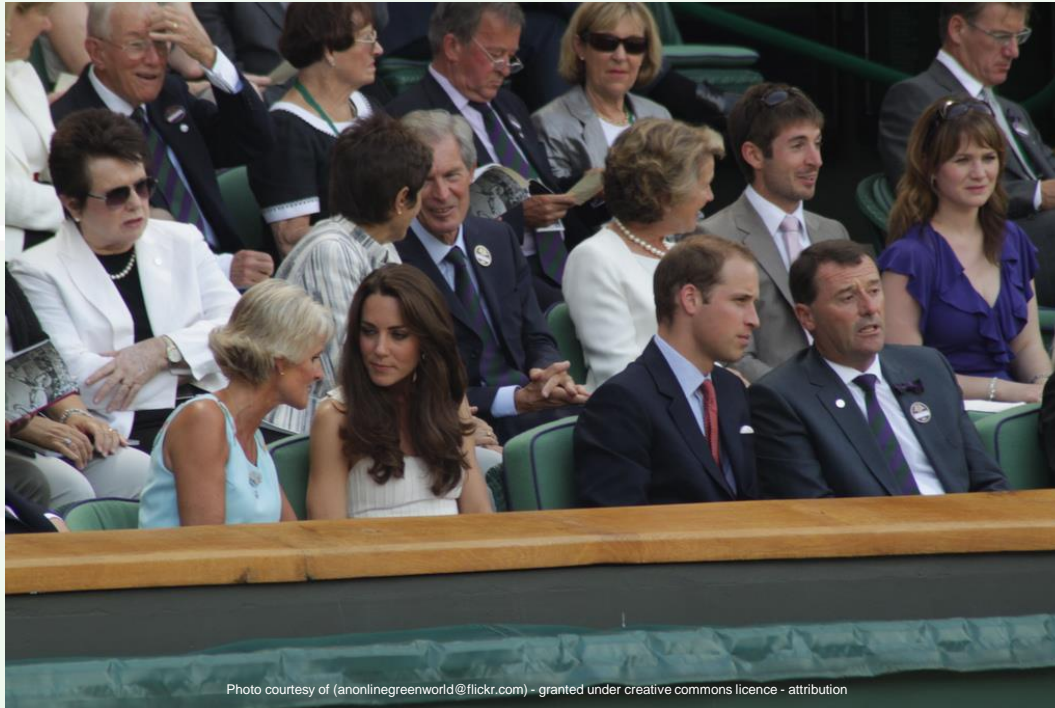
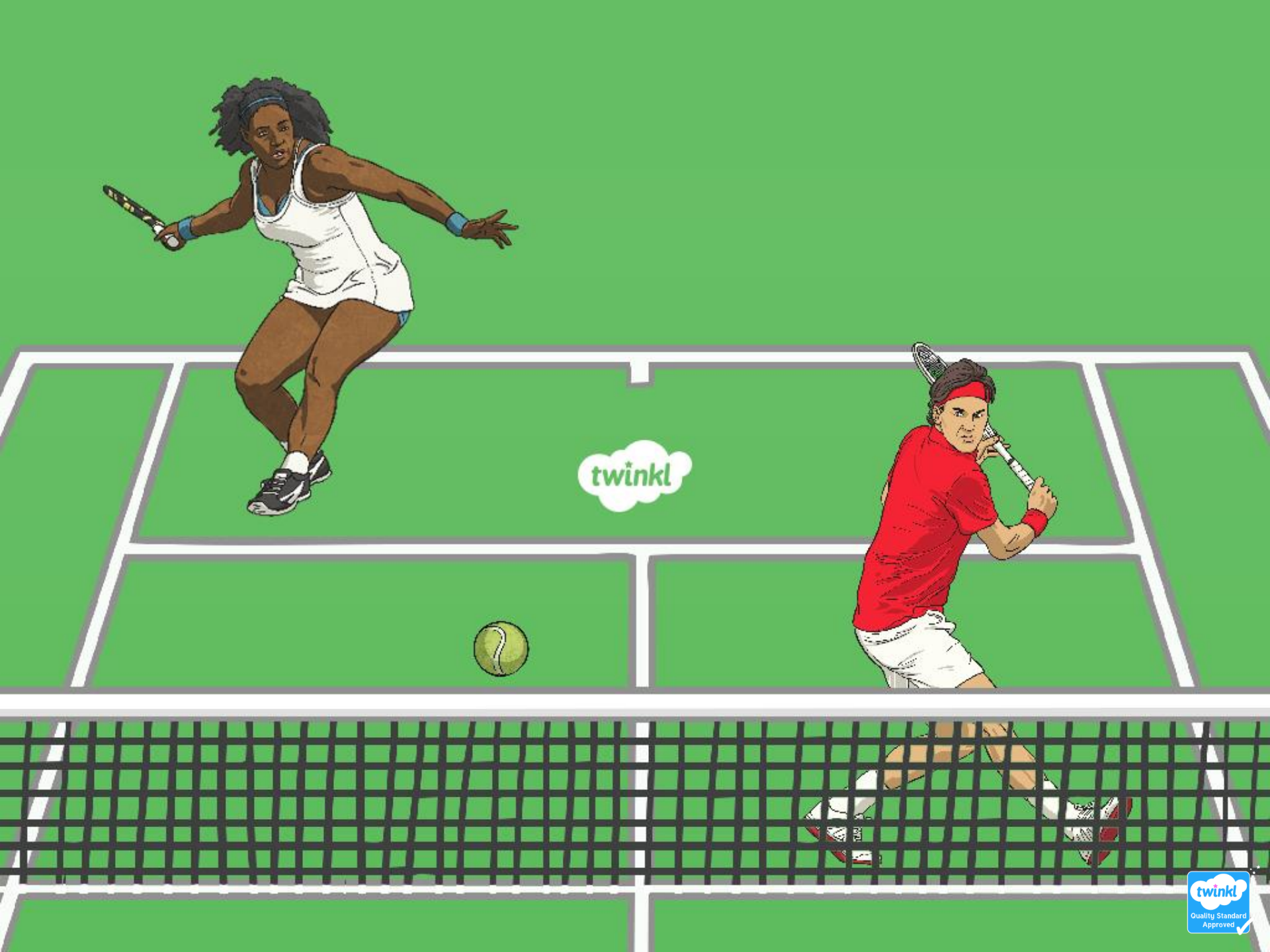


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Royal Family

Players are required to bow or curtsy if HRH The Prince of Wales, or Her Majesty The Queen is present in the Royal Box at Centre Court.



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