

Tennis Wales National Training Opportunities Selection Policy 2024

1. Introduction

National Training opportunities will provide world class training to motivate and inspire players and to develop them the Welsh way. This document outlines the criteria and process for players to achieve selection for training opportunities throughout the year. Should you have a query regarding the selection policy, please email chris.lewis@tenniswales.org.uk

Tennis Wales may amend this policy periodically. Any amended policy shall be published on the Tennis Wales website.

2. Age-groups

- Bi-annual rotations of national training days for U10, U12 and U14 age-groups
- Weekly programme of national training squad sessions for 14+ years players

3. 2024 national training days (bi-annual rotations)

3.1 To be considered, players must be of an eligible age as follows:

U10 = Players born 2014 or later*

U12 = Players born 2012 or later*

U14 = Players born 2010 or later*

*There may be circumstances where exceptional younger players are invited to an older age group, and where older players are invited to a younger age group.

3.2 Players must also be eligible to represent Wales or be on track to be eligible to do so within two years. A copy of the eligibility criteria to represent Wales can be found on the Tennis Wales website [here](#).

3.3 The following players **will be selected** for both rotations during the 2024 programme:

- A player who is based at the LTA National Academy in Loughborough
- A player who is a National Age-Group Programme scholar
- A player who has attended a LTA GB National Camp or a LTA official trip in the previous 12 months
- A player who is currently in receipt of a Tennis Wales individual funding grant

3.4 Players **will be considered for selection** at each rotation by meeting one or more of the following criteria:

- Demonstrating an ability to win in singles at international level i.e. Tennis Europe / ITF events (main draw) within previous six months
- Demonstrating an ability to win in singles at national level i.e. domestic grade 1 / grade 2 events (main draw) within previous six months
- GB Ranking of top 50 within players of own age year and younger but increasing to top 100 when in the final year of U12 and U14, within previous six months
- Significant competitive profile at regional level (grade 3) and above over previous six months
- Performance and attitude at a previous national training day

Note: The Tennis Wales Head of Performance may liaise with the following people within the performance network to understand the suitability of players for selection:

County Pathway Coaches, U10 County Coordinators, County Captains, U10 Performance Programme/RPDC Head Coaches, TW-funded programme Head Coaches

3.5 The selection window will be kept open as long as is reasonably possible prior to an upcoming national training day.

3.6 Only players who are being invited and players who attended the previous training day but are not being invited will be notified regarding selections.

3.7 It is possible that more players are suitable than there are places available at the camps and in which case the Tennis Wales Head of Performance will determine those selected and those who are placed on a reserve list, and in what order.

4. 2024 14+ years national training squads (weekly programme)

4.1 To be considered, players must be of an eligible age as follows:

Jan – Aug 2024 = Players born 2009 or later*, Sep – Dec 2024 = Players born 2010 or later*

*There may be circumstances where exceptional U14 players can access the 14+ programme. Any such players would need to be LTA NAGP Scholars and access to the programme would need to be agreed by the appropriate LTA National Coach, the Tennis Wales Head of Performance, and the player's lead coach. Additionally, places would only be offered where space allows and would not be instead of eligible older players.

4.2 Players must also be eligible to represent Wales or be on track to be eligible to do so within two years. A copy of the eligibility criteria to represent Wales can be found on the Tennis Wales website [here](#).

4.3 The following players **will be selected** for the 2024 programme:

- A player who is attending the LTA National Academy
- A player who is a LTA National Age-Group Programme Scholar or who is funded by the LTA Men's/Women's Programmes, or LTA PSP
- A player who has attended a LTA GB National Camp or a LTA official trip within the previous 12 months
- A player who is currently in receipt of an Elite Cymru or Tennis Wales individual funding grant

6.2 Players **will be considered for selection** by meeting one or more of the following criteria:

- Demonstrating an ability to progress in singles at international events i.e. QF or better in singles at Tennis Europe / ITF events within previous six months
- Demonstrating an ability to progress in singles at national events i.e. QF or better in singles at LTA grade 1 / grade 2 events within previous six months
- GB Ranking of top 50 within players of own age year and younger, within previous six months
- Performance and attitude at previous national training opportunities
- Players who are no longer eligible for junior age-groups can be invited to the 14+ years sessions by the Tennis Wales Head of Performance

Note: The Tennis Wales Head of Performance may liaise with the following people within the performance network to understand the suitability of players for selection:

County Pathway Coaches, County Captains, RPDC Head Coach, Individual Coaches

6.3 Only players who are being invited and players who attended the previous term of sessions but are not being invited will be notified regarding selections.

6.4 It is possible that more players will be selected than there are places available at the sessions and in which case the Tennis Wales Head of Performance will determine those selected and those who are placed on a reserve list for each session.

7. Communication of selections

Players will receive a national training invitation no later than three weeks prior to the date of the activity, unless they receive a later selection based on 3.5 above.

8. Key Dates 2024

8.1 National training days for U10, U12 and U14 will be scheduled to take place twice in 2024, with exact dates to be confirmed:

June 2024
December 2024

8.2 14+ years weekly training sessions will run during school term time from January 2024 onwards until further notice.