

Junior Four Nations 2024

Selection Policy

Eligibility

Players seeking selection must fulfil the national eligibility criteria as published [here](#) on the Tennis Wales website and have open lines of communication with Tennis Wales Ltd themselves or through their parent/guardian.

Junior Four Nations Team (U12, U14, and U18)

- A maximum of 4 boys, and 4 girls can be nominated to the referee at each age-group
- A minimum of 2 girls, and 2 boys will be selected to travel to the event at each age-group
- Age groups are international and are based on year of birth

Junior Four Nations 2024 – September 20-22nd @ Ireland:

- U18 = players born 2006 or later
- U14 = players born 2010 or later
- U12 = players born 2012 or later*

**a player must have turned 10 years old at the time of the event to be considered in line with international regulations*

Selection Process

Players who are eligible and available for the event will be considered for selection by the Selection Panel which will consist of the Head of Performance, the age-group captains, and at least one representative from the Tennis Wales Board.

U12

- 1) Players will **initially** be placed in LTA U12 combined ranking order
- 2) The Selection Panel will use their expertise to consider whether to elevate players to higher positions on the list, based on the following criteria which are not listed in any priority order:
 - Singles wins at National level domestic competitions (Grade 1 or 2) at U12 or U11 within the previous 12 months
 - Singles wins at Tennis Europe competitions within the previous 12 months
 - Singles Universal Tennis Rating (UTR) better than player(s) above them
 - A period of illness or injury preventing them from competing for over 3 out of the previous 12 months and which the panel believe has significantly affected their LTA combined ranking (player will need to be match fit at the time of selection)
 - players who train outside of GB and who do not have sufficient access to the domestic tournament circuit to build their LTA combined ranking. Any such players would need to have performances demonstrating their level at comparable levels of competition
- 3) Following the ordering process of the players the top two boys and girls will be selected. The Selection Panel will then consider the number of travelling and non-travelling reserve places in the team. A decision may be taken for reserves to travel in certain categories but not others at the discretion of the panel without such decision impacting the likelihood that reserves may be called upon to participate.

U14

- 1) Players will **initially** be placed in LTA U14 combined ranking order
- 2) The Selection Panel will use their expertise to consider whether to elevate players to higher positions on the list, based on the following criteria which are not listed in any priority order:
 - Singles wins at National level domestic competitions (Grade 1 or 2) at U14 within the previous 12 months
 - Singles wins at Tennis Europe U14 competitions within the previous 12 months
 - Singles Universal Tennis Rating (UTR) better than player(s) above them
 - A period of illness or injury preventing them from competing for over 3 out of the previous 12 months and which the panel believe has significantly affected their LTA combined ranking (player will need to be match fit at the time of selection)
 - players who train outside of GB and who do not have sufficient access to the domestic tournament circuit to build their LTA combined ranking. Any such players would need to have performances demonstrating their level at comparable levels of competition.
- 3) Following the ordering process of the players the top two boys and girls will be selected. The Selection Panel will then consider the number of travelling and non-travelling reserve places in the team. A decision may be taken for reserves to travel in certain categories but not others at the discretion of the panel without such decision impacting the likelihood that reserves may be called upon to participate.

U18

- 1) Players will **initially** be placed in ITF U18 combined ranking order, and thereafter U18 LTA combined ranking order
- 2) The Selection Panel will use their expertise to consider whether to elevate players to higher positions on the list, based on the following criteria which are not listed in any priority order:
 - WTA/ATP singles or doubles rankings
 - Singles and/or doubles wins at National level domestic competitions (Grade 1 or 2) at U16, U18, Open within the previous 12 months
 - Singles and/or doubles wins at U18 ITF competitions within the previous 12 months
 - Singles and/or Doubles Universal Tennis Rating (UTR) better than player(s) above them
 - A period of illness or injury preventing them from competing for over 3 out of the previous 12 months and which the panel believe has significantly affected their U18 ITF and/or U18 LTA combined ranking (player will need to be match fit at the time of selection)
- 3) Following the ordering process of the players the top two boys and girls will be selected. The Selection Panel will then consider the number of travelling and non-travelling reserve places in the team. A decision may be taken for reserves to travel in certain categories but not others at the discretion of the panel without such decision impacting the likelihood that reserves may be called upon to participate.

All age-groups

Should the Selection Panel believe a player is not able to participate fully in the event due to health/fitness, that player may be required to undergo an assessment in the period between the

selection date and the event. Any such assessment will be conducted by an appropriately qualified individual agreed with the Selection Panel. At the discretion of the Selection Panel, any player who is deemed unable to participate may be de-selected for the activity.

Selection Timeline

- **Wednesday 9 weeks prior to event (17th July 2024)** - A minimum of 5 girls & 5 boys will be shortlisted for each age-group based on LTA combined ranking and/or international rankings
- **Wednesday 8 weeks prior to event (24th July 2024)** - Deadline for eligibility and availability responses
- **Wednesday 7 weeks prior to event (31st July 2024)** – Date at which rankings and competitive profile taken for use in selection decisions
- **W/C 5th August 2024** – Selection meeting to discuss all eligible and available players and confirm selections
- **Within 7 days of selection meeting** – Selections communicated to all selected players, reserve players, and non-selected players

Appeals Process

Players who have not been selected by the Selection Panel are entitled to appeal against the Selection Panel's decision. Such an appeal is to be made in writing (with full reasons and supporting evidence) within 7 days of the applicant receiving his/her selection decision to tenniswales@tenniswales.org.uk but only on one or both of the following grounds:

- a) There has been a failure by the Selection Panel to follow this selection policy (i.e., there has been a procedural defect); and / or
- b) The decision has been reached on the basis of an error of fact

The Appeal Panel which will consist of members of the Tennis Wales Board and/or Tennis Wales staff members who are not in the Performance Team can decide, based on the written appeal and any supporting written evidence provided, to either:

1. Set aside the Selection Panel's decision as it was based on an error of fact or procedurally flawed and remit the matter to the Selection Panel for reconsideration; or
2. Uphold the Selection Panel's decision

The applicant will be informed of the appeal decision in writing.

Should a decision be set aside and be re-considered by the Selection Panel which has an effect on a selection decision taken in relation to another player, that decision in relation to the other player may also be re-considered and changed if necessary.

For the avoidance of doubt, players who are not asked for their availability for the event for any reason, are not eligible to appeal.