

Tennis Wales National Training Days: Selection Policy 2026

1. Introduction

National Training Days 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 these bi-annual 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

- National training days for U10, U11/U12, and U13/U14 age-groups

3. 2026 national training days (bi-annual rotations)

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

U10 = Players born 2016 or later

U11/U12 = Players born 2015 or 2014

U13/U14 = Players born 2013 or 2012

*There may be circumstances where players can be invited to 'play up' into an older 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 2026 programme:

- A player who is based at the LTA National Academy in Loughborough
- 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** ahead of each rotation by meeting one or more of the following criteria:

- Demonstrating an ability to win in singles in international circuit events i.e. Tennis Europe / ITF events (main draw) within previous 12 months
- Demonstrating an ability to win in singles at national circuit events i.e. LTA grade 1 / grade 2 events (main draw) within previous 12 months
- Significant competitive profile at regional level (grade 3) and above which could include semi-final/runner-up/winner across several competitions, over previous 12 months
- GB LTA Combined Ranking top 100 within players of own birth year and younger, within previous six months
- Performance and attitude at previous national training opportunities or LTA Regional Training Camps

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:

U10 County Pathway Coaches, County Captains, U10 Performance Programme/ RPDC Head Coaches, TW-funded programmes 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 rotation of training days 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. Communication and timeline of selections

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

5. Key Dates 2026

5.1 National training days for U10, U11/U12 and U13/U14 will be scheduled to take place twice in 2026, with exact dates to be confirmed:

June/July 2026
December 2026

6. Appeals

Players who have not been selected are entitled to appeal. Such an appeal is to be made in writing (with full reasons and supporting evidence) no later than 7 days prior to the date of the national training day. The appeal should be sent by email to tenniswales@tenniswales.org.uk

The Appeal will be determined by the Chief Executive of Tennis Wales Ltd or a member of the Board nominated by the Chief Executive. The appeal will be determined on the written reasons and supporting evidence submitted by/on behalf of the player. The player shall be notified as soon as practically possible of the outcome of the appeal. The appeal decision shall be final and there is no further right of appeal.