

A player will only be considered for funding grants if eligible to represent Wales

1. Tennis Wales Individual Funding Grants (non-disabled)

Individual funding grants are financial awards allocated to players who have proven themselves to be performing at GB national and/or international standards. Grants are currently awarded from April of each year for a 12-month period, with selections being based on performances in the calendar year prior.

Grant amounts

- A player who is successful based on their performance against the standards for junior age-groups (U10-U18) will receive an award of £1500.00.
- A player who is successful based on their performance against the standards for the open age-group but who is not a full-time professional player, will receive an award of £3000.00.
- A player who is successful based on their performance against the standards for the open age-group and who is a full-time professional player with an agreed training base and competitive schedule, will receive an award of £8000.00. Such a player can also be considered for coach support at ITF/ATP/WTA competitions by the Tennis Wales Head of Performance.

Award recipients may be asked to evidence the use of the funding grant within the 12-month period of the award.

A player will qualify for an award if the player has met any ONE of the following performance standards for their age year the previous year:

Performance Standards

U10:

Represented Great Britain (any grant awarded will be paid to the training base of the player).

U11:

Top 10 in GB U11 LTA Combined Rankings, Attended LTA National Camp, Represented Great Britain, LTA Grade 1 or 2 singles SF or better.

U12:

Top 10 in GB U12 LTA Combined Rankings, Attended LTA National Camp, Represented Great Britain, U12 Tennis Europe singles SF or better, LTA Grade 1 or 2 singles SF or better.

U13:

Top 10 in GB U13 LTA Combined Rankings, Attended LTA National Camp, Represent Great Britain, Top 300 Tennis Europe U14 ranking, U14 TE singles QF or better, LTA Grade 1 or 2 singles QF or better.

U14:

Top 10 in GB U14 LTA Combined Rankings, Attended LTA National Camp, Represented Great Britain, Top 100 Tennis Europe U14 ranking, U14 TE Category 2 singles SF or better, LTA Grade 1 or 2 singles SF or better.

U15:

Top 10 in GB U15 LTA Combined Rankings, Attended LTA National Camp, Represented Great Britain, U18 ITF singles QF or better, LTA Grade 1 U16/U18 singles QF or better.

U16:

Top 10 in GB U16 LTA Combined Rankings, Attended LTA National Camp, Represented Great Britain, Top 750 U18 ITF Ranking, U18 ITF singles SF or better, LTA Grade 1 U16 SF/U18 singles QF or better, LTA Grade 1 or 2 Open singles QF or better.

U17:

Top 10 in GB U17 LTA Combined Rankings, Attended LTA National Camp, Represented Great Britain, ATP/WTA singles ranking, Top 500 U18 ITF Ranking, U18 ITF J60+ singles SF or better, Domestic Grade 1 U18 singles QF or better, LTA Grade 1 or 2 Open singles SF or better.

U18:

Top 10 in GB U18 LTA Combined Rankings, Attended LTA National Camp, Represented Great Britain, ATP/WTA singles ranking, Top 200 U18 ITF Ranking, U18 ITF J100+ singles SF or better, Domestic Grade 1 U18 singles SF or better, LTA Grade 1 Open singles SF or better.

Open:

Top 20 in GB Open LTA Combined Rankings, ATP/WTA singles ranking of top 1500, ITF World Tennis Tour singles QF or better.

Note: Players who received an award the previous year but who haven't met any of the criteria can be considered if there have been extenuating circumstances such as long-term injury/illness which has impacted over 3 months of competition across the year. Such cases will be considered by the Head of Performance.

Note: Players who are at the LTA National Academy are eligible for a maximum grant of £1,000.00

Note: All players awarded an Individual Funding Grant will need to sign a player funding agreement which will include terms and conditions as set out by Tennis Wales. This will include the player agreeing to comply with all LTA Anti-Doping and Anti-Corruption rules, and adopting Tennis Wales Values and behaviour.

2. Tennis Wales Individual Funding Grants (wheelchair)

Individual funding grants are financial awards allocated to players who have proven themselves to be performing at GB national and/or international standards. A player will be considered automatically if that player is currently selected for the 'Performance' or 'High Performance' tiers of the Tennis Wales Wheelchair National Training Programme, with the following used as performance indicators:

High Performance Tier – indicators

- Plays 8+ hours a week including at least two Individual coaching sessions
- Has an agreed strength and conditioning programme
- Attends weekly TW Performance squads
- Competing at minimum of 3 x GB/European ITF Futures and/or ITF 3 events

- ITF ranking top 100
- LTA Level 3-4 qualified individual coach

Awards will be at a level of £1,000.00 for each player who is successful.

Performance Tier - Indicators

- Plays 4+ times a week including at least one Individual coaching session
- Has an agreed strength and conditioning programme
- Attends weekly TW Performance squads
- Competing at National Tour events, and a minimum of 2 ITF events each year
- ITF ranked
- LTA Level 3 qualified individual coach

Awards will be at a level of £500.00 for each player who is successful.

Note: All players awarded an Individual Funding Grant will need to sign a player funding agreement which will include terms and conditions as set out by Tennis Wales. This will include the player agreeing to comply with all LTA Anti-Doping and Anti-Corruption rules, and adopting Tennis Wales Values and behaviour.

3. Exceptional Circumstances Funding Grants

Families eligible to apply are those whose child is:

- Successfully awarded a Tennis Wales Individual Funding Grant earlier in the year by nature of their performance against the junior performance standards (U10-U18)
- Not in receipt of LTA PSP funding or attending the LTA National Academy in Loughborough
- Experiencing financial hardship

To apply for exceptional circumstances funding families will need to submit an application in writing to chris.lewis@tenniswales.org.uk detailing:

- The nature of the financial hardship they are experiencing which is preventative to their child having the opportunity to progress.
- What any additional funding would be used for within the next 12 months and the difference it would make to the player's development plan during that time.

Tennis Wales will form a panel consisting of the Head of Performance, the CEO, and one member of the Tennis Wales Board to assess any applications received and place them in order of merit. The panel will use the following order of priority when reaching its decisions:

- Priority 1
Financial hardship is significantly limiting access to a relevant weekly on court training programme in GB.
- Priority 2
Financial hardship is significantly limiting access to a relevant competitive schedule within GB.
- Priority 3
Financial hardship is significantly limiting access to a relevant competitive schedule overseas.

Priority 4

- Financial hardship is significantly limiting access to off-court performance services support e.g. S&C, physio, sports psychology.

Awards will be allocated in amounts of between £1,000 to £2,500 and will be awarded in priority order. Once the money available is exhausted no further awards will be made.

- Awards should be allocated directly to the purposes identified in the application.
- Award applicants may be asked to evidence the hardship they are experiencing.
- Award recipients may be asked to evidence what the funding was used for within a 12-month period from the date of the award

The total amount of hardship funding available each year should be no less than 10% of the total funding available for Tennis Wales Individual Funding Grants.

4. Communications

Players and parents will be informed by the Tennis Wales Head of Performance if they have been successfully awarded a Tennis Wales Individual Funding Grant. There will be a further communication at this stage to invite applications from the parents of junior players for additional funding through the Exceptional Circumstances funding process.

5. Key dates

TW Individual Funding Grants: Funding decisions made January based on performances the previous year, funding awards allocated in April once funding agreements have been agreed and signed.

TW Exceptional Circumstances Funding: Funding decisions made June based on applications received, funding awards will then be allocated for a 12-month period.

6. Appeals Process

Players who have not been awarded a grant 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) by April 30th 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 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.