

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

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

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 the size of the funding award being decided by the Head of Performance and based on performances in the calendar year prior.

Awards will be a minimum of £1,000.00 and a maximum of £2,500.00 for each player who is successful.

Award recipients may be asked to evidence the use of the funding grant within a 12-month period from the date of the award being accepted.

A player will be considered automatically if the player has met any ONE of the following performance standards for their age year in 2024:

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, TW Individual Funding Grant recipient in previous year.

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, TW Individual Funding Grant recipient in previous year.

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, TW Individual Funding Grant recipient in previous year.

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, TW Individual Funding Grant recipient in previous year.

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, TW Individual Funding Grant recipient in previous year.

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, TW Individual Funding Grant recipient in previous year.

U17:

Top 10 in GB U17 LTA Combined Rankings, Attended LTA National Camp, Represented Great Britain, ATP/WTB 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, TW Individual Funding Grant recipient in previous year.

U18:

Top 10 in GB U18 LTA Combined Rankings, Attended LTA National Camp, Represented Great Britain, ATP/WTB 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 or 2 Open singles finalist, TW Individual Funding Grant recipient in previous year.

Open:

Top 20 in GB Open LTA Combined Rankings, ATP/WTB singles ranking, LTA British Tour Tier 1 Finalist, ITF World Tennis Tour singles QF or better, TW Individual Funding Grant recipient in previous year.

Elite Cymru funded players:

Those players who are successful in being awarded an Elite Cymru grant by Sport Wales will be considered to receive an enhancement to that funding through a Tennis Wales Individual Funding Grant. Any funding allocated will be a minimum of £1,000.00 and up to a maximum of the size of the Elite Cymru grant.

LTA National Academy Players:

Players who are based 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) – Awarded by Tennis Wales

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 the 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:

HighPerformance 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 – Awarded by Tennis Wales

This funding scheme is available to the families of junior players who have been awarded a Tennis Wales individual funding grant earlier in the same calendar year, and who are experiencing financial hardship. The following process will be used to allocate any awards:

1. Families eligible to apply are those whose child is:

- Successfully awarded a Tennis Wales Individual Funding Grant earlier in the year
- Not in receipt of Elite Cymru funding, LTA PSP funding, attending the LTA National Academy in Loughborough

2. To apply for exceptional circumstances funding ahead of the deadline of May 19th 2025, 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 could make to the player's development plan during that time

3. 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.
- 4. 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.
- 5. Any awards will be paid no later than 30th June 2025.
- 6. Any award should be allocated directly to the purposes identified in the application.
- 7. Award applicants may be asked to evidence the hardship they have identified.
- 8. Award recipients may be asked to evidence what the funding was used for within a 12-month period from the date of the award
- 9. 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 2025 based on performances in 2024, funding awards allocated in April once funding agreements have been agreed and signed.

TW Exceptional Circumstances Funding: Funding decisions made May/June 2025 based on applications received, funding awards allocated June 2025 for a 12-month period.

6. Appeals Process

- If a player has met the criteria to be considered for a funding grant but has not been, an appeal based on an error of fact can be made in writing and sent to chris.lewis@tenniswales.org.uk. Such an appeal must include evidence of how a player has met the criteria to be considered.
- If a player has been considered for an award but has not been successful, or it is felt that the award granted to a player should have been of a larger amount, an appeal can be made in writing to tenniswales@tenniswales.org.uk. Such an appeal would be considered by an independent panel who were not involved in the original decision-making process.
- For the avoidance of doubt, players who do not meet the selection criteria are not eligible to appeal.
- Any appeals must be submitted within one month of the awards being allocated.