

Player Funding Information 2025

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

1. Elite Cymru – Awarded by Sport Wales using National Lottery funding

Elite Cymru awards are allocated to players who are deemed to be at, or tracking towards, Junior Grand Slam or Top 100 ATP/WTa level for singles or doubles.

Grants are currently awarded from April of each year for a 12-month period, with the size of the funding award being decided in consultation between Sport Wales and Tennis Wales.

Awards will be up to a maximum amount of £5000.00 for any one player.

Players will be invited to apply for an Elite Cymru award by Tennis Wales once they have moved into their final year of U16 international tennis or older, and if they have met one of the following performance standards within the previous 12 months:

Performance Standards Junior Grand Slam Level Potential

U18 ITF Year End Ranking: U15 = Top 750, U16 = Top 500, U17 = Top 250, U18 = Top 100
Winning U18 ITF Junior Singles Events J100 or better
Selected for LTA Men's/Women's Programme support or LTA Pro Scholarship Programme (PSP)
Selected for LTA overseas Trips, representing Great Britain
Potential to medal for Wales at the Commonwealth Youth Games

Performance Standards Top 100 ATP/WTa Level Potential

GB Top 10 Open LTA Combined ranking
Reaching the final or better of ITF World Tennis Tour events up to \$25K level
Reaching QF or better of ATP Challenger events or Women's ITF World Tennis Tour events from \$60K to \$100K level
Qualifying for the main draw of an ATP or WTA Tour event via ranking, or winning through qualifying draw
Selected for the LTA's Pro Scholarship Programme (PSP)
Selection to represent Great Britain in Davis Cup or Billy Jean King Cup
Potential to medal for Wales at the Commonwealth Games

Note: Players must be able to demonstrate their ongoing commitment to a long-term development plan geared towards reaching their potential. They will need to provide an annual training and competition programme which links to this and make themselves available to represent Wales at every opportunity unless agreed otherwise.

Note: April 2025 – March 2026 is the final year of Elite Cymru funding for tennis players

2. SportsAid Cymru Wales – Grants Awarded by SACW

SportsAid Cymru Wales is the successor organisation to two formerly separate, but closely linked, charitable bodies, the Welsh Sports Aid Trust and Welsh Sports Aid Foundation. Funding applications are accepted each year if endorsed by the National Governing Body of the sport in Wales. Within tennis, non-disabled players can be considered up to the age of 13 and disabled players up to the age of 20.

Grants are currently awarded from April of each year for a 12-month period, with the size of the funding award being decided by SportsAid Cymru Wales.

Awards are usually up to a maximum amount of £400.00 for any one player.

A player will be invited to apply to SportsAid Cymru Wales if the player has met any ONE of the following performance standards for their age year within the previous 12 months:

Performance Standards: Non-Disabled

U10: Players who have achieved GB representation.

U11: Players Top 16 in GB U11 LTA Combined Rankings, Attended LTA National Camp, Represented GB.

U12: Top 16 in GB U12 LTA Combined Rankings, Attended LTA National Camp, Represented GB, U12 Tennis Europe singles QF or better, LTA Grade 1 or 2 singles QF or better, SportsAid Cymru Wales funded in previous year.

U13: Top 16 in GB U13 LTA Combined Rankings, Attended LTA National Camp, Represented GB, U14 Tennis Europe Ranking from singles points, LTA Grade 1 or 2 singles QF or better, SportsAid Cymru Wales funded in previous year.

Performance Standards: Wheelchair

U20: Players who have competed in a minimum of 2 x ITF competitions, ITF world ranking, SportsAid Cymru Wales funded in previous year.

3. 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 Tennis Wales and according to the [Tennis Wales Individual Funding Policy](#).

4. Tennis Wales Individual Funding Grants (wheelchair) – Awarded by Tennis Wales

Individual funding grants are financial awards allocated to wheelchair 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.

5. Exceptional Circumstances Funding Grants – Awarded by Tennis Wales

This funding scheme is available to the families of junior players who are in receipt of a Tennis Wales individual funding grant and who are experiencing financial hardship.

Grants are currently awarded from June of each year for a 12-month period, with the size of the funding award being decided by Tennis Wales and according to the [Tennis Wales Individual Funding Policy](#).

6. Communications

Players/parents/guardians will receive a communication from the Tennis Wales Head of Performance to invite them to apply for Elite Cymru or SportsAid Cymru Wales funding schemes if they have met the criteria to be considered.

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.

7. Key dates for player funding schemes

Elite Cymru: Applications open January 2025, selection meeting March 2025, funding awards allocated April 2025 for a 12-month period

SportsAid Cymru Wales: Application close 31st January 2025, outcome of awards communicated in April 2025, funding awards allocated April 2025 for a 12-month period

TW Individual Funding Grants: Funding decisions made January 2025 based on performances in 2024, funding awards allocated from April onwards 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