

14U National Pathway List

1. Introduction

The National Pathway List aims to identify those 14U players with the highest potential for national junior success and selection for an NAGP scholarship between 12-14 years old.

Players on this list will also be considered for national activity (such as national camps and match play events).

Players on this list, if selected by a Regional Player Development Centre (RPDC) through their selection processes, will be eligible to receive a subsidised training programme at an RPDC. Acceptance to and continued inclusion on an RPDC programme is at the discretion of each RPDC programme.

2. Eligibility

For a player to be eligible for consideration they must meet both 2.a and 2.b.

- a. *Age eligibility.* Players born 2009, 2010, 2011 and 2012ⁱ.
- b. *Eligible to represent Great Britain.* Players must hold, or be in the process of obtaining, a British passport. Evidence may be asked for to prove eligibility. Those not meeting this stipulation, but who have lived in Great Britain continuously since 1 April 2021 will be considered on a case-by-case basis. Such players must contact PlayerPathway@lta.org.uk to confirm they would like to be considered.

3. Performance level requirements

For an eligible player to be included on the list they must also fulfil one of the following requirements, either 3.1 or 3.2 or 3.3:

3.1 *Ranking.* Achieve an LTA combined ranking outlined below:

- Top 16 2009s in 14U rankings
- Top 20 2010s in 12U rankings
- Top 24 2011s and 2012s in 11U rankings

The ranking information will be taken from the combined ranking run on 10th June 2022.

3.2 *Result.* Achieve two of the main draw singles performance criteria as outlined below between 1 August 2021 and 10 June 2022:

- 12U or 14U Tennis Europe (all categories) – Quarter Final or better
- 11U, 12U or 14U National Tourⁱⁱ (Grade 1)– Quarter Final or better
- 11U, 12U or 14U National Tour (Grade 2) – Semi Final or better

3.3 *Recommendation.* Receive a recommendation from an LTA National Performance Pathway Team Coach based on their professional opinion, from observations between 1

August 2021 and 10 June 2022, on which players they believe have the potential to be nationally successful 14U players and the potential to be selected for an NAGP scholarship between 12-14 years of age, in consideration with the following areas:

- Good technical base, and skill development in attack, rally, and defence,
- Good tactical understanding,
- Good athletic qualities,
- Development of an all-court game,
- Good competitor.

3.4 Once identified, players will remain on the 14U National Pathway List for the remainder of the academic year, until 31 August 2023.

4. Reselection

Ahead of the start of a new academic year (September 2023), the 14U National Pathway List will be replaced with a new RPDC selection policy which will commence in the spring 2023 (normally April). This policy will be communicated in 2023 and players that have been longlisted for RPDC selection for the academic year (September 2023 – end of August 2024) will be notified in writing in April/May 2023.

5. Key dates

Finalisation of the list for 2022/23 will take place week commencing 13 June 2022 with all identified players advised by 24 June 2022.

Players not included in June 2022 may be reconsidered at a later date. This would typically occur in September 2022 and primarily be based on section 3.1. and 3.2.

6. Appeals

For the avoidance of doubt, players who do not meet the performance level requirements (3.1, 3.2 and/or 3.3) for any reason, including not receiving a nomination as outlined in 3.3 are not eligible to appeal.

ⁱ In exceptional circumstances players born 2013 and younger will be considered if they meet the requirements identified in 3.1 and 3.2.

