

SELECTION POLICY: U14 NATIONAL AGE GROUP PROGRAMME ACTIVITY

1. Introduction

This document describes the process for gaining selection onto NAGP activity, which includes:

- National camps – both domestic and international;
- Official Tournament Trips – for individual competitions;
- Official Team Trips – for team competition requiring GB representation (inc. friendly matches).

The LTA may amend this policy periodically. Any amended policy shall be published on the LTA website.

2. Eligibility

2.1 Age Eligible. Players must be within the age requirements of the activity in question. This, in the case of Tennis Europe events, will be governed by the age requirements of these tournaments. National Camps and Official Team Trips will operate using international age categories.

2.2 Eligible to represent Great Britain. Players must hold, or be eligible for, a British passport. Those not meeting this stipulation 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.

2.3 Performance level requirements. Section 3 details the required performance levels for National Camps and Official Tournament Trips. Section 4 details the required performance levels for Official Team Trips.

3. National Camps and Official Tournament Trips

3.1 Aim

To provide transformational training and competition opportunities to Britain's highest potential U14 players, in order to support them on the journey toward selection for a National Academy and the Pro-Scholarship Programme.

Table 1 shows a list of National Camps and Official Tournament Trips that will take place in 2019-20

Month	Age Group	Activity	Details and/or Location
Oct 19	U14	National Camp	U14 NAGP Scholar Induction Camp, NTC
Oct 19	U12	National Camp	U12 NAGP Induction Camp, NTC
Dec 19	U14	Official Tournament Trip	Orange Bowl, Florida
Dec 19	U14	National Camp	U14 National Camp, NTC
Dec 20	U12	National Camp	NTC
Mar 20	U14	National Camp	La Manga
Mar 20	U12	National Camp	La Manga
Apr 20	U14	Official Tournament Trip	Tennis Europe, Croatia
Apr 20	U12	Official Tournament Trip	Bressuire, France
May 20	U14	Official Tournament Trip	Messina, Italy
May 20	U12	Official Tournament Trip	Tennis Europe, Slovenia
Jun 20	U12	National Camp	Queenswood
Jun 20	U14	National Camp	Nottingham

3.2. Performance level requirements

1.2.1 Current NAGP players

All players who were awarded an U14 NAGP Player Scholarship or selected for the U12 NAGP for 2019-20 will be automatically invited to attend the National Camps and a number of the Official Tournament Trips in their international age category.

3.2.2 Players not selected for the NAGP

It is recognised that there could be some additional players that may benefit from involvement in National Camps and Official Trips. To ensure that the appropriate players gain these opportunities, the National Age-Group Coaches will be able to make the following additions:

- Up to six additional players for National Camps;
- Up to two additional players for Official Tournament Trips.

The National Age Group Coaches will make these nominations based on observations at the following events and/or activity during a two-month period leading up to the activity in question:

- National Camps and Official Trips;
- Regional Training;
- National Grade 1 and 2 events and, if relevant, TE Grade 1 and 2 events.

For each activity, these nominations will be reviewed and confirmed by the Lead National Age-Group Coach.

For Official Tournament Trips that require entry, it is the responsibility of the player to enter the event before the entry deadline. Players who have not entered will not be eligible for selection.

4. Official Team Trips

4.1 Aim

To enable Great Britain to win matches at the events in Table 2, and to provide selected players with international experience in team events.

Table 2 shows a list of Official Team Trips that Great Britain will enter in 2019-20

Month	Age Group	Activity	Team Size
Nov 19	U14	GB vs. Finland / Sweden / Belgium – friendly match	3 Boys & 3 Girls
Jan 20	U14	GB vs. USA – friendly match	3 Boys & 3 Girls
Jan-Feb 20	U12	Tennis Europe Winter Cup – Qualifying & Finals	3 Boys & 3 Girls
Jan-Feb 20	U14	Tennis Europe Winter Cup – Qualifying & Finals	3 Boys & 3 Girls
Jun 20	U12	Queenswood Invitational	6 Boys & 6 Girls
Jul 20	U14	Tennis Europe Summer Cup – Qualifying & Finals	3 Boys & 3 Girls
Jul 20	U12	Lampo Trophy	3 Boys & 3 Girls
Jul-Aug 20	U12	Tennis Europe Nations Challenge – Qualifying & Finals	3 Boys & 3 Girls
Aug 20	U14	European Championships	2 Boys & 2 Girls
Aug 20	U14	World Team Championships	3 Boys & 3 Girls

4.2 Selection Panel

All selections are made by a Selection Panel chaired by the Head of the National Performance Pathway (or their nominee). Representation from within the LTA Performance Team will form the remainder of the panel. There will be a minimum of three voting members of the Panel.

In addition to the voting members, there will be one more individual who will not have voting rights but, will be present to supervise procedures and to ensure that due process is followed.

4.3 Performance level requirements

There is no right of automatic selection; when making its decision, the Selection Panel will consider the recommendation of the National Age-Group Captain based on the following factors:

- Performances in NAGP activity and/or Regional Training;
- Performances at National Grade 1 and 2 events and, if relevant, TE Grade 1 and 2 events;
- A player's current National ranking and, if relevant, TE and ITF ranking;
- Any factors (such as injury and illness) that mean a player is not fully-fit to partake¹.

Selection meetings are conducted around key competition in the national calendar.

4.4 Reserves

Following selection of the players that will make up the team, the Panel will also consider reserve places. The number of reserve places offered will be at the discretion of the Selection Panel.

Reserves may not necessarily be identified for every event and will be selected using the requirements listed in 4.2.

5. Communication

Only players who have been selected for NAGP activity will be notified. We aim to do this with at least four weeks' notice prior to the date of the activity.

6. Fit to participate

In order to attend any NAGP Activity the player must be able to fully participate in all elements of the camp or trip.

Should the LTA Performance Team believe players are not able to participate to this level they may be required to undergo an assessment in the period between the selected date and the event. Any such assessment will be conducted by the LTA medical team or an appropriate individual identified by the LTA medical team.

At the discretion of the LTA Performance Team, any players who are deemed unable to participate may be de-selected for the activity.

¹ Players may be required to undergo a medical assessment between the selection date and the event. All assessments will be conducted by the LTA medical team or an appropriate individual identified by the LTA medical team.