

Tennis Wales National Training Opportunities Selection Policy 2025

1. Introduction

National Training opportunities will provide world class training to motivate and inspire players and to develop them the Welsh way. This document outlines the criteria and process for players to achieve selection for training opportunities throughout the year. Should you have a query regarding the selection policy, please email chris.lewis@tenniswales.org.uk

Tennis Wales may amend this policy periodically. Any amended policy shall be published on the Tennis Wales website.

2. Age-groups

- Bi-annual rotations of national training days for U10, U12 and U14 age-groups
- Weekly programme of national training squad sessions for 14+ years players

3. 2025 national training days (bi-annual rotations)

3.1 To be considered, players must be of an eligible age as follows:

U10 = Players born 2015 or later*

U12 = Players born 2013 or later*

U14 = Players born 2011 or later*

*There may be circumstances where older players are invited to a younger age group.

3.2 Players must also be eligible to represent Wales or be on track to be eligible to do so within two years. A copy of the eligibility criteria to represent Wales can be found on the Tennis Wales website [here](#).

3.3 The following players **will be selected** for both rotations during the 2025 programme:

- A player who is based at the LTA National Academy in Loughborough
- A player who is an U14 National Age-Group Programme scholar
- A player who has attended a LTA GB National Camp or a LTA official trip in the previous 12 months
- A player who is currently in receipt of a Tennis Wales individual funding grant

3.4 Players **will be considered for selection** ahead of each rotation by meeting one or more of the following criteria:

- Demonstrating an ability to win in singles in international circuit events i.e. Tennis Europe / ITF events (main draw) within previous 12 months
- Demonstrating an ability to win in singles at national circuit events i.e. LTA grade 1 / grade 2 events (main draw) within previous 12 months
- GB LTA Combined Ranking top 50 within players of own birth year and younger, increasing to top 100 when in the final year of U12 and U14 age-groups, within previous six months
- Significant competitive profile at regional level (grade 3) and above which could include semi-final/runner-up/winner across several competitions, over previous six months
- Performance and attitude at previous national training opportunities or LTA Regional Training Camps

Note: The Tennis Wales Head of Performance may liaise with the following people within the performance network to understand the suitability of players for selection:

U10 County Pathway Coaches, County Captains, U10 Performance Programme/RPDC Head Coaches, TW-funded programmes Head Coaches

3.5 The selection window will be kept open as long as is reasonably possible prior to an upcoming national training day.

3.6 Only players who are being invited and players who attended the previous rotation of training days will be notified regarding selections.

3.7 It is possible that more players are suitable than there are places available at the camps and in which case the Tennis Wales Head of Performance will determine those selected and those who are placed on a reserve list, and in what order.

4. 2025/26 14+ years national training programme

4.1 To be considered, players must be of an eligible age as follows:

January 2025 = Players born 2011 or earlier*

September 2025 = Players born 2011 or earlier

January 2026 = Players born 2012 or earlier*

January 2026 = Players born 2012 or earlier

*Full access to the programme will only happen from September of each year for players in their first year. From January to August players in their first year may start to access the programme to help the transition process from their previous training base to the national programme. Any such players would need to have their training programme agreed by the Tennis Wales Head of Performance or National Performance and University Head Coach, and the player's existing lead coach. Additionally, places would only be offered where space allows and would not be at the expense of eligible older players who are already established on the programme.

4.2 Players must also be eligible to represent Wales or be on track to be eligible to do so within two years. A copy of the eligibility criteria to represent Wales can be found on the Tennis Wales website [here](#).

4.3 The following players **will be selected** for the 2025/26 programme:

- A player who has been selected for the LTA National Academy in Loughborough
- A player who is a LTA National Age-Group Programme Scholar, or who is funded by the LTA Men's/Women's Programmes, or LTA PSP
- A player who has attended a LTA GB National Camp or a LTA official trip within the previous 12 months
- A player who is currently in receipt of an Elite Cymru or Tennis Wales individual funding grant

4.4 Players **will be considered for selection** by meeting one or more of the following criteria:

- Demonstrating an ability to progress in singles at international circuit events i.e. QF or better in singles at Tennis Europe / ITF events within previous 12 months
- Demonstrating an ability to progress in singles at national events i.e. QF or better in singles at LTA grade 1 / grade 2 events within previous 12 months

- LTA Combined Ranking of top 50 within players of own birth year and younger, within previous six months
- Performance and attitude at previous national training opportunities
- Players who are no longer eligible for junior age-groups can be invited to the 14+ years sessions by the Tennis Wales Head of Performance or National Performance and University Head Coach

Note: Tennis Wales may liaise with the following people within the performance network to understand the suitability of players for selection:

U10 County Pathway Coaches, County Captains, RPDC Head Coach, Individual Coaches

4.5 Only players who are being invited and players who attended the previous term of sessions but are not being invited will be notified regarding selections.

4.6 It is possible that more players will be selected than there are places available at the sessions and in which case the Tennis Wales Head of Performance and National Performance and University Head Coach will determine those selected and those who are placed on a reserve list.

5. Communication and timeline of selections

5.1 Players will receive a 'national training day' invitation no later than three weeks prior to the date of the activity, unless they receive a later selection based on 3.5 above.

5.2 A timeline will be agreed for the 14+ National Training programme September selections and will be updated here once finalised.

6. Key Dates 2025

8.1 National training days for U10, U12 and U14 will be scheduled to take place twice in 2025, with exact dates to be confirmed:

June/July 2025
December 2025

8.2 14+ years national training programme is delivered during school term times ongoing as part of the performance partnership with Cardiff Metropolitan University.