

South Wales & North Wales Selection Policy
LTA Men's, Ladies' and Junior County Cup 2023

1. Introduction

LTA County Cup events are team competitions which take place throughout the year. Wales has two counties represented in County Cup competitions: North Wales and South Wales.

The information which follows outlines the dates and formats (where known) for the men's, ladies' and junior County Cup competitions in 2023, along with the selection process and criteria for each. Should you have a query regarding the selection policy, please email tenniswales@tenniswales.org.uk

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

2. Age groups and provisional dates/team sizes for 2023:

Age Group	Dates	Team
Men's / Ladies' (born 2008 and earlier)	Summer = Monday 24 to Friday 28 July 2023 Winter = Friday 24 to Sunday 26 November 2023	Squad size of 8-10 players Summer = Best of 9 doubles per tie Winter = 6 singles / 3 doubles per tie, Round robin with promotion / stay / relegation
U18 (born 2005 or later)	Friday 3 to Sunday 5 March 2023	Separate boys & girls events, Squad size of 7 to 8 players, 6 singles / 3 doubles per tie, Round robin with promotion / stay / relegation
U14 (born 2009 or later)	Area Leagues/Play-Offs = Saturday 29 and Sunday 30 April 2023 National Finals = Friday 12 to Sunday 14 May 2023	Separate boys & girls events, Squad size of 4 to 6, 4 singles / 2 doubles per tie, Top 6 teams on LTA Rankings = National Finals Teams 7-14 on LTA Rankings = Play-Offs Teams 15 and lower on LTA Rankings = Area Leagues
U12 (born 2011 and 2012)	Area Leagues/Play-Offs = Saturday 16 and Sunday 17 September 2023 National Finals = Friday 29 September to Sunday 1 October 2023	Separate boys & girls events, Squad size of 4 to 6, 4 singles / 2 doubles per tie, Top 6 teams on LTA Rankings = National Finals Teams 7-14 on LTA Rankings = Play-Offs Teams 15 and lower on LTA Rankings = Area Leagues
U11 (born 2012 and 2013)	Area Leagues/Play-Offs = Saturday 17 and Sunday 18 June 2023 National Finals = Friday 7 to Sunday 9 July 2023	Separate boys & girls events, Squad size of 4 to 6, 4 singles / 2 doubles per tie, Top 6 teams on LTA Rankings = National Finals Teams 7-14 on LTA Rankings = Play-Offs Teams 15 and lower on LTA Rankings = Area Leagues

U10 (born 2013 and 2014)	Qualifying = Saturday 20 and Sunday 21 May 2023 National Finals = Saturday 10 and Sunday 11 June 2023	Separate boys & girls events, Squad size of 4 to 6, 4 singles / 2 doubles per tie Winning teams through to south/north National Finals
U9 (born 2014 and 2015)	Qualifying = Sunday 26 March 2022 National Finals = Saturday 22 and Sunday 23 April 2023	Separate boys and girls events, Squad of 4-5 players, 4 singles, 2 doubles per tie Winning team through to south or north national finals
U8 Trial event (born 2015 and later)	Saturday 22 or Sunday 23 April 2023 Saturday 4 or Sunday 5 November 2023	Separate boys & girls events, Team size of 4 boys and 4 girls Introduction to county cup Players who haven't played a county cup before

A team will only be entered into a County Cup event if there is a sufficient number of players who are of an appropriate standard to have a positive experience of the event.

3. Eligibility

3.1 Eligible players are those who are LTA members and who satisfy the area qualification rule (rule 35 on page 15) in the [LTA Rules policy](#).

3.2 Players must be of an eligible age as described in 2 above to be considered for selection.

4. Selection committee

A County Cup selection committee will be agreed upon annually by Tennis Wales Ltd and the two county committees. The selection committee will meet or liaise as necessary to select the junior and men's/ladies' teams and will consist of a maximum of the following:

- Head of Performance, Tennis Wales Ltd
- County Coordinator
- Age-group captain
- County sub-committee member(s)*

*County sub-committee members who are parents of county players who have the potential to be selected or who are potential players in a team themselves, cannot be involved in the selection or complaints process for such teams.

4.1 Selection of U8, U9 and U10 teams

There will be a formal meeting of the selection committee in person or virtually whereby team selections will be decided.

4.2 Selection of U11, U12, U14, U18, Men's, Ladies' teams

There will be no formal selection meeting for these teams. The age-group captain will propose the team to members of the selection committee by email, who will have the opportunity to check and challenge their proposal before the team is confirmed and communicated.

5. Selection process

5.1 Availability will be requested for players approximately 9 weeks prior to the event with a response expected within 7-10 days.

- All players attending county training at the relevant age-group
- Any players attending county training at younger age-groups who are eligible and deemed relevant to be considered in relation to the level of the initial group of players
- Any players outside of the county programme who are eligible and deemed relevant to be considered in relation to the level of the initial group of players
- No players will be asked who have opted out of the County Performance Programme by choice but allowances can be made for players training outside of Wales or who have suffered a recent and significant injury or illness

5.2 The date on which any rankings, ratings or competitive profile information are taken will be approximately 7 weeks prior to the event, with the exact date to be specified to all players when requesting availability.

5.3 The selection committee will meet/liaise to make their selections soon after the ratings/rankings date specified and will aim to communicate the team no later than 6 weeks prior to the event.

5.4 Communications will be sent by Tennis Wales to selected players, non-travelling reserves where there are any, and non-selected players who were asked for their availability. There will be no communications to non-selected players who were not asked for their availability.

6. Selection criteria

Please note that the selection criteria are not listed in any priority order.

6.1 Men's/Ladies' Winter & Summer County Cups

Information from the following list of criteria should be used as a basis for selecting the team:

- Rankings or ratings attributed to players which may include World Tennis Number, international and LTA rankings
- Measures of competitive level which may include recent results and the level of performance in previous years in singles and doubles
- Any positive or negative impact to team dynamic a player may have
- Any health-related issues which cause concern over a player being fit to play or affect the accuracy of the other criteria and whereby allowances may need to be made

6.2 U18 County Cup (based on selecting a team of 7-8 players)

- The top 3 available players according to 18U LTA domestic ranking will be selected
- Information from the following list of criteria should then be used as a basis for selecting the remaining players:
 - Rankings or ratings attributed to players which may include World Tennis Number, international and LTA rankings
 - Measures of competitive level which may include recent results and level of performance in the past 12 months
 - Performance and attitude at county training sessions, and any positive or negative impact to team dynamic a player may have

- Any health-related issues which cause concern over a player being fit to play or affect the accuracy of the other criteria and whereby allowances may need to be made

6.3 U14 County Cup (based on selecting a team of 4-6 players)

- The top 2 available players according to 14U LTA domestic rankings will be selected
- Information from the following list of criteria should then be used as a basis for selecting the remaining players:
 - Rankings or ratings attributed to players which may include World Tennis Number, international and LTA rankings
 - Measures of competitive level which may include recent results and level of performance in the past 12 months
 - Performance and attitude at county training sessions, and any positive or negative impact to team dynamic a player may have
 - Any health-related issues which cause concern over a player being fit to play or affect the accuracy of the other criteria and whereby allowances may need to be made

6.4 U12 County Cup (based on selecting a team of 4-6 players)

- The top 2 available players according to 12U LTA domestic rankings will be selected
- Information from the following list of criteria should then be used as a basis for selecting the remaining players:
 - Rankings or ratings attributed to players which may include World Tennis Number and LTA rankings
 - Any measures of competitive level which may include recent results and level of performance in the past 12 months
 - Performance and attitude at county training sessions, and any positive or negative impact to team dynamic a player may have
 - Any health-related issues which cause concern over a player being fit to play or affect the accuracy of the other criteria and whereby allowances may need to be made

6.5 U11 County Cup (based on selecting a team of 4-6 players)

- The top 2 available players according to 11U LTA domestic rankings will be selected
- Information from the following list of criteria should then be used as a basis for selecting the remaining players:
 - Rankings or ratings attributed to players which may include World Tennis Number and LTA rankings
 - Any measures of competitive level which may include recent results and level of performance in the past 12 months
 - Performance and attitude at county training sessions, and any positive or negative impact to team dynamic a player may have
 - Any health-related issues which cause concern over a player being fit to play or affect the accuracy of the other criteria and whereby allowances may need to be made

6.6 U10 County Cup (based on selecting a team of 4-6 players)

- Information from the following list of criteria should be used as a basis for selection:
 - World Tennis Number (if known)
 - Any measures of competitive level which may include recent form and level of performance in the past 12 months
 - Performance and attitude at county training sessions, and any positive or negative impact to team dynamic a player may have
 - Any health-related issues which cause concern over a player being fit to play or affect the accuracy of the other criteria and whereby allowances may need to be made

6.7 U9 County Cup (based on selecting a team of 4-5 boys and 4-5 girls)

- Information from the following list of criteria should be used as a basis for selection:
 - Any measures of competitive level which may include recent form and level of performance in the past 12 months
 - Performance and attitude at county training sessions, and any positive or negative impact to team dynamic a player may have
 - Any health-related issues which cause concern over a player being fit to play or affect the accuracy of the other criteria and whereby allowances may need to be made

6.8 U8 County Cup (based on selecting a team of 4 boys and 4 girls)

- Information from the following list of criteria should be used as a basis for selection:
 - Any measures of competitive level which may include recent form and level of performance in the past 12 months
 - Performance and attitude at county training sessions, and any positive or negative impact to team dynamic a player may have
 - Any health-related issues which cause concern over a player being fit to play or affect the accuracy of the other criteria and whereby allowances may need to be made
 - Players should ideally not have played in a county cup event previously

7. Complaints Process

Please direct any requests for further information on a selection decision to:

South Wales U8 to U10 = rstrelzyn@gmail.com

South Wales U11 to U18 = chris.lewis@tenniswales.org.uk

South Wales Men's / Ladies' = chris.lewis@tenniswales.org.uk

North Wales U8 to U18 = j.whitehallnorthwalesu10county@gmail.com

North Wales Men's / Ladies' = chris.lewis@tenniswales.org.uk

Please send any formal complaints regarding a selection decision ahead of or during a County Cup event, in writing, to tenniswales@tenniswales.org.uk and which will be reviewed by members of the relevant county committee who were not involved in the selection process.