

# NTC ACCESS 2025

The NTC has become the training base of choice for many British players over the last few years. As we head into 2025, we wanted to take the opportunity to outline how the NTC will continue to operate and the services that are available to you to ensure the NTC works safely, efficiently, and effectively.

*Please note that additional protocols and/or instructions may be provided by the LTA during the year.*

## PLAYER GROUPS

During busier periods we have to prioritise court bookings. We will use player groups to do this and determine what services players can access, as we do have limited resource and need to prioritise some of our services. The player groups are as follows:

<b>ELITE</b>	This is players in the top 100 in singles ATP/WTA and top 30 in doubles ATP/WTA, or players on the WCPP Elite programme.
<b>PRO SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAMME (PSP)</b>	Players on the PSP (inc. Wheelchair).
<b>NTC PRO ACCESS</b>	Players in top 250 ATP/WTA singles or Top 50 Doubles or selected in line with appendix 1 or players who meet the Level 1 Wheelchair Tennis NTC Pro Access criteria
<b>PRO TRANSITION PROGRAMME (PTP)</b>	Players who are on the PTP (inc. Wheelchair).
<b>NATIONAL AGE GROUP PROGRAMME U16 (NAGP U16)</b>	Players on the NAGP who are U16 receiving scholarship funding. Please note, players in this category can access the NTC up to a maximum of 3 days per week. In exceptional circumstances, additional access may be granted at the discretion of the HOMT/HOWT/LTA National Coach.
<b>TOP 25 BRITISH RANKING and TOP 100 DOUBLES*</b>	The Top 25 ranked GB players) on the ATP/WTA singles ranking or in the Top 100 ATP/WTA doubles rankings and players who meet the Level 2 Wheelchair Tennis NTC Pro Access criteria.
<b>NOMINATED PLAYERS</b>	Other players, such as juniors or NCAA players, as nominated by the HOMT, HOWT and HOWPP*. NTC access may be restricted during peak times and for junior players.
<b>NATIONAL ACADEMY PLAYERS</b>	National Academy Players can access the NTC up to a maximum of 3 days per week. In exceptional circumstances, additional access may be granted at the discretion of the HOMT/HOWT/LTA National Coach.

*From time to time, other players may be invited by HOMT/HOWT/HOWPP/NTC National Coach into the NTC to provide sparring, this may include non-British players. Nominated and Top 25 players will be reviewed every quarter.*

All player groups can make court bookings (subject to any restrictions in place at a given time), access accommodation, a gym and the café discount. There is a priority order for court bookings and accommodation. Accommodation will be charged to all player groups if staying at the NTC whilst competing (therefore earning prize money) but will be free of charge to all player groups if staying here for training or medical/rehab purposes. This is outlined in Appendix 2.

Coaches and support team members working with listed players will also be allowed to stay on site when the player is utilising the NTC and availability allows, please note friends and family are not allowed to stay on site.

## **KEY CONTACTS:**

If you have any queries regarding any of the above, the key contacts at the NTC are:

- Court bookings: Colin Beecher ([Colin.Beecher@lta.org.uk](mailto:Colin.Beecher@lta.org.uk)) or Chantal Cunningham ([Chantal.Cunningham@lta.org.uk](mailto:Chantal.Cunningham@lta.org.uk)) (Wheelchair)
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All of the team at the NTC look forward to helping and supporting you in 2025.

## **APPENDIX 1 – SELECTION PROCESS FOR NTC PRO ACCESS**

In order for a player to be selected for NTC Pro Access category they must firstly meet the eligibility criteria and then either achieve Section A or be considered and selected for nomination against the factors listed in Section B.

Eligibility Criteria:

- Be eligible to represent Great Britain in Billie Jean King Cup or Davis Cup as outlined by the ITF and made yourself available, to play for Great Britain in the Davis Cup / Billie Jean King Cup events; and
- Have been confirmed, in writing, by the ITF to play under the GB flag for a period of at least six months prior to selection.

Section A:

- Be in the Top 250 ATP/WTA singles or Top 50 ATP/WTA doubles ranking at the point of the selection meeting (likely December 2024 around AO cut off) or
- Move into the Top 250 ATP/WTA singles or Top 50 ATP/WTA doubles rankings throughout 2025 – this will be assessed quarterly in line with section B.

Section B: The Panel will consider the following elements to determine a player's suitability for nomination.

- Ranking trajectory in line with reaching Grand Slam Qualifying Draw (singles) or Main Draw (doubles) within the calendar year
- Recent standout results
- National Coach observations
- Willingness to work collaboratively with LTA / NTC based staff
- Capacity of LTA / NTC based staff to deliver the programme effectively
- Number of remaining places on the NTC Pro Access programme
- If the player has been selected as part of the GB Davis Cup or Billie Jean King Cup teams in the previous 12 months
- Previous selections onto NTC Pro Access as normally players will not be nominated for more than one year in a row.

Where the player meets section A or the Panel deem NTC Pro Access status is suitable for the player (Section B) they will be selected. Selection will also be subject to available funds and resource across all LTA support programmes being available.

The Panel will consist of the Performance Director, the Head of Men's Tennis, the Head of Women's Tennis and the Head of Performance Science and Medicine (or their nominee).

Selections will be done annually, usually in line with the Australian Open cut off – first week of December - for the following year. However, if a player reaches the ranking threshold or is on a ranking trajectory to achieve Grand Slam qualification acceptance at some point throughout the year then the Selection Panel may reconvene to go through the selection process. Additional selection meetings would likely be at quarterly points for ranking (April/July/October) and in July for section B criteria. Once a player is selected, they will remain on the programme until the end of the year (December).

Medical insurance can only be activated at certain points throughout the year. Therefore, all players will have the specific start date of their medical insurance confirmed in writing.

For international based players a condition of NTC Pro Access support is to utilise the NTC as their UK training base and to normally spend a minimum of 8-10 weeks at the NTC per year. This will be determined on a case-by-case basis and confirmed by the Head of Men's/Women's Tennis (or their nominee) following selection onto the programme.

In order for a player to access all the benefits that come with NTC Pro Access status they must:

- Confirm acceptance of their place on the programme in writing
- Sign a conditions of support form
- Complete an annual medical review and
- Engage with the Men's or Women's team in relation to programming and schedule.

## Appendix 2.

When staying at the NTC for training the accommodation will be free of charge to all player groups. When staying at the NTC during competition (therefore earning prize money) accommodation will be chargeable for all groups at £30 per room per night (this can be split if sharing a room).

### NTC ACCESS TABLE (APPLICABLE FROM 1 JANUARY 2025)

Priority Order	Player Group	Support Type	Court Bookings	Accommodation <small>(U18's must have overnight supervision)</small>
1	ELITE*		☑	☑
2	PSP, NTC PRO ACCESS**		☑	☑
3	PTP, WC PPP		☑	☑
4	NAGP U16, NATIONAL ACADEMY		☑	☑
5	TOP 25 GB Singles and Top 100 Doubles^		☑ ***	☑ ***
6	INVITED PLAYERS & +1 FOR PLAYERS IN THE ABOVE CATEGORIES AND ESSENTIAL LTA PERFORMANCE STAFF, OTHER PERFORMANCE USERS		☑ ***	☑ ***

\*Elite – ATP / WTA Top 100 singles or Top 30 doubles; WCPP Elite Programme

\*\*NTC Pro Access - ATP / WTA 250 singles or 50 doubles and as selected

^ Based on ATP/WTA rankings. This list will be updated on the first ranking of every quarter.

\*\*\*In line with the maximum bookings in the table above.