

Junior Four Nations 2023

Selection Policy

Eligibility

Players seeking selection must fulfil the national eligibility criteria as published [here](#) on the Tennis Wales website and have open lines of communication with Tennis Wales Ltd themselves or through their parent/guardian.

Junior Four Nations Team

- A minimum of 2 and a maximum of 3 girls and boys selected for U18, U14 & U12 age groups
- Age groups are international and are based on year of birth only

Junior Four Nations 2023 - September 22-24th @ Wrexham Tennis Centre, Wales:

- U18 = players born 2005 or later
- U14 = players born 2009 or later
- U12 = players born 2011 or later

Selection Process

Players who are eligible and available for the duration of the event will be considered for selection by the Panel which will consist of the Head of Performance, the age-group captains and representatives from the Tennis Wales Board.

The selection panel will endeavor to select the best players to represent Wales in each of the three age-groups with the primary aim being that the Welsh team has the potential of winning matches at the event.

When making its decision, the Panel will consider the following factors:

- Performances at National G1 & G2 events* (all age-groups)
- Performances at U12, U14 & U16 Tennis Europe events
- Performances at U18 ITF events
- Performances at ITF World Tennis Tour and ATP/WTA events
- Performances in NAGP activity e.g. national camps and official trips
- Domestic (LTA) and international (TE/ITF/ATP/WTA/UTR) rankings
- Any factor (such as injury and illness) which means a player is not fully fit to partake
- Any disciplinary issues e.g. suspensions or official reports of poor conduct

*If necessary, the Panel will also consider performances at domestic G3 events.

Allowances may be made for players who have had long-term periods of illness or injury if they are fully fit at the time of selection and have past performances in the categories above which demonstrate their level.

Allowances may be made for players who train outside of the UK and who do not have equal access to the domestic tournament circuit or players who train outside of Europe and do not have equal access to the Tennis Europe circuit. Any such players would need to have performances demonstrating their level at comparable levels of competition.

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 Panel. Reserves may not necessarily be identified for every age-group and will be selected using the requirements listed above.

Should the Panel believe a player is not able to participate fully in the event, that player may be required to undergo an assessment in the period between the selection date and the event. Any such assessment will be conducted by an appropriate individual identified by the Panel. At the discretion of the Panel, any player who is deemed unable to participate may be de-selected for the activity.

Selection Timeline

- **Wednesday 9 weeks prior to event** - A minimum of 5 girls & 5 boys will be shortlisted for each age-group based on international and domestic rankings, and tournament performances.
- **Wednesday 8 weeks prior to event** - Deadline for eligibility and availability responses.
- **Wednesday 7 weeks prior to event** – Date at which rankings and competitive profile used
- **W/C 7th August 2023** – Selection meeting to discuss all eligible and available players and confirm selections.
- **Within 7 days of selection meeting** – Selections communicated to all selected, non-selected and non-travelling reserve players.