

## Wales National Training - Selection Policy 2023

### 1. Introduction

The national training programme 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](mailto: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 groupings

The national training programme will consist of bi-annual rotations of national training days for U10, U12 and U14 age-groupings. There will also be a weekly programme of national training squad sessions delivered for 14+ players.

### 3. 2023 national training days (bi-annual rotations)

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

U10 = Players born 2013 or later\*

U12 = Players born 2011 or later\*

U14 = Players born 2009 or later\*

\*There may be circumstances where exceptional younger players are invited to an older age group and 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 2023 programme:

- A player who has attended a LTA National Academy from January 2023 onwards
- A player who has been a National Age-Group Programme scholar from January 2023 onwards
- A player who has attended a LTA GB National Camp or a LTA official trip, from January 2023 onwards
- A player who has been part of Elite Cymru or Tennis Wales individual funding grant schemes from January 2023 onwards

3.4 Players can also be **considered for selection** at each rotation in the following ways:

- Nomination from the Tennis Wales Head of Performance, a County Pathway Coach, a County Coordinator, a County Captain, a U10 Performance Programme or RPDC Head coach
- Demonstrating an ability to win at international level i.e. Tennis Europe / ITF events (main draw) within previous six months
- Demonstrating an ability to win at national level i.e. domestic grade 1 / grade 2 events (main draw) within previous six months

- Performance and attitude at a previous national training rotation
- Performance at the Welsh National Championships
- GB Ranking of top 50 within players of own age year and younger but increasing to top 100 when in the final year of U12 and U14
- Recent form in competition at regional level (grade 3) and above

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

3.6 Only players who are being invited and players who attended the previous camp but are not being invited will be notified regarding selections.

3.7 It is possible that more players will be considered for selection 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.

#### 4. 2023 14+ National Training Squads (weekly programme)

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

Players born 2009 or later\*

\*There may be circumstances where exceptional U14 players can access the 14+ programme. Any such players would need to be LTA NAGP Scholars and access to the programme would need to be agreed by the appropriate LTA National Coach, the Tennis Wales Head of Performance, and the lead coach. Additionally, places would only be offered where space allows and would not be instead of eligible older players.

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 born 2009 or earlier **will be selected** for the 2023 programme:

- A player who is attending a LTA National Academy
- A player who is a National Age-Group Programme scholar or who has been funded by the Men's/Women's Programmes or PSP from January 2023 onwards
- A player who has attended a LTA GB National Camp or a LTA official trip, from January 2023 onwards
- A player who has been part of Elite Cymru or Tennis Wales individual funding grant schemes from January 2023 onwards

6.2 Players born 2009 or earlier can also be **considered for selection** in the following ways:

- Nomination from the Tennis Wales Head of Performance, a County Pathway Coach, a County Coordinator, a County Captain, a U10 Performance Programme or RPDC Head coach
- Demonstrating an ability to progress at international level i.e. QF or better Tennis Europe / ITF events within previous six months
- Demonstrating an ability to progress at national level i.e. QF or better domestic grade 1 / grade 2 events within previous six months
- Performance and attitude at a previous national training rotation
- Performance at the Welsh National Championships

- GB Ranking of top 50 within players of own age year and younger
- Players who are no longer eligible for junior age-groups can be invited to the 14+ years sessions/camps by the Tennis Wales Head of Performance

6.3 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.

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

## 7. Communication of selections

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

## 8. Key Dates 2023

8.1 Team Wales national training days for U10, U12 and U14 will be scheduled to take place twice in 2023, with exact dates to be confirmed:

June 2023

December 2023

8.2 14+ weekly training sessions will run during school term time from May 2023 onwards.