



Tennis Cornwall – County Cup selection criteria 2023 / 24 – FINAL Nov 2023

Tennis Cornwall aims to grow county level tennis to improve levels of performance and create opportunities for regularly competing players of all ages to represent the county as part of a well prepared team.

All teams

The purpose of this policy is to ensure that players who represent Cornwall at tennis will do so with pride and demonstrate;

- An ability to be a supportive and cooperative team player and a positive ambassador for Tennis Cornwall;
- A commitment to Cornwall Tennis. This is reflected by the players attitude to training and matches, team spirit, respect to players, coaches, county and other officials, with a real willingness to learn and develop
- The highest standards of behaviour both on and off the court. Players behaviour not only at training but, at all tournaments and events will be taken into consideration when making selections to represent the county.

Junior Teams (all ages up to under 18s)

In all age groups to be initially considered for a place in any junior County Cup Team, a player needs to demonstrate first that they meet some basic criteria: -

- All players are expected to attend county training if they wish to be considered for County Cup unless there are exceptional circumstances which needs to be communicated to the relevant coach in advance.
- The only exception to this will be top ranked national players (top 20) and players who are at a tennis school or academy outside the county.
- Selection is based on a number of factors such as knowledge of players, their commitment to game development for the future and performance in competition. - reliability, foreseeable physical fitness, conduct, and a player's ability to work within the team.

Once the basic criteria have been met selection will be based upon the following: -

- o Current level of performance 1) LTA rankings 2) WTN 3) recent form
- o Recent competitive play including County Closed (winter), James Webster County Championships (summer) plus other local tournaments.
- o Doubles level / experience

o Approach, attitude, competitiveness, bounce-back-ability etc

To ensure that each selection is as objective as possible, each team will be selected by the age group Team Captains (boys and girls) and the Coach Performance Manager. In all cases the decision made will be final and will be announced at least four weeks before the relevant competition.

Teams for County Cup will consist of the first two players by ranking in that age group who meet the selection criteria plus further selected players

PLEASE NOTE THE FOLLOWING POINTS:

1. Players will be selected firstly for their own age group. Players may on occasion be invited to additionally play in another age group and will be expected to attend that training session as well, in order that we build strong cohesive teams.
2. It is normal for the County to take more players than is required for that day's play at each event. The composition of the team each day is totally at the discretion of the County Team Captain and Vice-Captain (if another coach has travelled with the team), in order to field the best team possible against the opposition to achieve the best outcome for the County. Therefore, there is NO GUARANTEE that all players taken will play.
3. Red/Orange/Green ball. As the players are in their early development stages, competitive results are NOT the sole factor taken into consideration when selecting squads and teams.
4. See below for County Cup dates and team selection dates

Adult and Senior Teams

The aim of Adult and Senior Teams is to give regularly competing players the opportunity to represent the county.

There will be an annual call for interested players to represent Cornwall Adult and Senior Teams, to ensure that representing the county is an open and transparent process.

From January 2024 eligibility to compete for Cornwall will include having competed in one or more of County Closed (winter), James Webster County Championships (summer) or the ITF Masters Tournament (Newquay) in the previous 12 months.

The aim will be for all teams to be made up of a majority of players resident in the county as part of supporting the growth of local tennis and the opportunities it can provide.

Where there are home and away fixtures, preference in selection for home fixtures will be given to players who have first committed to away fixtures.

Team selection will be made by the team captain and one member of the Tennis Cornwall committee. Where a coach has been engaged in the preparation for the event then they shall be included in the selection process.

Players will be selected for their age group, and will only be considered to play in a different age group where it is believed that the age group is short of qualifying players of a standard to benefit from the county cup experience.

See below for County Cup dates and team selection dates

Juniors – County Cup competition and selection dates

Age	Venue	Competition dates	Team selection confirm by date
8U	tbc	27 or 28 April 2024	Sun 24 Mar
9U	tbc	23-24 March 2024	Sun 18 Feb
10U	tbc	18-19 May 2024	Sun 14 Apr
11U	tbc	15-16 June 2024	Sun 12 May
12U	tbc	14 – 15 September 2024	Sun 11 Aug
14U	tbc	27-28 April 2024	Sun 31 Mar
18U	Girls - Hull Boys -Cardiff	1-3 March 2024	Sun 4 Feb

Adults and Seniors - County Cup competition and selection dates

Category	Venue	Competition dates	Team selection confirm by date
Winter County Cup Open	Ladies - Newport	24-26 Nov 2023 (22-24 Nov 2024)	Mon 6 Nov (Sun 20 Oct)
Winter County Cup Open	Men - Aldershot	24-26 Nov 2023 (22-24 Nov 2024)	Mon 6 Nov (Sun 20 Oct)
Over 35s	Ladies	3-5August	Sun 30 June
Over 35s	Men	9-11 August 2024	Sun 7 July
Summer County Cup	Ladies	22-26 July	Sun 23 June
Summer County Cup	Men	22-26 July	Sun 23 June
Over 40s upwards	Ladies and Men	1 April – 7 Oct	Four weeks before each match

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