

Tennis Cornwall Selection Criteria - Adults/Seniors 2026

Purpose

The purpose of this selection criteria is to ensure a fair, transparent, and performance-focused process for selecting players to represent Cornwall Tennis in County Championships and inter-county competitions. The criteria reflects best practice used by other County Tennis Associations and the LTA.

Eligibility

To be considered for selection, players must:

- **Be eligible to represent Cornwall under LTA county eligibility rules**
- **Hold a current LTA Advantage membership**
- **Meet all age and competition eligibility requirements**
- **Be available for the relevant competition dates**
- **Demonstrate a commitment to Cornish tennis (see Section 3)**

Failure to meet eligibility requirements may result in non-selection.

Demonstrable Dedication to Cornish Tennis

In line with practices used by other counties, players must show ongoing engagement and commitment to tennis within Cornwall.

This may include, but is not limited to:

- **Regular participation in Cornish tournaments, including:**
- **LTA-registered competitions held in Cornwall**
- **County Championships**
- **Recognised local leagues**
- **Competing in LTA and/or ITF tournaments while being registered to Cornwall**
- **Supporting and prioritising Cornwall-based competitions where reasonably possible**
- **Engagement with county training sessions, squads, or camps, when invited**
- **Representing Cornwall in previous county fixtures where selected**

Players who primarily compete outside the county or live outside of the county may still be considered (if Cornish) but active involvement in Cornish tennis will be a significant factor in selection decisions.

Selection Panel

Selection decisions will be made by:

- **The Cornwall County Captain**
- **In consultation with relevant coaches**

The panel's decision is final.

Selection Principles

Selection is based on a holistic assessment of:

- **Current playing ability**
- **Competitive performance**
- **Demonstrable dedication to Cornish tennis**
- **Commitment to county representation**
- **Team contribution and conduct**

Selection is not determined by rankings alone.

Selection Criteria

Players will be assessed using a combination of the following factors:

a) Match Performance

- **Results in county-approved competitions**
- **Head-to-head records against other eligible players**
- **Performances in County Championships, LTA tournaments, ITF events, and recognised leagues**

b) Rankings & Ratings

- **Current LTA Rating and Ranking**
- **Recent form and rate of progression**

c) Training, Attitude & Conduct

- **Commitment to training and competition**

- **Professionalism, coachability, and work ethic**
- **Behaviour on and off court in line with LTA standards**

d) Team Considerations

- **Ability to contribute positively in a team environment**
- **Tactical suitability for singles and doubles formats**
- **Reliability, communication, and sportsmanship**

e) Availability & Commitment

- **Availability for all competition dates**
- **Willingness to attend training sessions, meetings, and travel as required**

Observation & Assessment

Selectors may assess players through:

- **Tournament observation (within and outside Cornwall)**
- **County Championships and league matches**
- **County training sessions or trials**
- **Match results and coach feedback**

Attendance at training sessions does not guarantee selection.

Discretion

The selection panel reserves the right to apply discretion in circumstances including:

- **Injury, illness, or recent return to competition**
- **Exceptional performances at LTA or ITF level**
- **Team balance and doubles combinations**
- **Limited opportunity to compete within the county due to travel, education, or professional commitments**

Communication of Selection

- **Selected players will be notified via email or phone**
- **Non-selected players may request feedback from the County**

Captain

- **Selection decisions are final and not subject to appeal**

Player Responsibilities

Selected players are expected to:

- **Represent Cornwall Tennis with professionalism, pride, and respect**
- **Adhere to the LTA Code of Conduct**
- **Support teammates, officials, and county staff**
- **Wear approved county kit**

Failure to meet these expectations may result in deselection.

Review

This selection policy will be reviewed annually by Cornwall Tennis and updated as required to align with LTA guidance.