

Junior Teams (All Ages up to Under 18)

To be considered for selection to any Junior County Cup team, players must meet the following basic criteria:

- Players should be competing regularly, ideally at least once per month, supporting Cornish tournaments where possible and demonstrating a clear commitment to their competitive development.
- Players wishing to be considered for County Cup are expected to attend county training regularly. Any exceptional circumstances must be communicated in advance to the relevant coach. Attendance below 80% is likely to affect a player's chances of selection.
- The only exceptions to these expectations may apply to nationally ranked players within the top 20, or to players attending a tennis school or academy outside the county.
- Selection will be based on several factors, including performance in training and competition, commitment to improvement, reliability, anticipated physical fitness, conduct, and the ability to work effectively within a team environment.

To ensure the selection process is as objective as possible, teams will be chosen by the age-group Team Coaches (boys and girls) together with the County Performance Lead. All decisions are final and will be announced at least four weeks before the relevant competition.

Team selections will be communicated by email to all eligible players on the same day and will include reserve players where appropriate. This ensures all players receive the selection information at the same time.

Please Note – Junior Teams

1. Players will primarily be selected for their own age group. However, players may occasionally be invited to also compete in another age group. In such cases, they will be expected to attend the relevant training sessions to help build strong and cohesive teams.
2. It is common for the County to take more players than are required for a day's play at an event. The final team selection each day will be at the discretion of the County Team Captain and Vice-Captain (or accompanying coach), with the aim of fielding the strongest team possible against the opposition. Therefore, selection for the squad does not guarantee match play.
3. Players who live outside the county for educational purposes may still be eligible for selection. However, selection is not guaranteed based solely on WTN or ranking. The coaching and selection team will decide whether inclusion is in the best interests of the team, particularly where players have trained together on several occasions.
4. **Red, Orange and Green Ball:** As players at this stage are in the early phases of development, competitive results will not be the sole factor considered when selecting squads and teams.

- Mini players will also be assessed for county training and teams against the talent characteristics set out by the LTA

APPENDIX 1

TALENT CHARACTERISTICS

THE TALENT CHARACTERISTICS - EARLY SIGNS OF POTENTIAL - A REFRESHER

ATTACKING SKILLS	RALLYING QUALITIES	DEFENSIVE QUALITIES	ALL COURT SKILLS	ATHLETIC SKILLS	GREAT MOVER	INNER DRIVE	COMPETITIVE
Confident to attack	Comfortable in the rally	Chases every ball	Creative in play	Athletic qualities	Reads the ball	Loves the game	Loves to compete

CHARACTERISTICS OF A WORLD CLASS TENNIS PLAYER

ATTACKING SKILLS	RALLYING QUALITIES	DEFENSIVE QUALITIES	ALL COURT SKILLS	ATHLETIC SKILLS	GREAT MOVER	INNER DRIVE	COMPETITIVE
Weapons at the top of the game	No weakness, able to consistently hit heavy and hard with variety and accuracy at the highest levels	Relentless in defence	Tactically versatile at the highest levels of the game	Powerful, agile and robust at the highest demands of the game	Great mover at the highest levels of the game	Resilient, able to manage emotions, never gives up and tries to find ways to win	Always looking for ways to improve and stretching themselves mentally and physically to do this