

The purpose of the training is to provide regular opportunities for the best players in the county to train and compete with one another. This programme will aim to accelerate the development of best players in the county aged 7-14 to create competition for places at Regional Training Programme and NAGP and to retain more young players in regular training and competition through to age 18. It will be high intensity, fun squad training on monthly basis – the cost of which will be subsidised by the County. Players will have opportunities to represent Berkshire as part of a county team.

County training will be delivered by local coaches who have specialised training and a track record of working with county performance players. The programme will be supported by the LTA National Player Pathway Team.

## COUNTY TRAINING SELECTION CRITERIA

To be considered for the selection, players must be qualified under **County Eligibilities Rules** and will need to be competing in local tournaments. An email will also be sent out to all coaches in Berkshire to invite them to nominate players they wish to be considered for County Training in all age groups. A selection panel consisting of the county coaches, Head of Berkshire Performance, will then make the final selection based on the following:

**8U, 9U and 10U:** All players will be selected based on a mixture of the following factors:

- Mini Tennis Rating (Orange/Green only)
- Level of involvement within LTA Talent ID structure (National, Regional, County)
- Winner of Berkshire Junior County Championships event: automatic selection
- Performance in preceding County events/other external tournaments
- Attitude
- Commitment to a regular training programme
- Attention to future game development

**12U – 18U:** The top 6 players based on ranking on a set date will automatically be invited. The next 6 players will be selected by the panel based on a combination of the following factors:

- Player ranking
- Player rating
- Level of involvement within LTA performance structure (National, Regional)
- Winner of Berkshire Junior County Championships event: automatic selection
- Performance in preceding County events/other external tournaments
- Attitude
- Commitment to a regular training programme
- Attention to future game development

Players selected will receive an e-mail from Berkshire County office where information of the training dates, times, venue and payment will be detailed.

Our aim will be to select the team which in its judgement will perform best as a team and in representing Berkshire.

In making its decision, we will take into account a player’s rating, ranking or recent form, age, the level of tournaments played and results over the past 12 months as well as any Talent ID feedback together with any other factors it considers relevant.

Event	No. of Players
18U County Cup Boys/Girls:	7 – 8
14U County Cup Boys/Girls:	5 – 6
12U County Cup Boys/Girls:	3 – 4
10U County Cup Boys/Girls:	3 – 4
9U County Cup Mixed	3 – 4
Lionel Cox: 9U, 10U and 12U	3
Inter County Red Event	6

For the 18U and 14U County Cups where players may stay away, travelling reserves may not be asked to play matches. For other County Cups within easy daily travelling distance, a reserve may be selected but will not need to attend the venue unless required to play.

Under exceptional circumstances we may choose a player (players) who would not have been selected under the criteria above and we may take into account: recent injuries, personal circumstances or training/competing abroad in events outside the LTA structure (Tennis Europe/ITF) - if it is thought that their inclusion will be of benefit to the team and/or future teams.



### 35. Area Qualifications

**35.1** For the purposes of this Rule, a competition, the entries for which are restricted to persons having a qualification for a County, Island or other area as provided by Rule 34, is referred to as an “area competition”.

**35.2** A player is qualified to represent an area in a match or to play in an area competition if:

(A) he is a British Citizen in accordance with the British Nationality Act 1981 (as amended from time to time); or

(B) he/she is qualified to represent Great Britain under the appropriate ITF Rule; or

(C) Great Britain has been his permanent place of residence for a period of 24 consecutive months (12 months in the case of Juniors) immediately preceding the relevant match or competition;

and

(i) his/her place of birth or permanent residence at date of birth is in such area; or

(ii) his/her place of permanent residence has for at least one year immediately preceding the match or competition (six months in the case of Juniors) been in such area; or

(iii) at any time his place of permanent residence has for a period of five consecutive years been in such area; or

(iv) he/she is serving full-time in the British Regular Armed Forces and he has resided in such area for at least six months immediately preceding the match or competition; or he/she is the spouse or child of such a person and he/she has so resided with his/her spouse or parent.

**35.3** The above provisions are subject to the following:

(A) War service or conscripted service under the orders of the government shall be held not to break any period of residential qualification.

(B) A player who has once played under the birth qualification in (i) may not exercise a birth qualification for another area in the event of a change of boundary having taken place since his date of birth.

(C) A player who has once played under either of the residential area qualifications in (ii) or (iii) may continue to do so until such time as he exercises any qualification in respect of another area when he shall forfeit all residential area qualifications previously exercised.

(D) No player may represent more than one area in any one competition and no player may represent an area if he has exercised a qualification in respect of another area during the previous 12 months (six months in the case of Juniors).

(E) A player is deemed to have represented an area if he has been nominated to play in a match for that area and has accepted such nomination, and to have played in an area competition if his entry for the same has been accepted.

(F) A British Citizen born abroad is entitled to adopt the area birth qualification of either parent (but this election may only be made once).

(G) Any person who, following a change of boundary or of the division or grouping of counties under these Rules, acquires a qualification for an area for which he was not qualified immediately prior to such change, is, subject to Rules 35.3(B) and (D), permitted to adopt and exercise such qualification (or, subject to the consent of the Company, another qualification to which he is entitled) on the next occasion when he exercises an area qualification, notwithstanding that he may have exercised a different area qualification during the previous 12 months (six months in the case of Juniors); and in the event of his playing in one area competition while another area competition in which he has played is still in progress he is permitted until the end of the competition which started first to represent the one area in one competition and the other area in the other.

(H) Residence at or in connection with an educational or training establishment does not of itself constitute a residential qualification.

**35.4** All questions of interpretation or application of this Rule and any applications for consent of the Company under this Rule shall be determined by the Secretary. All such questions or applications must be made in writing to the Secretary. Such applications must be made not less than two months before the relevant match or competition and must be accompanied by all relevant facts. The Secretary may request such further information, make such further enquiries and seek such advice as he deems necessary. Where the application is for the consent of the Company, the consent shall be given by the Secretary if the full circumstances warrant the consent being given.

If you are still unsure if you are able to represent Berkshire please contact: [office@berkshiretennis.org.uk](mailto:office@berkshiretennis.org.uk)