



East of Scotland LTA Central & West Fife Cluster

Cluster Programme

Spring Term 2021

1. Cluster squads



- This is the next step from your club programme – one step closer to the East of Scotland County squads
- Train and play with players of equivalent level, eager to learn and compete
- Cluster squad players are selected and invited by the club coaches in Central & West Fife
- Competitive activities (box leagues, team matches and competitions) will be included in the programme

2. Player pathway



Tennis Scotland
National Player
Programme

Providing support for outstanding juniors aged 14+. Helping them to achieve on the international stage and transition into professional tennis.

Tennis Scotland
Pathway
Programme – East
of Scotland

Invitational squads based at Craiglockhart (and other Edinburgh venues). The programme, supported by Tennis Scotland and run by East of Scotland LTA, provides support for aspiring juniors making the transition to the National Player Programme.

Cluster Programme

Replacing the previous East of Scotland Development Programme. Cluster squads are 'by invitation' and are run by club coaches for the stronger, committed club players who are competing and representing their clubs.

Club Programmes

Programmes run by club coaches within their own clubs. The first stage in every young player's tennis development.

3. Selection criteria



- Play twice a week - to be eligible, a player must train at least once a week at his/her club in addition to a cluster squad
- Compete regularly - to be eligible, a player must take part regularly in individual competitions (this has been relaxed due to the lack of competitive opportunities during the Coronavirus pandemic – it will be stricter from April 2021)
- Show potential, determination, desire to improve and respectful behaviour during lessons, training and matches

4. Venues and coaches



[Aberdour](#) - Coach: Neil Harden

[Dalgety Bay](#) - Coach: Gary Whitton

[Dunfermline](#) - Coaches: Graeme Clarkson and Alan Russell

[Kirkcaldy](#) - Coach: Graeme Clarkson

Coaching assistants will support the coaches to make sure each player gets the most out of each lesson

5. Spring term timetable



Squad	Venue	Day
8U	Squads in clubs - training and matchplay events to be arranged	
9U	Dalgety Bay	Monday
10U	Kirkcaldy	Monday
Junior - 12U	Dalgety Bay	Thursday
Junior - Bronze	Dunfermline	Thursday
Junior - Silver	Aberdour	Wednesday
Junior - Gold	Dunfermline	Friday

The squad dates, times and booking links will be included in invitation emails sent by club coaches to players