



NORTHUMBERLAND LAWN TENNIS ASSOCIATION

Policy Statement Regarding Junior County Cup Teams

Introduction

- 1 This statement sets out the policy of the Northumberland Lawn Tennis Association (NLTA) regarding responsibilities of coaches and other personnel involved in arrangements for participation by junior players in Inter-County Cup competition.

Background

- 2 The Lawn Tennis Association (LTA) currently organises Inter-County Cup competition for boys and girls at age groups 9, 10, 12, 14 and 18. The events at the 10 and 11 age groups comprise a qualifying competition on a regional basis with the winning team in each regional group progressing to a national final event. At under 14 and under 18 level counties are arranged in a national league on a promotion and relegation basis.
- 3 The qualifying events for the 10 and 11 age groups are normally held in May, with the national finals in June and July. The under 14 event is held over the May Day bank holiday weekend and the under 18 event is held over the last weekend in February.

Responsibilities of Northumberland LTA

- 4 Northumberland LTA enters boys and girls teams in all age groups. The organisation of teams, travelling and accommodation arrangements, selection of teams and management and mentoring of the players for each event is co-ordinated by NLTA personnel. The guidelines and procedures set out in this policy statement will be adhered to by all NLTA personnel as a condition of the terms of engagement of such personnel by the NLTA. Such persons will include NLTA permanent full time and part staff, NLTA officials and personnel who are engaged by the NLTA to carry out specific functions in relation to County junior teams.
- 5 The County will appoint a Junior County Team Co-Ordinator(s) who will be responsible for all aspects of the organisation of junior County team events. The roles and responsibilities of the Junior Co-Ordinator(s) will be defined by the County. A role profile is attached.
- 6 The Junior County Cup Co-Ordinator as at the date of this policy is Jordan Simpson who may be contacted on mobile: 07903 382058.
- 7 NLTA will adhere to the LTA's Best Practice Guidance for Safeguarding at Events and Competitions.



Guidelines

- 8 The County Team Co-Ordinator(s) and Team captains will ensure that the Guidelines for Travelling to County team events will be adhered to in respect of the organisation and delivery of all junior age group county team events.

General

- 9 This policy will apply in conjunction with the NLTA's Health and Safety Policy, Equality and Diversity Policy and Safeguarding Policy.
- 10 This policy will be reviewed by the NLTA Council at any time on request by the Junior Co-Ordinator(s), and in any event at intervals of every two years.

Chair: Chris Lott

Date: April 2021

County Safeguarding officer: Sue Oswald

Date: April 2021

Review Date: April 2023

JUNIOR COUNTY CUP CO-ORDINATOR

Role Profile



- 1 The Junior County Cup Co-Ordinator will be a member of the Northumberland Tennis Academy's coaching panel.
- 2 The Co-Ordinator will be a Level 3 Accredited+ coach who has substantial experience of coaching junior players and organising teams.
- 3 The Co-Ordinator will have sound organisational skills, be a good communicator and will command the confidence and respect of parents of junior players who are selected for County teams.
- 4 The Co-Ordinator will have a clean driving licence and will be eligible to drive mini-buses of a size suitable to transport up to 8 junior players and two adults.
- 5 The Co-Ordinator will ensure that all volunteers who are involved in a County junior team has a valid DBS.