

County Player Pathway

County Training plays a key part in supporting the development of County Level players in North Wales and recognises their progress. It brings players of the relevant level together to train in best-on-best sparring with an expert coach in an environment relevant to their age.

North Wales County Training

County Training will be for players training regularly in their clubs / centres and competing at an appropriate level.

Selection criteria outlined below

Squad Selection

Squad selection will be made by Tennis Wales North and the relevant Age Group Head Coaches

Team Selection

Teams representing North Wales in County Cup 2019 and other county vs county matches will be selected from players within the County Training Squads. See the County Cup Selection Criteria for more information on Team Selection.

County Training Age Groups 2018/19

There are 6 age groups of North Wales County Training and these age groups are in-line with the relevant LTA County Cup Competition 2019.

18U - born on or after 01/04/2000

18 years old or younger on 31st March 2019

14U - born on or after 01/09/2004

14 years old or younger on 31st August 2019

12U - born on or after 01/09/2006

12 years old or younger on 31st August 2019

10U - born on or after 01/09/2008

10 years old or younger on 31st August 2019

9U - born on or after 01/09/2009

9 years old or younger on 31st August 2019

8U - born on or after 01/09/2010

8 years old or younger on 31st August 2019

Players will be invited to more than one age group if they fulfil the relevant criteria.

8U North Wales County Training Squads

Number of Players: approx 16 boys & 16 girls

Coaches: Age Group Head Coach and 1 assistant coach

Competition: County vs County matches, details TBC

Frequency: Monthly sessions running from September 2018 - July 2019 (no session during December and August)

8U County Training

In advance of the 8U County Training beginning in September there will be some County Fun Days (June - Aug). There are 3-ways to be invited to a County Fun Day and be eligible for County Training -

- 1) play **mini red tennis matches** in competitions where the results are submitted to the LTA (most events apart from internal matchplay will count)
- 2) a **nomination from the Head Coach** at the club, centre or programme where a player attends coaching. This nomination will be based on -
 - commitment to regular attendance on the coaching programme
 - a willingness to learn
 - enjoyment of the game and / or a good athletic foundation

Players will be selected for County Training based on their attendance at a County Fun Day. There may be exceptions where a player cannot attend the Fun Day but meets the criteria for selection.

Selections for 8U North Wales team matches will be made from these County Training Squads. Players in the North Wales County Training will also be eligible, under the Tennis Wales selection criteria, to be considered for any 8U Team Wales training or competitions.

9U North Wales County Training

Number of Players: 8 boys, 8 girls in County Training

Coaches: 1 Age Group Head Coaches and 1 assistant coach

Competition: 9U County Cup (August 2019) & County vs County matches

Frequency: Monthly sessions running from September 2018 - July 2019 (no session during December and August)

9U County Training

There will be separate boys & girls training squads with a minimum of 8 and a maximum of 12 players selected for each squad.

Selection for 9U County Training will be based on -

- LTA mini tennis rating
- Competitive profile - players showing a willingness to compete regularly outside of their club
- Nomination from the Head Coach at the club, centre or programme where a player attends coaching. This nomination will be based on -
 - playing level
 - commitment to regular attendance on the coaching programme
 - a willingness to learn
 - enjoyment of the game and / or a good athletic foundation

The North Wales 9U County Cup team for the County Cup competition in August and for any other team matches will be selected from this squad.

There will be an additional training session for the selected team only (3 boys / 3 girls) in advance of the County Cup Competition 2019. This training session will include a final parents meeting to outline plans for the event.

Players in the North Wales County Training will also be eligible, under the Tennis Wales selection criteria, to be considered for any 9U Team Wales training or competitions.

10U North Wales County Training

Number of Players: 8 boys, 8 girls in County Training

Coaches: 2 x Age Group Head Coaches and 1 assistant coach

Competition: 10U County Cup (May / June 2019) & County vs County matches

Frequency: Monthly sessions running from September 2018 - July 2019 (no session during December and August)

10U County Training

There will be separate boys & girls training squads with a minimum of 8 selected for each squad.

Selection will be based on -

- LTA rating or LTA mini tennis rating
- Competitive profile in their current age group - players showing a willingness to compete regularly, particularly in LTA Grade 3 and 4 events
- Commitment to a regular training programme, including appropriate weekly squad training

The North Wales 10U County Cup team for the County Cup competition in May and for any other team matches will be selected from this squad.

There will be an additional training session for the selected team only (4 boys / 4 girls) in advance of the County Cup Competition 2019. This training session will include a final parents meeting to outline plans for the event.

Players in the North Wales County Training will also be eligible, under the Tennis Wales selection criteria, to be considered for any 10U Team Wales training or competitions.

12U North Wales County Training & Boys Transition Squad

Number of Players: 8-12 boys, 8 girls in County Training
8 players in U12 Boys Transition Squad

Coaches: 2 x Age Group Head Coaches

Competition: 12U County Cup (June / July 2019) & County vs County matches

Frequency: Monthly sessions running from September 2018 - July 2019 (no session during December and August)

12U County Training

There will be separate boys & girls training squads with a minimum of 8 and a maximum of 12 players selected for each squad.

Selection will be based on -

- LTA Ranking
- LTA Rating & LTA mini tennis rating (for players in the 10U age group at time of selection)
- Competitive profile in their current age group - in particular players competing in LTA Grade 2 and Grade 3 competitions
- Competitive Profile in Tennis Europe events (including 11&U competitions)
- Commitment to a regular training programme, including appropriate weekly squad training

The North Wales 12U County Cup team for the County Cup competition in June and for any other North Wales team matches will be selected from this squad.

Players in the North Wales County Training will also be eligible, under the Tennis Wales selection criteria, to be considered for any 12U Team Wales training or competitions. Please see the Home Nations Selection Criteria for information on how players are selected for that competition.

There will be an additional training session for the selected team only (6 boys / 6 girls) in advance of the County Cup Competition 2019. This training session will include a final parents meeting to outline plans for the event.

14U North Wales County Training

Number of Players: 8 boys, 8 girls in County Training

Coaches: 2 x Age Group Head Coaches and 2 assistant coaches

Competition: 14U County Cup (June / July 2019) & County vs County matches

Frequency: Monthly sessions running from September 2018 - July 2019 (no session during December and August)

14U County Training

There will be separate boys & girls training squads with a minimum of 8 and a maximum of 12 players selected for each squad.

Selection will be based on -

- LTA Ranking
- Competitive profile in current age group
- Competitive Profile in Tennis Europe events (including 12&U competitions)
- LTA Rating
- Commitment to a regular training programme, including appropriate weekly squad training

The North Wales 14U County Cup team for the County Cup competition in May and for any other North Wales team matches will be selected from this squad.

There will be an additional training session for the selected team only (6 boys / 6 girls) in advance of the County Cup Competition 2019. This training session will include a final parents meeting to outline plans for the trip to the event.

Players in the North Wales County Training will also be eligible, under the Tennis Wales selection criteria, to be considered for any 14U Team Wales training or competitions.

Please see the Home Nations Selection Criteria for information on how players are selected for that competition.

18U North Wales County Training

Number of Players: 8-10 boys, 8-10 girls in County Training

Coaches: 2 x Age Group Head Coaches and 2 assistant coaches TBC

Competition: 18U County Cup (February 2019) & County vs County matches

Frequency: County Training - 3 sessions in preparation for the County Cup Competition

18U County Training

These sessions will take place leading up to team selection for the 18U County Cup Competition. Selection for the squad will be based on -

- International competitive profile and ITF Ranking
- LTA Ranking
- Competitive Profile
- LTA Rating reflecting regular competition at the appropriate level

There will be an additional training session for the selected team only (6 boys / 6 girls) in advance of the County Cup Competition 2019. This training session will include a final parents meeting to outline plans for the trip to the event.