

## North & South Wales County Cup Selection Criteria



# What is LTA County Cup?

LTA County Cup events are team competitions that take place through-out the year. Wales has 2 counties represented in County Cup Competitions: North Wales and South Wales.

The following information outlines the format & dates for the junior County Cup Competitions for 2020 along with selection criteria for each team.

### County Cup Dates 2020

Age Group	Dates	Team
<b>18U County Cup</b> <i>(players born 2002 or later)</i>	28th Feb - 1st March	Team of 8 players, travelling with Captain and Assistant Captain
<b>14U County Cup</b> <i>(players born 2006 or later)</i>	<b>Stage 1</b> 2nd & 3rd May <b>GB Finals</b> 15th - 17th May	Team of 6 players, travelling with Captain and Assistant Captain
<b>12U County Cup</b> <i>(players born 2008 or later)</i>	<b>Stage 1</b> 25th & 26th April <b>GB Finals</b> 8th - 10th May	Team of 6 players, travelling with parents. Captain at venue to lead, support and organise the team
<b>11U County Cup</b> <i>(Players born 2009 or later)</i>	<b>Stage 1</b> 20th & 21st June <b>GB Finals</b> 10th - 12th July	Team of 6 players, travelling with parents. Captain at venue to lead, support and organise the team
<b>10U County Cup</b> <i>(players born 2010 or later)</i>	<b>Stage 1</b> 13th & 14th June <b>GB Finals</b> 3rd - 5th July	Team of 6 players, travelling with parents. Captain at venue to lead, support and organise the team
<b>9U County Cup</b> <i>(players born 2011 or later)</i>	6th June	Team of 8-10 players, travelling with parents. Captain at venue to lead, support and organise the team

## 18U County Cup

Age group	Dates	Format	No of players selected
<b>18U County Cup</b> <i>(players born 2002 or later)</i>	28th Feb - 1st March	1-off competition promotion / relegation between groups  Singles & Doubles  Separate boys & girls events	<b>8</b>  maximum 2 non-travelling reserves per team

## Team Selection Criteria

The selectors will use the following criteria as a basis for selecting a team of 8 players:

- The **TOP 6 available players according to 18U domestic rankings will be selected.** The ranking used will be those taken on a date specified by the 18U County Age Group Coach at the start of the winter training season.
- **The 7th & 8th players selected will be the next two available players on the 18U domestic rankings. Unless, in exceptional circumstances** (outlined below and in no particular order) the 18U County Coach, in liaison with the County Cup Selection Committee selects up to two 'wildcard players'. The basis for this wildcard selection is limited to -
  - *Players training / competing abroad*
  - *International ranking (TE / ITF)*
  - *Doubles level / experience*
  - *Outside factors, such as injury or illness having a negative impact on ranking*

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Age group	Dates	Format	No of players selected
14U County Cup <i>(players born 2006 or later)</i>	<b>Stage 1</b> 2nd & 3rd May  <b>GB Finals</b> 15th - 17th May	2-stage competition Qualifying Event and National Finals  Singles & Doubles  Separate boys & girls events	6  maximum 2 non-travelling reserves per team

### 14U County Cup Team Selection Criteria

The selectors will use the following criteria as a basis for selecting a team of 6 players:

- The **TOP 4 available players according to 14U domestic rankings will be selected.** The ranking used will be those taken on a date specified by the 14U County Age Group Coach at the start of the winter training season.
- **The 5th & 6th players selected will be the next two available players on the 14U domestic rankings.** Unless, in exceptional circumstances (outlined below and in no particular order) the 14U County Age Group Coach, in liaison with the County Cup Selection Committee selects up to two 'wildcard players'. The basis for this wildcard selection is limited to -
  - *Players training / competing abroad*
  - *International ranking (TE / ITF)*
  - *Doubles level / experience*
  - *Outside factors, such as injury or illness having a negative impact on ranking*

### County Training Commitments

Players will need to be regularly attending monthly County Training to be considered for County Cup representation. This can be in either the 14U or 18U age group.

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Age group	Dates	Format	No of players selected
12U County Cup <i>(players born 2008 or later)</i>	<b>Stage 1</b> 25th & 26th April  <b>GB Finals</b> 8th - 10th May	2-stage competition Qualifying Event and National Finals  Singles & Doubles  Separate boys & girls events	6  maximum 2 non-travelling reserves per team

### 12U County Cup Team Selection Criteria

The selectors will use the following criteria as a basis for selecting a team of 6 players:

- The **TOP 4 available players according to 12U domestic rankings will be selected.** The ranking used will be those taken on a date specified by the team captain at the start of the winter training season.
- **The 5th & 6th players will be selected using the matrix below -**

Competition Profile & Recent Form			
LTA Grade 3 (Regional Level) Tournaments	How often is the player competing at that level?	Experience competing outside of Wales?	Results from each level of event
LTA Grade 4 (County Level) Tournaments			
LTA Grade 5 (County Level) Tournaments			

### County Training Commitments

Players will need to be regularly attending monthly County Training to be considered for County Cup representation. This can be in either the 12U or 14U age group.

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Age group	Dates	Format	No of players selected
11U County Cup <i>(players born 2009 or later)</i>	<b>Stage 1</b> 20th & 21st June  <b>GB Finals</b> 10th - 12th July	2-stage competition Qualifying Event and National Finals  Singles & Doubles  Separate boys & girls events	6  maximum 2 non-travelling reserves per team

### 11U County Cup Team Selection Criteria

The selectors will use the following matrix as a basis for selecting a team of 6 players:

Rating & Ranking			
- LTA 12U Ranking - LTA Rating <i>(including mini tennis rating for 10U players)</i>			
Competition Profile & Recent Form			
LTA National Tour 11U	Qualifying	Main Draw	
LTA National Tour 10U	Qualifying	Main Draw	
LTA Grade 3 (Regional Level) Tournaments	How often is the player competing at that level?	Experience competing outside of Wales?	Results from each level of event
LTA Grade 4 (County Level) Tournaments			
LTA Grade 5 (County Level) Tournaments			

### County Training Commitments

Players will need to be regularly attending monthly County Training to be considered for County Cup representation. This can be in either the 12U or 11U age group.

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Age group	Dates	Format	No of players selected
10U County Cup <i>(players born 2010 or later)</i>	<b>Stage 1</b> 13th & 14th July  <b>GB Finals</b> 3rd - 5th July	2-stage competition Qualifying Event and National Finals  Singles & Doubles  Separate boys & girls events	<b>6</b>  maximum 2 non-travelling reserves per team

### 10U County Cup Team Selection Criteria

The selectors will use the following matrix as a basis for selecting a team of 6 players:

Rating & Ranking			
- LTA mini tennis rating			
Competition Profile & Recent Form			
LTA National Tour 10U	Qualifying	Main Draw	
LTA Grade 3 (Regional Level) Tournaments	How often is the player competing at that level?	Experience competing outside of Wales?	Results from each level of event
LTA Grade 4 (County Level) Tournaments			
LTA Grade 5 (County Level) Tournaments			

### County Training Commitments

Players will need to be regularly attending monthly County Training to be considered for County Cup representation. This can be in either the 10U or 12U age group.

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Age group	Dates	Format	No of players selected
9U County Cup <i>(players born 2011 or later)</i>	6th June	1-day competition Singles & Doubles boys & girls mixed team	<b>8-10</b> maximum 2 non-travelling reserves per team

### 9U County Cup Team Selection Criteria

The selectors will use the following matrix as a basis for selecting a team of minimum 8 and maximum 10 players:

Rating & Ranking			
- LTA mini tennis rating			
Competition Profile & Recent Form			
LTA Grade 3 (Regional Level) Tournaments	How often is the player competing at that level?	Experience competing outside of Wales?	Results from each level of event
LTA Grade 4 (County Level) Tournaments			
LTA Grade 5 (County Level) Tournaments			

### County Training Commitments

Players will need to be regularly attending monthly County Training to be considered for County Cup representation. This can be in either the 10U or 9U age group.