

## Home Nations Championships 2019

### Team Wales Selection Policy

#### Eligibility

Players seeking selection must fulfil the following criteria:

Be born or have a parent born in Wales AND been resident in Wales for a minimum of 24 consecutive months at sometime. In addition, a player must not have represented another country for an 18 month period immediately prior to the Home Nations Championships.

*Note: Any player who has previously competed for Wales at the Home Nations Championships or Commonwealth Games/Commonwealth Youth Games will be considered eligible.*

#### Home Nations Team

- A minimum of 2 and a maximum of 3 girls and boys selected for U18, U14 & U12 age groups
- Age groups are international and are based on year of birth only

#### **Home Nations 2019 - September 13-15<sup>th</sup> @ Wrexham Tennis Centre, Wales:**

- U18 = players born 2001 or later
- U14 = players born 2005 or later
- U12 = players born 2007 or later

#### Selection Process

Players in consideration for Team Wales will initially be assessed through an objective points based system. Players are able to accumulate points both domestically and internationally based on their rankings and 'best tournament performances' in singles.

The rankings used will be those showing on the assessment date below and which will also be the cut off point for any tournament performances. Any international tournament performances after August 6<sup>th</sup> 2018 and domestic performances after July 30<sup>th</sup> 2018 can be considered this year.

#### Timeline

- **Thursday 7 weeks prior to event** - A minimum of 5 girls & 5 boys will be shortlisted for each age group by the Team Wales Manager based on international and domestic rankings and tournament performances.
- **Thursday 5 weeks prior to event** - Deadline for availability replies.
- **Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> August 2019** - All available players assessed against the objective points system.
- **Wednesday/Thursday 3 weeks prior to event** - Selection panel meet and all selections made. This will include any subjective decisions needed where the points system has not determined selections.
- **Thursday 2 weeks prior to event** - All logistical arrangements confirmed in line with current Tennis Wales tournament trip procedures.

## U18 Age Group Criteria

### 1. International Senior Ranking at time of selection

There have been major changes made to the men's and women's world ranking systems for 2019 with the introduction of a World Tennis Tour ranking in addition to ATP and WTA rankings. The 2019 selection panel will consider any cases where junior players have senior singles world rankings and award selection points accordingly. It is likely that objective ranking bands will be re-introduced for the 2020 selection process once the new system is better understood.

### 2. U18 ITF Junior World Ranking at time of selection

U18 ITF Ranking	Selection Points
100 or better	75
250 to 101	50
500 to 251	25
1000 to 501	10

### 3. International Events - Best Singles Performance (one score only)

Stage of Event	Selection Points		
	U18 ITF Grade 3,4,5	U18 ITF Grade A,1,2	\$15,000 ITF World Tennis Tour Event
Winner	20	30	30
Runner Up	15	25	25
Semi Final	10	20	20
Quarter Final	0	15	15

### 4. Domestic U18 National Ranking at time of selection (players born 2001 or later)

U18 LTA Domestic Ranking	Selection Points
10 or better	50
25 to 11	25
50 to 26	10

5. Domestic National Level Events - Best Singles Performance (one score only)

Stage of Event	Selection Points	
	U18 Domestic Grade 1&2	Senior Domestic Grade 1&2
Winner	15	20
Final	10	15
Semi Final	5	10

Doubles - Best Doubles Performance

Please note that doubles WILL NOT contribute towards the overall selection points total but the panel may choose to consider this in order to make a decision between players who are tied. The panel would take special notice of doubles performances at the following level:

- Semi-Final or better @ \$15,000 ITF World Tennis Tour event
- Semi-Final or better @ Grade A or 1 or 2 ITF Junior Event
- Final or better @ Grade 3 or 4 or 5 ITF Junior Event
- Final or better @ Grade 1 or 2 U18/Senior Domestic Event

## U14 Age Group Criteria

### 1. International U14 TE Ranking at time of selection

U14 TE Ranking	Selection Points
100 or better	50
250 to 101	25
400 to 251	10

### 2. International U14 TE Events - Best Singles Performance (one score only)

Stage of Event	Selection Points	
	U14 TE Grade 2&3	U14 TE Grade 1
Winner	15	25
Final	10	20
Semi Final	5	15
Quarter Final	0	10

### 3. Domestic U14 National Ranking at time of selection (players born 2005 or later)

U14 LTA Domestic Ranking	Selection Points
10 or better	50
25 to 11	25
50 to 26	10

### 4. Domestic U14 National Level Events - Best Singles Performance

Stage of Event	Selection Points
	U14 Domestic Grade 1&2
Winner	15
Final	10
Semi Final	5

### Doubles - Best Doubles Performance

Please note that doubles WILL NOT contribute towards the overall selection points total but the panel may choose to consider this in order to make a decision between players who are tied. The panel would take special notice of doubles performances at the following level:

Semi-Final or better @ Grade 1 TE Event  
Final or better @ Grade 2 or 3 TE Event  
Final or better @ U14 Grade 1 or 2 Domestic Event

## U12 Age Group Criteria

### 1. International U12 Ranking at time of selection

Not applicable

### 2. International TE Events - Best Singles Performance (one score only)

Stage of Event	Selection Points	
	U12 TE Events	U14 TE Events
Winner	15	25
Final	10	20
Semi Final	5	15
Quarter Final	0	10

### 3. Domestic U12 National Ranking at time of selection (players born 2007 or later)

U12 LTA Domestic Ranking	Selection Points
10 or better	50
25 to 11	25
50 to 26	10

### 4. Domestic U12 National Level Events - Best Singles Performance

Stage of Event	Selection Points
	U12 Domestic Grade 1&2
Winner	15
Final	10
Semi Final	5

### Doubles - Best Doubles Performance

Please note that doubles WILL NOT contribute towards the overall selection points total but the panel may choose to consider this in order to make a decision between players who are tied. The panel would take into account doubles performances at the following level above others:

Semi-Final or better @ U14 TE Event

Final or better @ U12 TE Event

Final or better @ U12 Grade 1 or 2 Domestic Event

## **Extenuating Circumstances**

In the event of a tie between two or more players, which could include a 'zero point tie', the selection panel will make a decision taking into consideration rankings and tournament performances in singles and doubles. To ensure fairness, if any of the selection panel individually coach a player involved, the individual coach of the other player(s) would also be consulted at this time.

There may be circumstances where the selection panel could overrule the points system. This would only occur when there is clear reasoning to do so. This reasoning could include:

- De-selection of a player due to disciplinary issues e.g. suspensions or official reports of poor conduct.
- De-selection of a player due to fitness concerns relating to that player's ability to compete fully at the event.
- Selection of a player who is fully fit at the time of selection but who has been unable to compete for periods totalling at least 3 months out of the previous 12 due to illness or injury. To be considered, any such player would need to have rankings and performances demonstrating that if they had not been ill or injured they would have been selected.
- The selection of a player who has trained outside of the UK and so did not have access to the domestic tournament circuit or a player who has trained outside of Europe and so did not have access to the domestic circuit and the U12/U14 Tennis Europe circuit. To be considered, any such player would need to have rankings and performances demonstrating that they would have been selected if they regularly competed on these circuits AND must have trained outside of the UK/Europe for a minimum of 6 months out of the previous 12.