

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. North Wales and South Wales have teams in the following County Cup Events -

When	Age Group	Format	Team
February	18U County Cup	1-off competition promotion / relegation between groups Singles & Doubles Separate boys & girls events	Team of 8 players, travelling with Captain and Assistant Captain
May	14U County Cup	2-stage competition Qualifying Event and National Finals Singles & Doubles Separate boys & girls events	Team of 6 players, travelling with Captain and Assistant Captain
May / June	10U County Cup	2-stage competition Qualifying Event and National Finals Singles & Doubles Separate boys & girls events	Team of 4 players, travelling with parents. Captain at venue to lead, support and organise the team
June / July	12U County Cup	2-stage competition Qualifying Event and National Finals Singles & Doubles Separate boys & girls events	Team of 4 players, travelling with parents. Captain at venue to lead, support and organise the team
July	Senior Summer County Cup	1-off, 5 day competition promotion / relegation between groups Doubles only Separate mens & ladies events	Team of 8 players, travel with Captain and Assistant Captain
August	9U County Cup	1-off event Singles & Doubles Mixed team (3 boys, 3 girls)	Team of 6 players, travelling with parents. Captain at venue to lead, support and organise the team
November	Senior Winter County Cup	1-off, 4 day competition with promotion and relegation between divisions. Singles & Doubles Separate mens & ladies events	Team of 8 players, travelling with Captain and Assistant Captain

Senior County Cup Team Selection Criteria

The selectors will use the following criteria (in no particular order) as a basis for selecting the team:

- LTA Rating
- International & Domestic Ranking
- Doubles level / experience
- Recent form and commitment to competition match play
- Positive contribution to team dynamic
- Long term injury or illness having a negative impact on ranking / rating

18U County Cup 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 Captain 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 Captain, in liaison with the County Cup Selection Committee selects up to two 'wildcard players'. The basis for this wildcard selection is limited to -
 - *LTA Rating*
 - *Players training / competing abroad*
 - *International ranking (TE / ITF)*
 - *Doubles level / experience*
 - *Outside factors, such as injury or illness having a negative impact on ranking*

14U County Cup Team Selection Criteria

Players will need to attending County Training to be considered for County Cup representation*

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 Captain 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 Captain, in liaison with the County Cup Selection Committee selects up to two 'wildcard players'. The basis for this wildcard selection is limited to -
 - *LTA Rating*
 - *Players training / competing abroad*
 - *International ranking (TE / ITF)*
 - *Doubles level / experience*
 - *Outside factors, such as injury or illness having a negative impact on ranking*

**LTA Regional Players and LTA National Scholars will need to attend 2 County Training sessions in this age group or the age group above to be eligible for selection.*

12U County Cup Team Selection Criteria

Players will need to be attending County Training to be considered for County Cup representation*

The selectors will use the following criteria as a basis for selecting a team of 4 players:

- The **TOP 3 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 4th player selected will be the next available player on the 12U domestic rankings.** Unless, in exceptional circumstances (outlined below and in no particular order) the 12U County Captain, in liaison with the County Cup Selection Committee selects a 'wildcard player'. The basis for this wildcard selection is limited to -
 - *Competitive profile: players competing in LTA National Tour 10U Competitions*
 - *Outside factors, such as injury or illness having a negative impact on ranking*

**LTA Regional Players and LTA National Scholars will need to attend 2 County Training sessions in this age group or the age group above to be eligible for selection.*

10U County Cup Team Selection Criteria

Players will need to be attending County Training to be considered for County Cup representation*

The selectors will use the following criteria as a basis for selecting a team of 4 players. The 10U County Captain will specify the date of selection:

- LTA Mini Tennis Rating
- Competitive profile: in particular LTA National Tour (Grade 2) & LTA 10U Regional events (Grade 3)

COMPETITIVE PROFILE: The selectors will consider -

- Frequency of LTA Grade 3 and Grade 4 tournaments in the preceding 6-12 months
- Results in LTA Grade 3 and Grade 4 competitions in the 10U age group
- Players showing a willingness to regularly compete outside of Wales in relevant competitions
 - Players in the 9U age group may be considered if performing to a high level within their own age group (LTA Grade 3 events)

**LTA Regional Players and LTA National Scholars will need to 2 County Training sessions in this age group or the age group above to be eligible for selection.*

9U County Cup Team Selection Criteria

Players will need to be attending County Training to be considered for County Cup representation*

The selectors will use the following criteria as a basis for selecting a team of 6 players (3 girls and 3 boys):

- LTA Mini Tennis Rating
- Competitive profile: in particular LTA Regional (Grade 3) and LTA County (Grade 4) events

COMPETITIVE PROFILE: The selectors will consider -

- Frequency of LTA Grade 3 and Grade 4 tournaments in the preceding 6-12 months
- Results in LTA Grade 3 and Grade 4 competitions in the 10U age group
- Players showing a willingness to regularly compete outside of Wales in relevant competitions

**LTA Regional Players will need to attend 2 County Training sessions in this age group or the age group above to be eligible for selection.*
