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| Regional Training Selection Policy – June 2019 |

**Regional Training Selection Policy**

1. **Introduction**

Regional Training is focused (RT) on providing exceptional training and competition opportunities for junior players in order to support their development towards selection for the National Age Group Programme (NAGP) and National Academies.

The aim is to provide each region’s best junior players the opportunity to train together on a regular basis as well as providing competitive match play opportunities between regions.

This document outlines the criteria and process for gaining selection for RT for the period 1 September 2019 to 31 July 2020. Selection for RT is for period outlined above; however a player’s status will be continually reviewed around the factors outlined in section 4.

1. **Allocation of places**

A maximum of 200 players will be invited to attend RT at one of six regional groups across the country.

Each RT will operate with a minimum of 20 players and a maximum of 40 players. There is no obligation to fill every available place.

Where possible, places will be split equally across boys and girls. In the event that there are fewer players of a particular gender than places available, the remaining RT places may be taken up by the other gender.

Players will be eligible for selection for RT in the region in which they reside. In England, the five regions are made up of the following counties:

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| **Region** | **Contact** |
| North*inc. North Wales* | Northumberland, Cumbria, Durham and Cleveland, Lancashire, Yorkshire, Cheshire, Isle of Man & North Wales |
| Midlands | Shropshire, Staffordshire, Derbyshire, Nottinghamshire, Lincolnshire, Herefordshire and Worcestershire, Warwickshire, Leicestershire & Northamptonshire |
| Central & East | Cambridgeshire, Norfolk, Oxfordshire, Buckinghamshire, Bedfordshire, Suffolk, Berkshire, Hertfordshire & Essex |
| London & South East | Surrey, Middlesex, Sussex, Kent. |
| South & South West *inc. South Wales* | Cornwall, Somerset, Devon, Avon, Gloucestershire, Wiltshire, Dorset, Hampshire and Isle of Wight, Channel Islands & South Wales |

For Scotland, players residing in Scotland will train in the Tennis Scotland National Training and Scotland will compete as a region in regional training matches.

For Wales, players living in South Wales will be eligible for invitation to the South & South West RT (in England). Players residing in North Wales will be eligible for invitation to the North RT (in England).

In addition:

* A player may be deemed to reside in a region if they attend a residential school in a particular region;
* In exceptional circumstances the LTA may permit a player to attend RT in a region in which they do not reside if it deems this to be appropriate;
* If a player is selected for RT and subsequently moves to a different region following selection, they will automatically be permitted to attend the RT in such region.
1. **Eligibility**
	1. Age eligibility. RT is for players aged between 10 and 14 years (born 2009, 2008, 2007 or 2006). Players under the age of 10 on 31 December 2020 will be considered if they sufficiently meet the factors identified in section 4.

3.2 Eligible to represent Great Britain. Players must hold, or be eligible for, a British passport. Those not meeting this stipulation, but who have lived in Great Britain continuously since 1 April 2018, will be considered for selection on a case-by-case basis. Such players must contact the Regional Pathway Coach in their region (see section 6 for contact details) by 19 July 2019 to confirm that they would like to be considered and provide:

* Details of their tennis background prior to moving to Great Britain; and
* Details of their tennis background since moving to Great Britain.

3.3. Performance level requirements. In addition to 3.1 and 3.2, to be eligible for Regional Training, players must fulfil either of the following requirements:

3.3.1 RT selection between September 2018 and July 2019;

3.3.2 County Training selection in 2018 or 2019 and a nomination from a National Performance Pathway Team member.

1. **Selection Process**

The RT Selection Panel (Panel) will include the Head of the National Performance Pathway, the Lead National Age Group Coach and Lead Regional Pathway Coach.

* 1. Automatic selections. The following players will be automatically selected for RT:
* Eligible players who were selected as NAGP Scholars in January 2019.
* Eligible players who have attended at least one LTA National Camp (U12 and U14) in the period from 1 September 2018 to 1 July 2019.
	1. Remaining selections. All players that fulfil the eligibility criteria set out in section 3 of this policy will be considered. The Panel will use its professional opinion to consider which players have the greatest future potential to meet the National Age-Group Programme and National Academy selection criteria between the ages of 10-14. The Panel will consider the factors listed below (and when doing so will take into account any aspects that may influence these factors, such as their age and physical maturation, their injury and training history, and/or their lifestyle and training environment):
1. The player has an all-round game, with minimal limitations, from which they can develop a clearly defined game style at the next stage of the pathway.
2. The player consistently looks for solutions to positively impact the outcome of a match, irrespective of the match situation.
3. The player applies themselves fully in training and competition and has a willingness to learn and a desire to compete.
4. The player has a physical foundation from which they can develop the physical attributes to train at the required intensity at the next stage of the pathway.
5. The player demonstrates professional behaviours in both training and competition and abides by the LTA code of conduct.
6. The player is starting to demonstrate relevant results and is beginning to build a ranking profile.

Players not invited to partake in RT at the start of the year (e.g. September 2019) may be reconsidered at a later date if there are sufficient places available. Such decisions will be made on a quarterly basis, typically occurring in January, April and June.

1. **Communication**

All selected players will be informed by email from their Regional Pathway Coach no later than 31st July 2019.

The LTA may amend this policy periodically. Any amended policy shall be published on the LTA website.

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