## Specific selection criteria for college/university student trip

In weeks commencing July 30<sup>th</sup> and August 6th 2018 the Lawn Tennis Association (**LTA**) Men's team will be running a trip for players who currently attend a college/university (the **Trip**). The aim of the Trip is to provide an opportunity for this group of players to compete in Futures events during the summer and to give the LTA Men's team an opportunity to observe and work with this group in a competitive environment. Selection for the Trip will be carried out as set out below.

Maximum number of players: 6

The Trip will be open to two categories of player – students in Freshman (year 1) and Sophomore (year 2) and students in Juniors (year 3) and Seniors (year 4). There will be three places available for Freshman (year 1) and Sophomore (year 2) students and three places available for Juniors (year 3) and Seniors (year 4). For the avoidance of doubt, the relevant year is that which a player has just completed and not the year they are going into.

Selections will be made using a player's Universal Tennis Rating (UTR) as this is the most universally applicable system of merit on which to make selections.

The three players in Freshman and Sophomore years with the highest UTR ranking on 30<sup>th</sup> April will be selected for the Trip.

The three players in Juniors and Seniors years with the highest UTR ranking on 30<sup>th</sup> April will be selected for the Trip.

If a player does not wish to attend the Trip, then a selection panel (made up of Head of Pro Tour Pathway, Senior National Coach (Men's Tennis) and the National Coach (Men's Tennis) will be able to award any free places to other players and will use the following information to determine which players to select. For the avoidance of doubt such places may be offered to players in either age category regardless of how many players of each age category are enrolled to attend the Trip at that time:

- NCAA (or NAIA) ranking at the time of selection;
- 2017/18 Academic year NCAA (or NAIA) results; and
- ATP or ITF ranking at the time of going to college and at the time of selection.

Players will be notified in writing of their selection first week of May.

