

INTRODUCTION

LTA County Cup events are team competitions that take place during February – September each year. Teams from every county in the nation come together for a series of regional and national events to uncover the champions.

There are 7 age groups of competitions for the Junior County Cup – 8U, 9U, 10U, 11U, 12U, 14U and 18U – giving young players a chance to compete with top talent around Britain.

The information which follows outlines the dates and formats (where known) for all the junior County Cups events during 2023, along with the selection process and criteria for each.

This policy may need to be amended periodically and any amended policy will be published on the Wiltshire Tennis www.wiltshiretennis.org.uk

The LTA County Cup packs can be found at [County Tennis Cup | Junior Tennis Competitions | LTA](#)

ELIGIBILITY

Eligible players are those who are LTA members and who satisfy the area qualification rule:

- Born in Wiltshire
- Lived in Wiltshire for at least six months
- At any time the place of permanent resident has been Wiltshire for a period of five consecutive years
- Not represented another County for at least six months

Players must be of an eligible age as described in the table below to be considered for selection.

SELECTION COMMITTEE & COMMUNICATION OF COUNTY CUP SELECTIONS

Where possible, selections will be made approximately 4 weeks prior to the county cup event. Once selections have been made, Wiltshire Tennis will notify players/parents by email during the following week. The selection committee will consist of the following:

- County Performance Co-ordinators
- Age-group Captains
- Wiltshire Tennis Management Representative
- County Administrator

AGE GROUPS, COUNTY CUP DATES AND SELECTION CRITERIA

- Only players that are part of the County Training Programme will be eligible for selection for a County Cup event.
- All players are expected to attend the county training camps if they wish to be considered for County Cup unless they are injured or have another tennis commitment at the time of the camp.
- Any player selected for a county training squad in a higher age group (and therefore is effectively playing up) will be very much expected to still play and represent the County in their own correct age group should they be selected.
- The selection criteria is not listed in any priority order. The Performance Committee will use the following criteria as a basis for selecting each of the following age-group County Cups:

AGE GROUP	COUNTY CUP DATE	SELECTION CRITERIA	OTHER INFORMATION
8U	Sunday 23 rd April 2023 - SOUTHAMPTON	<p>Based on selecting a team of 5 players to travel to the event:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Commitment to competitive tournaments – County & Regional level - Recent Form - Performance and attitude at County Training sessions - Player's effort, work ethics, commitment and dedication - An ability to be a supportive and cooperative team player - Positive contribution to team dynamic - Doubles competitive experience - Long-term (3+ months) injury or illness having a negative impact upon recent form - Wildcard(s) may be given at the discretion of the Committee <p><i>A non-travelling reserve/s may also be selected.</i></p>	<p>Separate events for boys and girls</p> <p>Parents will be required to transport and supervise their own child at all other times</p>
9U	<p>Qualifying: Saturday 25th March (Girls) Sunday 26th March 2023 (Boys) SOUTHAMPTON</p> <p>Finals: 22nd April (Girls) 23rd April 2023 (Boys)</p>	<p>Based on selecting a team of 4 players to travel to the event:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Commitment to competitive tournaments – County & Regional level - Recent Form - Performance and attitude at County Training sessions - Player's effort, work ethics, commitment and dedication - An ability to be a supportive and cooperative team player - Positive contribution to team dynamic - Doubles competitive experience - Long-term (3+ months) injury or illness having a negative impact upon recent form - Wildcard(s) may be given at the discretion of the Committee <p><i>Please note the players selected may increase to 5 players depending on distance to venue.</i></p> <p><i>A non-travelling reserve/s may also be selected.</i></p>	<p>Separate events for boys and girls</p> <p>Parents will be required to transport and supervise their own child at all other times</p>
10U	<p>Qualifying: Sat 20th & Sun 21st May 2023</p> <p>Finals: Sat 10th & 11th June 2023 Venue tbc</p>	<p>Based on selecting a team of 4 players to travel to the event:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Commitment to competitive tournaments – County & Regional level - Recent Form - Performance and attitude at County Training sessions - Player's effort, work ethics, commitment and dedication - An ability to be a supportive and cooperative team player - Positive contribution to team dynamic - Doubles competitive experience - Long-term (3+ months) injury or illness having a negative impact upon recent form 	<p>Separate events for boys and girls</p> <p>Parents will be required to transport and supervise their own child at all other times</p>

		<p>- Wildcard(s) may be given at the discretion of the Committee</p> <p><i>Please note the players selected may increase to 5/6 players depending on distance to venue.</i></p> <p><i>A non-travelling reserve may also be selected.</i></p>	
11U	<p>Play Offs & Area Leagues Sat 17th & Sun 18th June 2023</p> <p>Finals Fri 7th – Sun 9th July 2023</p>	<p>Based on selecting a team of 4 players to travel to the event:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The top 2 available players according to 11U domestic rankings will be selected. • The remaining 2 players will be selected based on the following: <p>- Commitment to competitive tournaments – County & Regional level - UK domestic rankings and ITF World Tennis Number - Performance and attitude at County Training sessions - Player’s effort, work ethics, commitment and dedication - An ability to be a supportive and cooperative team player - Positive contribution to team dynamic - Doubles competitive experience - Long-term (3+ months) injury or illness having a negative impact upon recent form - Wildcard(s) may be given at the discretion of the Committee</p> <p><i>Please note the players selected may increase to 5/6 players depending on distance to venue.</i> <i>A non-travelling reserve may also be selected.</i></p>	<p>Separate events for boys and girls</p> <p>Parents will be required to transport and supervise their own child at all other times</p>
12U	<p>Play Offs & Area Leagues Sat 16th & Sun 17th Sept 2023</p> <p>Finals Fri 29th Sept – Sun 1st Oct 2023 at Nottingham (outdoors)</p>	<p>Based on selecting a team of 4 players to travel to the event:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The top 2 available players according to 12U domestic rankings will be selected. • The remaining 2 players will be selected based on the following: <p>Commitment to competitive tournaments – County & Regional level - UK domestic rankings and ITF World Tennis Number - Performance and attitude at County Training sessions - Player’s effort, work ethics, commitment and dedication - An ability to be a supportive and cooperative team player - Positive contribution to team dynamic - Doubles competitive experience - Long-term (3+ months) injury or illness having a negative impact upon recent form - Wildcard(s) may be given at the discretion of the Committee</p> <p><i>Please note the players selected may increase to 5/6 players depending on distance to venue.</i> <i>A non-travelling reserve may also be selected.</i></p>	<p>Separate events for boys and girls</p> <p>Parents will be required to transport and supervise their own child at all other times</p>

AGE GROUP	COUNTY CUP DATE	SELECTION CRITERIA	
14U	Play Offs & Area Leagues Sat 29 th & Sun 30 th April 2023 Finals Fri 12 th – 14 th May 2023 Nottingham (outdoors)	Based on selecting a team of 4 players to travel to the event: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The top 2 available players according to 14U domestic rankings will be selected. • The remaining 2 players will be selected based on the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Commitment to competitive tournaments – County & Regional level - UK domestic rankings and ITF World Tennis Number - Performance and attitude at County Training sessions - Player’s effort, work ethics, commitment and dedication - An ability to be a supportive and cooperative team player - Positive contribution to team dynamic - Doubles competitive experience - Long-term (3+ months) injury or illness having a negative impact upon recent form - Wildcard(s) may be given at the discretion of the Performance Committee <p><i>Please note the players selected may increase to 5/6 players depending on distance to venue and whether an overnight stay is required. A non-travelling reserve may also be selected.</i></p>	Separate events for boys and girls The County will be responsible for the team if an overnight stay is required.
18U	Fri 3 rd – Sun 5 th March 2023	Based on selecting a team of 8 players to travel to the event: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The top 6 available players according to 18U domestic rankings will be selected. • The remaining 2 players will be selected based on the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Commitment to competitive tournaments – County & Regional level - UK domestic rankings and ITF World Tennis Number - Performance and attitude at County Training sessions - Player’s effort, work ethics, commitment and dedication - An ability to be a supportive and cooperative team player - Positive contribution to team dynamic - Doubles competitive experience - Long-term (3+ months) injury or illness having a negative impact upon recent form - Wildcard(s) may be given at the discretion of the Performance Committee <p><i>Please note the players selected may increase to 9/10 players depending on distance to venue and whether an overnight stay is required. A non-travelling reserve may also be selected.</i></p>	Separate events for boys and girls The County will be responsible for the team if an overnight stay is required.

FURTHER REQUESTS AND FORMAL COMPLAINTS PROCESS

Please direct any requests for further information on a selection decision at the 8U-14U age groups to: performance.8u-14u@wiltshiretennis.org.uk and for the 18U age group to neilcwatts@yahoo.co.uk

Please send any formal complaints regarding the selection process ahead of or during a County Cup event in writing which will be reviewed by a relevant County Committee who were not involved in the selection process. The Wiltshire Tennis Complaints and Appeals policy can be found at [Complaints-and-Appeals.pdf \(wiltshiretennis.org.uk\)](#)