

The 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. Further information regarding the LTA Junior County Cup can be found at [County Tennis Cup | Junior Tennis Competitions | LTA](#)

## WILTSHIRE TENNIS COUNTY CUP TEAM SELECTION CRITERIA AND SELECTIONS

- Wiltshire Tennis endeavour to select the strongest team available.
- Players must be part of the County Training Programme to be eligible for selection for a County Cup event.
- Players wanting to be considered for County Teams are expected to attend county training unless they are injured or have another tennis commitment at the time of the camp.
- Players wanting to be considered for County Teams are strongly advised to compete in the Wiltshire County Championships which takes place in August.
- Players selected for a county training squad in a higher age group (and therefore effectively playing up) will still be expected to play and represent the County in their own age group should they be selected.
- Players from younger age groups may be selected to compete for older age groups as required / to strengthen teams.

Selections for all teams are impartial and are at the discretion of Wiltshire Tennis. Many factors are used to selecting a squad (see below) and the Wiltshire County Performance Co-ordinator and the team of County Captains use their professionalism and experience to select the best team available to gain a positive result. Where possible, selections will be made approximately 4 weeks prior to the county cup event. The selection committee will consist of the following:

- County Performance Co-ordinators
- County Squad Captains
- Wiltshire Tennis Management Representative

Team selections may include reserves and non-travelling reserves. When travelling to events we may take more players than required for each day of play. The daily team selection is at the discretion of the captain. There is no guarantee that every player will compete.

Parents will be required to transport and supervise their own child off the court for the 8U, 9U, 10U, 11U and 12U County Cup events. At the 14U and 18U County Cup events, Wiltshire Tennis will be responsible for the team if an overnight stay is required. There are separate events for the Boys and the Girls at each age group event.

The following criteria is used as a basis for selecting each of the Junior County Cups and is not listed in any priority order:

- Ranking / Recent form / WTN
- Commitment to competitive tournaments – County & Regional level
- Current form / recent competitive involvement
- Conduct/discipline, and behaviour in county training/county events
- Player's effort, work ethics, commitment and dedication
- An ability to be a supportive and cooperative team player
- Positive contribution to team dynamic
- Doubles ability/experience
- Overall commitment and contribution to Wiltshire Tennis teams
- Wildcard(s) may be given at the discretion of the Committee
- Long-term injury or illness having a negative impact upon recent form.

AGE GROUP	SELECTION
<b>8U</b>	Based on selecting a team of 5 players to travel to the event. Players selected based on the selection criteria.
<b>9U</b>	Selections based on a team of 4 players to travel to the event. This may increase to 5/6 players depending on distance to venue. Players selected based on the selection criteria.
<b>10U</b>	Selections based on a team of 4 players to travel to the event. Players selected based on the selection criteria. Please note the player selected may increase to 5/6 players depending on distance to venue.
<b>11U</b>	Based on selecting a team of 4 players to travel to the event: - The top 2 available players according to 11U domestic rankings will be selected. - The remaining 2 players will be selected based on the selection criteria. <i>Please note the players selected may increase to 5/6 players depending on distance to venue.</i>
<b>12U</b>	Based on selecting a team of 4 players to travel to the event: - The top 2 available players according to 12U domestic rankings will be selected. - The remaining 2 players will be selected based on the selection criteria. Please note the players selected may increase to 5/6 players depending on distance to venue.
<b>14U</b>	Based on selecting a team of 4 players to travel to the event: - The top 2 available players according to 14U domestic rankings will be selected. - The remaining 2 players will be selected based on the selection criteria. Please note the players selected may increase to 5/6 players depending on distance to venue and whether an overnight stay is required.
<b>18U</b>	Based on selecting a team of 8 players to travel to the event: - The top 5 available players according to 18U domestic rankings will be selected. - The remaining 3 players will be selected based on the selection criteria. Please note the players selected may increase to 9/10 players depending on distance to venue and whether an overnight stay is required.

## ELIGIBILITY FOR WILTSHIRE

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

## 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](mailto:performance.8u-14u@wiltshiretennis.org.uk) and for the 18U age group to [neilcwatts@yahoo.co.uk](mailto: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 \(wiltshiretennis.org.uk\)](https://www.wiltshiretennis.org.uk/Complaints-and-Appeals.pdf)