

The Herts Tennis Clubs & Performance Network

Herts Tennis is committed to supporting clubs and players and makes considerable financial contribution towards advancing club programmes, increasing participation and improving player levels from mini-red through to international levels.

The Herts Network is in place to:

- Support the advancement of club programmes
- Increase junior participation
- Improve player levels from mini-red upwards
- Make our better players better

The Herts Network provides support to Clubs that:

- Have a track record of increasing participation at mini-red
- Have focussed training opportunities for selected mini-reds
- Support the development of junior players to county level and above

Clubs involved in the Herts Network deliver the following programmes:

- Pathway to Tarbes
- Herts Inspires Tennis
- Herts Inspires Tennis Potential

The **Pathway to Tarbes** programme has been in place since 2007 and is a fundamental part of Herts Tennis Talent Development system. The programmes provide identified under 10 tennis players with subsidised performance training designed to promote enjoyment, competitive spirit, respect and excellence with the aim to set players on the pathway to international tennis. **Current Clubs: Batchwood (LTA LPDC / RPDC) and Gosling (LTA LPDC)**

The **Herts Inspires Tennis** programme is designed to support successful, forward thinking Clubs with recognised quality performance programmes. Herts Inspires Tennis clubs offer subsidised training programmes specifically targeting the identification and development of under 10 tennis players who are showing the potential, determination and enthusiasm to become performance level players at County level and above. **Current Clubs: Harpenden, Langley, Legends and Letchworth**

Herts Inspires Tennis Potential clubs are recognised for their dedication to increase participation and have the ambition and track record to develop young tennis players. Herts Inspires Tennis Potential Clubs provide focussed training support to selected mini-reds who are keen and committed to becoming competent tennis players and competitors. **Current Clubs: Cassiobury, Berkhamsted, Bishop Stortford, Hoddesdon, Northaw and Cuffley, Royston, Rickmansworth, Sawbridgeworth and Welwyn.**

The Herts network clubs work closely together and alongside their weekly training programmes join forces in delivering quality competition for the strongest mini-reds in the form of the **Herts Inspires Tennis Red Tour**. The tour is a series of mini-red tournaments starting in September and scheduled alongside the timetable of major international competitions finishing with the Hertfordshire Junior Championships in August.

The collaboration between Herts Tennis and tennis clubs is having a positive impact on the development of players across the county and this is reflected in the successful achievements of Herts County teams.

Additionally, Herts Tennis works in partnership with the LTA in the delivery of county training designed to nurture the development of our strongest players in the under 14 age groups. County training forms part of the LTA Player Pathway for details visit: <https://www.lta.org.uk/play-compete/performance-tennis-players/player-pathway/>

Herts Tennis are keen to work with club's who would like to become part of our Network and join us in our goal to "make our players better players". For details and application requirements please contact the County office.

Herts Tennis Values : Honesty-Excellence-Resilience-Teamwork-Sportsmanship