

Herts County Training Selection Guidance

All players selected to attend County Training are required to:

- Uphold the Herts Tennis player “Commitment to Fair Play and Professional Conduct”
- Display the Herts Tennis values
- Compete regularly at the appropriate grade
- Commit to a performance focussed training programme appropriate to their stage of development
- Display high levels of effort, focus and determination
- Have a positive team attitude
- Be available for County team selection

Under 8's – Red - Players identified and selected through the Herts Tennis Clubs and Performance Network and/or Herts Tennis Potential sessions. Club/coach nominations supported by County Performance Manager club/tournament visit. Future potential, programme commitment and competition involvement are considered. Input from lead/county coaches and the LTA performance team as required.

9 & under - Orange, 10 & under – Green, 11 & under - Yellow – Players identified and selected through the Herts Tennis Clubs and Performance Network and/or Herts Tennis Potential sessions. Club/coach nominations supported by County Performance Manager club/tournament visit. Future potential, programme commitment and competition involvement are considered including performance at grade 4 or higher, recent form and ranking where applicable. Input from lead/county coaches and the LTA performance team as required.

12 & under (Born 2009), 14 & under (Born 2007 & 2008) – Top 6 ranked players plus further selections based on competitive involvement and achievements at Grade 3 and higher including recent form/head to heads. Programme commitment and future tennis potential also taken into consideration. National LTA pathway involvement and input from lead/county coaches and LTA performance team as required.

16 & under (Born 2006 & 2005) - Top 8 ranked players. Additional selections based on programme commitment, competitive involvement/level and achievements including recent form/head to heads plus previous commitment to Herts Tennis teams. National LTA pathway involvement, input from lead/county coaches and LTA performance team as required.

18 & under - Players invited if available to represent Hertfordshire in the 18 & under County Cup competition. Players ranked in the top 8 of 18 & under ranking; players in younger age groups may be selected as decided by the 16 & 18 under county coaches and county performance manager. Current competitive involvement and achievements plus previous commitment to Herts Tennis teams. Input from lead/county coaches and the LTA performance team as required.

Additional Selection Considerations:

- Invitation based on current LTA competition age groups except for the Autumn term where they are based on the following years age groups (unless otherwise advised by lead coaches or Teresa Lilley)
- Players deemed to exceptionally strong in their age category may be invited to older age categories
- When moving up age categories and new rankings are not yet established players who have represented Herts in previous County Cup events may be selected where appropriate
- Finishing positions in the Herts County Championships are considered

As required - Selection panel: Herts County Performance Manager, Herts Performance Committee representative and County Coaches and LTA performance team as required

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