

Herts Tennis County Team Selection

- We endeavour to select the strongest team available.
- Players wanting to be considered for County Teams are expected to attend county training*
- Players must be available for their own age group
- Where ranking and competitive level is relevant players from younger age groups may be considered for selection for older age groups
- Players wanting to be considered for County Teams are encouraged to compete in the Hertfordshire County Championships

11U – 18U - SELECTION CRITERIA

The starting point for selection consideration is LTA combined ranking, with the following factors also considered:

- Competitive involvement and performance at grade 3 – 1 events / TE / ITF
- WTN & Singles/Doubles rankings points
- Match results/form and as required head-to-head results
- Where applicable doubles ability/experience
- Performance, attitude and behaviour in county training
- Overall commitment and contribution to Herts Tennis teams
- Conduct/discipline/behaviour in county events
- As required discussion with programme leads/individual coaches/LTA regional/national performance team

9U – 10U – SELECTION CRITERIA

- LTA Recent Form at relevant year group
- Competition commitment and performance at grade 3 – 1 events
- LTA Regional / National activity
- Match results/form and as required head-to-head results
- Performance, attitude, conduct and behaviour in county training and county events
- Where applicable doubles ability/experience
- Overall commitment and contribution to Herts Tennis teams
- As required discussion with programme leads/individual coaches/LTA regional/national performance team

The Selection Panel at 9U – 18U consists of the relevant age group County Captain, Herts County Performance Manager and County Performance Chair (and as required input from the relevant age group county coaches/individual coaches/programme leads/LTA Performance team)

8U – SELECTION CRITERIA

- Confidence and competency in singles and doubles point play
- Tactical skills and match awareness
- High levels of effort, determination and focus in county training
- Positive attitude to competing individually and as part of a team
- Competition / HIT Tour involvement and commitment
- Match results and head-to-head results may be considered
- As required discussion with programme leads/individual coaches

8U selection will be made by the County age group captain/supporting coaches and Herts County Performance Manager. All involved in the selection will use their professionalism and experience to select; (input from the relevant age group coaches/individual coaches/programme leads may be sought)

Criteria is not listed in order of weighting.

Teams will be named no later than 3 weeks prior to the event unless otherwise stated. All teams will include non-travelling reserves. When travelling to events we often travel with 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.

*** Please Note** - Players wanting to be considered for County Teams are expected to attend county training. If players are not able to attend due to travel restrictions such as living outside Hertfordshire, injury/illness, commitments to national or international competitions please inform the County Performance Manager. Team captains would expect to see players at least twice before team selections are made.

12 Counties Competition – Where age groups compete in October, November or December they will be based on the following LTA competition year; the team selection will take this into account.

Codes of Conduct and Safeguarding: All involved in Herts Tennis activities are expected to commit to our collective responsibility to provide safe, rewarding and inclusive tennis environments and adhere to the Herts Tennis codes of conduct and safeguarding policies detailed at <https://hertstennis.co.uk/about-us/safeguarding/> and display the Herts Values: Honesty-Excellence-Resilience-Teamwork-Sportsmanship.

Selection decisions are final. To assist player development the Herts County Coaching team/County Performance Manager are available to provide feedback. The selection criteria is reviewed annually and as required, in line with changes to the LTA county team regulations/rules and LTA Ranking/Recent Form/WTN system.