

# **Notts LTA Junior Teams Selection Policy**

#### **General Information for All Age Groups**

- Ages are based on the year of competition as of 31st December
- Players will be selected taking account of the LTA combined rankings leaderboard filtered by Nottinghamshire County, competition results including at our own Nottinghamshire Junior County Championships, attendance & performance at County Training sessions where possible, coach recommendations & observations etc. and availability. Captains have two Wild Card options if they choose to use them. This will be done on a suitable date to allow reasonable planning time to complete the required paperwork for the event.
- Team Captains & Assistant Captains will discuss squad make-up with each other, and all other coaches in Nottinghamshire will be given the chance to make nominations if they choose to do so.
- Team Captains are encouraged to use their experience and discretion, exercising their professional judgement.
- The team should be what is considered to be the best available on the day/s

# COUNTY TEAM SELECTION POLICY BY AGE GROUP

#### **18U Team Selection**

This is an impartial process led by the team Captain in conjunction with the County Training Manager. Selection is based on a number of factors including the LTA combined ranking leaderboard and knowledge of players - reliability, foreseeable physical fitness, conduct - and a player's ability to work within the team. An important consideration when making selections is a player's doubles record, which will be determined through their ranking, the number of events played, performance and results. The team captain will also assess players' doubles potential though county training practices. Two Wildcards can be selected at any time (i.e. at selection meetings, invited to attend training sessions, or be selected as a result of training sessions). The Team Captain will make the final decision. Selection is based on a combination of direct entry players and wildcards as follows:

## Wildcard(s): 2 Direct Entry Places: 4 Team: 6

- Direct Entry (4 spaces):
  - a) Ranking before the event on a suitable date to allow planning for the event b) U18 ATP/WTA Ranking
  - c) ITF up to 1000
- Wildcards If the Captain chooses not to utilise the wildcard option, the remainder of the team will be selected on ranking. The selection panel also reserves the right to use a play-off system
- The captain reserves the right to change the team if a player does not attend any of the arranged county practice sessions
- All selections, both direct entry and wild cards, must be justified through the player demonstrating loyalty, commitment, attitude and team spirit towards county events and activities relevant to the player

### 14U / 12U / 11U Team Selection

Selection is based on a combination of direct entry players and wildcards as follows:

### Wildcard(s): 2 Direct Entry Places: 4 Team: Team of 6

• Direct entry is by ranking at a suitable date before the tournament to allow the event to be arranged

- Wildcards are to be chosen from the players who were invited to/are attending County Training squads, where possible
- Player's Doubles Record through ranking, number of events played, performance and results
- If the Captain chooses not to utilise the wildcard option, the remainder of the team will be selected based on LTA Leaderboard player ranking.
- The captain reserves the right to change the team if a player does not attend any one of the arranged county practice sessions
- All selections, both direct entry and wild cards, must be justified through the player demonstrating loyalty, commitment, attitude and team spirit towards county events and activities relevant to the player where possible

## 10U / 9U Team Selection

This is an impartial process led by the team captain, county coaches and performance manager. Selection is based on a number of factors such as knowledge of players, their commitment to game development for the future, and performance in competition, reliability, foreseeable physical fitness, conduct, and a player's ability to work within the team.

**NOTE:** As the players are in their early development stage, competitive results are NOT the sole factor taken into consideration when selecting squads and teams. Squad selection will be made from the players attending the county training squads (or Regional / National Training squads. Team Selection will be based on performance by agreement with the team Captain and vice-captain.

#### Age group: 10 Team: 4 – 6 players

- 4–6 girls and 4-6 boys will be selected based on how players competed over the current and previous season, and performance in County/Regional/National Training squads
- Performance in Competition (Performance in Grade 2/3/4 competitions, Head to Head Results v Other players) using the LTA Combined rankings recent form leaderboard
- Performance and results in county practices
- Doubles performance

- Attitude and behaviour
- Commitment to game development

#### Age group: 9 Team: 8-10 players mixed boys and girls

- 4-5 Boys and 4-5 girls will be selected based on how players competed over the current and previous season and performance in County/Regional/National Training squads
- Performance in Competition (Performance in Grade 2/3/4 competitions, Head to Head Results v Other players) using the LTA Combined Ranking recent form leaderboard
- Performance and results in county practices where possible
- Doubles performance
- Attitude and behaviour
- Commitment to game development