

Cambs County Training Structure and Selection Criteria

Cambs LTA is recognised by the LTA as having progressive and successful County structures in place and Cambs LTA invests greatly to support the development of players across the junior age groups by providing regular County training opportunities for our strongest players.

County Training Structure

18 and Under

- Under 18's Boys and Girls – weekly training at Hills Road – 2 terms
- Ideally 8 boys and 8 girls

14/12/10/9 and Under

- Weekly training at Hills Road for 37 weeks of the year
- Additional sessions organised leading up to specific events eg: Lionel Cox, County Cup as required
- Ideally up to maximum of 8 boys and 8 girls
- Some additional weekend sessions for those unable to travel in the week

8 and Under

- Minimum of 10 practices September to December
- Minimum of 8-10 practices January to March
- Minimum of 6 practices April to July

County Training Selection Criteria

- 10/9 and Under – highest rated players competing on a regular basis at grade 4 or higher/current form and commitment to regular training programme.
- 18/16/14/12 and Under – highest ranked players (ratings and competitive level will also be taken into consideration) and commitment to regular training programme.
- 8 and Under – Nominations from clubs/coaches to County fun days. Players selected on athletic and competitive potential and commitment to regular training programme.

Selection advice is sought from the LTA performance team and head coaches as required.

County training forms part of the LTA's Player Performance Pathway. For further details please visit <https://www.lta.org.uk/play-compete/performance-tennis-players/player-pathway/>

**Cambs LTA values: Commitment, Ambition, Motivation, Belief,
Sportsmanship**

Cambs LTA County Team Selection Criteria

- Cambs endeavour to select the strongest team available.
- Players wanting to be considered for County Teams are expected to attend County training and are strongly advised to compete in the Cambridgeshire Festival of Tennis.
- Players must be available for their own age group.
- 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: The County captains and Cambs County Teams Manager will use their professionalism and experience to select appropriate teams.

The following selection criteria will be used:

- Ranking
- Rating
- Competitive performance at grade 4 – 1 events
- Current form / recent head to heads
- Performance, attitude and behaviour in County training
- Discussion with relevant County captains / coach
- Overall commitment and contribution to the team
- Where applicable doubles ability / experience
- Conduct / behaviour in County team events
- As required discussion with individual / head coaches
- As required input from the LTA performance team

The above criteria are not listed in order of weighting.

Team selections will include reserves; when travelling to events Cambs will often take more players than required for each day's play. The daily team selection is at the discretion of the team captain. There is no guarantee that every player will compete.

Dates for all County events will be published on the Cambs website and where possible selections will be confirmed four weeks prior to the event unless you are informed otherwise.