

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
- 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 (run at two sites one for Cambridge cluster of clubs, one for North Cambs area)

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

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Sportsmanship**

County Training Selection Criteria

- County training groups are selected each term, with a top down approach (meaning if a player is ranked in the top 8 for an older age group they will be selected for that age group aswell as their own age group)
- Every player ranked in the top 8 for their age group (u12-18), but not currently involved in county training, will be given two assessment sessions and either asked to continue, or provided with feedback on technical development needs.
- Where travel logistics are an issue, others options may be considered on a case by case basis

For players aged u9-u18

The following criteria will be used – (not in any particular order)

- Combined ranking
- Recent competitive performance at grade 4 – 1 events (especially Festival of Tennis)
- Commitment to a quality weekly training programme
- Prior involvement in county training (especially u11's just moving into a ranking system)
- Performance, attitude and behaviour in County training
- Discussion with relevant County captains / head coaches and individual coach
- Overall commitment and contribution to the training environment, including the technical development necessary to execute drills effectively
- Conduct / behaviour in County team events
- As required input from the LTA performance team

For players aged 8&under

- 8 and Under – Nominations from clubs/coaches to County fun days. Players selected on athletic and competitive potential, and commitment to regular training programme.

All selections are made by the County Training team at Hills Rd with support from the Performance Pathway Manager and chairman of the selection panel James Yates. Coaches with conflict of interest will not be involved in selection decisions (i.e work with players concerned individually)

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/>

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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 should 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.

All selections are made by the County Age group captains, with support from the County Training Team at Hills Rd and the Performance Pathway Manager. The selection panel is chaired by James Yates

The following selection criteria will be used – (not in any particular order)

- Combined ranking – except singles ranking for singles only events
- Rating for grade 4 team events
- Recent competitive performance at grade 4 – 1 events
- Current form / recent head to heads
- Performance, attitude and behaviour in County training
- 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

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.

When friendly matches are arranged to broaden the number of children competing for the County the above criteria will not be strictly applied.

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