

# **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 – 3 sessions before 18 County Cup
- Ideally 8 boys and 8 girls

### **14/12-11 and Under**

- 10 sessions per year
- Possible additional sessions organised leading up to specific events e.g. Lionel Cox
- Ideally up to maximum of 8 boys and 8 girls

### **10 and 9 and under**

- Ideally 24 sessions per age group per year (dependant on facilities) some indoor and some outdoor
- Ideally up to a maximum of 8 boys and 8 girls

### **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
- Total 24

**Cambs LTA values: Commitment, Ambition, Motivation, Belief,  
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 eligible for that age group as well as their own age group).
- The ranking/best form (WTN) list to be used for selections will be published in advance.
- Where travel logistics are an issue, flexibility 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 or mini-tennis best form (WTN)
- Recent competitive performance at grade 4 – 1 events (especially Festival of Tennis)
- 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
- Consideration will be given to players with an unrepresentative ranking/best form for reasons such as; a period of illness/injury.

For players aged 8 and 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 selection panel made up of the Junior Teams Manager, the age group county captain(s), any appropriate County Coaches and the County Club Pathway Manager. Coaches with conflict of interest will not be involved in selection decisions (i.e work with players concerned individually). Appeals can be made to Cambs LTA councillor and/or County Chair.

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 For county cup, Lionel Cox and 12 counties events**

- Coaches with conflict of interest will not be involved in selection decisions (i.e work with players concerned individually)
- 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 Junior Teams Manager, any appropriate County Coaches and the County Club Pathway Manager. The selection panel is chaired by the Junior Teams Manager. Coaches with conflict of interest will not be involved in selection decisions (i.e work with players concerned individually). Appeals can be made to Cambs LTA councillor and/or County Chair.

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

- Combined ranking – except singles ranking for singles only events (The ranking/best form/WTN list to be used for selections will be published in advance)
- Best form/WTN for mini-tennis
- Recent competitive performance at grade 4 – 1 events
- Current form / recent head to heads
- County training attendance
- 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
- Consideration will be given to players with an unrepresentative ranking/best form for reasons such as; a period of illness/injury.

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.

**Note - selections for friendly matches will not strictly follow this process, as commonly they are used to match players up as equally as possible with the opposition, or to increase the number of players gaining experience of county representation i.e not always the strongest team selected. They are also often organised at short notice as not part of annual competitions calendar**

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

