

## AVON TENNIS COUNTY SQUADS 2024 COUNTY TRIALS, PLAYING UP IN TRAINING, COUNTY CUP & SELECTION PROCESS CRITERIA

All selections will be made by the County Captains of the specific age group and approved by the Avon Junior Performance Committee. Their decision will be final.

Ratings (WTN) and rankings (from U11's and above) or recent form (U9/U10's only) will play a key role in the County Training and County Cup selection process; however, Captains will also look at the following when making their decision:

### In addition (County Trials & Squads):

- **U8's:** Players should be able to serve, rally and score to a basic level or higher. Players are expected to be competing internally (eg Team Tennis) and looking to compete externally.
- **U9/10/11/12/14's:** Players are expected to compete in a minimum of 4 external competitions (Ideally Grade 5's and above) [Competition grades | LTA](#)

### In addition (Playing Up):

- For a player to be considered to play up to the age group above by our 'Avon Junior Performance Committee' players must meet one of the following;
  - Ranked in the top 50 National rankings within their own age group
  - Attending Regional Camps
  - On the National Pathway

### In addition (County Cup):

- **Head.** Does the player look for solutions and ways to win in competitive situations? Does the player demonstrate an appetite for learning and development?
- **Heart.** Does the player demonstrate characteristics indicating their willingness to fight and compete in competitive situations? Does the player apply themselves in training?
- **Legs.** Does the player demonstrate athletic qualities that suggest they can positively influence the outcome of matches now and in the future?
- **Weapons.** Does the player have the potential to develop a robust all-court game? Does the player show the attributes that, in time, could be developed into match-winning weapons?
- Only in exceptional circumstances will players, who qualify for a younger age group category, be considered for the older County Cup events
- For 18U County Cup, only in exceptional circumstances will players U16 be considered for County Cup, e.g. where there isn't the strength and depth in numbers at 16-18 age or where a player is excelling at U16 level and is a high national ranked player
- Where a captain feels that 2 players are of a similar level, regardless of rating/ranking, the older player will be prioritised (i.e. U14 over U13, U18 over U16)
- A player's doubles experience and knowledge will also be considered despite lack of singles rating/ranking

## COUNTY EXPECTATIONS

- We expect the highest standards of behaviour both on and off the court.
- Player's effort, work ethics, commitment and dedication will be an important consideration
- An ability to be a supportive and cooperative team player and a positive ambassador to Avon Tennis will be essential
- Players are required to be available on all days of the County Cup in order to be considered for selection. Only in the most exceptional circumstances will players be able to attend for part of the event. Please contact the County Office in the first instance if you are only available for part of the County Cup event

**Should you have any questions about our criteria please contact our County Performance Coordinator Ollie Bendall via email: [countyperformance@avontennis.org.uk](mailto:countyperformance@avontennis.org.uk)**