

JUNIOR COUNTY CUP SELECTION POLICY

1. INTRODUCTION

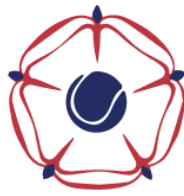
LTA County Cup events are team competitions that take place during February / March – September each year.

The information which follows outlines the dates and formats for all the junior County Cups events during 2026, along with the selection process and criteria for each. Should you have a query regarding the selection policy, please email: info@hampshireiow.tennis.

This policy may need to be amended periodically and any amended policy will be published on the Hampshire & IOW Tennis website.

2. AGE GROUPS AND DATES FOR 2026:-

Age Group	Dates	Team
18U Born 2008 or later	Friday 20 th – Sunday 22 nd March 2026 - TBC	Separate events for boys and girls Team: 8 members (including 2 travelling reserves) 6 singles & 3 doubles FAST4 Promotion and relegation
14U Born 2012 or later	Saturday 2 nd – Sunday 3 rd May 2026 Finals: Friday 15 th – Sunday 17 th May 2026 - TBC	Separate events for boys and girls Team: 6 members (including 2 travelling reserves) 4 singles / 2 doubles FAST4 Top 6 ranked counties direct entry to Cup Finals Next top 8 ranked counties placed in 2 groups with winner of each group progressing to County Cup Finals Remaining counties in area leagues (no finals)
12U Born 2014 or later	Saturday 12 th – Sunday 13 th September 2026 Finals: Friday 25 th – Sunday 27 th September 2026 - TBC	Separate events for boys and girls Team: 4 members + 2 non-travelling reserves 4 singles / 2 doubles FAST4 Top 6 ranked counties direct entry to County Cup Finals Next top 8 ranked counties placed in 2 groups with winner of each group progressing to County Cup Finals Remaining counties in area leagues (no finals)
11U Born 2015 or 2016	Saturday 13 th – Sunday 14 th June 2026 Finals: Friday 3 rd – Sunday 5 th July 2026 - TBC	Separate events for boys and girls Team: 4 members + 2 non-travelling reserves 4 singles / 2 doubles FAST4 Top 6 ranked counties direct entry to County Cup Finals Next top 8 ranked counties placed in 2 groups with winner of each group progressing to County Cup Finals Remaining counties in area leagues (no finals)
10U Green Born 2016 or 2017	Saturday 9 th – Sunday 10 th May 2026 Finals: Saturday 6 th – 7 th June 2025 - TBC	Separate events for boys and girls Team: 4 members + 2 non-travelling reserves 4 singles / 2 doubles FAST4 Winning team of each group progress to North or South Finals



9U Orange Born 2017 or 2018	Saturday 28 th February and Sunday 1 st March 2026 Finals: Saturday 14 th and Sunday 15 th March 2026 - TBC	Separate events for boys and girls Team: 4 members + 2 non-travelling reserves 4 singles / 2 doubles FAST4 Winning team of each group progress to North or South Finals
8U Red Born 2018 or later	Saturday 25 th or Sunday 26 th April 2025 - TBC	Separate events for boys and girls Team: 4 members 4 singles / 2 doubles

3. ELIGIBILITY

- Eligible players are those who are LTA members and who satisfy the area qualification rule:-
 - Born in Hampshire & IOW
 - Lived in Hampshire & IOW for at least six months
 - At any time, the place of permanent resident has been in Hampshire & IOW for a period of five consecutive years
 - Parent is serving full-time in the British Regular Armed Forces and has resided in Hampshire & IOW for at least six months
 - Not represented another County for at least six months
- Players must be of an eligible age as described in the table above to be considered for selection.

4. SELECTION COMMITTEE

- The Performance Sub-Committee will meet to select the junior teams and will consist of the following:-
 - County Performance Manager
 - County 10U Lead
 - Age-group Captain
 - Performance Sub-Committee members

5. SELECTION CRITERIA

The selection criteria are not listed in any priority order. The Performance Sub-Committee will use the following criteria as a basis for selecting each of the following age-group County Cups.

All players are expected to represent their own age group and will be considered on a case-by-case basis to play-up and age group.

All payers must be physically and mentally fit to play all County Cup days.

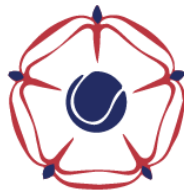
Applicable to 14U and 18U age groups:

These events are a great opportunity for players to work as a team, it gives the Captain an opportunity to develop players in a competitive team environment.

The Teams will be staying in accommodation provided by the County with all other team players and Captains.

Players representing the County must therefore be able to follow the below:-

- Travel with the team
- Have dinner with the team
- Share a room with another player from the team



- If a player has been successful at another tournament and is unable to travel at the same time as the team, they would still need to join the team prior to the start of the County Cup event
- All players must commit to the entire County Cup weekend
- All players are required to attend County Training prior to the County Cup event.

Exemptions may be considered :-

- If a player has a medical reason, a written email will need to be sent to the Info@Hampshireiow.tennis explaining the situation. If appropriate, further written evidence may be requested, eg Medical letter. The Performance Sub-Committee, as well as the Team Captain, will then consider the situation.

18U County Cup – based on selecting a team of 8 players to travel to the event (this includes 2 travelling reserves):-

- The top 2 available players according to 18U domestic rankings will be selected.
- The remaining 6 players will be selected based on the following:
 - Commitment to competitive tournaments – County and Regional level
 - Performance, attitude and attendance at County Training sessions
 - Doubles competitive experience
 - Any international and UK domestic rankings and UTR
 - Positive contribution to team dynamic
 - Long-term (3+ months) injury or illness having a negative impact upon ranking / UTR
 - Wildcard(s) may be given at the discretion of the Performance Sub-Committee

Players listed in the team are not guaranteed to play and daily selection will be at the discretion of the County Captain, which is final.

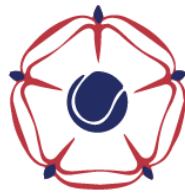
14U County Cup – based on selecting a team of 6 players to travel to the event (this includes 2 travelling reserves):-

- The top 2 available players according to 14U domestic rankings will be selected.
- The remaining 4 players will be selected based on the following:
 - Commitment to competitive tournaments – County and Regional level
 - Performance, attitude and attendance at County Training sessions
 - Doubles competitive experience
 - Any international and UK domestic rankings and UTR
 - Positive contribution to team dynamic
 - Long-term (3+ months) injury or illness having a negative impact upon ranking / UTR
 - Wildcard(s) may be given at the discretion of the Performance Sub-Committee

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12U County Cup – based on selecting a team of 4 players to travel to the event plus 2 non-travelling reserves:-

- The top 2 available players according to 12U domestic rankings will be selected.
- The remaining 2 players will be selected based on the following:
 - Commitment to competitive tournaments – County and Regional level
 - Performance, attitude and attendance at County Training sessions
 - Doubles competitive experience
 - Any international and UK domestic rankings and UTR



- Positive contribution to team dynamic
- Long-term (3+ months) injury or illness having a negative impact upon ranking / UTR
- Wildcard(s) may be given at the discretion of the Performance Sub-Committee

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11U County Cup – based on selecting a team of 4 players to travel to the event plus 2 non-travelling reserves:-

- The top 2 available players according to 11U domestic rankings will be selected.
- The remaining 2 players will be selected based on the following:
 - Commitment to competitive tournaments – County and Regional level
 - Performance, attitude and attendance at County Training sessions
 - Doubles competitive experience
 - Any international and UK domestic rankings and UTR
 - Positive contribution to team dynamic
 - Long-term (3+ months) injury or illness having a negative impact upon ranking UTR
 - Wildcard(s) may be given at the discretion of the Performance Sub-Committee

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10U County Cup – based on selecting a team of 4 players to travel to the event plus 2 non-travelling reserves:-

- Commitment to competitive tournaments – County and Regional level
- Performance, attitude and attendance at County Training sessions
- Doubles competitive experience
- Recent form
- Positive contribution to team dynamic
- Long-term (3+ months) injury or illness having a negative impact upon recent form / UTR
- Wildcard(s) may be given at the discretion of the Performance Sub-Committee

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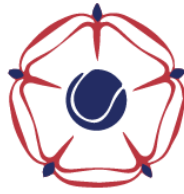
9U County Cup – based on selecting a team of 4 players to travel to the event plus 2 non-travelling reserves:-

- Commitment to competitive tournaments – County and Regional level
- Performance, attitude and attendance at County Training sessions
- Doubles competitive experience
- Recent form
- Positive contribution to team dynamic
- Long-term (3+ months) injury or illness having a negative impact upon recent form
- Wildcard(s) may be given at the discretion of the Performance Sub-Committee

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8U County Cup – based on selecting a team of 4 players to travel to the event:-

- Commitment to competitive tournaments
- Performance, attitude and attendance at County Training sessions
- Positive contribution to team dynamic
- Wildcard(s) may be given at the discretion of the Performance Sub-Committee



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6. COMPLAINTS PROCESS

Please direct any requests for further information on a selection decision to:

info@hampshireiow.tennis.

Please send any formal complaints regarding the selection process ahead of or during a County Cup event in writing to info@hampshireiow.tennis which will be reviewed by a relevant County Sub-Committee who were not involved in the selection process.



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