PADEL FESTIVAL / COUNTY TRAINING SELECTION POLICY

1. INTRODUCTION

The Padel County Festival / Training programme aims to provides the best and most committed players in the County with the opportunity to train and compete with one another. The purpose of the programme in Hampshire & IOW is to accelerate the development of players, help retain players in regular training and prepare teams for inter-county friendly matches.

Padel County Festivals / Training

Padel County Festivals / Training are subsidised for players and follow the LTA GB Youth Pathway which has two initial training groups being created at 14U and 18U level. Players are invited to attend by Hampshire & IOW Tennis (HIOWT) and there are a limited number of spaces available to players in each age-group.

This document outlines the criteria for players to achieve selection for Padel Festival / County Training and County Friendly matches. The selection process is led by the County Performance Manager and Padel Lead and in consultation with the Performance Sub-Committee. Selections are on-going.

Any queries regarding selections should be emailed to info@hampshireiow.tennis.

Purpose

Padel County Festivals are a mechanism by which HIOWT is able to select players to compete in inter-county competition.

2. ELIGIBILITY

- Players will predominantly be selected for their own age group, but there may be exceptional circumstances where players are invited to attend training at an older age group.

- Players must be eligible to represent Hampshire & IOW according to the current LTA guidelines and be able to demonstrate that they will be eligible within the next six months. The LTA rules governing a player's eligibility to represent the county are:

    - Born in the 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

3. SELECTION CRITERIA

- The competitive profile of a player will be an important consideration towards selection:
    - The selection process will take into account FIP / LTA Padel Ranking points
    - Performance at LTA sanctioned youth events or LTA Grade 1 – 5 competitions
    - LTA Tennis Rankings
- The weekly training programme to which a player is committed to will be considered, although in some cases this will be an area of development during the training programme. Players attending Padel County Festivals / Training would ideally be training regularly on a weekly programme overseen by an individual coach at their club.
- Players can be considered for selection through a coach nomination and this can happen at any time during the year.
- Wildcard selections – from time-to-time, the Padel County Captain may select a player who sits outside of traditional qualification criteria, e.g. if their ranking does reflect their current performance level (maybe after injury)

4. COMMUNICATION OF SELECTIONS

- Players will receive an email / letter from Hampshire & IOW Tennis notifying them of the dates and will book and pay for the sessions through Clubspark.

5. SELECTION REVIEWS

- The attendance and attitude of players will be monitored by the HIOWT Team during the Festivals / training sessions. The County Team will have the opportunity to review the selections of players twice a year if they feel there is a need to do so. It is possible that players could be de-selected or warned about the potential for de-selection following these reviews.

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