

2018 National School Games - Wheelchair Tennis Athlete Selection Policy

1. Introduction

The School Games is an annual multi-sport event for the UK's elite young athletes of school age. The sports are combined into a four-day Games environment designed to replicate the feel of a major event such as the Olympic Games and Paralympic Games.

It is the responsibility of the Tennis Foundation (the TF) to select the players for the School Games Wheelchair Tennis event, as set out in this document, for the following teams:

- England Red*
- England Blue
- England White
- Scotland
- Wales
- Ulster

The TF has appointed a Team Captain in respect of each team. Each Team Captain will lead a team of 4 male players and 2 female players for their team at the School Games. As part of this role, each Captain will contribute to the selection of their team, as described below.

*England Red will be restricted in numbers, and will only select as many players as would make up the shortfall of the Wales team. Only one team manager will be appointed for the Wales/England Red team

2. Essential Eligibility Criteria

To be eligible for consideration for selection for their team, each player must:

- Be aged 18 or under on the 31st December of 2018; and
- Be aged 11 or over on the first day of competition, any player aged between 11 and 12 must have specific written permission to attend from YST prior to the event
- Attend at least one School Games Selection camp, which is to be advertised on the Tennis Foundation website events section.
- Permanently reside within the home nation that the team belongs to.

3. Selection Criteria

If a player is eligible to be considered for selection, the TF Talent Coach and Team Captains will select the teams most likely to deliver success at the School Games taking into consideration:

- The player's commitment to training demonstrated through frequency of wheelchair tennis training sessions they take part in
- The players' performance and skill level demonstrated at School Games selection camps.

4. Selection Process

The Selection Criteria above will be used at each of the following stages of Selection:

1. Each Team Captain will shortlist players for consideration for their team
2. Using each shortlist, the TF Talent Coach and Team Captain will agree the players selected for their respective region for the School Games
3. For any region that does not have a full team following stage 2, the TF Talent Coach will then select players who best meet the selection criteria to ensure full teams at the School Games.

The above stages of selection will take place 4-5th July 2018.

4. Communication of Selection

Players will be notified of their nomination (or, in some instances, otherwise) no later than the 15th July 2018.

5. Changes to the Selection Process

The TF will have the right to amend or vary this Selection Policy and the Selection Criteria where necessary at any time. These changes and amendments, having been discussed and agreed, will be clearly communicated to all parties.

6. Appeals

Should a player wish to appeal against a Team Manager's selection decision, the player must do so in writing or by email within 7 working days of receiving written notice of the decision to the Interim Executive Director of the TF at the National Tennis Centre, 100 Priory Lane, Roehampton, London, SW15 5JQ, email address joanna.farquharson@tennisfoundation.org.uk.