

Bucks County Training

Bucks tennis are introducing a new approach to county training to enable the top players in Bucks to train together on a monthly basis. The ethos of the training is to create team spirit, identity and loyalty to Bucks tennis, where players gain the opportunity to train with their peers, and have an aspirational experience with a goal of ultimately being selected to represent the county.

8&U – 9&U

County training will take place once a month on a Sunday in 2 blocks; October – March and April - June. Training will be based at indoor venues across the county. The 8&U will have an East / West split with the squad coming together twice a year, February in the West and November in the East. The 8&U county training squad will consist of 16-32 players (mixed boys and girls) for both East and West over 2 courts for 2 hrs. For 9&U, the county training squad will consist of 12 boys and 12 girls over 3 courts for 1.5 hrs (boys and girls session happen as separate times)

10&U – 14&U

Winter County training will take place once a month on a Saturday or Sunday afternoon/evening between October and March. Training will be based at various indoor venues across the county. The County Training squad will consist of up to 12 players over 3 courts for 2 hours where selection will be made after the county closed prior to the training starting.

18&U

County training will take place once a month on a Saturday or Sunday afternoon/evening between October and March. Training will be based at an indoor venue across the county. The County Training squad will consist of up to 12 players over 3 courts for 2 hours where selection will be made in the August prior to the training starting.

All administration will be handled by the Bucks Tennis Office staff. Squad numbers are subject to change based on the requirements for that age group. The county will operate an efficiently managed reserve list with players confirming their attendance well in advance.

County Training Selection

The Bucks Tennis office will send an e-mail to all coaches in Bucks to invite them to nominate players they wish to be considered for County Training.

8&U

Coaches are to nominate players in December for a sift day to be held in January followed by training in January, February March. – The process will be repeated in April for training in April, May and June and July.

9&U

Coaches are to nominate players in August for training October – March. The squad will then be reviewed and if required, new players added to the squad for April – June.

10&U – 14&U

Coaches are to nominate players in August for training October – March.

18&U

Coaches are to nominate players in August for training October – March

A selection panel consisting of the coach, Bucks Junior Co-ordinator, and one other from across the county will then make the final selection based on the following:

8&U – 10&U

All players will be selected by the panel based on a mixture of the following factors:

- Mini Tennis Rating (orange/Green only)
- Level of involvement within LTA Talent ID structure (National, Regional, County)
- Performance in preceding County events/other external tournaments
- Attitude
- Commitment to a regular training programme
- Attention to future game development

12&U – 18&U

The top 4 players (top 8 boys and girls for 18&U) based on ranking on a set date will automatically be invited. The next 4 players will be selected by the panel based on a mixture of the following factors:

- Player ranking
- Player rating
- Level of involvement within LTA performance structure (National, Regional)
- Performance in preceding County events/other external tournaments.
- Attitude
- Commitment to a regular training programme
- Attention to future game development.

Players selected will receive an e-mail from the Bucks office staff where information of the training dates, times, venue and payment will be detailed. Players will be expected to pay for their County Training to cover the costs of coaches and court fees.

County Cup Team Selection

Players selected for County training (or Regional / National training) in 9U, 10U, 12U, 14U, 18U age groups will be in contention for the County Cup team. Further detail on the County Cup selection process can be found in the Bucks Junior County Cup Team selection document.