

## BUCKS ASPIRANTES PROGRAMME 2020/21

### Objectives

- To create through a strong network of clubs a regular stream of 8&U players into county sifts and county organised competition
- To support coaches to create a fun and engaging environment to develop skilful players with a love of the game of tennis
- To inspire more 8&U players within Bucks onto the performance and competition pathway

### Criteria

- Clubs with a clear pathway in place for players to develop and train more than once in a week
- Clubs that have developed good school links which convert players into the programme
- Clubs that show a commitment to developing competition players by encouraging competition and providing competition opportunities within their venue
- Clubs that have produced players who have attended county training sessions in the past 4 years

### Expectations of the club

- To run sessions with an appropriate coach to player ratio and to use indoor space when required
- To have a clear plan for talent attraction and talent identification with a pathway which is communicated to parents
- To have a group of players born in 2013 2014 and 2015 attending coaching sessions at least twice a week with the main focus on players born in 2014
- To get targeted players to sign up for BTMs and to aim to compete once or twice a month either team or individual competition
- To enter a team in the Bucks Aspirantes Cup twice a year and to have at least one coach in your programme to attend Aspirantes coaches' get togethers
- To enter a team into the team tennis league to compete at a central venue
- To support the Bucks County Closed by encouraging players to compete
- At least one coach in your programme to attend Bucks Coach Forum in October 2020.

### Expectations of the County

- To support the development of coaches working within the programme with on and off court get togethers (Autumn, Spring, Summer term) – linked to awareness of standards, sharing of ideas and support from LTA Lead County Pathway Co-ordinator.
- To organise 2 Aspirantes Cups a year – March 2021 (2013/2014), Oct/Nov 2021 (2014/2015)
- Support from the Bucks County Performance Officer when required

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