



Tennis Ireland Junior International Selection Policy

Selection Policy for Junior International Tours

This policy excludes events such as international friendlies, European Youth Olympics or ad hoc events unless otherwise specified.

Policy Objective

This policy outlines the selection process by Tennis Ireland for selection for the following Junior events:

Tennis Europe Winter and Summer Cups (12&U, 14&U, 16&U and 18&U – summer only)

Tennis Europe European Championships (14&U, 16&U and 18&U)

Junior Four Nations (12&U, 14&U and 18&U)

Note: events entered and age groups per event vary from year to year. 2025 events are as per below. Information regarding Team Travel can be found at the end of this policy document.

2025 Junior International Events

Tennis Europe Summer Cups

12&U – 3 boys and 3 girls (Qualifying Rounds - 24-27 July 2025, venues TBC)

Tennis Europe European Championships

14&U – 2 boys and 2 girls (Most (CZE), 21-27 July)

16&U – 2 boys and 2 girls (Parma (ITA), 22-28 September)

18&U – 2 boys and 2 girls (Oberpullendorf (AUT), 15-21 September)

Junior Four Nations (18-21 September 2025 – UK)

12&U – 2 boys and 2 girls

14&U – 2 boys and 2 girls

18&U – 2 boys and 2 girls

Selection Criteria

Teams will be selected by a Junior Selection Committee from 2025 using the following criteria.

Please note that, while the criteria below are listed in order of importance, they are not definitive, and the committee will consider them in the round when making their selections.:

1. International ranking:
14&U Events: Tennis Europe ranking as of the date of Selection
16&U and 18&U Events: ITF ranking as of the date of selection
2. National Ranking: as of date of selection
3. Current form
4. Head-to-Head record (where relevant)
5. Doubles ability (where relevant)
6. Past results on relevant surfaces

Please also note that if specific /exceptional circumstances arise in relation to any player (e.g. injury, living and training/competing abroad or other) the Committee may exercise its discretion in considering such player for selection notwithstanding the criteria set out above.

Tennis Ireland specific criteria:

A Player:

- Must be in good standing with Tennis Ireland (display good sportsmanship, conduct and disciplinary record. Tournament referee reports will be reviewed before and after selection). Players can be de-selected if there are breaches to the Player Code of Conduct <https://www.tennisireland.ie/safeguarding> (select 'Safeguarding Guidance for Children' to view the codes of conduct).
- Must be committed to tennis and competing regularly on the Tennis Ireland Junior Tour and/or in ITF Junior/Tennis Europe events.
- Must adhere to Tennis Ireland's Anti-Doping Policy and will be required to complete the on-line anti-doping course through WADA or attend an Anti Doping workshop organized by Tennis Ireland.
- Must not be currently serving a period of ineligibility or period of provisional suspension in relation to an anti-doping rule violation.
- Must have demonstrated to the satisfaction of Tennis Ireland that they are fit to perform at a sufficiently competitive level.
- Must not have acted in such a manner so as to bring himself/herself, Tennis Ireland, the sport, Tennis Europe or the ITF into disrepute in the 12 months prior to Selection. For the avoidance of doubt: the evaluation of this requirement is at the sole discretion of the Junior Selection Committee for the purposes of selection: the public disrepute referred to within this clause includes potential and/or actual disrepute.
- Must adhere to Tennis Ireland's Player Code of Conduct.
- Must compete and be available for all days of the event they are selected for, including travel dates.

2025 Selection Dates

Tennis Europe Summer Cups

12&U – 3 boys and 3 girls (Qualifying Rounds - 24-27 July 2025, venues TBC)

Selection date: Tuesday 24th June or as soon as possible after that date

Tennis Europe European Championships

14&U – 2 boys and 2 girls (Most (CZE), 21-27 July)

Selection date: Tuesday 24th June or as soon as possible after that date

16&U – 2 boys and 2 girls (Parma (ITA), 22-28 September)

Selection date: Tuesday 26th August or as soon as possible after that date

18&U – 2 boys and 2 girls (Oberpullendorf (AUT), 15-21 September)

Selection date: Tuesday 12th August or as soon as possible after that date

Junior Four Nations (19-21 September 2025 – UK)

12&U – 2 boys and 2 girls

14&U – 2 boys and 2 girls

18&U – 2 boys and 2 girls

Selection date: Tuesday 26th August or as soon as possible after that date

Player Eligibility

In order to be considered for selection for the Tennis Europe Winter/Summer Cup and European Championships events, players must meet the following eligibility criteria:

Tennis Europe/ITF Rule eligibility criteria:

Any player who is in good standing with his/her National Association shall be qualified to represent that nation as a player if he/she:

(a) has not previously represented any other nation at ITF World Junior Tennis, Davis Cup Juniors and Billie Jean King Cup Juniors by Gainbridge, the Youth Olympic Games or European Summer Cups by Dunlop; and

(b) (i) is a citizen of that nation and holds a current valid passport of that nation; or

(ii) is a citizen of that nation, but in circumstances where that nation does not issue its own passport holds a qualifying passport issued by or on behalf of that nation which confirms the player's place of birth as that nation; or

(iii) after a consecutive period of two (2) years (24 months) residence in that nation, can provide a genuine reason for being unable to hold or make application to hold a current passport where:

(a) he/she was born, or has a parent or grandparent born, in that nation; or

(b) he/she has obtained or procured the right to remain permanently or has been granted humanitarian protection in that nation.

All players will be required to complete an eligibility form prior to selection. Players may be contacted by Tennis Ireland in the weeks prior to selection to complete this form.

Conditions of Selected Players

Players selected by Tennis Ireland must continue to compete in international and national events in the lead up to the event(s) for which they are selected. Tennis Ireland will require monthly reports of tournaments in which players compete. Players must abide by the Tennis Specific criteria outlined above.

De-Selection / Removal

A player may remove themselves from the process or may be removed for any of the following reasons.

Injury/Illness

- If a player becomes ill / injured prior to selection, they will be required to demonstrate an appropriate level of fitness.
- If an injury /illness occurs to a player after selection they will be required to demonstrate an appropriate level of fitness to remain as a selected player. This procedure will involve both physical readiness and fitness to perform phases based on consultation between Tennis

Ireland and the appropriate medical practitioner the player is attending and/or competitiveness in tournaments and training prior to the event.

Note: a player who proceeds to compete at the event despite injury or illness may not be selected for future events.

Ineligibility

- A player who becomes ineligible based on the tennis specific or eligibility criteria or is found to be ineligible post-selection, in this policy may be removed from the process / de-selected.
- A player who breaches any of the polices and/or codes of conduct referenced in this policy may be removed from the process / de-selected.

Preparation

- A player who does not meet the agreed training and competition goals post the selection date may be de-selected.

Replacement

If a player is removed or de-selected, a replacement player may be selected at the discretion of the Junior Selection Committee, subject to such player meeting the eligibility criteria to represent Ireland.

Player Selection and Notification

Player selection is at the sole discretion of the Tennis Ireland Junior Selection Committee based on the Selection criteria outlined above. The players selected will be contacted directly by Tennis Ireland on or within 3 days of the selection being completed by the Junior Selection Committee.

Players deemed in contention for selection by the Junior Selection Committee, but not selected, will also be notified of the selections made.

Announcement of Selection by Tennis Ireland

Selected players are not permitted to make any announcements to their clubs, school, the media or the general public in any form whatsoever (including via any social media platforms such as TikTok, X, Instagram and Facebook etc.) of their possible or confirmed selection or non-selection prior to official announcement by Tennis Ireland of such selection.

Provision of Tennis Coaches

Tennis Ireland provides two coaches per event.

Boys teams: two male coaches or one male and one female coach

Girls teams: two female coaches or one female and one male coach

European Championships: one male and one female coach

Junior Four Nations: 3 coaches (mix of male and female coaches)

The names of the coach(es) will be provided to the selected players by Tennis Ireland.

Team Travel

Selected players and coaches must travel as a team to the event. All logistics are managed by Tennis Ireland. Any hinderance to team logistics may result in de-selection of the player and reconsideration for future tours.

Travel dates can vary depending on the venue, but players are expected to be available from 2 days prior to the first date of competition and will return the night of the last date of the event or day after the event ends.

Supporters including parents and family members are welcome to attend events but are responsible for managing their own logistics and must not interfere with the team dynamic as this hinders safeguarding measures including responsibility for the team members.