



CRITERIA FOR TEAM AND REPRESENTATIVE SELECTION – TENNIS SOUTHLAND

The selection panel for a Southland Team consists of the appointed Coaches for the Teams Event and is convened by the Tennis Southland Manager. All Coaches in Southland will be invited to provide feedback on players they coach to ensure fair representation.

The list below is the criteria for team selection where every point is considered to support the final decision by the selection panel:

- Confirmed availability for selection; (*“availability”*)
- Coaches knowledge of the player; (*“professional judgment”*)
- Configure rankings, performance in Open and Closed tournaments in both singles and doubles results over a 12-month period; (*“the performance factor”*)
- Developmental benefit of experience of selection for a promising player with obvious future representative potential; (*“the future potential factor”*)
- Ambitions of player and commitment to the sport; (*“the commitment factor”*)
- Sportsmanship, conduct and disciplinary record (*“the good ambassador factor”*)
- Historic record of achievement and success at the level in question such as is likely to benefit a team; (*“the experience factor”*)
- Historic and current desire and commitment to represent at a provincial or regional level; (*“the desire to represent factor”*)

In order to be selected for a training squad, all players should:

- Be a current fully paid up member of a club affiliated to Tennis Southland
- Pay any outstanding debts to Tennis Southland in full 10 days prior to the team event
- Play both the ILT Southland Junior Closed and ILT Southland Junior Open within the 12 months prior to the selection meeting. Players are eligible to be selected if they haven't played the above tournaments if:
 - They arrived into the Tennis Southland area and have been affiliated to another ITF association;
 - Players have been representing Southland in another sport (written evidence);
 - Players have had a family emergency;
 - Players have a written medical certificate for injury/illness;
 - NB: The selection panel can use their discretion to consider players new to tennis in the U10 age group.
- Written requests for dispensation go to the Tennis Southland Junior Committee (c/o operations@tennissouthland.co.nz) and need to be received 14 days prior to the Closed or Open Tournaments.
 - For circumstances that arise after this, a written request must be made as soon as possible.
 - Each case will be considered on its own merits by the Junior Committee.
 - The Junior Committee may grant dispensation for the Closed or Open Tournaments however, final decisions will be made at the Coaches discretion.
 - Applicants will be emailed of the decision within 3 days of the respective tournament being held.