

TENNIS SOUTHERN TEAMS EVENT PLAYER SELECTION

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1 SELECTION PANEL / COACH APPOINTMENTS

Tennis Southern shall appoint a coach to lead each of the 12U, 14U and 16U Southern Teams for the 2019 National Teams Event. These three coaches (hereby referred to as “Southern Coaches”. The three Southern Coaches shall form a Southern Selection Panel, and be responsible for selecting the strongest team for Tennis Southern based on the players available and eligible (as per TSR’s Rep Selection Policy).

The Southern Selection Panel, will be asked to select a training squad of at least eight players to be announced after the conclusion of the South Island Spring Opens (11 October 2018). The 12U and 14U Coaches will aim to hold one training/selection camp before the Southern Junior Teams Event (9-11 November 2018). The three Southern Coaches are expected to hold a selection meeting during the Southern Junior Teams Event in Dunedin on Sunday 11 November 2018. Final selections will be determined at this meeting. Once the team selection is made at this meeting, it shall be deemed final.

The Selection Panel shall select 4 boys and 4 girls for each of the 12U, 14U, and 16U teams, along with 1 boy and 1 girl to be non-travelling reserves for each of these teams.

16U are at Scarbro Tennis Centre (Auckland) 9-12 January 2019
12U and 14U are at Wilding Park (Christchurch) 15-18 January 2019

The Selection Panel will use the following criteria:

2 SELECTION CRITERIA

Tournament Experience

To be considered for selection individuals need to be actively playing in tournaments. The following pre-Christmas tournaments are recommended:

- Otago Spring Open (29 – 30 Sep)
- Canterbury Spring Open (7 – 11 Oct)
- Queenstown Junior Open (3 – 4 Nov)
- South Canterbury Spring (2 – 4 Oct)
- Mid Canterbury Junior Open (20-22 Oct)
- North Otago Junior Open (TBC)

16s age group players are also strongly encouraged to be playing in Open tournaments.

Regional Representation

Players must be affiliated to a Southern Association. Players seeking selection in the 12U or 14U teams **must play for their Association** in their respective age group at the Southern Region Teams Event (9 – 11 November 2018).

Players seeking selection in the 16U team are strongly encouraged to be available to play for their Association at Junior and Senior Southern Teams Events.

Regional Selection/Training Camps

Players are expected attend Regional Camps if organised by their team's Coach prior to the 2019 Event – dates and venue to be confirmed by the Coach. These are run on a user pays basis.

Exemptions

If an individual has not met the above criteria they may still be eligible for selection if:

- Playing in a tournament at a higher level – Nationally or Internationally.
- They are newly arrived to the Southern region and have been affiliated to another area
- There has been a family bereavement
- They can provide a medical certificate for injury/illness

The Southern Board reserves the right to consider other players' circumstances on a case by case basis.

Requests for dispensation must be sent by email to the Tennis Southern Board at TennisSouthernRegion@gmail.com **by 15 October 2018**. Players (and their Associations) will be advised of the Board's decision regarding their request by 31 October 2018.

Membership

Individuals must be a paid member of a club affiliated to one of the following Associations as at 1 October 2018 and be listed on that club's membership register: Southland, Otago, Southern Lakes, North Otago, South Canterbury.

Any outstanding debts to their association or Tennis Southern of 90 days or more must be paid in full before team announcement. Players will be made aware if they fall into this category.

3 NOMINATIONS

Nominations will be requested from Associations in September 2018 and will be passed on to the Selection Panel. Players not specifically nominated, but who otherwise fulfil selection criteria, **are eligible for selection**.

4 FINAL DECISION

The Selection Panel will make the final decision on team selection. Factors to be considered include: ConfigureRankings, tournament results, head to head match play, training squads (where play-offs may be part of the training), attitude and mental toughness and the player's ability in doubles. The team is expected to be announced shortly after the November Southern Junior Teams Event.

5 APPEAL RIGHTS

Teams will be selected by the Selection Panel with the goal to select Southern's strongest possible teams. **Once made, these selections will be final.**

6 TEAM ORDER

Team order will be decided upon by the Coach and will follow Tennis New Zealand Criteria for National Team Events.

7 PLAYER COST

Tennis NZ has approved a cost equalisation policy in which all players pay \$475 to participate. This includes uniforms, a travel subsidy, accommodation, food and entry fee. Tennis Southern is also charged \$8998.75 as a team fee - it is our policy to pass that on to the players. This equates to \$375 each (Associations may help with these costs).

Tennis Southern Policy is to appoint a team manager for each team who is generally of the opposite gender to the Coach. Accommodation and food expenses for managers will be shared by each of the team members. Coach transport costs will also be shared by team members. Managers will be police vetted.

The following is a breakdown of the **anticipated** costs (subject to change) per player:

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| 1. Tennis NZ Player contribution (paid directly to Tennis NZ) | \$475.00* |
| *contribution is reduced by a travel subsidy which varies by location | |
| 2. Player portion of Team Fee | \$375.00 |
| 3. Additional Coach/Managerial costs | \$TBC* |
| *a deposit of \$125 required, with balance refunded after the event | |
| 4. Player Individual Transport Costs to Auckland/Christchurch – it is the personal responsibility of each team member to organise flights and/or road transport to Auckland or Christchurch. Tennis NZ provides a travel subsidy which covers most or all of this expense | |

All of the above costs are **due immediately upon selection**. Tennis Southern appreciates that these costs will be significant for many families – we urge you to contact your individual Associations regarding what support may be available.