
Wairarapa Representative Teams - Junior Selection Policy

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Purpose:

Wairarapa Tennis (WT) vision is to develop and grow tennis in our community and foster a love of tennis in our juniors, while providing a competitive environment to develop our junior players.

Except for the LNI Junior Quad and TC Teams Event, our representative fixture events are open to all of our junior development squad, and we encourage all of the squad to participate in these events.

For the LNI Junior Quad and TC Teams Event tournaments, the process for naming the team WT is:

- confirm player's eligibility, and
- confirm the players that qualify for the team.

The selection of representative teams will be transparent and open. Eligibility will be confirmed by the WT Head Coach who will then confirm the team selection based on their assessment of the selection criteria outlined below (with Matt Spooner's endorsement). For the 2024/2025 season, the WT's Head Coach, endorsed by the WT committee, is Jacob Emery.

Eligibility:

Players need to satisfy the following criteria to be considered for Wairarapa Junior Representative team selection for the LNI Junior Quad and TC Teams Event tournaments:

1. The player must be an affiliated member of a WT club and actively compete in an interclub competition over the summer. Players may compete in any region's competition that best meets their needs to continue their development.
2. Have a Wairarapa Tennis affiliation code on match hub and the player must not have represented other regions in events during the season.

3. Have played in at least four of the following tournaments over the last 12 months preceding the event.
 - a. Wanganui Junior Open;
 - b. Wairarapa Primary Schools;
 - c. Kiwi Indoors;
 - d. Wairarapa Graded tournament;
 - e. NZ Junior Nationals;
 - f. Wairarapa Junior Open;
 - g. Kiwi Clay Courts;
 - h. Wairarapa Secondary Schools;
 - i. Wairarapa Junior Closed;
 - j. Wairarapa April Open;
 - k. Wairarapa Kings Birthday Open: and/or
 - l. Any ITF Junior event

Exemptions may be given in case of injury supported by a medical certificate.

4. The player is not to have been sanctioned by a tennis governing body for Code of Conduct violations in the previous 12 months.
5. Players must be residing in the Wairarapa. This includes living within the Wairarapa Region with family, boarding at a college or private boarding.

Exemptions may be given at the discretion of the WT Head Coach. Representative history, impact on qualified Wairarapa based players and strength of player association with WT will be considered.

Process for Naming the Team

At least 3 weeks before the LNI Junior Quad and TC Teams Event, all of the representative squad will be notified of the team selection, including any non-travelling reserves.

Selections for the LNI Junior Quad shall be based on:

- Singles rating on Match Hub and WTN
- Doubles rating on Match Hub and WTN

For this event we will be entering a joint Wairarapa and Whanganui team.

Selections for the TC Teams Event shall be made based on:

- singles rating on Match Hub and WTN
- recent results
- attitude
- commitment and effort

- sportsmanship

For the TC Teams Event the Coach may request a play-off match to determine selection if deemed appropriate.

Results that occur in between the selection and the fixture will not change the team.

Conflict of Interest:

The WT Administrator and Coach shall follow normal practice of stepping aside from any selection where they may have a conflict of interest. That is, a Coach has an association with a player which may give rise to a question of bias or favouritism in the selection process. However, as the WT Representative Coach has been assigned this position by WT committee and coaches the Development squad, this relationship cannot represent a conflict for team selection.

Appeal:

Any parent, guardian, or coach dissatisfied with any selection decisions may apply *in writing* to the WT Administrator to review the decision.

Any parent, guardian or coach dissatisfied with any review decisions by the Selectors may appeal *in writing* to the WTA Management Committee, via the Chairperson. The WT Management Committee's decision will be final.