



Kent County Training Explained

Age groups

8&U Mixed 9&U Mixed 10&U Girls 10&U Boys 12&U Girls 12&U Boys 14&U Girls 14&U Boys 18&U Mixed

Kent Tennis run county training to enable the top players in Kent to train together. The ethos of the training is to create a camaraderie and loyalty to county tennis where players gain the opportunity to work on tactics (especially in doubles) in a structure which could potentially link to selection for the county cup teams.

8&U – 9&U

County training will take place once a month on a Sunday in 2 blocks; October – March and April - July. Training will be based at indoor venues across the county where possible. The 8&U will have an East / West split with the squad coming together twice a year, February in the West and November in the East. The 8&U county training squad will consist of 16-32 players (mixed boys and girls) for both East and West over 2 courts for 2 hrs. For 9&U, the county training squad will consist of 2 sessions of 12 players (mixed boys and girls) over 3 courts for 2 hrs (2 sessions happen as separate times)

10&U – 14&U

County training will take place once a month on a Saturday or Sunday afternoon/evening between October and March. Training will be based at various indoor venues across the county where possible. The County Training squad will consist of 8 players over 2 courts for 2 hours where selection will be made in the August prior to the training starting.

18&U Mixed

County training will take place once a month on a Saturday or Sunday afternoon/evening between October and December. Training will be based at an indoor venue across the county where possible. The County Training squad will consist of 24 players (12 boys/12 girls) over 6 courts for 2 hours where selection will be made in the August prior to the training starting.

All administration will be handled by the Kent Tennis Office staff. Squad number are subject to change based on the requirements for that age group

County Training Selection

The Kent Tennis office will send an e-mail to all coaches in Kent to invite them to nominate players they wish to be considered for County Training.

8&U

Coaches are to nominate players in August for training October – March and then again in the March for the April – July training.

9&U

Coaches are to nominate players in August for training October – March. The squad will then be reviewed and if required, new players added to the squad for April – July.

10&U – 14&U

Coaches are to nominate players in August for training October – March.

18&U

Coaches are to nominate players in August for training October – December.

A selection panel consisting of the coach, Kent competitions manager and performance coaches and managers from across the county will then make the final selection based on the following:

8&U – 10&U

All players will be selected by the panel based on a mixture of the following factors:

- Mini Tennis Rating (orange/Green only)
- Level of involvement within LTA Talent ID structure (National, Regional, County)
- Performance in preceding County events/other external tournaments
- Attitude

12&U – 18&U

The top 4 players (top 8 boys and girls for 18&U) based on ranking on a set date will automatically be invited. The next 4 players will be selected by the panel based on a mixture of the following factors:

- Player ranking
- Player rating
- Level of involvement within LTA performance structure (National, Regional)
- Performance in preceding County events/other external tournaments.
- Attitude

The Selectors reserves the right to exclude a qualified player, if it is felt it is for the good of the team.

Players selected will receive an e-mail from the Kent office staff where information of the training dates, times, venue and payment will be detailed. Players will be expected to pay for their County Training to cover the costs of coaches and court fees.

County Cup Team Selection

Players selected for County training (or Regional / National training) in 9U, 10U, 12U, 14U, 18U age groups will be in contention for the County Cup team. Further detail on the County Cup selection process can be found in the Kent Junior County Cup Team selection document.



Kent County Training and Kent County Cup Training Overview

The below table give an overview of the timings and set up of Kent Junior County Training, County Cup Training and Selection for all age groups.

AGE GROUP	Winter Season County Training (Oct – March)	Summer Season County Training (April - July)	County Cup Team Training (2/3 sessions)	Selection dates for County Training	Season age For County Training selection	Selection dates for County Cup Team	County Cup Competition Dates
8&U Mixed (East/West)	√	√	X	Selection – August for Winter Review – March for Summer	August selection – Winter March selection – Summer	X	X
9&U Mixed	√ (Separate B/G)	√	√ July/August	Selection – August for Winter Review – March for Summer	August selection – Summer March selection – Summer	Beg. of July	Mid-August
10&U Boys/Girls	√	X	√ April/May	August	Summer	End of March	End of May
12&U Boys/Girls	√	X	√ June/July	August	Summer	End of April	Beg. of July
14&U Boys/Girls	√	X	√ March/April	August	Summer	Beg. of March	End of April
18&U Boys/Girls	√ (Mixed Oct - Dec)	X	√ Jan/Feb	August	Summer	Dec	Mid-February

County Training

- Administered by Kent Tennis
- Session paid for by the players
- Courts/ Coaches paid for by Kent Tennis

County Cup Team Training

- Run by the County Cup team captains
- Players do not pay for sessions
- Courts FOC from venue
- Part of County Cup captains remit