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- Programme players who will be competing in 8U, 9U and 10U leagues and tournaments throughout 2022.
- 2013 and 2014 players, nominated by their club coaches, who attended this month's training sessions.
- 8U county team players

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West of Scotland county training

The current county training block will finish at the end of this month. Tennis West of Scotland and the county coaching team hope that you have not only enjoyed your sessions but think that your tennis has developed throughout the winter.

There will be no weekly sessions in the summer period April to June as players play and train at their club and compete in weekly National League matches for their club. This period is also a time when many tournaments for your age group are held throughout Scotland.

Things to do:

Find out when your club team's matches scheduled and let your club coach know that you want to represent your club. The link to the West of Scotland National League Summer 22 can be found at [League and Cup Competition - Tennis West of Scotland \(tenniswos.co.uk\)](http://tenniswos.co.uk)

Find tournaments for your age group, login to [Tournaments - Tennis West of Scotland \(tenniswos.co.uk\)](http://tenniswos.co.uk) You can also search for tournaments by logging in at [LTA - Tennis for Britain](http://lta.org.uk). These sites are currently being updated with 2022 events.

West of Scotland will also be represented in 8U, 9U and 10U County Cup competitions in 2022. Dates of these, together with selection criteria for teams, can be found at [County Teams - Tennis West of Scotland \(tenniswos.co.uk\)](http://tenniswos.co.uk)

Next winter's training programme will start in September. Unfortunately, not all players can be selected as there is a limited amount of indoor court time available to operate the programme for all age groups. It is always disappointing for any programme player not to be re-selected and so it is important that players and parents are aware of the selection criteria. Parents have a very important role in how they manage both success and disappointment. The main aim always is to have happy players who want to continue playing.

Some young players will already have decided that they do not like competing. Again, the aim should be that they still want to play at their club and may still be happy to play in a team environment. Such players should take full advantage of their club programme and parents should withdraw them from the county programme. The county programme should not be seen as a 'club' but a training programme with county team representation as a realistic goal.

Year of Birth	Selection criteria		Provisional plans for 2022-23
2014 & 2015	Players are selected through being nominated by club coaches to attend 'fun' sessions where players have demonstrated skills and potential talent.	Players are encouraged to compete as regularly as possible at club and local competitions.	A Wednesday 4:30 – 6:00 session at Scotstoun Leisure Centre starting in September. Invitations to selected players issued by 8 th August.
2013	Players have competed regularly from September 2021 to June 2022 and achieved 'recent form' points. Players have represented their club in West of Scotland National Winter & Summer League matches and participated successfully in some local and national competitions including the West of Scotland Junior Tournament in June.	Match results in these competitions will be noted.	A Wednesday 6:00 – 8:00 session at Scotstoun Leisure Centre starting in September. Invitations to selected players issued by 8 th August. If no communication has been received by this date, players should ensure that their club can offer them a good programme. Players should express their interest to their clubs to play in winter National League inter-club matches.
2012	Players have competed successfully from September 2021 to June 2022 in both 10U and 11U competitions. Players have represented their club in West of Scotland National Winter & Summer League matches and participated successfully in some local and national competitions including the West of Scotland Junior Tournament in June.	Match results in these competitions will be noted.	A Thursday 5:00 – 7:00 session at Scotstoun Leisure Centre starting in September. Invitations to selected players issued by 8 th August. If no communication has been received by this date, players should ensure that their club can offer them a good programme. Players should express their interest to their clubs to play in winter National League inter-club matches.

Club coaches have been invited to a meeting later this month to discuss the relationship between club and county programmes. The county cannot confirm selection before this date as it has to

ensure that all competition information from throughout the summer is considered before final selections are agreed.

It is possible that your club may launch its winter programme before 8th August.

Players should not be pressed by clubs into accepting a club programme which excludes the opportunity to attend county training.

The link between county training and selection to county teams can be found at [County Teams - Tennis West of Scotland \(tenniswos.co.uk\)](http://www.tenniswos.co.uk)

Enjoy your tennis throughout the summer.

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