



Munster Tennis

Junior Interprovincial Team Selection System

2025

Munster Tennis strives to field the most competitive Munster Junior Interprovincial Teams for to represent Munster in the Tennis Ireland Interprovincial Championships (which are held each year) while also supporting the Irish Junior Tennis circuit including the Munster based events. The objective is to select players based on results that have excelled the most in junior competitions each year. There is significant competition for places on Munster interprovincial Teams and a clear and transparent system is in place for selection of the Teams.

TENNIS MUNSTER TEAM CULTURE AND BEHAVIOUR -

All Players who wish to compete for Tennis Munster should be willing and able to contribute positively to team culture expected of Tennis Munster Teams which will be demonstrated through the following behaviours:

- Players work with integrity, holding themselves accountable for high standards of excellence
- Players demonstrate positivity in that their actions uplift other members of the team
- Players demonstrate mutual respect towards all.
- Players play with courage, always learning and hungry to improve



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The new selection system which is **primarily** based on Player Ranking is proposed for 2025.

This selection system is designed to be equitable and transparent for all parties involved in the process. **A key aim of this selection process is that it recognises a junior tennis player's performance in official ranked tournaments with a specific cut off date.**

The proposed system is based on capturing ranking points at designated point in the year at the following date and taking these into account for final selection.

Ranking Date	Target
Week 31	Munster Team selections will be made based on the official Tennis Ireland ranking updated for this week which will include international results.

The top 3 players on the Tennis Ireland singles ranking on the above week will be deemed to be automatically selected subject to the basic eligibility criteria.

The final 2 places on the team may be filled by way of a Wild Card subject to specific criteria.

Wild Card Selection Criteria to be used for assessments:

- 1. Rankings & Recent Results particularly related to National and/or international events.*
- 2. WTN*
- 3. Performance in Singles or Performance in Doubles depending on Team Requirements.*
- 4. Physical Performance and preparedness to compete at the Inter-provincial event.*
- 5. Attendance at Tennis Munster Team Squad Training.*
- 6. Personal Qualities.* Players are expected to display the attitude and conduct required of an aspiring Tennis Munster TEAM tennis player at all times.



Injury Wildcard

It is proposed that one (1) injury wildcard is available but can only be used where a player due to injury has not being able to compete for a period between March and August 2025. **Such a wildcard would only be considered for use in exceptional circumstances and require medical certification and would be utilised at the agreement of the NPC and Junior Selection Committee. *If applied, the player would become one of the Wild Card nominated.***



Important notes for Junior Players & their Parents:

- ! The official Irish National Junior Rankings will be utilised for all team selections. *(This essentially takes a players top 6 tournament results into account -see below for details).*
- ! Junior Interprovincial teams consist of 5 girls and 5 boys.
- ! **To be eligible for selection players must be active players competing in the 12 months prior to Week 31 2025 and meet one of the following criteria:**
 - a. Have reached a semi final or final of under 14, u16 or u18 Tour 500 event since October 2024*
 - b. Have reached the semi finals or higher of a Tour 1000 event singles or doubles since October 2024*
 - c. Have won a round in the qualifying or main draw of a Tennis Europe or ITF since October 2024 (walkovers are not counted)*
- ! Players will be expected to attend all training sessions and will be required to submit the reason for any non-attendance to NPC/ Munster Branch. Exceptions will only be made for those training abroad or involved in official tournaments at the time of the training session(s).
- ! Players must confirm they are fit to play for Munster. Should a player suffer an injury he/she must inform the non-Playing Captain immediately to discuss options.
- ! Players must commit to prepare specifically for the Interprovincial Championships and for each day of the event.
- ! If a player is selected for a Senior Munster Team that player has to play for the Munster Junior Team or they will forfeit their Senior Team place.
- ! Players must be available for the duration of the Interprovincial Championships including official meals and presentations.
- ! Players must commit to compete to the best of their ability at all times when representing Munster.
- ! Players must confirm they understand that this is a team event and that each individual performance is critical to the team performance and results.
- ! Players must play in specific matches, and may play with specific partners as directed by the non Playing captain. Decisions of the non Playing Captain are final.
- ! Players must provide their most recent player profile information and a good digital photo for promotional purposes. Players must be available for photo opportunities during the Inter-Provincial Championships.
- ! Players must wear the official Munster supplied Kit for all matches during the event.
- ! **Failure to adhere to the required procedures may unfortunately result in a player forfeiting their place on the team.**



The Tennis Ireland Junior Ranking

-The Basics- How does it work?:

Rankings are processed on a weekly basis.

All Open Junior tournaments that have finished by Sunday are included in the following Tuesday ranking update.

- Players must win one match to receive any ranking points.
- Only points accumulated in the most recent 12 months (52 weeks) count towards a player's ranking. After this period the points drop off.
- The rankings take Irish & International Junior events into account.
- Players must notify Tennis Ireland of any international tournament they may have entered by sending an email to npd@tennisireland.ie, including name and link to the relevant draws.
- Only the highest points received from all the tournaments played count towards a player's ranking. **The number of highest points that will count is a maximum of only 6 for Junior players over a 12 month period. (A players best 6 results in one year)**
- Points are awarded according to the round the player reaches and the Category allocated to the event. Examples:
 - A player that wins in the final gets more points than a player that reaches quarterfinals and loses or gives a walk-over in the next match.
 - A player that wins a Category 1000 (1000) event gets more points than a player that wins a Category 200 (200) event.
- TI Ranking Tables provide information about how many points a player will get for reaching a given round in an Open Tournament for each Category. You can access the Junior table through the following link:

<https://www.tennisireland.ie/2023-junior-tour-ranking-points-table>

For further detailed information see the following link:

<https://www.tennisireland.ie/competitions/world-tennis-number-and-rankings/rankings-how-do-they-work>