

## Introduction

This policy describes how players will be selected for a funded place onto the Nottingham RPDC programme from September 2024. Places on the programme are subject to the following two documents.

1. Player Agreement & Code of Conduct
2. Programme Terms & Conditions

## Nottingham RPDC Vision

To provide inspiring and transformational development environment for our next generation of pro players. Through the delivery of world class coaching and support, Nottingham RPDC will increase the number of nationally relevant players aged 10+, who can transition effectively to the International Junior Stage of the LTA Player Pathway by 14.

## Nottingham RPDC

Nottingham RPDC will create an environment that will enable players to maximise their potential on and off the court now and in the future. There will be 2 RPDC options:

### **Nottingham RPDC programme options:**

**Full Time Programme: Top 10 or on the LTA list** (will run over 38 term time weeks)

The programme comprises the following elements; Individual coach who manages all elements of the players programme both at base and on the road; 1 individualised tennis session, 15.5hour of group tennis sessions, 6hours of group strength and conditioning, domestic and international tournament support. If not inside the top 10 or attended a National camp in a calendar year starting 2024, an individual lesson will not be included but can be sourced by one of our RPDC coaching team for a fee of £50 per lesson.

**Access Programme: On the LTA list** (will run over 38 term time weeks)

The programme comprises the following elements; 8.5hours of group tennis sessions, 3hours of group strength and conditioning (spread across a maximum of 3 days). Individual lessons which can be sourced by one of our RPDC coaching team for a fee of £50 per lesson. Players can choose to pay £50 towards a tournament visit where there are already full time players in attendance. Secondly they can use an RPDC coach for tournament support at the cost of £150 a day plus expenses (Booked at the discretion of the head of performance).

### **Nottingham RPDC linked programme options:**

#### **Nottingham Tennis Centre 14+ Performance Programme**

Players transitioning out of the RPDC, not selected for September 2024 or new applicants who want to continue furthering their tennis journey. They will be offered a place in the 14+ programme which runs alongside the RPDC. Further information to follow.

For Applications: [johnblack70@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:johnblack70@hotmail.co.uk)

## Venue

Nottingham RPDC is the biggest tennis centre in the UK. The venue provides top class training facilities for players to maximise their potential on and off court. With 15 indoor courts, 12 outdoor hard, 13 grass courts, 3 padel, gym, studio, functional training room. Options are also available for training on different surfaces around the area to gain experience for specific events.

## Schools link

Nottingham RPDC has set up a link with Trent College Independent school for 9-14 years of age (RPDC players). This creates the following options:

- Full Boarding (with transport to and from the RPDC)
- School attendance
- Reduced fees depending on tennis level and subject to a bursary (case by case)
- Timetable worked around the current RPDC schedule to assist players with both training and school work
- Assistance with school work when traveling in the UK or abroad
- Competing in the National Schools Finals for Trent College Independent School

For more information about taking up this options please contact Nicholas Morris (Lead RPDC Coach) [nicholas.morris90@icloud.com](mailto:nicholas.morris90@icloud.com) who can talk you through the process.

School Website: <https://www.trentschools.net/>

## Eligibility

Players added to the LTA RPDC long list will be eligible for selection. These players understand the values and direction of the programme, and feel they add real benefit to the environment. The head of performance and coaching team will discuss all applicants.

The LTA long-list selection criteria and further details can be found on the LTA website at the following link: <https://www.lta.org.uk/49b86a/siteassets/pro-players/national-pathway-list-policy-2022-23-final.pdf>

## Number of RPDC Programme Places

The number of places available for September 2024 will be based on the following:

1. Full time programme: maximum will be 12 players
2. Access programme: will be worked out on a squad by squad basis
3. Nottingham Performance Programme have places available subject to applications

## Application and Selection

### *Expressing Interest in the Programme*

To express interest in Nottingham RPDC please contact: [johnblack70@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:johnblack70@hotmail.co.uk)

Please provide the following information:

- Name & DOB
- All necessary contact details
- Current training centre & weekly programme
- Interest in full time or access RPDC programme
- Interest in either Nottingham RPDC linked programme

### *Selection Process*

**8th May:** LTA Long List released.

**W/c 3rd June:** Players to express interest in Nottingham RPDC programme.

**10th-24th June:** All players who have expressed an interest will be invited to an RPDC open assessment day at Nottingham Tennis Centre with opportunity to meet the team, have programme presentation and discuss potential programme options.

*\*For those players who are unable to make open assessment day's alternative dates will be offered.*

**By 30th June:** All Players who have attended Nottingham RPDC for open assessment days will receive communication of a programme offering.

### *Communication of Selection*

All successful and unsuccessful candidates will be communicated verbally and in writing by Sunday 30th June 2024. Successful players will be required to read and abide by the Nottingham RPDC player agreement & code of conduct, programme terms & conditions.

### *Re selection*

Players who are on the programme (Full-time or Access) will be subject to the Nottingham RPDC application and selection policy each year.

### *Programme Start Date*

Nottingham RPDC full time and access programmes will start on Monday 9th September 2024.

## Evaluation/Selection Criteria

When considering which players have the potential to meet the aims/standards of the Nottingham RPDC programme the team will be looking for players who either currently are or have the potential for NAGP selection, GB representative, National camp selection, future National Academy selection. The team will consider and assess the following:

- **Ambition**
- **Unconditional effort**
- **Competitiveness**
- **Non-negotiable commitment**
- **Adaptive**
- **Love of the game**

Our team has a proven track record of producing world class players, with the level of support we provide in training/competition, LTA Nottingham Tennis Centre facilities and the Trent College independent school we are 100% certain we can achieve the levels require for LTA National Academy selection and National/International tournament victories.

All players who express an interest for a place at the Nottingham RPDC programme will be evaluated by the selection panel (the panel). The panel will consist of the following members:

- Head of performance
- Lead RPDC coach
- RPDC assistant coach
- Head of strength and conditioning

## Additional Selection Criteria

When discussing the factors highlighted above the panel will also take into account any of the following considerations that influence the players' potential:

- The players age and physical maturation
- The players historic training programme and tournament schedule
- Any other considerations that have impacted the players progression (health, injury)