



# JUNIOR COUNTY TEAMS POLICY

## SELECTIONS

This document will be updated at the start of each season and will be displayed on the county notice board at The Shrewsbury Club. Any feedback or questions from interested parents is always welcome and makes the production of the document easier for us. All selections will be 1 calendar month prior to their fixture.

**9 & UNDER (ORANGE) COUNTY CUP** – 1 Day mixed event with a fixture requiring a min of 3 boys & 3 girls. The selection for this team will be the top 2 boys and girls based on their LTA Rating. The remaining 1 or 2 places will be captains pick. If more players have the same rating, then number of matches played, and county training will be considered.

**10 & UNDER (GREEN) COUNTY CUP** – 2 Days event, with a fixture requiring a minimum of 3 players. The selection for this team will select the top 2 players based on their LTA Rating. The remaining 1 or 2 places will be captains pick. If more than two players have the same rating, then number of matches played, and county training will be considered.

**AGES 11/12 & UNDER COUNTY CUP** – 2 Days event, with a fixture requiring a minimum of 3 players. The selection for this team will select the top 2 players based on their LTA Ranking. The remaining 1 or 2 places will be captains pick which can be based around many criteria.

**14 & UNDER COUNTY CUP** – 3 Days event with a fixture requiring a minimum of 4 players. The selection for this team will select the top 3 players based on their LTA Ranking. The remaining 1 or 2 places will be captains pick which can be based around many criteria.

**18 & UNDER COUNTY CUP** – 3 Days event, with a fixture requiring a minimum of 6 players. The selection for this team will select the top 5 players based on their LTA Ranking. The remaining 1, 2 or 3 places will be captains pick which can be based on many criteria.

### **Tennis Shropshire Travel Arrangements involving children**

**TRAVEL POLICY** Tennis Shropshire is committed to the safeguarding of all who take part in the sport. Taking a team of junior players away is a big responsibility. Done well it will be a great experience for everyone involved.

1. Any county fixtures played in our neighbouring counties WILL NOT require overnight accommodation. These counties are Staffordshire, Hereford & Worcestershire, North Wales,

Cheshire, Warwickshire. A Parent has the responsibility to provide transport and is expected to travel with the child to the venue and assume responsibility for the welfare of the child throughout the event, (with the exception of time spent on court)

2. Fixtures may only have one coach supervising the team. In some cases, we may also send a young coach to gain experience, but it will be clear who is leading the trip.

3. Although good practice is to send the same gender coach for away matches this is not a requirement, or always possible. Tennis Shropshire will send the most appropriate coach available. This may mean a male coach or coaches leading/supervising the female teams.

4 U14&U12&U/11&U/10&U/U9&U fixtures which require overnight accommodation. A parent will be expected to provide transport to the fixture, to share a room with their child and be responsible for their welfare throughout the fixture. Tennis Shropshire will contribute 50% to the room costs and a parent will be expected to pay the other share. Please note this rule applies when a 14&U or younger player has been selected to represent an older age group.

5 Tennis Shropshire pay for the coach to lead the trip, car/mini-bus hire costs, overnight player accommodation including breakfast. Parents are expected to pay for the player's evening meals, all their own meals and other snacks.

6 18&U away fixtures including those that may require overnight accommodation may travel with the coach. An additional adult of the same sex will also travel. Under these circumstances the lead coach will assume responsibility for the welfare of players throughout the event.

7 Any 18&U player selected to play for the men's or ladies County teams, where overnight accommodation may be required, may share a room with and if another player of the same sex and similar age travels. If though they are the sole 18&U travelling, they will have their own room, which will be in close, proximity to that of the team captain. The captain or other designated adult will be responsible for the welfare of that player throughout the event.

See also Safeguarding at events and Competitions guidelines document.

<https://www.lta.org.uk/globalassets/about-lta/safeguarding/safeguarding-at-events-activities-and-competitions.pdf>