

## **PLAYER FUNDING CRITERIA FOR ESSEX JUNIORS**

**This criteria is due to be amended during 2020**

The Player Funding Committee will meet at the end of April and October each year, called the point of consideration, to determine the eligibility of Essex Players for funding and will make their proposals to Essex LTA Council for approval.

Junior players will need to meet the following criteria to be considered for funding.

- 1 The player at the point of consideration will meet the LTA county criteria to represent the county AND
  - a) have an LTA National Ranking within the top 30 within their own age group OR
  - b) had an National Ranking within the top 30 in a lower age group in the 6 months prior to the point of consideration OR
  - b) have a Tennis Europe junior ranking within the top 200 in any age group OR
  - c) have an ITF junior world ranking within the top 400
  
- 2 In the 12 months after the point of consideration, the player is expected to
  - a) compete in a minimum of 3 LTA Grade 1-2 tournament AND
    - i) If in 12/14 age groups must also enter a minimum of 2 Tennis Europe tournaments OR
    - ii) If in the 16/18 age groups must also enter a minimum of 2 ITF junior tournaments/British Tour Tier1/2
  
- 3 In the 12 months prior to the point of consideration have represented the county in competition and is available to represent the county in any junior / senior county cup competitions. The junior will prioritise representing the county over external tournaments wherever reasonably possible.
  
- 4 Be prepared to:
  - a) provide a detailed report on their progress in the previous 12 months including tournaments entered and results if requested to do so
  - b) supply their planned programme for the coming 12 months including coaching and proposed tournaments if requested to do so
  - c) meet a member of the Essex player funding committee if requested to do so
  
- 5 The junior will not bring the game or Essex LTA in disrepute at any time and will work as an ambassador for Essex Tennis both on and off-court. The junior will be expected to encompass the 'LTA Fair Play principles' and adhere to the 'LTA Code of Conduct' at all times

## **PLAYER FUNDING CRITERIA FOR ESSEX PLAYERS COMPETING IN ADULT/OPEN AGE GROUP.**

The Player Funding Committee will meet at the end of April and October each year, called the point of consideration, to determine the eligibility of Essex Players for funding and will make their proposals to Essex LTA Council for approval.

Adult/Open players will need to meet the following criteria to be considered for funding.

- 1 The player at the point of consideration, under LTA rules and regulations, is eligible to represent Essex AND
  - a) have an LTA national ranking within the top 30 in the 18 & under age group OR
  - b) an open national ranking in the top 100 OR
  - c) a rating of 2.1 or better OR
  - d) an ITF junior ranking within the top 400 OR
  - e) an ATP/WTA world ranking OR
  - f) a ranking below 250 in the US College system OR
  - g) a Universal Tennis Rating (UTR) of 13 or higher at singles or doubles for men or 12 or higher at singles or doubles for women and is actively pursuing a full time tennis playing career.
- 2 The player has demonstrated a commitment to their tennis career by entering relevant tournaments, (British Tour Tier 1/2 and ITF) within a 6 month period.
- 3 The player has already represented the County at Adult/Open level and is available to further represent the County in future adult/open County Cup competitions.
- 4 The player will prioritise representing the County over external Tournaments, whenever reasonably possible.
- 5 The player will have regular contact with the Men`s/Ladies Open Captain and be available to meet with a member of the Essex Player Funding Committee to discuss their current and future tennis career/development.
- 6 The player will not bring the game or Essex Tennis into disrepute at any time and will work as an ambassador for Essex tennis both on and off court. The player will be expected to encompass the 'LTA Fair Play principles' and adhere to the 'LTA Code of Conduct' at all times

## **APPLICATION PROCESS**

### Applications for funding

It is not necessary to apply for funding and all eligible players that meet the above criteria will be considered. However, players are entitled to email the Chairman of the Funding Committee and give a very brief outline of why they feel they should be considered. (Please note that satisfying the criteria for applying for funding does **not** in itself mean that the application will be successful. Essex Tennis has limited funds available to support players).

The funding committee will meet twice a year to align itself with the LTA age rankings. The performance funding committee will meet at the end of April and October after the new rankings/ratings have gone live and competition appeals have been resolved.

Applicants will be notified if they have been successful after final approval from Essex LTA Council and players will be notified thereafter. Payments will be made in one or two tranches once final approval has been received.