

# Gosling Tennis Academy RPDC Selection Policy

## 1. INTRODUCTION

This policy describes how players will be selected for a funded place onto the GLL Gosling RPDC programme from September 2024. Places on the programme are subject to the terms of the player code of conduct, player agreement and terms and conditions.

## 2. GOSLING TENNIS ACADEMY RPDC

### 2.1 PURPOSE

- To provide inspiring and transformational development environment for our next generation of pro players.
- Through the delivery of world class coaching and support, Gosling 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.

## 3 GOSLING TENNIS ACADEMY/RPDC PROGRAMMES

Gosling 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 as well as additional Gosling Tennis Academy programme options that link with RPDC.

### **RPDC programme options:**

#### **3.1 FULL-TIME PROGRAMME** (*will run over 39 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; individualised tennis sessions, group tennis sessions, individual/group strength and conditioning, sports science support, domestic and international tournament support. Outside of the 39 term time weeks, players can also access squads for an additional 11 weeks of the year, giving players 50 weeks of available training.

#### **3.2 ACCESS PROGRAMME**

Access up to 10 hours of Gosling Tennis Academy/RPDC squads per week over 50 weeks of the year.



## Gosling Tennis Academy linked programme options:

### 3.3 QUEENSWOOD SCHOOL SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAMME

No.1 Girls private tennis school in the country providing funded tennis scholarships for committed players with ambitions of playing at international level. Programme combines private school education linked with elite training programme at Gosling Tennis Academy. Players benefit from individual programme management/coaching, squad training, individual/group S&C, sports science support, domestic and international tournament support.

For applications contact: [david.airey@gll.org](mailto:david.airey@gll.org)

### 3.4 GOSLING FULL TIME EDUCATION PROGRAMME

Onsite fulltime education programme at Gosling Tennis Academy providing holistic programme for players with highest ambitions. Onsite homeschool education support in dedicated classroom led by qualified tutors combined with elite full time tennis programme. Players benefit from individual programme management/coaching, squad training, individual/group S&C, sports science support, domestic and international tournament support.

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### 3.5 VENUES/FACILITIES

Gosling RPDC is located at GLL Gosling Sports Park, Welwyn Garden City. The venue provides top class training facility for players to maximize their potential on and off court with 10 indoor acrylic courts, 3 outdoor artificial clay courts, 2 outdoor hard courts, extensive gym, athletics track and out sports pitches. Gosling RPDC is also linked with Queenswood School which has outdoor American clay courts.

## 4 ELIGIBILITY

Only players added to the LTA RPDC longlist will be eligible for selection. The LTA longlist selection criteria and further details can be found at the LTA website at the following link:

<https://www.lta.org.uk/49b86a/siteassets/pro-players/national-pathway-list-policy-2022-23-final.pdf>



## 4.1 NUMBER OF RPDC PROGRAMME PLACES

The number of places available for September 2023 will be based on the following

- 4.1.1 Full time programme: maximum will be 12 players
- 4.1.2 Access programme: maximum will be 12 players
- 4.1.3 Gosling RPDC linked programmes have places available subject to applications

## 5 APPLICATION AND SELECTION

### 5.1 EXPRESSING INTEREST

**To express interest in Gosling Tennis Academy RPDC please contact:**  
[david.airey@GLL.org](mailto:david.airey@GLL.org)

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 Gosling Tennis Academy linked programme

### 5.2 SELECTION PROCESS/KEYDATES

- **By 17<sup>th</sup> May:** Players to express interest in Gosling RPDC programme (5.1)
- **By 22<sup>nd</sup> May:** All players who have expressed an interest will be invited to an RPDC open assessment day at Gosling Tennis Academy 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 31<sup>st</sup> June:** All Players who have attended Gosling Tennis Academy for an open assessment days will receive communication of programme offering.



### 5.3 EVALUATION/SELECTION CRITERIA

When considering which players have the potential to meet the aims/standards of the Gosling Tennis Academy 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:

- **Game style:** Does the player has an emerging game-style
- **Strengths and weapons:** Does the player has developing strengths and weapons
- **Head:** Adaptability, Focus, Decision making, coachability
- **Heart:** Motivation/desire, Competitor, composure, fearless
- **Athlete:** Physical attributes & athletic potential across all factors
- **Skills:** Match intelligence, adaptability of stroke mechanics
- **Performance:** The player has competitive domestic G1, G2, G3 results and an emerging international presence
- **Readiness:** Is the player ready in all areas as player and a person in their stage of development to engage and meet the demands of the programme.

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

- Gosling Performance director
- RPDC Head coach
- RPDC assistant coach
- Head of Strength and Conditioning
- Head of Sports Science

### 5.4 ADDITIONAL SELECTION CRITERIA

When discussing the factors highlighted in 5.3 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)



## 5.5 COMMUNICATION OF SELECTION

All successful and unsuccessful candidates will be communicated verbally and in writing by 31<sup>st</sup> June 2023. Successful players will be required to read and abide by the Gosling RPDC player agreement, code of conduct and terms and conditions of the programme.

## 6. RE-SELECTION

Players who are on the programme (Full-time or Access) will be subject to the Gosling RPDC application and selection policy each year (5.1)

## 7. PROGRAMME START DATE

Gosling Tennis Academy RPDC Full-time and Access programme will start on Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> September 2024 TBC

