

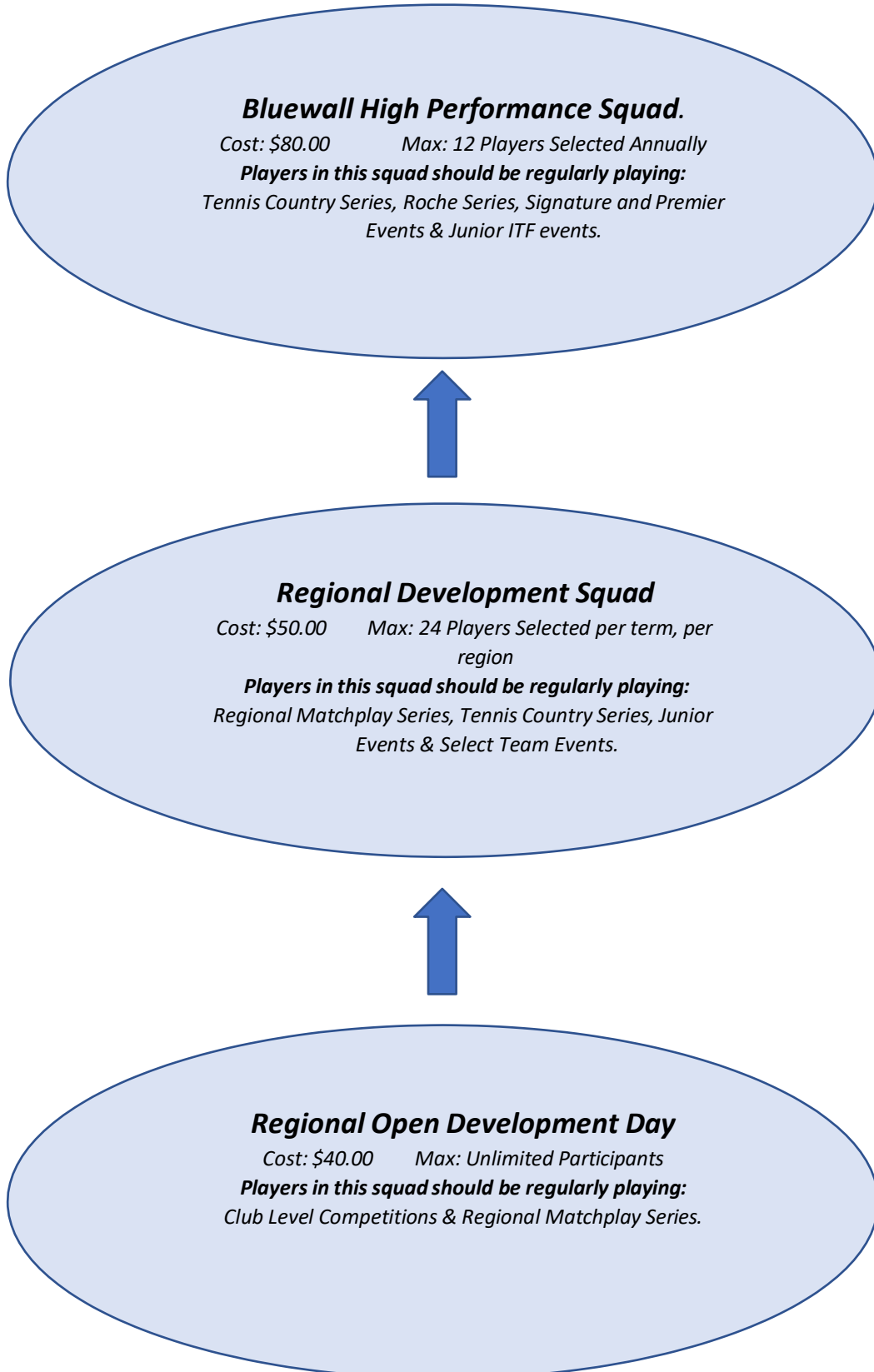


**TENNIS COUNTRY**



**REGIONAL PLAYER  
DEVELOPMENT PATHWAY  
PROGRAM**

# Regional Development Player Pathway Program – Flow Chart





## Regional Open Development Day

1. NSW Tennis Country through its six (6) relevant Regional Matchplay Committee's, in partnership with the Tennis NSW Operations Team, will administer their own Regional Open Development Days (RODD) as the first step in the Regional Player Development Pathway. This program is tailored for regional players to help each player achieve his, or her own potential without the need to travel great distances or travel into Sydney on a regular basis.
2. This program is designed for both junior players beginning their journey into Competitive Play, and semi established players already commencing their journey into competitive tennis.
3. There will be a minimum of three (3) Regional Open Development Days per calendar year, held in Terms 1, 2 and 3 on a Saturday for four (4) hours, which will coincide with a Regional Matchplay Series event that will be held the following day (Sunday).
4. It is the expectation that all players attending the Regional Open Development Day will also play and participate in the Regional Matchplay Series to obtain greater benefit from the program.
5. Each Regional Matchplay Committee will appoint a Lead Coach, who is appropriately qualified to lead the delivery of each program. The Lead Coach will be assisted by several additional coaches', dependent upon the total number of participants. The Lead Coach and assistant coaches will also provide tactical and training advice during the sessions, leaving technical advice and changes to the player's private coach.
6. The cost of attending a Regional Open Development Day is **\$40.00** and is payable via a link that will be advertised on the Tennis Country website, social media, in the Blue Box on the RMS page and emailed to Tennis NSW player databases.
7. There will be no maximum number of players invited. Players will be grouped together at a ratio of no greater than one (1) coach per 12 players, based on the players most up to date UTR, with the link published no later than four (4) weeks from the scheduled development day.
8. The Regional Open Development Day will be open to players 11-18 years old. However, the Regional Matchplay Committee may use discretion, and include players who are between the ages of 8-10 years old if, in their opinion, there is sufficient players to warrant doing so.
9. Players and parents should note regional selectors are likely to attend this open training day and a player's attendance, participation, effort, and attitude will be considered when representative teams are selected including the feedback from the Lead Coach who delivers the program.
10. The Lead Coach will contact each registered participant via email in the days leading up to the Regional Development Day to introduce themselves and advise of the plan for that day.
11. Players attending the Regional Open Development Day will be considered for selection into the Regional Development Squad.



## Regional Development Squad

1. NSW Tennis Country through its six (6) relevant Regional Matchplay Committee's in partnership with the Tennis NSW operations team, will administer their own Regional Development Squads (RDS) which are designed as the first stage of the competitive players' invitational training pathway.
2. This program is designed for junior players who regularly participate in Regional Matchplay Series, Tennis Country Series and Junior Events.
3. There will be a minimum of three (3) Regional Development Squads per calendar year, held in Terms 1, 2 and 3 on a Saturday for four (4) hours and will coincide with a Regional Matchplay Series event, that will be held the following day (Sunday). Attendance at the RMS is a compulsory requirement for ongoing selection into the Regional Development Squad.
4. Each Regional Matchplay Committee will select up to 24 players to be invited into the Regional Development Squad each term between the ages of 11 and 17
  - 4.1. The Regional Matchplay Committee will consider a player's UTR as the primary measure of selection into the Regional Development Squad, along with their past participation in Regional Open Development Days.
  - 4.2. The Regional Matchplay Committee will also consider a player's participation into other regional events, such as Regional Matchplay Series (RMS) & Tennis Country Series (TCS)
  - 4.3. The Regional Matchplay Committee will also take feedback from the Lead Coach of the Regional Open Development Day into account when making their final selections for Regional Development Squad.
5. Each Regional Matchplay Committee will appoint a Lead Coach who is appropriately qualified, experienced, and screened to lead the delivery of each program. The Lead Coach will be assisted by several additional coaches', dependent upon the total number of participants in the program. The Lead Coach and assistant coaches will also provide tactical and training advice during the lessons, leaving technique advice to the player's private coach.
6. The cost of attending each Regional Open Development Squad is **\$50.00** and is payable via a link that will be circulated in the email invitation sent to the selected players, no later than four (4) weeks from the commencement of the squad. The Regional Development Squad will strive to have a coach to student ratio of 1:8
7. Players and parents should note regional selectors will attend each squad to observe the players. A player's attendance, participation, effort, and attitude will be considered when representative teams are selected, including the feedback from the lead coach who delivers the program.
8. The Lead Coach will contact each registered participant via email in the days leading up to the Regional Development Squad, to introduce themselves and advise of the plan for that day.
9. Players attending the Regional Development Squad will be considered for selection into the Bluewall High Performance Squad.



## Bluewall High Performance Squad

1. Tennis NSW, in conjunction with NSW Tennis Country and the six (6) relevant Regional Matchplay Committees will administer the Bluewall High Performance Squad (BHP) which is a premier and highly competitive selection squad.
2. This program is designed for junior players who regularly compete in events such as Roche Series, Tennis Country Series, National Events, Premier and Signature events, and ITF Junior events.
3. There will be a minimum of two (2) Bluewall High Performance Squads per calendar year, with training held in Terms 1 and 3 across a weekend. The squad camps will be held at the state tennis centre in Sydney Olympic Park.
4. Each Regional Matchplay Committee will select up to 12 players to be invited into the Bluewall High Performance Squad, on an annual basis. Selection is made predominantly on player's merit and performance, with each Regional Matchplay Committee to determine their own criteria for ultimate selection, but must consider the following matrix at minimum:
  - 4.1. A player's results over the last six (6) months of competition and tournament play
  - 4.2. A player's current UTR
  - 4.3. A player's past participation in Regional Development Squads
  - 4.4. A player's commitment to tennis including previous participation in State, National and International events.
5. Each Regional Matchplay Committee will appoint a Lead Coach who will oversee the Bluewall High Performance Squad and will work together with the player's private coach to develop a recommended calendar of events that the player should play. The Lead Coach will provide tactical and training advice during the sessions, leaving technical advice and changes to the player's private coach.
6. The cost of attending each Bluewall High Performance Squad is **\$80.00** and is payable via a link that will be circulated in each selected player's email invitation, no later than four (4) weeks from the commencement of the squad.
7. Players in the Bluewall High-Performance Squad will be eligible for financial subsidies by application to their Regional Matchplay Committee, or NSW Tennis Country. Bluewall players will have the ability to access sports physiotherapists, psychologists, and dietitians when available, to complement their tennis development throughout the year.
8. The Regional Matchplay Committee may add additional benefits such as interstate trips and development opportunities at their own discretion.
9. Either Tennis NSW, or Tennis Country will contact each selected player via email in the days leading up to the Bluewall High Performance Squad and will maintain semi regular contact with Bluewall players throughout the year, ensuring accessibility to resources and support.
10. Players selected in the Bluewall High Performance Squad will be invited each year to attend if eligible, an ITF event (or comparable event) with the Regional Lead Coach, or their delegate where coach support will be provided during the event.