

Guidelines for the selection of Country region teams for

Tennis Victoria's Regional Team Events

Tennis Victoria recommends the following considerations and process to assist each of the Country Regions and Metro Associations in the selection of their team for the various Regional Team Events.

1. Selection of players and the entering of the region's teams is the responsibility of each Regional Team Event Advisory Panel region representative (RTE-AP Representative)
2. First and foremost, all regions should try to ensure that all eligible local players are aware of the opportunities to be involved in this series of team events. This includes using local network of clubs and centres, coaches and the local Regional Academy of Sport.
3. All RTE-AP reps need to be aware of the eligibility conditions for each Regional Team event and convey these to the players and the other local stakeholders such as maximum ages.
4. Selection options to consider when selecting individual players may include any of the following considerations:
 - Open trial days (held a minimum of 6 weeks prior to an event in a play-off format)
 - Local Junior Masters Series or local AR or JDS tournament participation and results (eg. points from each Masters Series event may count and min. eligibility of playing such events)
 - Current player Australian Ranking (this is released monthly on approx. 8th of the month)
 - Past performances in other Regional teams events
 - Participation in the local Regional Academy of Sport
 - Head to head individual player results
 - Recommendations from the Tennis Victoria Regional Academy Head Coach
 - First in / first registered to be in a team
 - Preference given to players that are closer to the age limit of the event (e.g. players who will not have the opportunity to play the same regional team event again next year)
 - Combinations of several elements of above

Timelines for RTE-AP reps to consider for selecting athletes

1. Communicate all Regional teams events, the dates, locations (all on TV's website)
2. Opportunity for local players to register interest to participate via an email to the RTE-AP - approx. 8 weeks prior to Event (all RTE-AP reps detail on TV website)
3. 6 weeks prior to Event, those registered players notified of selection or possibly a trial date and time if required (Academy Coach can also be contacted for their input).
4. Selection trial held (if required / desired)– approx. 4-5 weeks prior to the Event
5. Players notified of selection and region uniform provided 3 weeks prior to Event
6. Team Manager for event selected (usually the RTE-AP rep or a parent of a participating player)
7. Country Region and Metro Association team entry form to Tennis Victoria. Entries close 2 weeks before the first day of the event.