



September 2023-24 Selection/ Reselection Policy and Process – RPDC Edgbaston Priory Club

1. Introduction

This policy describes how players will be selected/reselected for a place at the RPDC Edgbaston Priory Club for the 2024/2025 academic year. Places at the RPDC Edgbaston Priory Club are subject to capacity, selection process/criteria and terms of the player agreement.

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2. Selection Process

RPDC Edgbaston Priory Club player selection is a 5-step process.

- Stage 1) RPDC longlist selection by the LTA
- Stage 2) Players included on the RPDC longlist are eligible to contact RPDC Edgbaston Priory Club Coach Michael Peel via email michaelpeel.tennis@gmail.com
- Stage 3) Arrange a meeting to discuss all factors of the proposed programme with player on court trial and physical testing.
- Stage 4) If player, parents and coaching team are happy to continue, arrange a tournament visit.
- Stage 5) Player and parents can decide to whether formally apply via email to RPDC Edgbaston Priory Club Coach Michael Peel.

Final decision will be made by the team of coaches via email within one week of application.

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2. Eligibility

Players are only eligible to apply for selection provided they are of an eligible age (4.1) and are eligible to represent Great Britain (4.2), as follows:

2.1 Age eligibility

For a player to be considered eligible they must be born in 2010, 2011, 2012 and 2013 * **In exceptional cases players born later than 2013 may be considered on a case-by-case basis*

2.2 Eligible to represent Great Britain

Players must hold, or be in the process of obtaining, a British passport. They also must represent Great Britain in Tennis Europe and ITF events. Evidence may be asked for to prove eligibility. Those not meeting this stipulation, but who have lived in Great Britain continuously since 1 April 2021 will be considered on a case-by-case basis. Such players must contact PlayerPathway@lta.org.uk to confirm they would like to be considered.

3.1 Selection Criteria

For an eligible player to be considered for selection onto the RPDC Edgbaston Priory Club, they must meet the Performance Level Requirements (PLR) by fulfilling the following criteria.

- **Cultures, values and commitment:**
 - With our performer first approach we will be assessing players as to how they will fit into our culture and values.
 - The player must be respectful, professional, play with courage and be competitive.
 - Player must display the relevant commitment level to the programme, training hours, S&C and sports science requirements.
 - Players must commit to regularly compete.
- **Performer First:**
 - Players must commit to regularly compete.
 - Player must show a willingness and desire to work hard and improve.
 - Players and parents must be coachable and open to the way we work.
- **Dashboard:**
 - Person – Relationship, character, commitment and identity behaviours.
 - Attitude – Professional behaviours, coachable and identity behaviours.
 - Athlete – Powerful, robust and great mover.
 - RUP – Repeatable strokes, tennis IQ, momentum and muscle relaxation.

3.2 Considerations relating to limiting factors

The RPDC Edgbaston Priory Club team may also consider any of the following matters that influences their opinion on the player's potential when considering selections:

- The player's biological age and physical maturation.
- The player's historic training programme.

- The player's historic tournament schedule and match count.
- Any other considerations that have led to a significant interruption or impact on tennis (e.g. illness, injury).

4. RPDC Edgbaston Priory Club reselection criteria and process

4.1 Reselection Criteria

Any player who meets the eligibility criteria (2.1 and 2.2) and is on the RPDC longlist will receive written communication confirming their inclusion on the RPDC Edgbaston Priory Club for the upcoming academic year (2023/2024).

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- Stage 3) Arrange a meeting to discuss how the player is developing within the program (based on 3.1)
- Stage 4) Player and parents can decide to whether formally apply by the 31st May 2023 via email to RPDC Edgbaston Priory Club Coach Michael Peel
- Stage 5) Verbal communication of decision, followed by written confirmation

5. Appeals

For the avoidance of doubt, players who do not meet the eligibility criteria (2.1 and 2.2) and the Performance Level Requirements (3.1 and 3.2) for any reason are not eligible to appeal.