

**LEARNING DISABILITY TENNIS PERFORMANCE PROGRAMME
CRITERIA FOR SELECTION FOR REPRESENTING GREAT BRITAIN
AT THE INAS WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS, BOLTON APRIL 9TH –
14TH 2017**

THIS IS ABOUT HOW PLAYERS ARE CHOSEN TO PLAY TENNIS FOR GREAT BRITAIN

TF MEANS THE TENNIS FOUNDATION

LTA MEANS THE LAWN TENNIS ASSOCIATION

**INAS IS AN INTERNATIONAL CHARITY FOR ATHLETES WITH AN INTELLECTUAL
DISABILITY**

1. INTRODUCTION

You need to be available to play if you are chosen. You are ok to compete in the INAS World Championships if you are INAS registered and on the INAS list.

2. ESSENTIAL ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA – WHAT YOU NEED TO BE ABLE TO PLAY

You can be chosen as long as

- You have British nationality and a British Passport
- You are able to play for Great Britain under the Rules of the LTA – these can be found at www.lta.org.uk
- You are medically fit and well – this refers to your physical and mental health (you may have to have a medical examination)
- There are no current disciplinary or doping issues about you

3. TF SELECTION PANEL – THE PEOPLE WHO CHOOSE THE PLAYERS

The TF choose who will play. The TF asks the TF Selection Panel to choose the players. The people who choose are;

- a) Geraint Richards – Chair
- b) Karen Ross – Team Manager/Head Coach
- c) Rob Cross – Assistant Coach

They will meet to decide which players will be chosen to play.

4. SELECTION TIMELINE – WHEN PLAYERS ARE CHOSEN

8th Feb 2017 TF Selection Panel – the Panel that chooses the team – will decide which players will be chosen to play.

9th Feb 2017 You will be told whether you have been chosen. If you want to ask why you were not chosen you must use the Selection Appeals Procedure (attached) – ask someone to explain this to you.

The dates above may change.

5. SPECIFIC SELECTION CRITERIA – HOW THE TF CHOOSE WHO PLAYS

Players will be chosen by looking at how well they have:

- Played singles and doubles in the last 12 months
- Played doubles with other team members
- Got on with the rest of the team
- Followed their training plan

6. COMMUNICATION OF SELECTION – HOW THE TF TELL YOU IF YOU HAVE BEEN CHOSEN

You will be told if you have been chosen the day after the meeting. If you are not chosen you can ask for the reasons.

7. CONFIDENTIALITY

If you have been chosen you must wait for the TF to say it is ok before you tell other people.

8. CHANGES TO THE SELECTION PROCESS – CHANGING WHO IS GOING TO PLAY

The TF may sometimes change how they choose players – they will tell you if there are any changes.

9. APPEALS – ASKING THEM TO LOOK AGAIN AT WHETHER YOU CAN PLAY

If you want to appeal – this means ask if they will look again at whether you can play - you must write or email the TF. You must do this not less than one week after the TF tells you that they have not chosen you. You can write to National Tennis Centre, 100 Priory Lane, Roehampton, London, SW15 5JQ, or email geoff.newton@tennisfoundation.org.uk.

10. DE-SELECTION – THIS IS WHEN YOU CANNOT PLAY EVEN WHEN YOU HAVE BEEN CHOSEN

You may not be able to play if

- ***You are ill or hurt***
You must show that you are medically fit to play. You may have to have a medical examination or a fitness test.
- ***How you behave***
If you behave in a way that the TF does not like or break the rules they will take action. This could mean that you do not play.
- ***Taking drugs that are against the rules***
If you take any drugs that you shouldn't take you will not be able to play.

If the TF decide that you cannot play you will be able to ask them to think about it again.

11. WITHDRAWAL – THIS IS WHEN YOU DECIDE NOT TO PLAY

If you cannot play when you have been chosen you must let Geraint Richards know as soon as possible – you can email him at Geraint.richards@tennisfoundation.org.uk.

SCHEDULE 1

SELECTION APPEALS PROCEDURE

1. If you are not happy about any decision and want to ask the TF to look at it again, you must write to the Executive Director of the TF, Geoff Newton. You must do this within one week. In the letter you must give your reasons for wanting the TF to look at it again.
2. Geoff Newton will write to you asking you to go to a meeting. The meeting will be at least 5 days away and they will try to find a date that is ok with you. You must make the effort to attend this meeting.
3. You can go to the meeting with a friend or family member. You must let Geoff Newton know who you are taking as soon as possible. There will also be someone at the meeting to take notes.
4. At the meeting
 - the information will be looked at again
 - if there is new information you or the person you take to the meeting will be able to say what you think about it
 - if you have new information you should give it to Geoff Newton before you meet.
5. You will be told in a letter about what the TF have decided. You will be told why.
6. Geoff Newton may change the decision that was made before.