



Selection of Junior Teams Process

How are players allocated to a team squad?

- Initial allocations to a team squad is typically done twice a year by the Head Coach, with consultation from the coaching staff and club's Junior Coordinator.
- To be selected for a junior team, players must be a member at Cheam Tennis Club, ideally be training at least twice a week, and have some experience playing matches.
- Priority will be given to those who train at Cheam Tennis Club.
- We will look to enter a team at every age category, as long as we have the desired quantity of players required to fill a squad.
- We may enter two teams at one age group if necessary, but subject to court availability.
- Squad sizes may vary in size due to a variety of factors.
- We may enter a team into division 1 if the standard of the squad is at a very high level.
- Once the initial allocation is done, the allocation is communicated to parents by being added to the relevant team organisational chat groups.

How players are selected for a specific match?

- Allocations for a specific match will be communicated to parents in the relevant team organisational chat group by either a coach or parent lead.
- While the objective is to form teams that will be as competitive as possible in their respective leagues, equally important is the fostering of a productive and inclusive spirit in each team.
- The following principles (non-exhaustive) guide the team allocation (in no particular order):
 - Availability of junior
 - Individual skill level of junior
 - Performance, attitude and effort in lessons
 - Experience in playing competitive tennis
 - Good sportsmanship, attitude, and understanding of rules
 - Offering all team members the opportunity to play
 - Players ability to work as a team
 - Match results from past league fixtures/club tournament
 - A "reserve" player can be asked to play for a team other than their original allocation if required (players can play for a maximum of two teams).
 - Realisation of potential / developmental reasons. A player may be considered at a stage where improvement is expected from playing in a higher team to gain experience and further develop.

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