

DUKES MEADOWS RPDC

Selection Policy

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INTRODUCTION

This policy describes how players will be selected for a funded place onto the LTA RPDC programme from September 2024.

Places on the programme are subject to the player and parent policy terms and conditions.

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MISSION

To provide a transformational and inspiring environment for our players to reach their full potential.

Dukes Meadows RPDC aims to increase the number of nationally relevant players aged 10+ who can transition effectively to the International Junior Stage of the LTA Player Pathway by the age of 14.

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DUKES MEADOWS RPDC PROGRAMME

There are two categories of the RPDC programme which maximise our players ability on and off the court. They are listed below:

3.1

FULL-TIME PROGRAMME -13+ places available

*Over a 39 week term

The programme consists of the following elements;

-Individual coach who manages the development and all elements of the players programme. Individual development planning, goal setting and tournament scheduling tailored to the player

-Individual and group tennis sessions (programme tailored to the individual). Ability to join evening and daytime squads (up to 10 hrs per week)

- Group and individual Strength and Conditioning sessions

-Year round domestic and international tournament support based on IDP and available resources. G1/G2/NAGP Matchplay and Tennis Europe included

-Support coach to ensure team based approach and ability to continue the specific individual work needed in the absence of lead coach

-Individual development planning, goal setting and tournament scheduling tailored to the player

- Physiotherapy available on site (Clinic 4 Sport) *At additional cost to the funded programme

ACCESS PROGRAMME -5 Places Available

Access up to 10 hours of Dukes RPDC squads per week over a 39 week programme. Squad S+C included

3.3 FUNDED/NON FUNDED SPOTS

Once at capacity for funded places - spots will become unavailable

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FACILITIES

Dukes Meadows Golf Tennis and Ski is located in Chiswick, West London W42SH. The venue provides a top level training facility for players to maximise their potential and grow their love for the game.

Dukes has 5 indoor acrylic courts / 4 outdoor artificial clay and 6 outdoor poraflex courts (hard). A high grade gym and physiotherapy on site. A second upgraded gym with track facilities adjacent to the indoor tennis courts is soon to become available.

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ELIGIBILITY

Only players added to the LTA RPDC longlist will be eligible for selection (unless in exceptional circumstances).

The LTA longlist selection criteria and further details can be found on the LTA website at the following

link:

<https://www.lta.org.uk/4af06c/siteassets/pro-players/rpdc-selection-policy-september-2024.pdf>

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APPLICATION AND SELECTION

5.1

EXPRESSING INTEREST

To express interest in Dukes Meadows RPDC please contact:

rumac.65@gmail.com (Head Coach)

Please provide the following information:

-Name & DOB

-All necessary contact details

-Current training Centre & weekly programme

-Interest in Full time or Access RPDC
programme

This must be done by **20th May 2024**. Players who miss deadline can still express interest with subject to available spaces

5.2

SELECTION PROCESS

Dukes Meadows understands that expressing interest into an RPDC programme is an important decision for a player and those around them.

In order for Dukes to ensure that we fit well to the player and the player to us - longlisted players that have expressed interest will be invited into the programme to experience it for themselves and meet the team.

Players will be invited either to an existing squad session or an individual assessment from the coaching team.

Communication as to whether the player has gained a place at Dukes RPDC will be given by **July the 1st 2024**.

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EVALUATION/SELECTION CRITERIA

When considering which players have the potential to meet the aims and standards of the Dukes RPDC programme the team will be looking for:

Players who either currently are or have the potential for NAGP selection, GB selection, National camp selection and future National Academy selection. The team will consider and assess based on the Dukes Meadows philosophy detailed below...

P.A.P (Person/Athlete/Player)

Person - Attitudes, values and beliefs of the player. Ambition to go far in the sport. Willingness to challenge themselves to their limits. Highly coachable and driven individuals with a strong family support system.

Athlete - Possesses athletic potential and shows attributes suggesting high athletic ability.

Player - Focused, smart, coachable

High level of desire, play with no fear, Fighter

Strong technical and tactical foundation

Relevant results at National events/ establishing themselves internationally

Readiness: Is the person and player ready to meet the demands of the Dukes RPDC programme.

5.4 SELECTION

Players who express interest in the programme will be evaluated by the RPDC team and Director Of Tennis. These members consist of:

Director Of Tennis

RPDC Head coach

RPDC assistant coach

Head of Strength and Conditioning/Athletic Development

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ADDITIONAL SELECTION CRITERIA

When deciding on the acceptance of a player into the RPDC Programme the team will consider:

-The players age and physical maturation

-The players historic training programme and tournament schedule

-Any other considerations that have impacted the players progression (health/injury etc)

5.6

COMMUNICATION OF SELECTION/ NON SELECTION

All successful and unsuccessful candidates will be communicated to in writing and verbally by the **1st Of July 2024**.

All selected players will need to sign and adhere to the Dukes Meadows RPDC player policy

6. RE-SELECTION

All full time and access players will be subject to Dukes Meadows RPDC application and selection policy each year.

7 PROGRAMME START DATE

Dukes Meadows RPDC Full-time and Access programme will start on **Monday 2nd September 2024**