



YORKSHIRE TENNIS

Team Yorkshire: County Training 2019/2020

Monthly Update

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To all our players/parents/coaches,

6 weeks on from our last update and we still find ourselves in 'Lockdown'. As always, our thoughts first and foremost are with those who have suffered loss during this period and our gratitude is with those who have been on the front line of fighting this disease. It does seem like light is now at the end of the tunnel, although the tunnel is a lot longer than any of us imagined, even when the 'lockdown' is relaxed, we are all unsure as how our day to day lives will look. Specifically, with our sport, it is at this stage unclear when/how Tennis will return. The LTA website at www.lta.org.uk is the place to keep up to date with the latest official guidance. Things to be aware of though:

- All LTA sanctioned competition is cancelled until Sunday 28th June
- This means all junior county cup events are now cancelled
- All senior county cups are cancelled, except for 'County Week' and the over 35s. Decisions will be made on these at the end of May
- All national league is cancelled

These cancellations (as with previous ones) will not doubt bring a great deal of disappointment. Especially for those players who were working so hard all year to achieve selection for a team and who may no longer be eligible for that team in 2021. But as a collective we must use our disappointment to fuel our motivation to work hard to come back stronger in the county cup events in 2021

We urge everyone in Yorkshire Tennis to follow to the letter the latest advice from the Government, the latest of which in relation to Tennis can be found at www.lta.org.uk

One of the positives to take from this period, has been the innovative and creative ways in which our tennis community has worked to keep one another engaged. From programmes providing remote/online tennis and physical based content for their players, through to fun challenges, Tik Tok's and everything between, it's been great to see so many staying involved. For us as County Head Coaches, it's been a particular source of pride to have

worked alongside Cultiv8 Tennis and Yorkshire Tennis, to have put together a wide-ranging programme of Webinar's featuring a number of high profile and informative guests. From experienced Yorkshire Coaches, through to Grand Slam Champion players through to tour level coaches. Whilst these have mainly been aimed at and available for all of the Counties coaching workforce, there has also been specific player only events. There is plenty more to come, and we attach the latest programme of events to this e-mail! Please contact us for any further info about these events!

PARENT/COACH CONSULTATIONS: This scheme is still available for any parents who would be interested

The two County Head Coaches, Tom Loughton and Elliot Chang would during this period of lockdown like to offer parents or coaches of any county training player an opportunity to discuss their child's tennis with them. This would take the form of an 8 minute phone conversation and the following topics can be covered

1. Any relevant feedback on the player's development. This may be first person feedback from one of the head coaches, or it may be feedback collated from coaches who have ran the player's county training sessions
2. Any feedback from the parents/coaches/players perspective on county training as a whole
3. General discussion regarding anything relating to the player's tennis!

The coaches will have limited number of slots per week (approximately 3 hours each per week) and they will be allocated on a 'first come first served' basis. If you would like to book a slot, please do the following a) email both Tom (loughton.t@gmail.com) & Elliot (elliotchang@hotmail.co.uk) b) with your request to book a slot c) stating if you specifically want to speak to either one of them or if you are happy for them to allocate d) giving any times that you specifically would be unable to take part in a call

Our fingers are crossed that by the next update, we will have (in some way) been able to return to the court and that we may know more about how and when our county tennis activity can restart. Until then, stay safe, and any queries regarding anything to do with your/your child's tennis during this time please don't hesitate to contact us

All the best

The County Performance Team