

What happens if I don't enjoy my first session?

For the pay and play sessions we are unable to offer a refund once a place has been booked.

For the monthly sessions, 1 months notice is needed to cancel a place.

We recommend that players lead the discussion about booking in for group lessons. If parents are unsure if the children will like it then they can contact us before hand to ask about the sessions or book in for a one to one lesson first. Please get in touch on 02920 689 382 or info@diamondtennisacademy.co.uk

What is British Tennis membership?

British Tennis membership gives you a tennis rating that allows you to play matches against players from other clubs and affiliations. Other benefits include entry into the Wimbledon ticket ballot (the only way to get tickets), discount on tennis holidays and packages to watch other Grand Slams and British tennis events. Membership is included when you sign up for a teaching session with DTA.

What is a tennis rating?

A tennis rating is a way of measuring your ability as a tennis player. It allows you to see your progression over time and allows you to take part in competitions. Ratings start for Under 8 players onward. There are twenty rating bands which start with 10.2, 10.1, 9.2, 9.1 and onward until 1.1 (the highest rating). For more information on ratings, please visit the [LTA website](#).

Is there special clothing I need to wear?

Any sports kit and trainers will be suitable (for children, dress as if taking part in a PE session), although tennis specific footwear is ideal as it's built for the specific movements and demands of the sport.

Our retail partner [YC Sports](#) stock a range of tennis shoes for kids, men and women and have a wealth of experience in fitting tennis shoes. The range includes shoes from [Yonex](#), our performance partner. YC Sports are able to offer a competitive discount to our customers so please mention this in store to ensure you receive discount.

Juniors will be presented with a DTA t-shirt after having successfully completed a month of coaching (four sessions). We also have hoodies, t-shirts, bags and more: please [get in touch](#) or ask your coach during the session for more information.

Do I need my own racket?

Due to covid 19 we are unable to hire rackets. We have suitable rackets for sale, new from £10 and used for £1. Please contact us before your session if you don't have a racket.

Our retail partner [YC Sports](#) stocks an extensive range of tennis rackets including the full range of [Yonex](#) tennis rackets, our performance partner and the rackets our coaching team use during sessions and trust during competitions. Demo rackets are available to trial, YC Sports are able to offer a competitive discount to our customers so please mention this in store to ensure you receive discount.

Are there tennis leagues I can participate in?

Leagues for all standards of players exist throughout South Wales including a local tennis league in Cardiff organised by the LTA. DTA organise competitions at various venues ([in addition to Saturday Matchplay events](#)), please ask one of our coaches for advice on what events would be most suitable for you, or [get in touch via email](#).

How do you decide which group to put junior players in?

We assess players during their first session with us and place them in a group based on ability. A formal assessment is then conducted once per term by Sena Tengey, Director of Tennis at DTA, to monitor each player's progression. When players attain the required standard, they will be moved up to the next ability group.

Where does DTA coach?

Our base is Cardiff City House of Sport (Clos Parc Morgannwg, CF11 8AW, just off Sloper Road).

Fairwater recreational park off Poplar Road Cardiff.

We also run sessions at Cowbridge Leisure Centre (The Broad Shoard, CF71 7DA) on Wednesdays. Please see the [Teaching Courses page for full details](#).