



# INTELLECTUAL DISABILITY AND AUTISM (PWII) TENNIS

## Talent Pathway



### DID YOU KNOW

Tennis Australia has state based squads, camps and tournaments which can lead to you playing for Australia at the Virtus World Tennis Championships & Global Games.



Clubs



Squads



Camps



Tournaments



National Team

For more information on how to get involved,

**Visit** <https://www.tennis.com.au/play/inclusion-and-diversity/players-with-an-intellectual-disability>

**Contact** [inclusion@tennis.com.au](mailto:inclusion@tennis.com.au)

# AM I ELIGIBLE?

## CLASSIFICATION

## ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA

## PWII TENNIS TOURNAMENTS

### II-1 INTELLECTUAL DISABILITY

- Full-Scale IQ score of 75 or lower;
- Significant limitations in adaptive behaviour;
- Onset before age 18

- PWII Silver Series
- PWII State Tournaments
- Australian Tennis Championships
- Virtus World Tennis Championships
- Global Games
- Special Olympics Events

### II-2 SIGNIFICANT INTELLECTUAL DISABILITY

This group is currently restricted to athletes with Down syndrome (excluding Mosaic DS)

- A formal diagnosis of Trisomy 21 or Translocation Down syndrome;
- For safety, athletes must not have symptomatic Atlantoaxial Instability (AAI);
- Athletes with Mosaic Down syndrome may compete in II-1 above

- PWII Silver Series
- PWII State Tournaments
- Australian Tennis Championships
- Virtus World Tennis Championships
- Global Games
- Special Olympics Events

### II-3 HIGH FUNCTIONING AUTISM

- A Full-Scale IQ score of above 75, OR a diagnosis of no intellectual disability, and;
- A formal diagnosis of Autism or ASD

**Note:** Athletes with Autism who meet the criteria for II-1 Intellectual Disability will be classified in that class.

- PWII Silver Series
- PWII State Tournaments
- Australian Tennis Championships
- Special Olympics Events

### SPECIAL OLYMPICS

We acknowledge that some athletes with an intellectual disability may not fall into one of the above classifications. For these athletes, there are a number of Special Olympic events they may be eligible to compete in. For more information - <http://www.specialolympics.com.au/index.php/join>

### WANT MORE INFORMATION ON HOW TO GET CLASSIFIED OR WHAT'S REQUIRED?

#### Sport Inclusion Australia

<https://sportinclusionaustralia.org.au/eligibility/>

#### Special Olympics Australia

<https://www.specialolympics.com.au/index.php/join/eligibility>



# DEAF / HARD OF HEARING TENNIS

## Talent Pathway



### DID YOU KNOW

Tennis Australia has state based squads and camps that can lead to you playing for Australia at World Championships and multi-sport events like Deaflympics.



Clubs



Squads



Camps



National Team

For more information on how to get involved,

**Visit** <https://www.tennis.com.au/play/inclusion-and-diversity/deaf-players>

**Contact** [deaftennis@tennis.com.au](mailto:deaftennis@tennis.com.au)

# AM I ELIGIBLE?

CODE	HEARING LEVEL LOSS	ELIGIBILITY	TENNIS TOURNAMENTS
<b>AU0</b>	0-39 dB 3FAHL	Not eligible to compete in DSA or ICSD approved events	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Mainstream tennis tournaments</li></ul>
<b>AU1</b>	40-54 dB 3FAHL	Eligible to compete in DSA approved events – e.g. Australian Deaf Games, National Deaf Championships	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Mainstream tennis tournaments</li><li>• Australian Deaf Games</li><li>• Australian Deaf Tennis Championships</li></ul>
<b>AU2</b>	55 dB or more 3FAHL	Eligible to compete in AU1 events plus ICSD approved events (e.g. Deaflympic Games, World Deaf Championships) and Australian National Sporting Organisation controlled events	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Mainstream tennis tournaments</li><li>• Australian Deaf Games</li><li>• Australian Deaf Tennis Championships</li><li>• World Deaf Tennis Championships</li><li>• Asia Pacific Games for the Deaf</li><li>• Deaflympic Games</li></ul>

## WANT MORE INFORMATION ON HOW TO GET CLASSIFIED OR WHAT'S REQUIRED?

Deaf Sports Australia (DSA)

<https://deafsports.org.au/pathways/athlete-eligibility/>



# BLIND / LOW VISION TENNIS

## Talent Pathway



### DID YOU KNOW

Tennis Australia has state based squads, camps and tournaments that can lead to you playing for Australia at the International Blind Tennis Tournament.



Clubs



Squads



Camps



Tournaments



National Team

For more information on how to get involved,

**Visit** <https://www.tennis.com.au/play/inclusion-and-diversity/blind-players>

**Contact** [blindtennis@tennis.com.au](mailto:blindtennis@tennis.com.au)

# AM I ELIGIBLE?

There are 4 classifications/categories of Blind and Low Vision Tennis (B/LV) (International Blind Tennis Federation IBTA).

## CLASSIFICATION

## ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA

## B/LV TENNIS TOURNAMENTS

<b>B1</b>	Visual acuity poorer than LogMAR 2.60
<b>B2</b>	Visual acuity ranging from LogMAR 1.50 to 2.60 (inclusive)
<b>B3</b>	Visual acuity ranging from LogMAR 1.0 to 1.40 (inclusive) OR visual fields less than 10 degrees diameter and visual acuity better than 0.5 (B4)
<b>B4</b>	Visual acuity ranging from LogMAR 0.5 to 0.9 (inclusive) OR visual fields less than 40 degrees diameter and visual acuity better than 0.5.

- State Blind & Low Vision Tennis Championships
- Australian Blind & Low Vision National Tennis Championships
- International Blind Tennis Tournament

**WANT MORE INFORMATION ON HOW TO GET CLASSIFIED OR WHAT'S REQUIRED?**

Complete IBTA's Medical Diagnostic Form found here:

<https://www.tennis.com.au/play/inclusion-and-diversity/blind-players/about>

International Blind Tennis Association

<http://ibta-takei.com>



# WHEELCHAIR TENNIS

## Talent Pathway



### DID YOU KNOW

Wheelchair tennis is currently played at all Grand Slams and at the Paralympic Games. Tennis Australia runs International Tennis Federation (ITF) UNIQLO Wheelchair Tour events nationally for players to compete at.



Clubs



Squads



Camps



ITF Tour



Paralympics

For more information on how to get involved,

**Visit** <https://www.tennis.com.au/play/inclusion-and-diversity/wheelchair-players>

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# YOU DON'T HAVE TO BE IN A WHEELCHAIR TO PLAY WHEELCHAIR TENNIS



## HIP

- Joint stiffness
- Muscle weakness
- Nerve damage

## SPINE

- Muscular dystrophy
- Spinal cord injury
- Spina bifida
- Post-polio syndrome

## KNEE/ ANKLE

- Amputation
- Joint stiffness or fusion
- Muscle weakness
- Nerve damage
- Clubfoot

## OTHER

- Leg length difference
- Cerebral palsy
- Stroke
- Multiple sclerosis
- Arthrogryposis
- Amputees
- Spasticity



For further information on how to get started playing wheelchair tennis,  
email [wheelchairtennis@tennis.com.au](mailto:wheelchairtennis@tennis.com.au)  
web [www.tennis.com.au/wheelchair](http://www.tennis.com.au/wheelchair)