



Tennis NSW Performance Support Program



Ken Rosewall

OVERVIEW

Tennis in NSW has a long, rich and highly successful history. The names that sit in the Tennis NSW Hall of Fame are not only the best of Australian tennis, they are also all-time greats on the world stage – Ken Rosewall, Margaret Court, John Newcombe and Evonne Goolagong Cawley to name a few.

Tennis NSW is launching the Performance Support Program to assist NSW players to work towards their goal of excelling on the international tennis stage and following in the footsteps of some of the greats of the game who have who started their journey in NSW.

The program is aimed at aspiring players who may not be recipients of alternative funding assistance or with comparatively less access to resources. Players will generally be those who have moved out of the junior ranks into open level events, however specific opportunities will exist for junior players which will be separate to the open application process.

Tennis NSW wishes to assist players with support for items such as travel, coaching or other ancillary services which will enable the player to improve and perform at a higher level, ultimately leading to a higher ranking, tournament success and progressing on the world tour.

Applicants will be required to provide details on the type of support being requested and will need to present to a panel with their plans to utilise the funding that is granted.



Evonne Goolagong Cawley

CONDITIONS

The Performance Support Program is a Tennis NSW initiative aimed at supporting NSW players. To be considered for funding assistance players will be required to meet the following conditions, which illustrate their commitment to tennis in NSW:

- Be recognised as a NSW player (ie. eligible to represent NSW in TA sanctioned events);
- Commit to reciprocating by way of promotion of Tennis NSW, the Bluewall program and interaction with emerging players;
- Commit to participating in Tennis NSW events, such as the NSW Open, other NSW ATP/ITF events and Premier League wherever possible.
- Attitude and approach is aligned with the Tennis NSW values and compliance with all rules and policies set by Tennis NSW and/or Tennis Australia.

CRITERIA

Requests for funding assistance through the Tennis NSW Performance Support Program will be considered based on the applicant's individual circumstances on a case-by-case basis. The list below outlines some of the criteria which will be used to assess each application however it is not an exhaustive list as individual circumstances will vary depending on the player's stage of career and category:

- Age
- Ranking
- Ratings (UTR, WTN)
- Playing history
- Proposed schedule and aspirations for the year
- Level of other external financial support (ie Tennis Australia, college scholarship etc)
- Personal financial circumstances
- Category for players with a disability (ie Wheelchair, PWII, DHoH, BLV, Para- standing)



Gabriella Da Silva Fick

PROCESS

Applications for the Performance Support Program will open towards the end of each calendar year. Players will be required to make a written application which addresses the criteria shown above. If selected to progress further the player will present their individual circumstances to a Tennis NSW panel to further outline their case for funding support.

The assessment panel will comprise of three Tennis NSW Directors plus the CEO and the Head of Tennis Operations & Pathways. In the case of younger players, coaches and / or parents will be able to attend player interviews with the assessment panel, however it is important that the player is leading the discussion in terms of their aspirations and plans for the upcoming year and how funding support would be utilised.

The assessment panel may also consult with the Tennis Australia performance team in determining an application, however the final decision on all requests will be made by Tennis NSW.

FUNDING

The level of funding granted to successful applicants will be at the discretion of the assessment panel and would not exceed \$25,000 to any one individual in any one year.



Anderson Parker & Ben Weekes



Alex De Minaur

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While the Performance Support Program is primarily aimed at players over the age of 18, given that the 'protection' of playing in junior events is lost at this age, there will be circumstances where the support of high performing junior players in need of additional assistance is warranted.

Tennis NSW will establish separate mechanisms by which to consider and assess junior players for funding support and these will not be public / open application processes.

For more information on how to apply visit the Performance Support Program page on the Tennis NSW website by [clicking here](#).



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