

Project Talent

Project Talent forms the base of the Tennis Australia Performance pathway. The purpose of this department is to provide opportunities to identify and develop promising junior players, fostering their love of the sport whilst guiding all areas of development. Pivotal to this approach is the role of the private coach working with athletes during key developmental years. Identifying and supporting the best coaches nationally that have evidenced this skill set is a key priority for Project Talent in producing Australia's future champions.

Talent Development Coaches

Tennis Australia recognises and supports excellent, passionate coaches who specialise in the development of players 14 years old and younger. The private coach is a vital element in the athlete development pathway.

Benefits

Exclusive benefits are available to Talent Development Coaches including:

- National travel grants for 12/u and/or 14/u Australian National Championships
- Exclusive section of the online learning platform **Bounce**
- Support provided by Talent Development Managers through regular communication and club visits
- Access to Talent Development Coach Mentors
- Specialised workshops and access to ongoing professional development
- Recognition and promotion through various media
- Tennis branded New Balance uniform
- Project Talent programs and initiatives – i.e. Talent Development Camps, Super 10s

In addition, the opportunity exists to gain further recognition and benefits by applying for Platinum status within the Talent Development Coach Program.

Criteria

To become a Talent Development Coach you must meet the following:

1. Be a Tennis Australia Coach Member
2. Hold a current TA/NCAS coaching qualification*.
***Please note** – Junior Development qualified coaches must enroll in the Club Professional course within 12 months (or next available Club Professional course) of gaining TDC status.
3. Have a track record in the successful development of athletes (see performance criteria).
4. Display behaviours in line with Tennis Australia values

Over time, a Talent Development Coach must be able to provide an environment that:

- plans for the continued progress of athletes in all key developmental areas – technical, tactical, physical, psychological and social;
- fosters athlete learning, performance and independence in an engaging environment;
- educates and communicates with athletes, parents and key stakeholders regarding development.

How long is the term of recognition?

Successful coaches will be recognised for a period of two years. In order to maintain recognition coaches must fulfill the following obligations:

- Participate in ongoing professional development and involvement with Project Talent including but not limited to:
 - Talent Development Camp(s)
 - Australian Nationals tournaments
 - Super 10s Team Manager

Note- All benefits and obligations to be reviewed bi-annually

Talent Development Coach – Application Form

Please complete the Application Form and Athlete Confirmation Form.

If you have any queries please contact your local Talent Development Manager or Emma Shoemaker, Project Talent Coordinator - (03) 9914 4194 or email eshoemaker@tennis.com.au

Personal Details (please print)

Surname: _____

Given Names: _____

Postal Address: _____

State: _____ Post code: _____

Telephone (w): () _____ Telephone (h): () _____

Mobile: _____ Date of Birth: _____

Email: _____

Coaching qualifications:

Course title (e.g. Club Pro)	Organisation (e.g. Tennis Australia)	Year completed
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____

Current Coaching status:

Position (e.g. Head Coach/Proprietor/Assistant): _____

Organisation / Club & Venue(s) (e.g. TennisOne): _____

Talent Development Coach Criteria:

To be eligible coaches must meet the following (please tick):

- Tennis Australia Coach Member
- Hold a current TA/NCAS coaching qualification (Enrolment in Club Pro required if Junior Development coach currently)
- Successful development of athlete(s) as evidenced by meeting one of the performance criteria below.

Performance criteria - coaches must meet **one** of the following within the 24-month period directly prior to application:

- Coached* an athlete that reached the singles 12/u or 14/u platinum level State Championships or Nationals quarter final or better
- Coached* an athlete achieving a **Top 10 Australian Ranking (AR)** for the following birth years:

14th Year

2016: Birth year 2002 and younger

2015: Birth year 2001 and younger

2014: Birth year 2000 and younger

13th Year

2016: Birth year 2003 and younger

2015: Birth year 2002 and younger

2014: Birth year 2001 and younger

12th Year

2016: Birth year 2004 and younger

2015: Birth year 2003 and younger

2014: Birth year 2002 and younger

11th Year

2016: Birth year 2005 and younger

2015: Birth year 2004 and younger

2014: Birth year 2003 and younger

- Coached* an athlete identified by the local Talent Development Manager (at the managers discretion – note invites to Talent Development Camps / Super 10s do not fulfill this criteria)
- Coached* a minimum of **6 unique** athletes competing in a platinum level 12/u and/or 14/u State Championships and Nationals main draw within the 24 month period prior to application
- Regional coaches: Coached* a minimum of **4 unique** athletes competing in a platinum level 12/u and/or 14/u State Championships and Nationals main draw within the 24 month period prior to application

Confirmation of coaching relationship:

*The athlete's parent(s) must confirm a **minimum 12-month** private coaching relationship (i.e. primary private coach on a weekly basis) directly **prior to** achievement of the performance criteria.

Note – All criteria to be reviewed regularly and may be modified.

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Parent Confirmation

By signing this document you **confirm** that all details are correct and that the coach listed was the primary private coach of your child on a weekly basis **prior** to the achievement of the performance criteria.

Coach Name: _____

Example:

Athlete Name	Performance Criteria	Parents Name	Parent Signature	Date
John Citizen Duration of coaching: Jan 2012 – current	Semi finalist – Nationals 2015 OR Ranked #6 for 12 th birthyear Dec 2015 OR Main draw December Nationals 2015	Frank Citizen Phone: (08) 8765 4321 0400 123 456 Email: fcitizen@hotmail.com		12.4.16

Athlete Name	Performance Criteria	Parents Name	Parent Signature	Date
 Duration of coaching:		 Phone: () Email:		

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Note – Tennis Australia may verify with parents any information provided on this form. All information provided will be used by Tennis Australia for the purposes of the Talent Development Coach program only and will not be distributed.

Talent Development Coach Application Checklist

Please check you have included the following:

- Talent Development Coach Application Form
- Athlete Confirmation Form

Applicant understanding and agreement

By completing and signing this application form, I fully understand and agree to abide by all terms, conditions, criteria, obligations, policies and appeals framework that make up the TA Talent Development Coach program.

I attest that all information herein is a true and accurate record and status of my application for the TA Talent Development Coach program.

Name (*print*): _____

Signature: _____

Date: _____

In applying for this program and documenting your personal details Tennis Australia agrees to abide by all relevant privacy legislation. For more information on the Tennis Australia privacy policy go to: tennis.com.au.

Please send application documents to:

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