

Membership Benefits

- *Support deaf tennis*
- *Increase the chance that deaf tennis events will be held in your local area*
- *Preferential rates for deaf tennis events*
- *Preferential access to player development programs*
- *Pre-requisite for state & national representation*
- *Access to member support & mentoring services*
- *Help us raise the profile of deaf tennis in the mainstream hearing tennis community*
- *Membership is a nominal cost to cover administration*



Deaf Tennis Australia

How you can help

Please, tell people about Deaf Tennis Australia and point people in our direction! We are interested in reaching as many deaf people as possible. We also want to be a helpful resource for coaches, clubs and associations that are seeking to support deaf people, and ensure that they are enjoying their tennis to the maximum extent. To meet these goals people to know about us!

Keeping in mind that that we are a non-profit organization, with no facilities, and that often deaf people need to travel extensively in order to play tennis together, and to access venues away from their local clubs. At times inclusion of deaf people into existing programs can entail additional costs such as interpreters or more individual attention. We therefore gratefully receive any suitable donations, sponsorship, funding, and any other support.

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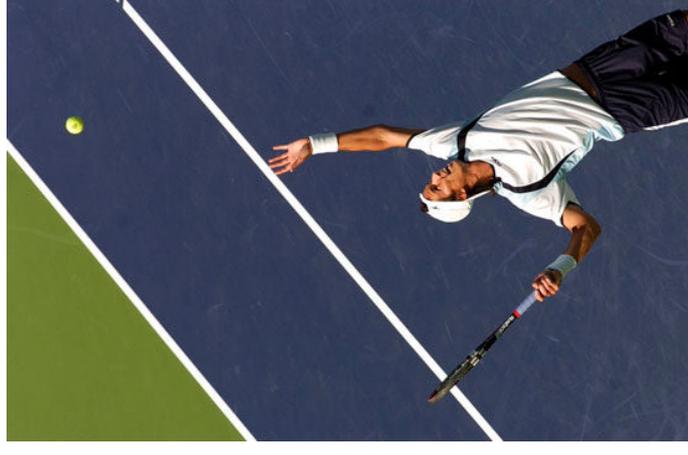
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Welcome

Welcome to Deaf Tennis Australia!

We are a group of people united by deafness and in our passion for the game of tennis!

If you are deaf and would like to play tennis with other deaf people, then deaf tennis is for you! We are from all parts of the deafness spectrum—most of us wear hearing aids, some have cochlear implants, and many of us prefer to use Auslan (Australian Sign Language). It's all about inclusion not exclusion!

We play tennis both through deaf tennis and through our hearing local clubs and associations, and we see

this model as combining the best of the deaf world with the best of the hearing world.

We accommodate all levels of play, from beginners and juniors through to elite.

Clubs coaches and associations are most welcome to contact us, and we can help to better understand and accommodate deaf people.

So....if you would like to play tennis, whether to pick up a racket for the first time, or to take your game to the next level, please check out our website and send us an email at info@deaftennisaustralia.org



History

Deaf tennis has a long and proud history in Australia. We recently traced our history all the way back to 1927. The following photo is the combined tennis teams photo from the national deaf sports carnival in 1933.



International Events

The Deaflympics, held every four years, is the peak event in the deaf tennis calendar. Also on a 4-year cycle is the Dresse and Maere Cup - the Davis Cup of deaf tennis. Deaf



tennis is very strong in Europe, and most years there are open deaf tournaments. Those interested in international

representation should be aware that the entry criteria is a hearing loss of >55dB in the better ear (with hearing aids / cochlear implants removed).

Our structure

We consist of a national board, with activities in each state conducted either via subcommittee or in cooperation with state associations. We seek to cater for all ages—juniors, adults and veterans, and specific programs may be state based or managed nationally.

We are a full member of Deaf Sports Australia, and also work cooperatively with Tennis Australia to increase participation levels and to support our international representative teams.



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National Events

Each year we hold the Australian National Deaf Tennis Championships.

Tennis is also part of the Australian Deaf Games, held every four years (next in Victoria in 2012).

