



TRAVELLING WITH TOURNAMENT PLAYERS

Level II Coaches Course



By the end of this session you should be able to:



- understand the different roles played by a coach/team captain
- know the responsibilities of a team coach
- understand the main characteristics of the International Tennis Structure
- have effective and appropriate knowledge of the basics to define the career path for a junior player

THE TEAM CAPTAIN ROLES



- Technical
- Tactician
- Psychologist / social worker / surrogate parent
- Hitting partner
- Organiser (court bookings, practice)
- Friend
- Financial manager (budgeting, keeping records of expenditure)
- Medical consultant
- Completing end of tour reports on players
- Travel agent
- Leader / decision maker
- Disciplinarian



RESPONSIBILITIES OF A TEAM COACH

Prior to the tour

- Contact the player's coach/parents to determine:
 - Game style,
 - Player's temperament,
 - Pre-match preparation routing,
 - Whether or not the player is under medication
 - Any other pertinent information that will assist the tour coach's relationship with the player



RESPONSIBILITIES OF A TEAM COACH

On tour

- Team meeting to inform the players
- Liaise with tournament committees
- Plan training and pre-match preparation
- Set up and supervise practice sessions
- Observe matches
- Doubles partnerships
- Take disciplinary actions when necessary
- Complete expense record
- Confirm airline reservations
- Get information about lucky losers
- Give gifts to those who helped the team
- Inform the ITF/
Federation Officials



RESPONSIBILITIES OF A TEAM COACH

After the tour

- Submit a financial report
- Submit a team and individual report
- Ask the players what they will do after the tour / help set goals
- If necessary, give them some feedback for future development



RESPONSIBILITIES OF A TEAM COACH

Disciplinary procedures

- Inadequate performance level
- Failure to complete a match
- Use of illegal drugs or alcohol
- Aggravated behaviour:
 - uncooperative behaviour
 - unlawful behaviour
 - disrespectful behaviour
 - breaking curfew
 - verbal warning
 - written warning
 - sent home at player's expense



DEVELOPING A PROFESSIONAL ATTITUDE

Under 12

- Prepare things themselves
- Pack their bags before practice
- Always be on time for practice
- Learn basic tennis rules



DEVELOPING A PROFESSIONAL ATTITUDE

Under 14

- Warm-up correctly
- Develop a correct drinking regime
- Send in entries for tournaments
- Find their own doubles partners
- Deliver the rackets for restringing, etc.



DEVELOPING A PROFESSIONAL ATTITUDE

Under 16-18

- Practice with quality and intensity
- Maintain emotional control
- Book practice courts and get practice balls
- Arrange different practice partners
- Arrange wake up calls
- Scout their next opponents



DEVELOPING A PROFESSIONAL ATTITUDE

Under 16-18(cont.)



- Maintain good eating habits
- Find their way to prepare for matches
- Put everything into the bag for the next match
- String their own rackets when at home
- Fully understand the tournament levels, ranking system, regulations and tennis rules

INTERNATIONAL TENNIS STRUCTURE

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THE INTERNATIONAL TENNIS FEDERATION



REGIONAL ASSOCIATIONS
(ETA, ATF, COSAT, COTECC, OTF)



NATIONAL ASSOCIATIONS
(196)



DISTRICT/PROVINCIAL ASSOCIATIONS, TENNIS CLUBS



PLAYERS, COACHES, TOURNAMENTS,
SPONSORS, OFFICIALS, AGENTS, ETC

THE INTERNATIONAL TENNIS FEDERATION

- The world governing body of the game of tennis (junior, veteran and wheelchair)
- Responsible for:
 - Rules of Tennis & technical specifications
 - Committed to grass roots tennis and aims to promote the game
 - Administering a Women's Circuit for up-and-coming players as well as men's Satellite Circuit



THE INTERNATIONAL TENNIS FEDERATION

- Responsible for the following championships:
 - The Davis Cup by NEC (for men)
 - The KB Fed Cup (for women)
 - The NEC World Youth Cup, the World Junior Tennis Championships, The ITF Sunshine Cup and ITF Conolly Cup, The Italia Cup, The Dubler Cup, The Austria Cup , The Von Cramm Cup, The Britannia Cup, The Crawford Cup, The Young Cup, The Bueno Cup, The Alice Marble Cup, The ITF Veteran World Tennis Championships, Hopman Cup
 - Olympic Tennis event



| MEN'S TENNIS | |
|-----------------------|-------------------------|
| NAME | PRIZE MONEY US\$ |
| Compaq Grand Slam Cup | 6,500,000 |
| Grand Slams | 4,750,500 - 5,000,000 |
| ATP Championships | 3,750,000 - 4,500,000 |
| ATP Tour: | |
| Super 9 events | 2,250,000 - 3,300,000 |
| Championships series | 625,000 - 1,500,000 |
| World series | 125,000 - 1,375,000 |
| Challengers | 25,000 - 125,000 |
| ITF Satellite | 25,000 - 75,000 |



Guide as to what level of Tournaments a certain ranking would guarantee entry:

- Unranked - 600 Qualifying Satellite Circuit
- 600 - 300 Main Draw Satellite Circuit
- 400 - 250 Qualifying Challenger
- 300 - 130 Qualifying Grand Slams Events
- 250 - 100 MD Challenge /Qualy ATP Tour
- 130 - 1 Main Draw of ATP Tour Events
- 110 - 1 Main Draw of Grand Slams



| WOMEN'S TENNIS | |
|-----------------------|-------------------------|
| NAME | PRIZE MONEY US\$ |
| Grand Slams | 2.250.500 - 4.000.000 |
| WTA Masters | 3.500.000 |
| Lipton | 1.000.000 |
| WTA Tour: | |
| Tier I | 926.250 |
| Tier II | 450.000 |
| Tier III | 164.250 |
| Tier IV | 107.500 |
| World Doubles Cup | 188.125 |
| ITF Circuit | 10.000 - 75.000 |



Guide as to what level of Tournaments a certain¹⁸ ranking would guarantee entry:

- Unranked - 600 Qualifying of \$10,000
- 600 - 300 MD \$10,000/Qualy 25,000
- 300 - 225 MD of \$25,000/Qualy 50-75000
- 225 - 175 Main Draw of \$50,000
- 175 - 120 Main Draw of \$75,000
- 150 - 100 Main Draw \$107,000 (Tier IV)
- 250 - 120 Qualifying of Grand Slams
- 120 - 0 Main Draw of Grand Slams
- 100 + Main Draw of Tier II - III
- 50 + Main Draw of Tier I



JUNIOR TOURNAMENTS

- ITF Junior World Ranking Circuit (18 and under)
- Sunshine Cup (18 and under)
- NEC World Youth Cup (16 and under)
- ITF World Junior Tennis Championships (14 and under)
- Regional Circuits (14 and under, 16 and under)
- National junior and senior tournaments



CAREER PATH FOR A JUNIOR TENNIS PLAYER

- Attain a top 2 national junior ranking
- Regional 14, 16 & under events aiming to achieve a high regional ranking
- ITF Junior Circuit and try to achieve a top 20 junior ITF world ranking
- Play a few weeks of professional events
- Play mostly satellites/futures events along with Group A Junior events

