Tennis Australia

2025

Next Generation   
Coach Program

# Block 1 – Melbourne 1-3 Sept 2025

# Applications close: 1 July 2025

# cost $1,210 inc.gst

# NEXT GENERATION PERFORMANCE COACH PROGRAM

The Tennis Australia Next Generation Performance coach program is designed to support the on-going success of Australian tennis at the professional level, through the development of identified coaches. On completion of this program, appropriate coaches will be encouraged to apply for the Performance – Level 3 Coaching course to continue your coaching journey.

Program details

The Next Generation Performance Coach program is conducted by Tennis Australia’s Performance team. They prepare coaches to work in Performance coaching, while developing the skills to work with high performing players of all ages to reach Top 100 WTA/ATP. There are no formal assessments; rather robust self-discovery and learning activities.

The program is conducted as 2 x three-day face to face workshops conducted in Melbourne or Brisbane. Program modules:

* Coach as Leader, Coach as Performer, Coach as Learner
* Create a high performing daily training environment
* Plan for long term player development
* Reflect on coaching practice
* Plan for lifelong learning

Face-to-Face Program dates:

**Workshop 1**: Monday-Wednesday 1-3 September 2025

**Workshop 2**: Date to be negotiated with participants

Program applicants will be accepted to participate in this program based on their application and ability to meet the course entry criteria. All applicants will be notified on acceptance by Friday 25 July 2025.

Please return this application form (p.4-5) to:

**Applications close on July 1, 2025**

Queries should be directed to Barbora in the Coach Development Operations team:

Barbora Zahnova [barbora.zahnova@tennis.com.au](mailto:barbora.zahnova@tennis.com.au)

M: 0452 521 570

Program costs

Successful applicants will be required to pay a fee of $1,210 including GST and the costs necessary to attend each face to face workshop.

**Program entry criteria**

* + Candidates must hold a Tennis Australia coaching qualification.
  + Candidates must hold a current Tennis Australia Qualified Coach Membership.
  + Candidate must be actively coaching a high performing player.
  + Candidate must commit to attending all face-to-face days.
  + Candidate must have attended a minimum of two professional development workshops in the past 12 months.
  + Candidate must have attended at least one tournament with their player in the past 12 months.

In addition to above entry prerequisites, preference will be given to those applicants who:

* are an Australian citizen or have been granted permanent residence status; and,
* are coaching on a full-time basis and can demonstrate a long-term commitment to coaching.

For the purpose of the program, a high performing player is one who:

* has decided to specialise in tennis.
* is Top 30 in Australia in their birth year.
* is playing State/National/International events.
* is involved in your coaching program a minimum of 6 hours per week.

Selection panel

The selection panel will consist of Belinda Colaneri (Head of Performance Coach Development) & another Performance team member

Selection process

1. Program applicants to complete the application form (pages 4-5)
2. The submission of a professionally completed video including the following:

* highlighting your coaching philosophy and why this program will benefit your coaching &/or coaching program
* 60minute session with player showing clear session plan and how it links to player priorities.

Applications must be received by Barbora Zahnova by Tuesday 1 July 2025.

**Number of course participants**

The maximum number of candidate’s is 16. This ensures quality in delivery and learning experiences.

Women’s scholarships

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Procedure for appeals and complaints

Tennis Australia actively encourages feedback and dialogue with our course participants, workplaces and trainers as part of our continuous improvement philosophy. We established an equitable and transparent process for encouraging and dealing with feedback, complaints, grievances and appeals.

Our policy is governed by the following values and principles:

1. All program participants shall have a clear opportunity to express their view on their learning experience, whether positive or negative.
2. The process shall be transparent, and no program participant shall perceive any disadvantage by expressing his or her views.
3. The complaint shall be dealt with at the level of occurrence with opportunity for escalation to hasten resolve.
4. Student feedback shall be dealt with in a timely, confidential, and open manner and the student shall be kept informed of progress.
5. Program participant feedback will be analysed, and trends built into the company’s continuous improvement process, so all program participants benefit from the learning of the feedback.



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Application Form

Please submit pages 4-5 to: Barbora Zahnova [barbora.zahnova@tennis.com.au](mailto:barbora.zahnova@tennis.com.au)

Participant details

Full name:

Email address

Mobile number

Business name:

Website:

**Insert link to video** (we recommend you upload an unlisted video to YouTube)  
*(ensure you obtain the consent of your player before uploading)*

Brief overview of your current coaching status

(Please include; current-coaching responsibilities, coaching position, name of club)

Qualifications/courses completed – other non-tennis qualificiations

(Please include: Name of qualification/course, year and name of the institution/Business who delivered the qualification/course)

What motivates you to participate in this program?

Note: You can attach additional information to your application.

Obligations of the program participant

On being accepted into the Tennis Australia Next Generation Performance Coach Program, I consent to being bound by and agree to:

1. Be punctual for all sessions.
2. Inform Belinda Colaneri by phone or email if unable to attend any sessions due to illness
3. Dress and behave in a professional manner during the face-to-face days and site visit.

Consent to participating in the Program

I consent to participating in the program I understand that the program involves some physical activity. I acknowledge that participation in the program is entirely at my own risk. I have voluntarily read and understood this risk warning and accept and assume the inherent risks in the program.

Agreement to terms and conditions

By signing and submitting this application form I accept and agree to be bound by the above terms and conditions.

Name (print)

Signature Date

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