

CALLING FOR NOMINATIONS FOR FOUR TENNIS SA BOARD DIRECTORS

Do you know someone that has a genuine interest and passion for advancing the sport of tennis in SA?

Tennis SA is the governing body of Tennis in South Australia. Our purpose is to showcase, promote, develop and manage the game of tennis in South Australia.

Tennis SA is governed by a Board of ten Directors charged with the strategic development and growth of the sport for 55,000+ tennis participants and nearly 300 affiliated tennis Clubs, Associations, Centres & Schools in South Australia. The Tennis SA Board Charter sets out roles and responsibilities of the Board of Directors of Tennis SA. The Tennis SA Board Charter can be found on our website: <https://www.tennis.com.au/sa/about/meet-the-team>

2021 is an exciting time for someone to join the Board of Tennis SA and be part of team that shapes new policies, plans and systems needed to grow tennis participation and build on existing and new partnerships and continue South Australia's long history of tennis success.

Tennis SA now seeks nominations for four Board Director positions, which are:

1. Country Director elected by the non-Metropolitan members of the Tennis SA Council (currently occupied by **Julie Day** who is eligible for re-election)
2. Director elected by the Tennis SA Council (this position was the mandated female-only position until 30 June 2021 & is currently occupied by **Liz Campbell** who is eligible for re-election)
3. Director elected by the Tennis SA Council (currently occupied by **Gary Stratford** who is eligible for re-election)
4. President elected by the Tennis SA Council (currently occupied by **Kent Thiele** who is eligible for re-election)

The Tennis SA Board supports gender diversity (and diversity more generally) on the board. One of the strategies implemented to improve gender balance on the Tennis SA Board has been amendments to the Tennis SA constitution in March 2018 to have a mandated female board position elected to the Tennis SA Board. Whilst this mandated female board position lapses at 30 June 2021, it is hoped that Members will continue to support our diversity strategy through appropriate nominations.

Desired Characteristics

Here are some of the characteristics we are looking for in a new Board member of Tennis SA. It is important that the person(s) your Association nominates has at least one or two of these characteristics, but definitely not essential to have all of these:

1. A passion for tennis in SA
2. Ideas to grow our sport
3. Experience working or leading diverse teams
4. Understanding of how to manage risk
5. An accounting or financial background
6. An understanding of how Local, State or Federal Government works
7. Strong business networks
8. Experience working or volunteering within tennis

Location and Time Commitment: The Board currently meets formally 11 times each year. The majority of board meetings are held at Tennis SA, North Adelaide, on the third Monday of the month at 6pm.

How to nominate: To make a nomination the attached nomination form must be completed and signed by the nominee and also the nominating Association. If your nominee(s) wish to do so, the nominee(s) may also provide a maximum one-page submission covering their contact information, skills and experience pertinent to the above list of desired characteristics. Nomination forms, and nominee submissions, where applicable, must be submitted to Tennis SA (as per details on the form) by no later than 12.00 noon on Friday 9th April 2021 to be valid. Upon submitting your form, you will receive notification of receipt. If you do not receive this notification within 24hrs of submitting your form, please email Debbie Sterrey, Tennis SA CEO at debbie.sterrey@tennis.com.au

Term: Candidates being successfully elected to Director positions have a 2 year term which commences on the 1st July immediately following the Council Election Meeting.

Process: The closing date for all nominations is 12.00 noon on Friday 9th April 2021. Nominations will then be compiled and distributed (together with each nominee's one-page submission, where applicable) to Council delegates by email and post. Please let your nominee(s) know they do **not** need to be present at the May Election meeting which is scheduled for 7.30pm on Monday 16th May 2021 as this is a members only meeting.



Further Questions: For more information or a discussion about this process, please email Kent Thiele, Tennis SA President, kent.thiele@team.telstra.com or call 0429 056 298.

For more information about Tennis SA, please visit: <https://www.tennis.com.au/sa>

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