

Calling for Nominations for six 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 around 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/files/2017/12/Board-Charter.pdf>

2023 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 six Board Director positions, which are:

- A. President elected by the Tennis SA Council (currently occupied by Kent Thiele who is not eligible for re-election)
- B. 1 Country Director elected by affiliated Country members of the Tennis SA Council (currently occupied by Julie Day who is eligible for re-election)
- C. 2 Directors elected by the Tennis SA Council (currently occupied by Liz Campbell & Gary Stratford who are both eligible for re-election)
- D. 2 Independent Directors appointed by the Tennis SA Board in July (currently occupied by Philip Roberts and Natalie Morley who are both eligible for re-appointment)

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 mandated female board positions elected to the Tennis SA Board. Whilst these mandated female board positions have now technically lapsed, it is expected 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. Also, the Mandatory Nominee Declaration must be signed by the nominee. 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 14th April 2023 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, 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 14th April 2023. Nominations will then be compiled, nominee information scrutinised and eligible nominations distributed (together with each nominee's one page submission, where applicable) to Council delegates. 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, 15th May 2023 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, kentthiele@outlook.com or call 0429 056 298.

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

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