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**Fall**

LTA UNIVERSITY TENNIS PROGRAMME

Tier 1 application form, 2020/21 🡺

introduction:

Following the Tennis Foundation's integration into the LTA, an in-depth review was carried out in 2019 to establish the LTA's approach towards University Tennis and identify a set of recommendations for a new framework of support.

Going forwards, the LTA’s support and investment will be focussed around working with institutions, to deliver against the following four broad outcomes:

1. more students have the opportunity to play and enjoy their university experience through tennis
2. more students are supported to develop their employability skills through tennis
3. more students have the opportunity to compete in appropriate competition
4. more players choose and benefit from the dual career route of high level training and competition, combined with study

There is an expectation for Tier 1 universities to deliver against the first three outcomes listed above.

The new framework aims to continue our partnership approach, working together with institutions. It also ensures we make a more targeted approach to investment to maximise return, whilst balanced against the need to achieve even greater reach across the sector.

One of the key recommendations from the review was to adopt a more targeted approach to investment, balanced against the need to achieve even greater reach. To deliver against this recommendation, three tiers of support have been developed, to ensure we can engage with universities at all stages of development.

**This is the application form for Tier 1 support** and should be read in conjunction with the ‘Application Guidance’ document.

TIER 1 SPECIFIC APPLICATION GUIDANCE:

**Who can apply for Tier 1 support?**

* All universities can apply for this tier of support, irrespective of their stage of development.

**What’s on offer?**

* This package is focussed around the university identifying an undergraduate student to take on the role of University Tennis Ambassador, who will take on agreed responsibilities for the development of tennis, with a particular focus on increasing student participation and competition.
* University Tennis Ambassadors are voluntary positions, held by a current undergraduate student for a term of one year or more.
* Each university can have up to two Ambassadors to support their development programme.

University Tennis Ambassadors will have access to the following:

* Free, annual University Tennis Student Training event specifically designed for University Tennis Ambassadors and Coordinators, with a contribution towards travel costs.
* Free access to our range of training videos and support resources, for example: how to run a successful freshers fair, developing a successful weekly programme and providing competition for non-BUCS players.
* Free access to webinars for discussing challenges and opportunities with LTA colleagues and fellow University Ambassadors.
* Free LTA / University Tennis branded clothing.
* Free access to action planning templates and guidance.
* Regionally organised competition and competition support packs for non-BUCS players

**What are the expectations for this tier of support?**

* The University Tennis Ambassador should be a current undergraduate student at the university.
* As a minimum, the University Tennis Ambassador should attend the annual training event and engage with at least one of the termly webinars.
* The university appoints a nominated member of staff to act as a ‘Line Manager’ to the Ambassador.
* The recruitment and selection process of the Ambassador should be conducted in line with all relevant recruitment procedures for your institution, including an expectation that it has the support of the student tennis club and sports development staff.

**Monitoring and evaluation:**

* Monitoring and evaluation is to be completed twice a year, via a simple online form.

TIER 1 application form:

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| 1. **LEAD APPLICANT DETAIL**
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| **1.1** University name: |  |
| **1.2** Lead applicant name: |  |
| **1.3** Lead applicant job title: |  |
| **1.4** Lead applicant e-mail: |  |

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| 1. **CURRENT PROGRAMME OVERVIEW**
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| **2.1** Using bullet points, please provide an overview of your current tennis programme based on the following areas.  |
| Club membership: |  |
| Student participation: |  |
| Competition: |  |
| Facilities: |  |
| Workforce |  |

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| 1. **AMBASSADOR DETAIL**
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| **3.1** Student name: |  |
| **3.2** Student email: |  |
| **3.3** Student telephone: |  |
| **3.4** Student course and year: |  |
| **3.5** Clothing size: | XS / S / M / L / XL / XXL |

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| If you are appointing a second University Tennis Ambassador, please provide their details: |
| **3.6** Student name: |  |
| **3.7** Student email: |  |
| **3.8** Student telephone: |  |
| **3.9** Student course and year: |  |
| **3.10** Clothing size: | XS / S / M / L / XL / XXL |

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| **3.11** Please outline below the three priority objectives your University Tennis Ambassador will be accountable for during 2020/21 (one of these must be related to overseeing the competition offer for non-BUCS players) |
|  | Objective: | Specific targets / impact: |
| 1: |  |  |
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| 3: |  |  |

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| **3.11** Please outline below the three priority actions your University Tennis Ambassador will be accountable for during 2020/21, based around the first three of our funding outcomes: |
| **Outcome 1 -** more students have the opportunity to play and enjoy their university experience through tennis: |
| Priority action: |  |
| Target / impact: |  |
| **Outcome 2 -** more students are supported to develop their employability skills through tennis |
| Priority action: |  |
| Target / impact: |  |
| **Outcome 3 -** more students have the opportunity to compete in appropriate competition  |
| Priority action: |  |
| Target / impact: |  |

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| **3.12** Please outline any additional responsibilities the University Tennis Ambassador may have:  |
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| **3.13** Please outline how the University Tennis Ambassador will be line managed / supervised and where they will sit within the university sports structure: |
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| **3.14** National training for University Tennis Ambassadors (& post-graduate University Tennis Co-ordinators) will take place at XXX on XXX. Please confirm your University Tennis Ambassador will attend below and more information will be provided nearer the time: |
| [ ]  Confirmation that your University Tennis Ambassador(s) will attend |

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| 1. **ENDORSEMENT**
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| **4.1** Please state the details of a member of university senior management (Director of Sport/equivalent or above) who endorses this application and could be contacted, if required? |
| Name: | Job title: | E-mail address: |
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| **4.2** Please also confirm that the university tennis club committee are aware of and supportive of this application: |
| [ ]  Confirmation  |

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| 1. **SUBMISSION DETAILS**
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Please submit this application form to: Alistair.Higham@lta.org.uk

Please complete all sections of the application form, or provide reasoning as to why a section is incomplete, if necessary.

The application deadline is: Wednesday 16th September, 23:59hrs