



## COACH FORUM NOTES

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### Tennis Central Region Inc. (TCRI) Coach Forum

**Date and Time:** Thursday 7 June 2018

**Venue:** Renouf Tennis Centre, Brooklyn Road, Brooklyn, Wellington

**Attendees:** Clint Packer, Findlay Deterte, Troy Leamy, Guy de Villiers, Susan Marris, Tom Morley, Francis Glover, Jane O'Neill, Jono Spring, Dave Knight, Jacob Emery, Marc Paulik, Mark Flannery, Francisco Mendieta  
Patrick Landy, Simon Rea, Christophe Lambert (Tennis NZ), Mel Jansen (TCR)

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### 1. Action points previous Forum

- a. Club Pro Update – Patrick will touch base with those coaches interested in completing their Club Pro qualification. Tristan Stayt and Michael McGlinchey have expressed interested and other coaches are asked to contact Patrick regarding the delivery and timing of this course.
- b. Current Coach Development Opportunities – all upcoming coach courses can be found at this link. Particular attention to the upcoming Coaching Assistant Courses around the region. Good opportunity for head coaches and businesses to get their assistant coaches on the pathway.  
<http://www.tennis.kiwi/Coach/Coach-Development/Coaching-Course-Calendar/Coaching-Course-Calendar-V20#central>
- c. First Aid Course – two upcoming courses
  - i. Bookings and further details can be made at this link. <http://tenniscentral.kiwi/Follow/News-Social/Regional-News/save-a-life>
  - ii. Note that it is now a requirement that coaches travelling with Central teams, those delivering national programmes or those coaching at the Renouf Tennis Centre will now be required to be First Aid Qualified.
  - iii. Dates are; 4 July (for those recently completed their JDC blocks) along with any other coaches interested and 23 September
- d. Lockers for coaches – now by staircase at Renouf Tennis Centre
- e. Coach Emails – it is asked that coaches forward any new coaching assistant emails to add to the communications database

### 2. Update from Tennis Central

- a. Coach Access Policy – Renouf Tennis Centre
  - i. Tennis Central has updated their Coach Access Policy at the Renouf Tennis Centre. The main points of note are;

- a. that any coaches utilising the courts will need to be Police Vetted if they haven't already had that completed through National Programme Registration
- b. soon they will be able to book their casual courts at the Renouf Centre using ClubSpark (a sign-up link will be sent out soon allowing the coaching rate to be added to coaches registrations for this).
- c. All other bulk-bookings will still be able to be booked through Tennis Central.

b. Tennis NZ Coach Police Vet Policy

- i. Discussion on Tennis NZ's new Police Vet Policy for anyone signing up to National Programmes or completing a TNZ course. It was pointed out that this new policy is common practice for anyone currently working with children these days (teachers/parent help on trips etc)
- ii. Checks are required to be conducted every 3 years.
- iii. Regions and clubs will not have to duplicate this if Coaches have already completed this with TNZ.
- iv. As part of the process the individual will be required to agree to authorise TNZ to have the right to pass on any 'released with results' reports deemed serious enough to preclude the individual's coaching involvement to any clubs, Associations or Regions that engage the services of the individual.

c. ClubSpark update for coaches

- i. Discussion on benefits for coaches particularly around easing the administration burden for coaches and demonstration on live ClubSpark sites.
- ii. Advised that ClubSpark usage will be free for any coach signing up to (2) National Programmes. Registrations now open – all enquiries to [ClubSpark@tennis.kiwi](mailto:ClubSpark@tennis.kiwi)
- iii. Aim to have interested coaches up and running by early September
- iv. May look to run a group session where coaches can come to the Renouf and get started on their set-up

d. Love Tennis – 8-9 September

- i. It is asked that coaches get behind their clubs and help to make these open days great within their coaching communities

e. Participation at clubs.

- i. Mel presented graphs on fluctuating club member numbers around the region and at some Wellington Clubs. Discussion on who's responsibility it is to grow numbers? Hoped that coaches and clubs start working together to find ways to grow these numbers. Ultimately everyone can benefit. Do coaches have incentives from clubs to sign up more members? What are the current models that clubs use when engaging coaches? (i.e. Paying for courts at clubs). Need emphasis on encouraging those in coaching programmes into becoming club members. Clubs need to offer good programmes for members. Jane O'Neill pointed out that it is hugely beneficial for a coach to be on the club committee.

### 3. Group Discussions

- a. **Mentoring** – ran out of time to discuss, will move to another forum
- b. **Tennis in schools** – Discussion on this topic as to what coaches are currently doing in the absence of a region-wide KiwiSport funded programme. Majority were ‘coaching’ in schools (mainly private schools) but majority found it difficult to get into schools to deliver a coaching programme as there was a lot of competition from other sports. Difficulty in transitioning students through to clubs.
- c. Jono Spring shared how he is planning a roadshow exhibition at Manawatu Schools this spring
- d. Christophe Lambert shared that coaches should not be ‘coaching’ in schools. In fact they should be promoting tennis by letting kids just ‘play’ tennis. Making it a ‘fun’ experience rather than being seriously coached. And coaches should be encouraged to investigate alternative ways to promote tennis in their school communities.
- e. Cardio Tennis in Schools – Tennis Auckland have been successful in developing models of Cardio Tennis in Secondary Schools and Mel is keen to progress this for the Central area.
- f. Tennis Rangers – Mel discussed idea for Tennis Rangers in schools (Primary School Teachers) and offering them free club memberships/racquet.

### 4. New items from coaches

None received

### 5. Any other items for discussion

None

### 6. On-Court Session – 1.5hrs

Simon Rea, Christophe Lambert and Patrick Landy gave an excellent on-court session for coaches from a performance level through to red ball stage. Thanks to George Stoupe and Isaac Becroft for their assistance with this session. Coach Charting handout attached.

The Forum finished at approximately 1.15pm

Next Forum: 20 September

#### Action Points:

- Send Coach ClubSpark link to coaches for booking at the RTC when available
- Commence Coach Police Vetting process for coaches currently coaching at the RTC
- Mentoring discussion (to be had at next Forum)
- Investigate Cardio Tennis in Secondary Schools
- Investigate ‘Tennis Ranger’ concept for Primary Schools

#### Attached

- TNZ Police Vetting Policy
- Coach Charting Document
- Coach Access Policy RTC
- ClubSpark handout