



2023 National Coaches Week

National Coaches Week celebrates the positive impact coaches have on athletes, participants, and communities across Canada. The week of September 16-24th is an opportunity to recognize coaches for the integral role they play by saying #ThanksCoach.

With your help, the TPA would like to provide coaches with the recognition they deserve for the time they devote to ensuring Canadians live an active, healthy lifestyle.

The #ThanksCoach profile initiative is part of National Coaches Week that helps celebrate the diversity of coaches across Canada and the positive impact they have across the country.









Coach	Tennis Club	City & Province	Best quality	Submitted by:
Graham Cooper	Vernon Tennis Association	Vernon, BC	Diligence, perseverance and personality - everyone loves him!	Jackie Labuhn
Dany Couture	Sobeys Stadium and Richmond Hill Lawn Tennis Club	Richmond Hill, ON	He made a difference with many players at all levels for the past 40 years.	Mario Barrette
Brian Panovka	Valley Tennis Club	Toronto, ON	His coaching has helped me with growing from a club player to an aspiring tennis coach.	Susan Qi
Tomasz Blazejewski	Independent coach	Ontario	Very patient with strong perseverance, Caring and sincere	Helen Ding
Gerard Siucho	Hollyburn Country Club	Vancouver, BC	He makes tennis so fun yet challenging for kids.	Amy Chapman- Fluker
Tessa Ainge	Hollyburn Country Club	Vancouver, BC	She cares about the sport and the integrity that's needed sometimes to rise above all things and bring joy and love for the game.	Jo-Anne Weiler
			She always finds a way to provide constructive criticism which is positive and allows participants to feel they really accomplished something in the lesson.	Gulnar Carlisle
Tony Macken	Hollyburn Country Club	Vancouver, BC	His dedication to improving the choices I made on and off court mentally to be able to pivot and gain that mental resiliency to focus and make good decisions.	Maryam Zeineddin
Marek Nehasil and Denise Fernandez	Tennis Saskatchewan	Regina, SK	Be patient with students, Improve quality of play for their students.	Arya Guha





Christopher Manzinali	Blackmore Tennis Club	Richmond Hill, ON	He listens to his students, he appreciates their complexities and their teenage growing pains and he works with each of his students individually guiding them through their strengths and their weaknesses.	Leora Shemesh and Maya Benaich
Rachel Cruickshank	Rideau Sports Centre	Ottawa, ON	True dedication and interest in the player's development	Steve Manashe
Mike Hall	The Tennis Center Langley	Langley, BC	Love Tennis, Love coaching, A responsible Coach.	Marcus Zinuo Chang
Roberto Brogin	National Junior Program	Vancouver, BC	Professional, patient and friendly.	Jack Shen
Alberto Sanchez	UBC Tennis Centre	Vancouver, BC	He is super detailed and identified many areas that I could improve on.	Gabby Chase
Guram Kostava	Sobeys Stadium	Toronto, ON	He is a mentor who empowers his students with skills, confidence, and a lifelong love for the sport.	Alex Kamhi
Adrian Tollstam	Ontario Racquet Club	Mississauga, ON	Coach Adrian's mentorship has instilled in Ethan not only valuable tennis skills but also essential life lessons about discipline, resilience, and the pursuit of excellence.	Ethan Ma
Stephane Conquet	Tennis Momentum	Repentigny, QC	Il est à l'écoute de l'athlète et se préoccupe sincèrement du bien-être de celui-ci autant au niveau performance que mental.	Stéphane Longpré
Hugo Di Feo	Tennis Canada	Toronto, ON	Foster a strong work ethic, posses deep knowledge of the game and effectively communicates.	Milagros Pastuszka
Steve Mahar	Tennis Director at the Atlantic Tennis Center	Halifax, NS	Ability to keep training fun for the athlete while also maintaining focus and intention throughout the session.	Jeff & Joni Colburne





Marvin Hinds	Derrick Golf and Winter Club	Edmonton, AB	He is kind, warm, welcoming and inclusive to every individual who walks in the door regardless of age or skill level.	Richelle Hanna
Kristina Sanjevic	Derrick Golf and Winter Club	Edmonton, AB	Push her students to be their absolute best.	Richelle Hanna
Rosi Brzostowski	Derrick Golf and Winter Club	Edmonton, AB	Rosi has a light within her, and positive energy unlike any coach of any sport I've ever known.	Richelle Hanna
Jared Nicholson	Guildwood Tennis Club	Scarborough, ON	His ability to gear his play and his instruction to the level of the student he is teaching.	Diane Lang
			Respect for his students.	Elaine Fletcher
			Great knowledge of Tennis, Great teacher and makes Tennis a lot of fun for any ages, exceptional teaching skills and customer service.	Dini Wickneswaran
			Jared is patient, flexible, adaptable, skilled and professional.	Bill Gorman
			Jared is an authentic and amazing coach whether teaching 5 year or fifty year old players.	Barb Miiko Gravlin
			He is good with kids and teaching.	James Mordaunt
			His unwavering dedication and passion for coaching our young athletes	Charise Pojskic
			Jared is a fantastic coach with both adults and kids! He keeps things organized, professional and super fun.	Kat Rizza & Ryan
			Patience and understanding on how to lead and teach young kids.	Natalie Chan
			Welcoming, knowledgeable, an amazing teacher!!	Sunny Devine





Nicole Mclennan	North Shore Winter Club	Vancouver, BC	She has the most fun and energetic personality, but when it comes to drilling she acquires immediate focus, and I think that is the most important aspect and quality she possesses.	Muyang (Amu) Mei
Marek Nehasil	Lakeshore Tennis Club	Regina, SK	His tirelessly dedication to his students is second to none, from day one he would always. He put 100% focus on our growing from the day one.	Isabella Ruyu Yan
Eric Giguere	Club Sportif Côte-de- Liesse	Montréal, QC	Has in-depth knowledge of tennis techniques.	Alyssa & Nadia Beltei
Simon Larose	Club Sportif Côte-de- Liesse	Montréal, QC	Ability to support and uplift us, no matter the challenges.	Alyssa & Nadia Beltei
André Labelle	Centre national de tennis	Montréal, QC	Inspires and encourages players to reach their full potential.	Alyssa & Nadia Beltei
Luc Champanet	Tennis 13 – Académie Ménard & Associés	Laval, Québec	Dévouement pour son sport et pour les jeunes qu'il coach au tennis compétitif et dans le programme Sport-Étude.	Annie Dubuc & Benjamin Beaudry
Adam Weatherby	Charlottetown Tennis Club	Scarborough, ON	Motivator (also has the best between-the-legs shot!)	Tracy Soong's family
Raphael Edward Wilson	Henry Farm Tennis Club, Havenbrook Park	North York, ON	Ever willing to help nurture tennis players.	Vijay Kandeth
Cameron Wittick	West Rouge Tennis Club	Scarborough, ON	Makes every lesson a pleasurable experience, easygoing, positive manner.	Robert Nelson
			He is patient, funny, friendly and knows how to relate to all the juniors he coaches.	Charlie & Alex Timperley
David Cysneiros	Granite Club	Toronto, ON	Best trait is how passionate he is for the sport.	Callum MacKinnon
Alan Mack	Hollyburn Country Club	West Vancouver, BC	His coaching is clear and supportive and he always leaves us with something new.	Catherine Mile





Eddie Miron	Advantage Tennis International Academy	Vaughn, ON	He is really good at staying positive and I really like how he tells it like it is.	Kaleb Machado
Andy Sutton	Unionville Tennis Club, Premier Racquet Clubs	Markham, ON	Dedicated and experienced senior coach.	Arun Prasad
Ocean Wang	Unionville Tennis Club, Premier Racquet Clubs	Markham, ON	Passion to promote tennis as a sport for life.	Arun Prasad
Andy Stojadinovich	Unionville Tennis Club	Markham, ON	Developing, motivating and inspiring players of all levels to play tennis as a sport for life.	Arun Prasad

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