



## **Tennis Development Centre (TDC) Program**

September 1<sup>st</sup> to August 31<sup>st</sup>

### **Description of TDC Program**

The TDC Program is a “support program” designed to work with junior competitive development programs across Canada. The TDC program is a key component of the overall player development plan of Tennis Canada and its mission of developing world class players. The TDC Program is the key means of how Tennis Canada both works with and supports year-round junior development programs across Canada. The program annually rewards indoor clubs/academy’s meeting program requirements and player results with benefits and services. The program requirements are tied into Tennis Canada’s Long-Term Athlete Development (LTAD) Model.

### **Goals of TDC Program**

The overriding goal of the TDC Program is for indoor clubs/academy’s to be able to receive support and be rewarded for their achievements in developing provincial, national, collegiate and international players. Each TDC is provided with an automated monitoring tool that is closely tied into the LTAD which allows the TDC to monitor their overall program which includes: coaches, players and competition.

### **Support Provided to TDC’s**

Tennis Canada, in conjunction with our Provincial Tennis Associations provides various levels of support depending on the reward level of the TDC. This support can come in various forms including: financial grants, National Coach visits, free Kids tennis equipment, participation in the TDC Cup Team Competition,  $\frac{3}{4}$  court lines grant, Rogers Cup/Coup Rogers grounds passes, recognition on the Tennis Canada and TPA websites, as well as free seminars/conferences.

The National Bank Little Aces program, a recruitment and development program for 6-8-year olds, is another key benefit of the TDC Program. The program aims to improve the overall development of these young players with the goal of retaining them in the competitive stream of tennis. This will lead to a much larger pool of young competitors, ultimately resulting in future Canadian Champions. There is support for up to 20 TDC’s in total. Selection will be based on a combination of rewards status (Gold, Silver and Bronze) and U12 development which will include the club’s U12 program pathway (as per minimum TDC criteria) and players results as

per the TDC monitoring tool. Selected TDC's will receive grants to enhance the training of identified players.

### **How to Apply to become a TDC (for new clubs/academy's)**

Clubs must be a member and/or in good standing with their Provincial Tennis Association.

Before applying for a TDC status, a club must ensure that they currently meet the minimum program structure and coaching requirements criteria. As well, by the end of the year, the club must meet the tournament hosting requirements and must have the minimum number of players competing as per LTAD required number of tournaments. **See Minimal Criteria Chart for details.**

Once the program structure and coaching requirements are met, the Club should contact the TDC Program Director and fill in an application form. All applications will be reviewed by the end of July of each year.

### **How to maintain your TDC status?**

TDC's are required to maintain minimum standards (see table below) each year to continue to be eligible to be a Tennis Development Centre and to continue to receive benefits and services. Minimum standards must be met by the end of each TDC year (August 31). If not met, TDC's will receive notice that the minimum standards must be achieved by the end of the following year or lose TDC status and the benefits/services associated. Once TDC status is lost, the Club/Program can reapply a year after proof of minimum standards being met.

### **How to receive your TDC reward support**

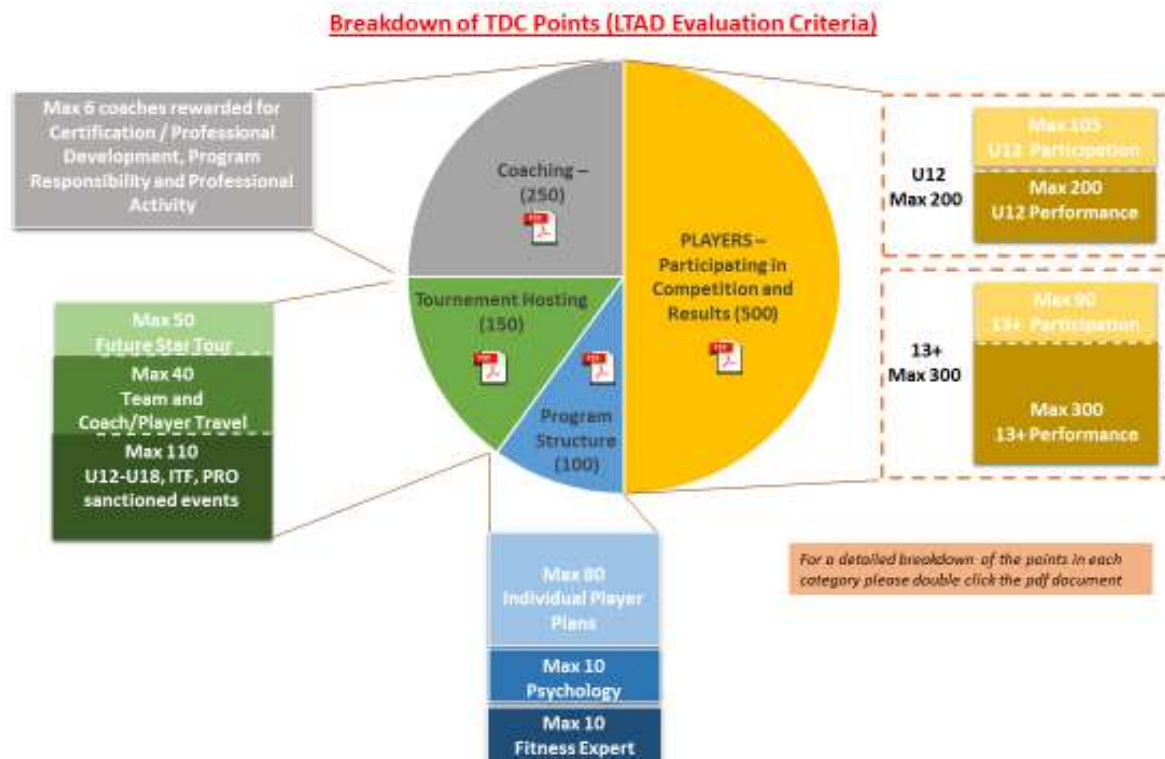
The TDC online automated Monitoring tool, which will allow TDC's to track key program components such as coaches, players, competition and annual plans will also act as an evaluation tool. The TDC evaluation, (monitoring tool) which is ongoing throughout the year, begins September 1<sup>st</sup> and ends August 31<sup>st</sup>. TDC's will add/update key initial information in regards to their program, coaches and players by October 31<sup>st</sup>. All TDC Performance Rewards will be determined at the end of August and announced in early September.

The TDC's minimum and performance reward level is based on a point system that provides points in 4 key areas with associated weighting:

- Player Results: 50% total; TDC's are awarded points both for players competing in the minimal number of tournaments as per LTAD guidelines within the year (20%) as well as players performance (30%) which includes program/team selection, national/international results and ranking.
- Coaching Staff: 25%; only TPA Certified Active coaches are awarded points based on level of certification and the programs that they are in charge of as well as additional coaching involvement outside the TDC.

- Tournament Hosting: 15%; TDC's are awarded points for running various types of tournaments as well as for taking players on competition trips.
- Program Structure: 10%; TDC's are awarded points for completing individual player annual plans (annual plan tool is incorporated in TDC evaluation program) as well as for incorporating fitness and psychology experts as part of the program.

Complete details of these 4 key areas are available through the online TDC Monitoring tool.



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## TDC facility policy

Operating Model	Rules	Additional Details
TDC Operating at a single facility	One official organization	One TDC Name
		One TDC Leader
		One TDC Account #
	One Club License	This VR license will be used to host all the tournaments at the TDC
	All players should be associated with this "TDC Club" in VR	Players can choose the club at the time they create their profile or email their respective PTA to change their club association.
The TDC will be given a single plaque		
TDC Operating at multiple facilities	The owner can register the multiple facilities as different TDC's (Each separate TDC will receive a plaque).	Each of the TDC will need to meet the criteria described above (TDC Operating at a single facility) as well as meet the "MIN standards" for each individual facility. Each TDC will be evaluated separately and will receive benefits based on their individual evaluation.
	The owner can register multiple facilities as ONE TDC (Only one plaque will be given).	In this case the multiple facilities will only receive 1 club license and all players will need to be associated with that TDC (irrespective of which facility they are at). They will also be associated with this ONE TDC club on their VR membership profile.
		When hosting events, the different facilities will use the same VR license.
	All facilities will show under the ONE TDC name in the TDC monitoring tool and not as different facilities. The TDC owner will have to designate one TDC leader who will liaison with the TDC program director.	

**Minimum Criteria to become a TDC – (September 1<sup>st</sup> to August 31<sup>st</sup>)**

	Minimal Program Structure Requirements (prior to applying)	Minimal Coaching Level Requirements (prior to applying)	Minimal Requirements in Players Section (to be honored by August 31st)	Performance Reward Level Criteria (as of August 31 <sup>st</sup> to achieve specific award)
<b>TDC Minimum Criteria (to be eligible/maintain TDC status)</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Red: 2 times/week, 2h total including 30 min of fitness</li> <li>• Orange: 2 times/week, 2h tennis + 30 min of fitness</li> <li>• Green: 2 times/week, 3h tennis + 1h of fitness</li> <li>• U12: 3 times/week, 4.5h tennis + 1h of fitness</li> </ul>	1 Coach 2 or above	6 U12 players meeting LTAD required # of tournaments  U9-U10 TDC Cup	Eligible for base benefits/services
<b>TDC Criteria for Performance Rewards</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Red: 3 times/week, 4.5h total which includes 1.5 hours of fitness</li> <li>• Orange: 3 times/week , 4.5h tennis + 1.5h of fitness</li> <li>• Green: 3 times/week, 6h tennis +1.5 h fitness</li> <li>• U12: 3 times/week, 6h tennis + 2h fitness</li> <li>• 13 plus: 3 times per week, 6h tennis + 5h fitness</li> <li>• Fitness testing 2 times per year</li> </ul>	1 Coach 3 and 1 Coach 2 or above	6 U12 players meeting LTAD required # of tournaments  U9-U10 TDC Cup	Eligible for bonus benefits/services based on points achieved as per the following:  201-499 Red Award  500 - 649 Bronze Award  650-799 Silver Award  800+ Gold Award