

Tennis Leaders Deployment Guidance

What is a Tennis Leader?

A Tennis Leader is someone that is able to support the coach and/or committee with the day to day running of the tennis venue and tennis programme. Tennis Leaders is an exciting programme which can help young people develop their employability and life skills, and for those that want it, their first step on the ladder to a career in sport.

Becoming a Tennis Leader

The Tennis Leaders course is available to anyone aged 13-16yrs, plus anyone 16yrs+ in full time education, or an adult wishing to get involved.

Tennis Leaders is made up of one 3 hour core module, with four additional 2 hour modules:

- Core Module - Introduction to tennis (3hrs): Learn the basics of tennis and understand how variations of the game are used to introduce all ages and abilities to the sport. Learn communication and organisational skills and some key on court drills.
- Additional Module - Volunteering at your tennis venue (2hrs) - you will learn about what makes a successful place to play, understand the different ways of promoting facilities and programmes and learn about the roles of a management team.
- Additional Module - Leading a practice session (2hrs) - understand the structure of a hitting session, learn about the different types of feeding and the responsibilities of a practice hitter.
- Additional Module - Helping at your school (2hrs) - learn how to organise tennis activity for large groups including informal competition.
- Additional Module - Helping at a competition (2hrs) - learn how to score for a Mini Tennis match, how to organise a round-robin match and how you can support your competition organiser or referee.

A young person can call themselves a Tennis Leader once they have completed the Core Module and a minimum of one additional module.

Delivering a Tennis Leader course

Running a Tennis Leader course is ideal for coaches who are looking for additional help with the day to day running of the tennis venue and tennis programme, as well as schools looking to offer additional leadership and development opportunities for their students.

As long as you are an Accredited+ tennis coach, or an active secondary school teacher, you will be able to run the Tennis Leader course without the need to attend any tutor training.

Contact your [local regional office](#) to register your intent in running a course. All resources for the course are provided free of charge, including; Tutor Workbook, Student Workbooks, Student T-Shirts and Student Certificates. The process for accessing these resources will be sent to you once you contact the Regional Office.

Insurance:

If an LTA Registered Venue is deploying a Tennis Leader, both the tennis leaders and venue are covered through the LTA Registered Venue's Public Liability insurance policy, on the proviso that the Tennis Leaders are only undertaking supervised activity appropriate for the level and limited

remit of a Tennis Leader (outlined above and within the course material) and in line with any Local Authority Guidance in place for maximum working hours.

If an LTA Accredited+ Coach is deploying a Tennis Leader, both the Coach and Tennis Leader are covered through the LTA Accredited+ Coach's Public Liability insurance policy, on the proviso that the Tennis Leaders are only undertaking supervised activity appropriate for the level and limited remit of a Tennis Leader (outlined above and within the course material) and in line with any Local Authority Guidance in place for maximum working hours.

Both the above instances apply whether the Tennis Leader is acting in a voluntary or paid capacity.

Paying Tennis Leaders:

Many Tennis Leaders will be deployed in a voluntary capacity, especially in schools, as an opportunity to develop their skills. However, in some circumstances, the tennis venue or coach may provide paid opportunities for Tennis Leaders.

Both models are an excellent way of retaining more teenagers in tennis, developing their employability and life skills and increasing capacity on programmes.

For the paid model please note - the youngest age a child can work part-time is 13, except children involved in areas like television, theatre and modelling. There is comprehensive guidance around paying children and young people, including rates of pay, supervision, restrictions and Local Authority rules available at: <https://www.gov.uk/child-employment>