

Tennis Slovenia (founding the Tennis Association of Slovenia) is a non-profit organizational body of Slovenian tennis, based in Ljubljana. It brings together a network of more than 85 tennis clubs and around 3,000 members with professional leadership and planned development of tennis potential, and maintains excellent relations with the decision-making bodies of the sports and political world. Tennis Slovenia annually supervises, supports and leads more than 250 tennis events (including competitions, mass events, conferences and promotional campaigns) throughout Slovenia.

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BENEFITS OF MEMBERSHIP IN TENNIS SLOVENIA FOR CLUBS, PLAYERS, COACHES, OFFICIALS, AND SENIORS

Membership in Tennis Slovenia (TS) offers numerous advantages for all stakeholders: clubs, players, coaches, and officials.

1. Tennis Clubs and players

1.1. Management and development

- **Reputable association:** TS represents a reputable and well-organized association, ensuring stable and smooth operations and the comprehensive development of tennis in the country. It guarantees professionalism, reliability, and integrity, contributing to improved sports infrastructure and the creation of a positive tennis culture. TS fosters collaboration among various sports stakeholders and ensures transparency in all its procedures and activities. At the end of the year, it organizes a ceremonial closing event and publishes the TS Bulletin, which includes all significant annual results.
- **Support and development:** Member clubs TS have access to comprehensive professional support and advice in organizing and developing tennis programs. TS assists with strategic planning, club activity management, and the development of coaching staff. There is a special emphasis on assisting with discussions with sports representatives in the local community, such as municipalities, public institutions, and associations. This includes advising on securing funds, organizing events, and promoting tennis at the local level, contributing to the sustainable development of clubs and the entire tennis community.

1.2. Organization and financing of competitions

- **Tournament organization and supervision:** Member clubs TS can organize national and international junior and professional tournaments in adult categories. A dedicated staff member in the TS office and the Chairman of the competition registration committee ensure the creation of a complex competition calendar, the smooth running of events, and effective communication with all stakeholders. This coordination ensures that all tournaments are conducted professionally, timely, and according to the highest standards.
- **Co-financing of tennis balls:** TS supports winter tournament organizers by co-financing 50% of the tennis ball costs and covering 100% of the ball costs for all tournaments in absolute category. This

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financial support allows clubs to reduce operational costs, increasing the accessibility and quality of tournaments.

- **Prize fund at tournaments in absolute category:** TS and the clubs jointly provide a prize fund totalling €27,000 across 11 annual tournaments in absolute category. These funds support the competition program, motivating players to achieve better results and greater participation in competitions.
- **Participation in competitions:** Club members can participate in organization in any of 83 national and 40 international competitions, including 21 professional tournaments held in Slovenia under the auspices of TS. This wide range of competitions allows players of all ages and levels to test their skills on both domestic and international stages.
- **League championship:** An average of 115 teams participates annually in the league championship, promoting extensive competitive activity nationwide. TS provides an additional €10,000 to co-finance the most successful clubs in the 1st Slovenian league in absolute category, contributing to greater competitiveness and raising the league's quality.
- **National teams:** TS facilitates the inclusion of players in national teams, competing in junior categories and prestigious cups such as the Billie Jean King cup and the Davis cup, both domestically and internationally. This not only fosters the development of young talents but also strengthens the international recognition of Slovenian tennis.
- **National team training and preparations:** TS organizes approximately 15 national team preparations annually for players of all categories. The "EX YU" preparations are among the most special, involving six national teams from the former Yugoslavia region, held in various countries of this region.
- **Motor skills measurements:** TS annually conducts motor skills and anthropometric measurements for 120 players. These professionally conducted measurements provide players with insights into their physical capabilities, aiding their improvement.

1.3. TS ranking list

- **Scoring:** TS maintains a national ranking in accordance with the scoring regulations. Based on this ranking, players and coaches can assess their quality and appropriately qualify for tournaments in various categories. A dedicated staff member in the TS office ensures the management of the complex ranking system and effective communication with all stakeholders.

1.4. Digitalization

- **Member registration:** Management and maintenance of the database of clubs, players, coaches, officials and seniors.
- **Online platform (Qualitas):** Providing a platform for announcements from tournaments and photo gallery, publication of the competition calendar, registrations of players to tournaments, publication of results,...
- **Online payments (Club Spark):** TS handles the receipt of players fee's and pays officials fees. The rest reimburses the organizer, ensuring the legal payment of entry fees and significantly easing the financial and administrative workload for clubs.

1.5. Financial assistance

- **Access to funds:** TS enables its clubs to obtain non-repayable funds from various sources, including the Sports Foundation (for the construction of sports facilities), the Ministry of Sports (co-financing

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coaches' salaries in NPSS programs), the Olympic Committee of Slovenia (education of professional workers), and other sources.

- **National teams' budget:** The most successful players in all categories are eligible for funds from the annual budget of the National Teams Program (NTP) and the Junior Teams Program (JTP). A designated person, the Chairman of the expert council, oversees the latter, maintaining regular communication with players, their coaches, and parents.
- **Co-financing of coaches:** Programs for co-financing the education of professional workers in sports.
- **Subsidies for floods and Covid-19:** TS provides financial assistance to clubs to overcome the effects of natural disasters and pandemics.
- **Move, youth!** A program encouraging young people from socially disadvantaged families to actively spend their leisure time through tennis.

2. Coaches

2.1. Education and training

- **Regular seminars, workshops, and courses:** Coaches have access to regular education to upgrade their knowledge and skills.
- **Licensing:** Obtaining licenses and certificates.
- **Professional resources:** Access to ITF Academy materials for planning and conducting training.

2.2. Professional development

- **Work and income:** TS indirectly enable work and personal income for nearly 200 coaches, members of TS.
- **Access to funds:** TS regularly employs and co-finances three coaches operating in TS member tennis clubs under the NPSS program.
- **Competition participation:** Coaches can accompany and support their protégés at national and international competitions, including prestigious tournaments, fostering further career development.
- **Managing national teams:** TS enables coaches to receive payment for managing national teams and top competitors at international tournaments.
- **Co-financing education:** Programs for co-financing education and training of professional workers in sports through various sources, including the Ministry of Sports and the Olympic Committee of Slovenia.
- **Networking:** Connecting with other coaches and experts.

2.3. Digitalized coaches list

- **Member registration:** Management and maintenance of the coaches' database, enabling better organization and tracking of professional development.

3. Officials

3.1. Official's opportunities

- **Work and income:** TS provide work for 80 Slovenian and about 40 foreign officials at 84 national and 40 international tournaments organized under TS, ensuring direct personal income.

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- **Payment of fees:** TS ensures the payment of officials' fees for work at all national tournaments under its auspices.

3.2. Education and certification

- **Training programs:** Programs for the education and certification.
- **Official's opportunities:** Officiating at local and international competitions.
- **Networking:** Connecting and exchanging experiences with other officials.
- **Support:** Access to professional support and resources.

4. Seniors

- **Competitions:** The TS Seniors organization systematises competitions at 8 national and international tournaments and the Slovenian Seniors League Championship. Additionally, they can compete for Slovenia in European and World individual and team championships, allowing them to engage in sports at the highest level.

5. Regulation and rules

- **Maintaining regulations:** Updating regulations and ensuring that all members comply with rules and guidelines.
- **Disciplinary judge:** TS appoints a judge responsible for decisions and sanctions against offenders.
- **Dispute resolution:** Mediation and resolution of disputes between members, clubs, or other stakeholders.
- **Ensuring legitimacy:** Strengthening the organization's recognition.

6. Promotion and recognition

- **Promotional activities:** TS has an annual budget for advertising major international events (WTA, BJK, DC, WTT), directly contributing to the greater recognition of tennis.

7. Administrative support

- **Documentation:** Preparation and maintenance of documents, such as statutes, regulations, and rules of procedure.
- **Financial-material operations:** Managing financial and material operations, ensuring the stability of the association's functioning and smooth programs for its members.

8. Membership in international organizations

- **ITF and TE:** Membership in international organizations and payment of an annual membership fee of €52,000, enabling the organization of international tournaments and participation in TE team events (Winter cup, Summer cup) and the BJK and DC cups.

9. Marketing

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- **Promotion of tennis tournaments and other TS products:** Through marketing campaigns and a well-chosen communication plan, TS ensures the best promotion of individual tennis tournaments and other TS products.
- **Popularization of tennis in Slovenia:** Carefully selected activities guide the popularization of tennis at all levels in Slovenia.
- **Website and social media management:** Video broadcasts of matches and marketing products, ensuring capital for operating and financing major international events, NTP, and JTP.

10. Health care and services for players

- **Healthcare benefits:** Members of the BJK and DC teams have access to specialized healthcare services.
- **Motor skills measurements:** TS provides free motor skills and anthropometric measurements for national team members, helping them improve their physical capabilities.

11. International conferences and committees

- **Conference organization:** Organizing the "[Sport Changes the World](#)" conference.
- **International institutions:** Possibility of involvement in expert groups at national (OKS) and international organizations (ITF, TE).

Membership in Tennis Slovenia offers comprehensive support and development for all participants in the tennis community, leading to the advancement and higher quality of tennis in Slovenia.

With respect,

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