



**Your Club and Tennis Ireland  
Growing the game together**

## Message from the Chief Executive,

Our organisation and our sport is undergoing a period of evolution. It has faced and continues to face many challenges but together we can achieve great things.

My vision is clear and it focuses on putting the clubs and its members first. As we search to find the perfect balance between clubs big and small, located north and south, east and west, we must always protect the interests of the game we love and cherish.

As I travel around the country, I have seen with my own eyes how clubs have developed their facilities. I see people, young and not so old, playing the sport on a regular basis and competing in local, regional and national competitions. I see coaches offering their expertise to our members. I see the great work that is taking place in the Regional and National Academies and players such as Simon Carr, Georgia Drummy and James McGee competing at Grand Slams. I look forward to Irish Tennis hosting International Tennis Federation Tournaments at Junior and Senior level later this year so that our best players can play on home soil and earn world Ranking Points in order to further their careers and hopefully inspire the next generation of players.

This level of progress doesn't happen by chance – it is the result of people working together toward a common goal. We heartily acknowledge and thank all volunteers, clubs, branches, Parks Committees, Coaches and Schools for their efforts in this regard and without the capitation and affiliation fees that supplement the income that Tennis Ireland generates from other sources it would be impossible for our sport to develop.

Tennis Ireland's focus for the coming year is to work even closer with your club to continue to get more people playing tennis. To do this we have a support team of 5 Regional Development Officers whose role is to assist clubs to not only survive but to thrive. Assisting them is our Head Office and Branch Office teams who are driving the operation and development of over 140 Open Tournaments nationally, the delivery of Coach Education Courses and Assessments, ensuring clubs are Child Protection compliant and administering our Sport.

To make it easier to run your club, your tournaments and connect more players we provide free software systems to clubs. These systems are integrated, easy to use and provide a great user experience. They are designed to put the customer at the centre of everything we do as a sport.

We will continue to assist clubs to develop their facilities through the Sports Capital Programme, Leader Programmes and Local Authority funding by providing advice and guidance every step of the way and advocating at the highest level of government on your behalf.

We will explore how the buying power of clubs and their members can be utilised to get better value for clubs.

This brochure is your guide to how your club and Tennis Ireland can work together for 2017.

Best wishes for the year ahead and thank you again for the contribution you make to the great game of tennis.

Kind regards,

**Richard Fahey**



## Tennis Ireland

Tennis Ireland is proud to be the national representative body of all clubs and associations and their players across Ireland.

### Who are we?

We are you! Over 180 affiliated clubs and centres, 4 Provincial Branches and more than 50,000 registered participants, 20,000 participants in Parks Tennis programmes and over 350 registered coaches.

We operate on a 32 County all-island basis.

Founded in 1908, Tennis Ireland stages such events as The Men's and Ladies Irish Open, ITF Futures events, Fed Cup and Davis Cup. We operate a variety of development programmes on both a national and provincial level for both senior and junior elite players.

We train the coaches who work at your Club and provide a variety of coach education programmes. Approximately 50 coaches will graduate this year.

Regional Academies and the National Tennis Academy at the National Tennis Centre in Albert College Park, DCU. The Academy is home to 74 junior and senior players and all have access to the highest standard of coaching, strength and conditioning, services fitness facilities, sports psychology, nutrition and physiotherapy services.



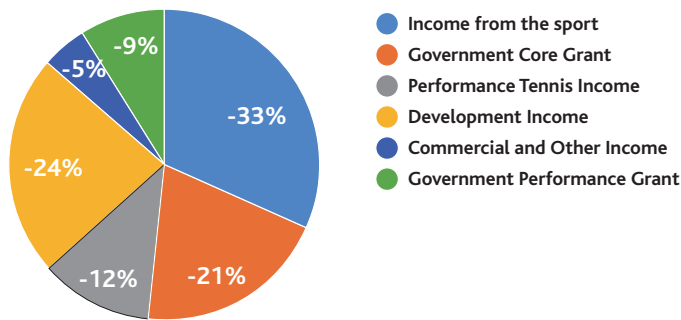
## Finances

Tennis Ireland is financed through three broad streams, income raised internally through the sport (33%), Sport Ireland funding (31%) and commercial and other fee income (36%).

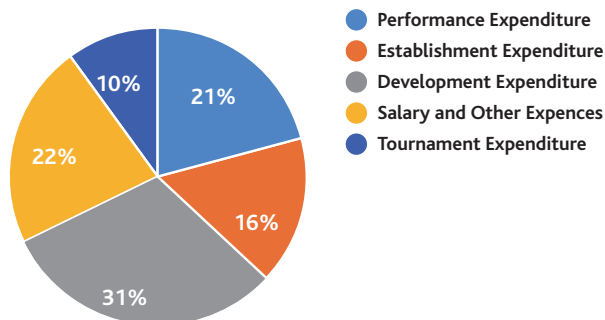
Tennis Ireland is committed to maintaining the financial integrity of the sport and to that end we have adopted a range of policies to promote transparency and accountability.

Sport Ireland are provided with comprehensive annual reports and plans, along with audited accounts and detailed projections. Tennis Ireland prepares annual consolidated financial statements which provide full disclosure of all key activities and expenditure lines. These financial statements are subject to audit and are presented at the AGM. The consolidated financial statements are made up of up of the five sub units of Tennis Ireland, namely, Head Office, Leinster Branch of Tennis Ireland, Munster Branch of Tennis Ireland, Ulster Branch of Tennis Ireland and Connacht Branch of Tennis Ireland.

Consolidated Income



Consolidated Expenditure



## We're here to help

Tennis Ireland supports the operation and development of clubs with a broad range of services.

### More People Playing

#### Do you want more people playing more often at your club?

There are a number of programmes developed to assist clubs increase participation and membership;

#### For kids

Parks Tennis

Tennis in Schools Programme

ROGY Programme

#### For everyone

Club Open Days

Innovative competition formats

e.g. FAST4

Cardio Tennis

Seniors Social Tennis Programme

Community Activations and Promotions

#### The Enjoy Tennis Programme offers Tennis to people with a Disability

### Better Places to Play Places to Play

Tennis Ireland is committed to supporting clubs in their endeavours to create quality, welcoming and sustainable venues.

Some of the resources available in this area include;

- Advice and support in relation to the development and management of facilities
- Assistance with Local Government relations
- Club Mark and other club development resources
- Support and resources to assist with Club/Coach arrangements
- Assistance in developing Club Strategic Plans

### Something Extra for your Players

Tennis Ireland individual member benefits are available to all registered players of your club;

- Pre-Sale for Davis Cup and Fed Cup Tickets
- E-newsletters
- Tennis Ireland App
- Unique My Tennis ID allowing access to tournaments and events

### Volunteers

Our valuable volunteers, administrators, officials and coaches need the best support possible to ensure they can get back to their love of playing tennis!

Tennis Ireland offers a range of support resources including;

- Competition and Tournament Planner software
- Membership benefits to clubs e.g. Discounted Tennis Balls for Clubs running competitions, Bulk Purchase Savings on Utilities and Insurance (Coming Soon)
- Referral to relevant partner and specialist agencies, e.g. Local Sports Partnerships

Volunteers are the heart and soul of tennis clubs and associations. As a symbol of thanks for our hardworking volunteers, Tennis Ireland offers ongoing official recognition;

- Club anniversary recognition
- Volunteer anniversary recognition
- Tennis Service Awards

### Competition Pathways and Development

Tennis Ireland is committed to delivering a range of competitive tennis events and progressive pathways for the development of players.

Opportunities include;

- Junior and Senior Inter Club Leagues
- Sanctioned tournaments for Junior, Senior and Veterans
- Operation of the National Ranking List
- Provincial Representative Events
- Regional and National Academies for our Emerging Talent
- Training and development opportunities for coaches, volunteers, officials and players
- International Tennis – Davis Cup, Fed Cup

**For more information and support to access these services offered by Tennis Ireland, please contact your local Development Officer**



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