

## **Play and Stay Assistant**

This person has undergone the requisite training process, involving a series of online learning tasks, and the completion of twenty logged hours practical experience under the guidance of a Tennis Ireland qualified coach.

### **PLAY AND STAY ASSISTANT COURSE**

The 'Play and Stay Assistant' award is the first rung on the ladder.

#### **Candidates who successfully complete the course:**

- Will be able to assist qualified tennis coaches in teaching the game in clubs, schools and parks. Subject to the agreement made with the coach you are assisting, you may be paid for this work.
- Will be eligible to become Associate Members of Tennis Ireland Coach Ireland, the official representative body for Tennis Ireland coaches. (See [www.tenniscoachireland.ie](http://www.tenniscoachireland.ie))

Should you decide to go on to the next stage of the coaching ladder (the Level One Coaches Training Course), you will have built up a lot of knowledge and experience that will help you on the Level One Programme.

#### **Who Can Sign Up For This Course?**

In order to register, you must be at least 16 years of age on the day you sign the course application form.

#### **What Does The Course Involve?**

There are two main parts to the course:

1. **PRACTICAL EXPERIENCE** – you will need to satisfactorily complete a total of 20 hours work experience with a Tennis Ireland qualified Level 1, 2 or 3 Coach. After each session you will type into a logbook a short report on the session and your involvement in it. At the end of the 20 hours you email the completed logbook to Tennis Ireland.
2. **KNOWLEDGE OF THEORY** – You will study a total of 17 on line presentations. These presentations are the online theory components of module 1 & 2 of the level 1 course.

*Having studied the information which is a total of 3.5 hours in duration and when you are confident that you understand the information provided in the presentations, take the relevant quiz related to the content. When you complete the quiz, your results will be sent automatically to Tennis Ireland. Should you score less than 70% in a quiz, do not worry. Simply study the presentations again, then retake the quiz when you are ready. Your new score will be automatically sent to Tennis Ireland. You can repeat this process as many times as necessary until you score 70% or above.*

***When completing the quiz, please ensure to put your full name at the beginning and the password to gain access to the quiz.***

## **Completing the Course**

There is no time limit by when you must complete the course. You can gain the work experience, study the online presentations and answer the quizzes at your own pace. This course has been designed to fit around your other commitments.

### **You will be awarded your Play and Stay Certificate when:**

1. Your completed logbook has been received.
2. Tennis Ireland has received confirmation from the coach with whom you gained the practical experience that you have satisfactorily completed the work experience.
3. You have a minimum score of 70% in the quiz related to the online presentations.