YORKSHIRE
TENNIS & PADEL



INCLUSIVE TENNIS COACH MENTORSHIP PROGRAMME 2027

Are you looking to expand your coaching expertise, attract new audiences and make a lasting impact in your community?

The Inclusive Tennis Coach Mentorship Programme 2027 is a unique opportunity for six coaches to gain the skills, confidence and support needed to deliver high-quality tennis and padel opportunities for disabled people across Yorkshire.

Through expert training, mentoring and hands-on delivery experience, you'll develop practical coaching techniques across a range of impairment groups while building a sustainable inclusive programme in your local area.

No previous experience of disability tennis or inclusive coaching is valuable, but not essential. We welcome coaches who are new to this area and are passionate about learning, developing their coaching practice and creating more opportunities for people to enjoy our sport.

Develop your coaching, grow your reach, change lives.

LTA Open Court

What the programme includes

Learn from experts when you take part in monthly workshops and practical training from February to April 2027, covering:

- Visually Impaired tennis
- Learning Disability tennis
- Wheelchair tennis
- Para standing tennis
- Inclusive coaching principles
- Adapting activities, communication and equipment

Specialist courses will be delivered by nationally leading tutors in their fields and **coaches will be mentored throughout the programme by Ben Howarth, founder of Ability Tennis.**

Apply your learning in the real world

From May to September 2027, you'll receive ongoing mentoring and support as you:

- Deliver inclusive tennis and padel sessions in your local area
- Receive on-court observation and personalised feedback
- Build confidence working with a range of participants
- Develop your own inclusive coaching offer
- Build local opportunities, working alongside venues, volunteers and community organisations, you'll help establish one of four **Yorkshire Open Court hubs**, creating new opportunities for disabled people to start and continue playing tennis and padel.

What you'll gain

- Practical experience coaching disabled players across multiple impairment groups
- One-to-one mentoring and feedback from experienced disability tennis practitioners
- Enhanced coaching skills that can be applied across all areas of your coaching programme
- Connections with a network of like-minded Yorkshire coaches, venues and community organisations
- Experience developing and growing a new participation programme
- Increased confidence in delivering inclusive, accessible and welcoming sessions
- The opportunity to make a meaningful difference to people's lives through sport





Develop your coaching, expand your impact and create opportunities that last.

Expectations

Coaches must: attend all training dates, including the closing meeting in April; commit to delivering Open Court sessions from May to September; be available to deliver an outreach event in their local area; work with new venues and other coaches; communicate with disability partner groups; contribute to the coach network; and be available for mentoring.

What we're looking for

We're seeking coaches (L2+) who:

- Are enthusiastic about developing their coaching knowledge and skills
- Want to make tennis and padel accessible to more people
- Are open to learning, trying new approaches and receiving feedback
- Can commit to both the training and delivery phases of the programme
- Are motivated to work with local partners to build sustainable opportunities in their area

You do not need previous experience of disability tennis delivery to apply. If you're committed to inclusive coaching and willing to learn, we'd love to hear from you.

Key dates

- **Applications Open:** January 2027
- **Training Phase:** February to April 2027
- **Supported Delivery Phase:** May to September 2027

Be part of a growing network of coaches helping more disabled people experience the benefits of tennis and padel across Yorkshire.

How to apply

For an informal discussion and to express your interest in the opportunity, please contact: yorkshireopencourt@gmail.com

Formal applications should be submitted using the online form: Inclusive Tennis Coach Mentorship Programme 2027 application form

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