



2020 AGM Report - Coaches Network

Coaches Network Meetings

The first of the Devon Tennis coaches network meetings took place in summer 2019. All coaches in the county and anyone who helps in the delivery of tennis are invited to attend.

The second meeting was due to take place in April this year but was postponed due to the first lockdown. Richard Golsworthy from Mercedes had agreed to present on the development of coaching as a business. Other sections were to include good practice and updates from Devon Tennis and the LTA. These items will be rolled over to a future meeting.

The next meeting in 2021 may have to be a virtual meeting. Details will be confirmed in the coming months.

The purpose of the meetings is to:

- To engage and support coaches who deliver all areas of tennis in Devon.
- To ensure coaches are able to contribute and feel part of the Devon team.
- To share key county messages and gather feedback from coaches which can help shape annual County plans.
- To provide an opportunity for coaches to share good practice and network with colleagues.
- To ensure coaches and clubs are working collaboratively to grow tennis in their areas.
- To provide the County and coaches with an opportunity to promote club events and competitions.
- To provide coaches with a “voice” on County programmes such as performance, Talent ID, county competitions, team tennis etc.

The aim of the coaches network group going in to 2021 is to engage, bring together and assist in the development of Devon’s Tennis coaching workforce. This will be achieved with the following objectives:

- To hold two meetings a year as part of the Devon Coach Network Forum
- To offer coaches a place to ask questions, give advice, promote events
- To establish a committee to assist promote and deliver these forums
- To offer coaches training opportunities that are key to Devon coaches
- To encourage female coaches and role models within Devon

Coach Development

Devon Tennis has been liaising with the LTA and Exeter Tennis Centre regarding plans to change the core menu of coaching qualification/CPD this year. One of the aims this year is for Devon Tennis to have a closer link with trainee coaches. This will include Devon Tennis representatives attending some of the training days for coaches on the level 1-3 courses.