

## **Course Outlines**

### **General Principles**

- This three hour course is the beginning of your education process in becoming a tennis official.
- It's done as the first half of both the Level D Line Umpires and Court Supervisors Course.
- General basis needed to officiate which includes the Rules of Tennis, rules & etiquette for matches played without an umpire.
- This course only needs to be done once by the official.
- Duration – 3 hours.

### **Linesperson (Level D)**

- Hard but rewarding job.
- Plays a crucial role in a well-officiated tennis match.
- Need good eye vision and you're able to wear glasses.
- With dedication and commitment a linesperson can be invited to officiate at some of Australia's largest events such as the APIA International at Sydney Olympic Park or the Australian Open in Melbourne within 12 months of commencing work.
- There is only one course for Line Umpires; the rest is based on evaluations at tournaments.
- Duration – 6 hours (3hrs for General Principles and 3 hrs for Line Umpire specific work).
- This course includes a practical session during the 2<sup>nd</sup> half of the course, please dress appropriately.

### **Court Supervisor**

- A number of events, particularly local and junior events, will not have access to chair and line umpires for all matches.
- When this is the case, there is the need for a Court Supervisor, who assists the Referee and the players to ensure a smooth event.
- The Court Supervisor manages and controls a number of courts (maximum of 4-6 courts) in order the rules of tennis and the Code of Behavior are adhere to.
- The Court Supervisor also controls the crowd and answers any questions that spectators or coaches or players may have.
- Without Court Supervisors local and junior Tennis would not happen!!
- Duration – 6 hours (3 hours for General Principles and 3 hours for Court Supervising specific work).

### Chair Umpire (Level C)

- Being a chair umpire means you're in the hot seat!!!
- The Chair Umpire plays a key officiating role in Tennis - managing all on-court activities during a match (with the assistance of the Line Umpires and the Referee).
- Being a Chair Umpire you learn good management and team leading skills – after all you are the boss of the court!
- With hard work and dedication you can make a very successful and fulfilling career as a Chair Umpire.
- Duration – 6 hours.
- You will need to complete your Level D Line Umpires qualification and work at tournaments prior to completing your Level C Chair Umpire's course.
- This course includes a practical session during the 2<sup>nd</sup> half of the course, please dress appropriately.

### Referee

- Manages the overall tournament including approving draws, scheduling, wet weather and player discipline and has final say in most circumstances.
- Also manages Chair/Line Umpires as well as Court Supervisors during the tournament.
- Is responsible for the application and interpretation of Tennis Australia's Code of Behaviour. This also includes ruling on player apparel matters and player's not showing up at a tournament.

### Pathway

Below is the Australian Officiating pathway.

## NATIONAL OFFICIATING PATHWAY

