

# Tennis New Zealand Youth Advisory Group Y.A.G





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### How Y.A.G came to be

- Tennis NZ identified the concern of declining participation in youth tennis (aged 12-22) high-school + early 20's
- Youth didn't have a direct voice and impact on the decision making and wanted to come up with a strategy/system to better cater tennis to youth
- YAG members joined out of our personal passion to make a difference, give back and improve the sport for youth
- Recognised that as a nso the best way to cater to the youth is to connect with them and hear their voice
- YAG allows youth to connect with other youth to share their insights and perspective on Tennis in NZ

## Strategic Framework 2024-2027

VISION	TENNIS - ACCESSIBLE AND THRIVING				
PURPOSE	INFLUENCE THE FUTURE OF TENNIS IN NEW ZEALAND				
PILLARS	ACCESSIBILITY	FUN & SOCIAL	ENGAGE		
	Increase the overall accessibility of tennis	Ensure tennis is a positive and enjoyable experience for all	Attract and retain tamariki and rangatahi members		

### Our Two Focus Areas

#### **Technology and Innovation**

- Market research discover new ways to connect and engage with youth, allowing us & regions to connect through platforms youth utilise regularly.
- Grow the YAG Instagram account outreach & promote the fun and social aspects of tennis.
- Promote court accessibility and book a court for youth

#### **Measures of success**

- Monitor engagement metrics through social media
- Increased engagement and followers by 25%,
- Future development opportunities = work with Tennis NZ to create engaging content beyond tennis via tik tok

#### **Participation and Development**

- Working on surveys/gathering data and information
- Annual survey on Accessibility
- Love Tennis annual surveys
- ASB classic annual surveys

#### **Measures of success**

- Achieve 75% comprehension rate among rangatahi regarding court availability and accessibility
- 80% of survey participants report better accessibility in key areas (environmental, physical, financial, inclusivity)
- Identification and communication of barriers to accessibility to reliant clubs and bodies for action.

## Main Goals for 2024

- Increase marketing gain more awareness of what "YAG" is and our objectives
- Build a strong relationship with the Tennis NZ Board & provide surveys/resources for regions to pass on to clubs
- Create and conduct an annual participation survey
- Involvement with Love Tennis Interact with youth at the events
- Develop & begin to implement our 3 year strategic plan
- Further focus on internal focus areas and the longevity of YAG as a youth body
- Share and expand the YAG strategy with region and association boards, aim to get it down to club level

## How Can YAG and Regions Support One Another?

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By you	Sharing our surveys with regional boards, clubs, and players	Sharing our YAG Instagram	Encouraging clubs to start/continue to engage with youth	Encouraging clubs to start their own social media pages
YAG can	- Collect useful data  - Provide regions and TNZ with this data, work together to digest and respond to it	<ul> <li>Connect with youth across NZ</li> <li>Promote tennis as a sport to our audience</li> <li>Share and promote our work and get</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Provide ideas and insight about how clubs can best go about this (from a youth perspective)</li> <li>Help get more youth connected with regions and with YAG</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Provide them with templates/ideas on how to do this</li> <li>Share examples of successful club social media pages</li> </ul>

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## Any Questions

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