

Tennis Selection Criteria 2026

1. Program Overview

The Barwon Sports Academy (BSA) Tennis Program aims to identify and support talented local players, providing access to resources, coaching, and pathways to State and National representation. The program partners with Tennis Victoria and local clubs.

2. Eligibility Criteria

- Age: 11–16 years as of 31/12/2025

(**2014 birth year**, turning 12 in 2026 – **2009 birth year**, turning 17 in 2026)

- Club/association membership: Affiliated with Tennis Victoria or local club
 - Must reside in Barwon Region
 - Commitment: Attend training, tournaments, and development sessions
 - Other sport-specific requirements: Regular participation in Tennis Australia sanctioned tournaments
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3. Selection Criteria

- Universal Tennis Ranking (UTR) and tournament results
- Participation in Tennis Victoria AJL, Pennant Grade, Barwon Region Cup, and representative teams
- Coach and program manager feedback on attitude, work ethic, and commitment
- Attitude, coachability, leadership, and aspiration for elite performance

Squad System

Squad	Criteria	Notes
Main Squad	Players meeting performance and ranking criteria	Full BSA program participation
Development Squad	Players showing potential and commitment	Development program support

4. Application Process

- Apply via: Application link on BSA Website
 - Application deadlines: Monday, 1st December 2025
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5. Selection Process

- Selection panel: Barwon region coach, Barwon region representative, partner coaches, Tennis Victoria and academy representatives
 - Trials / talent ID: Athlete selection trial day at St. Stephens Tennis Club, 16th November 2025, 4–6pm
 - Notification of successful / unsuccessful applicants: Applicants notified via email and will include induction details for 2026
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6. Membership & Induction

- Membership fees \$420 for main squad membership
 - Induction: 1st Year Athletes Induction Monday 2nd February and Returning Athletes Induction Wednesday 4th February 2026
 - Athlete responsibilities: Must complete athlete forms and contract (this includes Code of Conduct) as well as complete membership payment by the end of February
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7. Key Dates

Date	Event
01/12/25	Application closes
02/02/26	1 st Year Athlete Induction Evening
04/02/26	Returning Athlete Induction Evening

8. Contact Information

- BSA Program Manager: TBA –

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9. Notes / Special Considerations

- Main and Development squads may be formed based on performance and potential
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