



Tennis Instructors Needed!

Sports Support Program

Our association is currently seeking instructors to facilitate our free kids tennis program in Calgary. Funded through a grant from the Alberta Sport Connection, the program seeks to increase participation in tennis in two highly underrepresented populations: economically disadvantaged youth and girls. The key details of our program are below:

- The program is being offered free of charge to participating school
- One of our certified instructors would visit the school, once a week, for 6-8, weeks depending on the schools schedule. The weekly session would be available to multiple classes during the school day.
- Students aged 7-12 would be introduced to tennis through a series of “Learn to Play” sessions and would seek to develop their skill and confidence through the sport.
- Provision of mentorship and professional development to the teachers of participating schools.
- Schools will receive a full sets of Kids’ Tennis equipment at no charge.
- Tentative launch: ASAP
- Hourly rate will be based on experience, but will start at \$22 per hr.

As mentioned above, the sessions would be delivered by a certified instructor who will ensure a fun and safe learning environment through games and drills. This new approach is referred to as “Kids’ Tennis”, and it is a framework for developing physical literacy, fitness and competitive ability, using a stage-by-stage approach. It includes the use of larger and lower-bouncing tennis balls, and smaller racquets and courts, to ensure that young players experience immediate success. Tennis Canada has recently, partnered with Physical & Health Education (PHE) Canada to create a curriculum for Kids’ Tennis that is compatible with all physical education standards within each provincial school system. It is a printed and digital resource that is essentially turn-key and easily accessible.

Another key facet of our Learn to Play program will be the provision of mentorship and professional development to the teachers of the participating schools. All teachers will be encouraged to join in by the instructors, progressively allowing them to become more involved with directing the activities. Eventually, the instructors will transition to a supporting role, allowing the other adults to practice their leadership skills. The instructors will show the teachers and leaders how to teach tennis in a way that is pedagogically sound, user-friendly, and relevant. Our hope is that your teachers will develop the skills and desire to continue to deliver the curriculum once the session is over. To facilitate this, all participating schools will receive full sets of Kids’ Tennis equipment at no charge.

If you are a certified instructor in Calgary or the surrounding area’s and are interested in facilitating this program, please contact Aaron Lee at aaron.lee@tennisalberta.com.