

ON THE EDGE TENNIS AWARDS

EXCLUSIVE TO WALSHALL TENNIS CLUB

What are they?

Skill awards varying in difficulty for our junior members to achieve and gain an identity within our club and an easily recognisable standard and performance/progression indicator!

Who are they aimed at?

Every mini junior and junior in the club, all members will be encouraged to participate and gain rewards for effort and dedication to tennis at Walsall tennis club

How many awards are there?

There are 8 in total 3 aimed at mini tennis under 10's and 5 aimed at the full game.

Are they difficult?

They are all challenging but achievable, they steadily get harder and progression through the awards could take years and should be treated as long term goals, with the next award your short term goal.

How will I be easily recognised for my achieved award?

- 1) junior notice board, each award will have listed players displayed below.
- 2) you will be awarded a certificate signed by club coach.
- 3) most importantly you will wear a wristband easily showing your current award level by **colour!**

What can my award be used for?

To show personal achievement, to grade players in tournaments, to show senior members you are developed enough to play with them, to show evidence to be picked for junior/adult teams

Can I skip awards?

Generally no, but depending on standard you can mutually agree an award to start from with the coach, then after that you must challenge for the awards in order! Note award 6 is the minimum anyone can ask to start from with my coach's agreement.

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Ok so what are the awards called and what colours are they?

Award 1..... **MINI RED 'RODDICK'**

Award 2..... **MINI ORANGE 'AGASSI'**

Award 3..... **MINI GREEN 'GRAF'**

All above aimed at under 10's and are performed on LTA regulated sized courts in line with mini tennis.

Award 4..... **MUSTARD 'MURRAY'**

Award 5..... **BLUE 'BORG'**

Award 6..... **NAVY 'NAVIRATILOVA'**

Award 7..... **PURPLE 'PERRY'**

Award 8..... **SILVER 'SAMPRAS'**

All above aimed at 10 plus but outstanding under 10's can start achieving them!

What skills are involved?

Each award has a task or target to be achieved in some or most of the following skills. Serving, ground strokes, volleys, returning, rallying, lobs, smashes, speed, stamina and co-ordination.

How will I be tested and will passing or failing be strict?

One to one with coach or assistant (for mini awards) each task must be completed to pass that award, each task will allow 3 attempts only, if you fail one task you fail the award, so only attempt the award when you are ready and have trained for it.

What if I fail my award!

Coach will tell you what you need to prepare for work towards and arrange a realistic re take date where you only need to achieve the tasks you failed on, not the ones you passed! If you fail again next time you will have to perform all tasks again at a later date.

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How much will each award cost and how do I book test?

Each award test will cost between **£15** and **£19** including wristband and certificate, with part of that fee going to the clubs junior section to be put back into your and the clubs junior development. The tests will take place on junior cub nights with a maximum of 4 tests per night, book in with Clayton.

Alternatively you can arrange your test as part of a full one hour session with Clayton (better focus) for **£23** no matter what award, therefore once test is passed or failed you will still benefit from rest of time to work towards next award or look again at tasks failed.

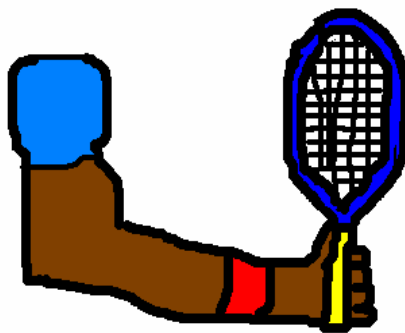
Each retake test needed will be **HALF PRICE** on a Friday night or effectively **FREE** within a 1 hour lesson with coach costing **£16**.

So lets make sure this club has lots and lots of little 'Roddicks'

Plenty of able young 'Borg's' (ask your folks)

And WHO will be our first 'Sampras'

Good luck Walsall tennis club if you are up to the challenge!



What colour will your
wristband be???

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1) MINI RED 'RODDICK' (UNDER 10'S)

RULES: **COST OF TEST £15**

TO BE TESTED ON MINI RED SIZE COURT

WITH MINI RED OR ORANGE BALLS AND MINI TENNIS NET

CAN BE PERFORMED WITH TENNIS ASSISTANT

EACH TASK WILL ALLOW 3 ATTEMPTS ONLY

TASKS!!!!

- ☺ Can underarm serve 5 out of 10 in court
from mini red baseline

- ☺ Can return 5 out of 10 forehand feeds
from coach

- ☺ Can return 5 out of 10 backhand feeds
from coach

- ☺ Can volley 5 out of 10 feeds over net from
coach

- ☺ Can bounce 8 shots on racket in a row

- ☺ Can perform speed/coordination task

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2) MINI ORANGE 'AGASSI' (UNDER 10'S)

RULES: COST OF TEST £15. APP 30 MINS

TO BE TESTED ON MINI ORANGE SIZE COURT

WITH MINI ORANGE BALLS

CAN BE PERFORMED WITH TENNIS ASSISTANT

EACH TASK WILL ALLOW 3 ATTEMPTS ONLY

TASKS!!!!

- ☺ Can over arm serve 3 out of 10 cross court serves from mini orange baseline
- ☺ Can return 7 out of 10 forehand feeds from coach
- ☺ Can return 7 out of 10 backhand feeds from coach
- ☺ Can achieve a 10 shot groundstroke rally with coach
- ☺ Can volley 7 out of 10 shots from coach either forehand or backhand
- ☺ Can perform speed coordination task

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3) MINI GREEN 'GRAF'

RULES: COST OF TEST £15. APP 30 MINS
TO BE TESTED ON FULL SIZE COURT
WITH MINI GREEN OR REGULAR BALLS
CAN BE PERFORMED WITH COACH ONLY
EACH TASK WILL ALLOW 3 ATTEMPTS ONLY

TASKS!!!!

- ☺ Can over arm serve 4 out of 10 serves into service boxes from baseline
- ☺ Can return 7 out of 10 forehand feeds past coach's service line from behind your service line
- ☺ Can return 7 out of 10 backhand feeds past coach's service line from behind your service line
- ☺ Can achieve a 20 shot groundstroke rally with coach
- ☺ Can volley 7 out of 10 shots from coach's service line feeds on both forehand and backhand feeds
- ☺ Can achieve speed test in under 50 seconds

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4) MUSTARD 'MURRAY'

RULES: COST OF TEST £15. APP 30 MINS
TO BE TESTED ON FULL SIZE COURT
WITH REGULAR BALLS
CAN BE PERFORMED WITH COACH ONLY
EACH TASK WILL ALLOW 3 ATTEMPTS ONLY

TASKS!!!!

- ☺ Can serve 6 out of 10 balls into both left and then right service boxes
- ☺ Can alternately hit 12 out of 20 forehands and backhands from baseline past my service line without stopping for a break!
- ☺ Can achieve a 25 shot rally with coach with both staying behind service lines always
- ☺ Can achieve a 15 shot volley rally with coach
- ☺ Can achieve speed test in under 45 seconds
- ☺ Can show scoring competence in a game with coach

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5) BLUE 'BORG'

RULES: COST OF TEST £16. APP 40 MINS
TO BE TESTED ON FULL SIZE COURT
WITH REGULAR BALLS
CAN BE PERFORMED WITH COACH ONLY
EACH TASK WILL ALLOW 3 ATTEMPTS ONLY

TASKS!!!!

- ☺ Can achieve 8 holes of 'service golf' in under 15 shots each hole is a service box
- ☺ Can hit 12 out of 20 forehand feeds past service line from behind baseline
- ☺ Can hit 12 out of 20 backhand feeds past service line from behind baseline
- ☺ Can rally 20 shots from baseline to baseline with coach
- ☺ Can achieve a 20 shot volley rally with coach
- ☺ Can successfully perform 4 out of 10 smashes from coach's feeds
- ☺ Can successfully return 4 out of 10 lobs from coach feeds
- ☺ Can score a tie break
- ☺ Can successfully perform stamina test

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6) NAVY 'NAVRATILOVA'

RULES: COST OF TEST £17 .APP 45 MINS
TO BE TESTED ON FULL SIZE COURT
WITH REGULAR BALLS
CAN BE PERFORMED WITH COACH ONLY
EACH TASK WILL ALLOW 3 ATTEMPTS ONLY

TASKS!!!!

- ☺ Can achieve 8 holes of service golf in under 10 shots each hole is a service box
- ☺ Can perform 30 forehands only rally with coach past service lines allowing just 1 backhand only
- ☺ Can perform 30 backhands only rally with coach past service lines allowing just 1 forehand only
- ☺ Can rally 100 shots with coach allowing 4 mistakes only from you, coach error won't count against you
- ☺ Can successfully perform a approach shot and volley winner 5 out of 10 times from coach's feeds both shots must be in!
- ☺ Can chase back from inside service box and return 6 out of 10 topspin lobs from coach
- ☺ Can successfully smash 6 out of 10 topspin lobs from coach
- ☺ Can successfully return 6 out of 10 medium paced serves from coach from both service boxes

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7) PURPLE PERRY

RULES: COST OF TEST £18. APP 1 HOUR
TO BE TESTED ON FULL SIZE COURT
WITH REGULAR BALLS
CAN BE PERFORMED WITH COACH ONLY
EACH TASK WILL ALLOW 3 ATTEMPTS ONLY

TASKS!!!!

- ☺ Can achieve 8 holes of service golf in under 12 shots each hole is half a service box
- ☺ Can achieve 7 out of 10 running forehands from baseline past service line
- ☺ Can achieve 7 out of 10 running backhands from baseline past service line
- ☺ Can successfully rally 30 shots from baseline past a depth target line with coach allowing 2 balls to fall short only
- ☺ Can achieve 4 consecutive cycles of a forehand/ backhand/approach shot/volley/smash and lob return drill without stopping and allowing 7 errors only
- ☺ Can achieve a 30 shot volley rally with coach
- ☺ Can smash 6 out of 10 lobs past service line
- ☺ Can successfully return 10 out of 20 medium/fast paced serves from coach
- ☺ Can return 3 out of 5 random drop shots in a game situation with coach
- ☺ Can achieve speed test in under 33 seconds

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8) SILVER 'SANPRAS'

RULES: COST OF TEST £19 APP 1 HOUR
TO BE TESTED ON FULL SIZE COURT
WITH REGULAR BALLS
CAN BE PERFORMED WITH COACH ONLY
EACH TASK WILL ALLOW 3 ATTEMPTS ONLY

TASKS!!!!

- ☺ Can achieve 16 holes of service golf in under 24 shots on request of a slice, flat or kick serve each hole is half a service box
- ☺ Can achieve 6 out of 10 deep forehands into 3 small requested target areas at back of court
- ☺ Can achieve 6 out of 10 deep backhands into 3 small requested target areas at back of court
- ☺ Can achieve 30 shot rally over depth target 4ft inside baseline no mistakes allowed
- ☺ Can achieve a volley rally of 50 shots with coach
- ☺ Can perform 8 out of 10 topspin lobs from baseline over coach's head and past service line
- ☺ Can smash 8 out of 10 topspin lobs past service line
- ☺ Can achieve 3 cycles of forehand/backhand/ approach shot/ volley/smash and lob return drill with no mistakes
- ☺ Can successfully return 7 out of 20 fast serves from coach

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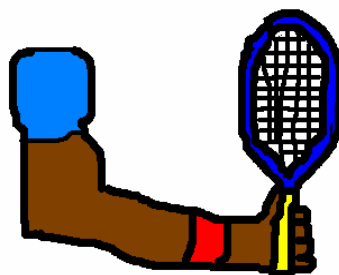
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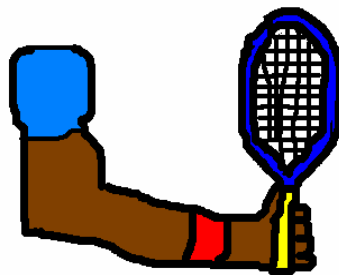
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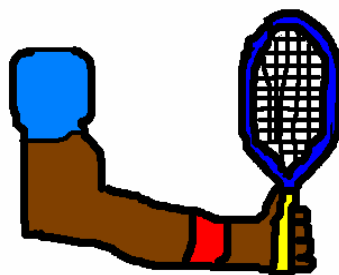
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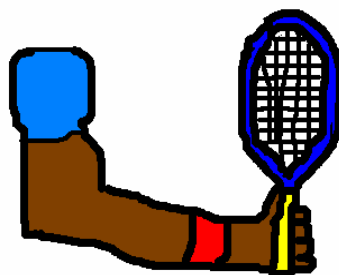
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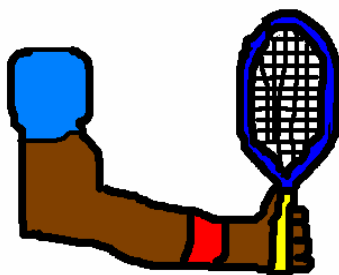
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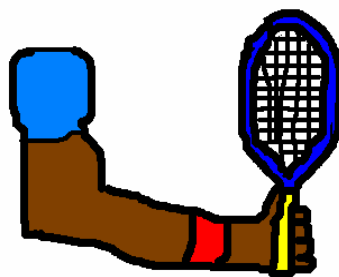
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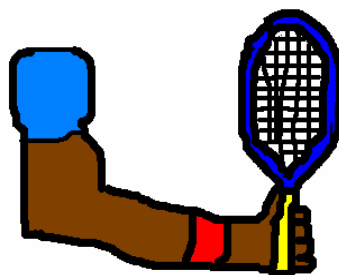
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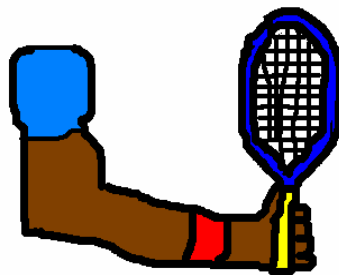
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