



The International Tennis Club

*A Global Home for Life After the Tour
Where Tennis Becomes a Lifelong Asset*

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What It Is and Its History

The International Tennis Club — Overview

Founded in 1924

The **International Tennis Club (IC)** is a worldwide network of former international players who want to stay connected to tennis and to each other after their professional careers.

40+ National Clubs

Spanning every continent

4,500 Members

Diverse backgrounds & industries

Founded 1924

100+ years of tennis community

Global Reach

Truly international network

*"Hands Across the Net,
Friendship Across the
Ocean"*

IC Motto since 1924

Membership by invitation through national ICs, open to players who have represented their country or competed internationally at a high level.



The IC: A Global Home for Life After the Tour

Challenges of Transition & Why the IC Is the Answer

The Challenge of Transition from Professional Tennis

What Retiring Players Lose

- Daily structure and purpose
- Professional identity and status
- A tightly-knit international community
- Externally-validated achievement
- Clear pathway to the next chapter

What the IC Provides

- Community of equals — shared international experience
- Competitive tennis without professional pressure
- Mentorship from peers across diverse industries
- Identity beyond rankings — purpose and contribution
- Pathways to giving back through philanthropy

IC members have gone on to careers in law, finance, medicine, academia, diplomacy, entrepreneurship, media, technology, and sport governance.



The Value Proposition & Opportunity

What the IC Offers to Former Professionals

Four Pillars of IC Value for Retired Professionals

Global Network

4,500+ members across 40+ countries with diverse cross-industry backgrounds in law, finance, medicine, technology, diplomacy, and more.

Mentorship & Career Guidance

Informal, organic mentorship from peers who navigated the same transition. Credible guidance from people who built second and third careers.

High-Level Tennis + Social

Structured competitive play without professional pressure. IC Weeks, international fixtures, and events at iconic venues — Wimbledon, Kooyong, Barcelona.

Give Back & Philanthropy

IC Philanthropy Foundation supports 18 programmes worldwide, reaching 46,000+ participants. Former players lead and champion these initiatives.



The ITF & IC Mentoring Programme

Description, Design & Why It Makes Sense

The IC Mentoring Programme — Designed with Give Learn

Programme Description

Developed in partnership with

Give Learn

- Begins with 10 retiring and former male & female professional players
- Supports players transitioning from competitive sport into the working world
- Provides mentorship, guidance, further education, and career opportunities
- Builds a community of former players who become active IC advocates
- Connects players to the IC's 4,500-member global network

Why It Makes Sense

Organic, not institutional

Mentorship emerges naturally — over matches, dinners, and tours — not in formal advisory settings.

Credible peers

Advice from those who navigated the same transition and built successful second careers.

Broad exposure

Former players access diverse professional pathways, not just 'athlete-appropriate' roles.

Lasting community

Mentees become mentors — a self-sustaining, generational model of support.



IC Initiatives & Events

IC Weeks, Potter Cup, GS Reunion, Rod Laver Junior Challenge & Foundation

Examples of IC Initiatives & Events

IC Weeks

Regular international tennis gatherings. The 2024 IC Week celebrated the 100th Anniversary of IC GB on the grass of Wimbledon.

Potter Cup

Men's over-45 team competition at Real Club de Polo de Barcelona. 50-year anniversary celebrated in 2023 with legends including Manolo Orantes, Albert Costa, and Jeremy Bates.

Grand Slam Reunion

Inaugural event at Kooyong LTC during the 2026 Australian Open. Guests held a combined 200+ Grand Slam titles, incl. Court, Laver, Rosewall & Sedgman.

Rod Laver Junior Challenge

Under-16 international tournament in which all IC nations field a team. Alumni have progressed to professional tennis. Rod Laver attends as guest of honour.

IC Philanthropy Foundation

Registered charity supporting 18 programmes worldwide across every continent. Reached 46,000+ participants since inception. Past players champion every initiative.

Gottfried Von Cramm Trophy

High-level event for men and women aged 28–44. Hosted by IC Germany over a long weekend, combining top tennis with family and cultural experiences.

The IC Proposal: Partnership with ITF

Benefits, Integration & Timeline

A Strategic Partnership for Player Transition

Why This Partnership Makes Sense

- Extends player welfare beyond the court — ITF players gain a global community for life
- Complements existing transition support with a peer-driven, organic mentoring network
- Connects retiring players to 4,500 IC members across 40+ countries
- Provides access to role models in diverse industries who share a tennis background
- IC Philanthropy Foundation creates meaningful ways for players to give back
- The IC's neutral, mission-driven values align with ITF player welfare objectives

Integration & Timeline

Phase 1 — 2026

Launch with 10 retiring/former players. IC introduces Give Learn mentoring programme. ITF co-promote to eligible players.

Phase 2 — 2027

Expand to 30+ players per year. Integrate IC Week and GS Reunion invitations for transitioning players.

Phase 3 — 2028+

Full programme integration. Retiring players systematically introduced to relevant national ICs. Former participants become mentors.



Closing: Voices from the IC

Statements from IC Legends

Voices from the IC Community

"I have always had very fond memories of my experiences with the IC... This has strengthened the links in the chain from one generation of tennis players to the next."

Virginia Wade

Great Britain · Former Vice-President, IC Council

"The IC is a very special body that I am proud to have been part of for many years. Bringing people together from different religions, cultures, backgrounds and nationalities creates a wonderful friendship between countries."

Vijay Amritraj

India · Former Vice-President, IC Council

"The goal of the ICs is to promote the game of tennis in the world and make sure that the beauty of our sport is brought to people across the world."

Frank Sedgman

Australia · Former President, IC Council

"Join your IC and reap the benefits of our community, give back and become one of the custodians of our sport."

Michael Stich

Germany · President, IC Council

"It is like a homecoming for me. I know so many of you." — Rod Laver AC, IC Jean Borotra Sportsmanship Award Recipient



Tennis as a Lifelong Companion

The International Tennis Club invites the ITF to partner in giving retiring players a global home, a supportive community, and a lifelong connection to the sport that shaped them.

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