

Wales National Wales National Tennis Centre

How to make it work

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What are our key objectives?

- Increasing participation in tennis within Cardiff as a whole
- Maximising court utilisation
- Creation of successful marketing and promotion campaign
- High levels of gym usage
- First class customer service
- Ensuring the centre is the tennis hub for all events, activities, performance, development, disability and all other forms of tennis
- Make certain that the centre is sustainable and profitable. Ensuring nothing runs at a loss

HOW DO WE DO IT?

THE TEAM

- Staff "buy in", ensure all staff are made aware of the key objectives and fully understand the importance of these objectives
- Ensure implementation of the correct staff structure
- Expand job descriptions to make more versatile
- Make your staff "jacks of all trades" refs, organisers, coaches
- Coaches to be self-employed?
- Integrating <u>all</u> coaches and operational team, a joined up approach
- Include! Increase frequency of meetings and responsibilities
- Incentivise
- Lead by example
- Volunteers, apprentices

Selling Tennis

- Capturing data, mass emails, texts
- The **PATHWAY**
- Work to targets, competition
- Sales calls
- Ensure they know all financials
- Lead at front of house, Management to roll sleeves up
- Create "Sales habits" answering phone, upselling ,latest offers, checking courts availability, mystery shop
- Put them out of their comfort zone everyday, leaflets, external promo
- Bonus scheme for hitting targets
- Don't turn away policy, **Flexible pricing**, based on availability etc.



Formulation of Innovative Marketing, Promotion and Sales Plan

- Leaflet distribution, Newspaper, TV/Radio, Banners, school outreach, prior to every term, Adopt TennIS brand, All Play and BTM
- Enquiry database, emails, newsletters, offers, SALES CALLS
- Text message service, reminders, offers, book courts
- up to date website, offers, online bookings, player forums
- Social networks, daily offers at quiet times / Groupon, Tennis centre APP
- Sales weeks
- Innovation and contribution from team
- Video loops
- "Bring a friend" day
- "Learn to play tennis in a day" packages
- GP referral
- Cardio Tennis
- Business Packages
- Fill quiet times with activities that will draw new people (then sell)
- Incentives for customers, academy players, early sign ups
- Audible and visual selling
- Adopting latest trends, touch tennis, TRX, Crossfit, Herbalife

Increase Innovation



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- Winners Trophies
- Swansea Tennis Centre Vouchers

Deadline: Friday 6th July

Contact Swansea Tennis Centre to obtain an entry form as follows:

- Email enquiries@swanseatenniscentre.co.uk Download from www.swanseatenniscentre.co.uk



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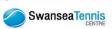
information contact us on 01792 650484.

Bishopston Leisure Centre. Programmes start in October. For more

Entry Fee: £10 per Doubles Team There is no limit to the number of teams entered per company. (Rackets and equipment available)

Every team entered receives a FREE Cardio Tennis session prior to the tournament, available any Wednesday 7.00-8.00pm. 'Cardio Tennis is a series of tennis-based drills and activities played to up

tempo music on a tennis court It does not require tennis skills, but is all about keeping your heart rate up, burning calories and having fun."





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Finalists will be notified after our final event! This Don't miss this last opportunit









Tennis Development, selling Tennis!

- Senior centre management team to formulate own Tennis Development plan ensuring the centre is the HUB
- To link with the LTA's development plan to meet objectives
- Create other spokes or "clones" throughout the city as feeders
- Strategic plan for increasing the coaching and operational work force, "from volunteer to integral team player"
- Ensure enough places to play are available for people to play at
- Identify clear exit routes from all external programmes
- Offer a variety of tennis activities to cater for all, cardio, disability
- School outreach with clear strategy for **converting**
- Utilise Ugov statistic to ensure the right promotional activity is completed

Tennis Development cont. INCLUSION



Changing the perception of tennis

- Take tennis to the community
- Affordable court hire when it makes sense to do so
- "FREE" tennis days
- Outdoor community programme
- Avoid the term members?
- Welcome beginners, beginners comps, sessions, beginners leagues
- Sell the fitness/health benefits of playing tennis, over 50's, over weight
- Link with local sports development schemes

Programme Management

Development Programme

- Key to have high numbers for sustainability, prog to be main contributor
- Detailed scrutiny from Head coaches and senior management
- Sessions should not run at a loss, 3 strikes policy
- Clear links and pathway between Development and Performance, i.e. future stars etc. talent id pathway
- One lead development coach working closing with performance coach
- Fewer coaches creates more accountability and better communication
- Implement SLA with freelancers ensuring they are directing into Hub and prevention of coaches creating private group sessions
- Utilisation of up skilled staff or apprentices
- Clear identity of programme and signposting to other activities, tournaments etc.



RETENTION

- Facility audit
- Converse
- Visible at all times
- Location of reception, waiting times
- Café, presentation
- Incentives
- Forums
- Re invest
- Look to better standard
- Comments box
- Communicate/Newsletters,eletters, mass emails
- Prepare to compensate
- Don't turn away custom if FULL

Bring a Friend for FREE!



Other revenue streams

- Major events, exhibitions, wedding fayres, conferences
- Selling available space, maximising existing space, multiuse, camps
- Sponsorship, naming rights, performance sponsors
- School scholarships
- Badminton, circuits
- Major Tournaments
- Tournaments catering for variation of players

