

North Carolina Tennis Awards

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Adaptive Tennis Award: This award is presented to an individual including an athlete, coach, volunteer or an organization who demonstrates sustained commitment to enhancing and growing adaptive tennis. This person or organization is actively involved in adaptive programming exhibiting dedication and courage, resulting in an outstanding contribution to adaptive tennis.

Adult / Senior Tennis Council Award: This award recognizes the person who, through their efforts, willingness and participation, has made the greatest impact on adult and/or senior tennis in North Carolina. This may be demonstrated either by their play contributions or organizational work during the past year.

Adult Tennis Female Sportsmanship Award In Honor of John T. 'Jack' Warmath:

Adult Tennis Male Sportsmanship Award In Honor of John T. 'Jack' Warmath:

This award is presented to the individual who has in the past year shown continued sportsmanship on and off the court and serves as a positive role model for other players to follow.

Adult/Senior/NTRP Tournament of the Year: Presented to a USTA sanctioned adult tournament that has best demonstrated the high standards upheld by the USTA in organizing and conducting a sanctioned adult tournament.

Carlton Harris Tennis Professional of the Year: Presented annually to a tennis professional who demonstrates a significant contribution to the game of tennis through their promotion of USTA Tennis Programs and their support of the USTA Mission. All nominees must be either USPTA or USPTR members.

Charity Tennis Event of the Year: This award recognizes an outstanding event that donates its proceeds to a philanthropic cause. Other criteria include: providing the optimal experience for players, organization of the tournament, amenities offered to players, number of years at location, and number of participants.

Coach David L. Lash Junior Tennis Female Sportsmanship Award 18's: This award is presented to the player who exemplifies outstanding sportsmanship, through leadership, civic responsibility, and character, while maintaining a competitive spirit. The nominator is asked to put forth examples of demonstrated sportsmanship by the player in the last year. The candidates for selection may also be Tar Heel Qualifier and NC State Junior Closed sportsmanship winners in the past year.

Coach Don Skakle High School Tennis Male Player of the Year: This award recognizes the high school player (either public or private high school) who has, in the last year, achieved a high level of excellence. This player's exceptional full season performance includes exemplary character, sportsmanship, and tennis ability.

Community Tennis Association of the Year: The Community Tennis Association of the Year Award recognizes strong leadership, outstanding program offerings, volunteer recruitment and community relationships by a Community Tennis Association while developing the growth of tennis.

Debbie Southern Junior Tennis Female Sportsmanship Award - 12's:

Debbie Southern Junior Tennis Female Sportsmanship Award - 14's:

Debbie Southern Junior Tennis Female Sportsmanship Award - 16's:

This award is presented to the player who exemplifies outstanding sportsmanship, through leadership, civic responsibility, and character, while maintaining a competitive spirit. The nominator is asked to put forth examples of demonstrated sportsmanship by the player in the last year. The candidates for selection may also be Tar Heel Qualifier and NC State Junior Closed sportsmanship winners in the past year.

Educational Merit Award Given by Buster & Karen Brown: Recognizes an individual who has developed an outstanding tennis initiative, which provides leadership and inspiration in junior programming for schools, colleges, parks and playgrounds and benefits the growth of tennis.

Facility of the Year: This award is presented each year to a facility displaying quality in courts and surfaces, overall layout, amenities, USTA programming and overall contributions to tennis in North Carolina.

Family of the Year Given by J. Blount & Dargan M. Williams: This award is presented to a family that has been outstanding in its promotion of and participation in tennis.

Female Senior Player of the Year: This award is presented to the player, age 50 or over, who has, in the last year, demonstrated notable success at the State, Sectional, National or International level in either age group, NTRP tournament play, or USTA League Tennis. The player must be age 50 or over and demonstrated the highest degree of sportsmanship, a love of the game, and passion for competition. The individual results may be in singles, doubles, or both.

Grady Elmore Media Excellence Award: Presented to an individual or organization who has most contributed to the game of tennis by disseminating information about the sport to the general public.

Hal Southern Junior Tennis Male Sportsmanship Award - 12's:

Hal Southern Junior Tennis Male Sportsmanship Award - 14's:

Hal Southern Junior Tennis Male Sportsmanship Award - 16's:

This award is presented to the player who exemplifies outstanding sportsmanship, through leadership, civic responsibility, and character, while maintaining a competitive spirit. The nominator is asked to put forth examples of demonstrated sportsmanship by the player in the last year. The candidates for selection may also be Tar Heel Qualifier and NC State Junior Closed sportsmanship winners in the past year.

High School Coach of the Year Given In Honor of Coach Ron Lee: This award recognizes the high school coach who meets the following criteria: high school had a team record of success in win-loss and/or improvement in players during the season; encourages the development of team's physical, academic and emotional abilities during the season and promotes development throughout the rest of the year; maintains high ethical and sportsmanship standards; promotes passion for tennis, school and community.

High School Tennis Female Player of the Year: This award recognizes the high school player (either public or private high school) who has, in the last year, achieved a high level of excellence. This player's exceptional full season performance includes exemplary character, sportsmanship, and tennis ability.

J.S. Love Adult Tennis Female Player of the Year:

J.S. Love Adult Tennis Male Player of the Year:

This award is presented to the player who has, in the last year, won a state, sectional, national, or international title in either age group, NTRP tournament play or USTA League Tennis. This player has demonstrated a passion for competition and the most outstanding full season performance including character, sportsmanship and tennis ability. The individual results may be in singles, doubles, or both.

James H. Leighton Junior Tennis Female Player of the Year:

James H. Leighton Junior Tennis Male Player of the Year:

This award recognizes a junior player who has achieved a high level of excellence in either singles or doubles play. This player is a highly ranked North Carolinian in his/her age division, either nationally or internationally. This player's exceptional full season performance includes exemplary character, sportsmanship and tennis ability.

Junior Tennis Council Award Given In Honor of John Peddycord: This award recognizes the person who, through their efforts, willingness, cooperation and participation, has made the greatest contribution to junior tennis in North Carolina. This person has made significant contributions to USTA North Carolina junior recreational programs, including USTA School Tennis, USTA Tennis NJTL, USTA Jr. Team Tennis and junior novice events. Efforts may include CTA development, fundraising, equipment repair and distribution, special events, and education.

Junior Tennis Male Sportsmanship Award 18's Given by Billy and Jean Trott:

This award is presented to the player who exemplifies outstanding sportsmanship, through leadership, civic responsibility, and character, while maintaining a competitive spirit. The nominator is asked to put forth examples of demonstrated sportsmanship by the player in the last year. The candidates for selection may also be Tar Heel Qualifier and NC State Junior Closed sportsmanship winners in the past year.

Junior Tournament of the Year In Memory of John Allen Farfour: Presented to the USTA sanctioned junior tournament that best demonstrates the USTA standards of organizing and conducting a sanctioned junior event.

League Volunteer Service Award Given by Omega Sports: Presented to the individuals who made generous contributions to the USTA League Tennis program that have resulted in the growth of tennis on the local and/or state level. This may include: participation on league teams, assistance in the promotion of the program, assistance in the administration of the leagues and/or volunteerism at the state championships. Selected by the Adult State League Coordinator.

Member Organization of the Year: Presented to a member organization to recognize outstanding service to the local community, to the organization members, and to the game of tennis.

NJTL Chapter of the Year: Presented to an NJTL Chapter that has demonstrated extraordinary community leadership and excellence in youth tennis and education programming. Outstanding Parks & Recreation Department Given by Metaltek: Presented to the Parks and Recreation Department that made the greatest impact in its community during the past year through programming, events and partnerships.

Peggy Golden Spirit Award: Given to a staff member or volunteer who exemplifies extraordinary spirit in growing the game of tennis.

Special Tennis Event of the Year Given In Honor of Bev Earle: Presented annually to a charitable or special tennis event that has been exemplary in the promotion and support of tennis.

Team Tennis Event/Program of the Year Given by Omega Sports: Presented annually to a special team tennis event for exemplary execution.

Tennis Official of the Year in Memory of Penny Brawley: Presented to a tennis official who has made outstanding contributions to the cause of tennis officiating.

USTA Jr. Team Tennis Local League Coordinator of the Year: Presented to an individual who delivers USTA Junior Team Tennis to their community and embodies the true meaning of having a positive impact on children.

USTA League Captain of the Year: This award is presented to a USTA League Tennis Captain who possesses an encouraging attitude and displays excellence in sportsmanship, leadership, & organization.

USTA League Tennis Local League Coordinator of the Year: Presented to a local adult league coordinator who most contributed to the game of tennis by administering and promoting a USTA adult local league program.

USTA NC Diversity Outreach and Inclusion Award: This award is presented to the individual or organization who demonstrates sustained commitment to diversity and inclusion through the following actions: actively champions, visibly embraces and celebrates diversity on and off the court by employing goals and strategies that create an inclusive environment; reaches out to a diverse audience through participation in community activities that celebrate diversity and inclusion; provides leadership opportunities that reflect interest in individual traits, skills, and talents of others.

Walt Stamer Male Senior Player of the Year: This award is presented to the player, age 50 or over, who has, in the last year, demonstrated notable success at the State, Sectional, National or International level in either age group, NTRP tournament play, or USTA League Tennis. The player must be age 50 or over and demonstrated the highest degree of sportsmanship, a love of the game, and passion for competition. The individual results may be in singles, doubles, or both.