



The NC Tennis Foundation offers a variety of awards to honor organizations and individuals who are having a positive impact on tennis in the state of North Carolina.

The award nomination process opens in June and remains open until the end of August each year. Awards are handed out at the Tennis Weekend Awards Luncheon held each January. To nominate someone for an award, click [here](#).

North Carolina Tennis Foundation Awards

Coach David L. Lash Junior Tennis Female Sportsmanship Award- 18s

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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.

Debbie Southern Junior Tennis Female Sportsmanship Award- 12s

Debbie Southern Junior Tennis Female Sportsmanship Award- 14s

Debbie Southern Junior Tennis Female Sportsmanship Award- 16s

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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- 12s

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Hal Southern Junior Tennis Male Sportsmanship Award- 16s

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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

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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 Male Sportsmanship Award- 18s Given by Billy and Jean Trott

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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.

Walt Stamer Male Senior Player of the Year

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