

International Tennis Performance Association Fellow (FITPA)

ITPA Fellows are an outstanding group of professionals whose frequent and sustained contributions to the tennis profession have promoted the goals and activities of the ITPA and the tennis industry. Fellowship is intended to promote excellence and leadership within the ITPA and the tennis industry by recognizing high standards and extraordinary professional development. Since continued service to the ITPA is essential to the organization's growth, all successful candidates will have demonstrated a long-term commitment to the mission of the ITPA. Fellows are awarded the esteemed FITPA title (Fellow of the International Tennis Performance Association). This designation reflects the professional stature of the Fellow and his/her record of valuable contributions to the tennis industry and the ITPA.

Fellowship Criteria (Reviewed by the Fellowship Review Committee – FRC)

I. Absolute requirements

- a. Shall have earned a degree from an accredited college or university in medicine, kinesiology, exercise science, physical therapy, athletic training, nutrition, physical education or a health-related field.
- b. Shall have received a letter of recommendation from two ITPA certified members or one ITPA Fellow.
- c. Shall have submitted one curriculum vita that consists of distinguished professional service and contributions to the ITPA and the tennis industry.
- d. Shall have paid a \$100 one-time lifetime application fee.
- e. Individuals who do not meet these requirements may appeal to the ITPA Fellowship Committee for an exemption due to extraordinary circumstances.

II. Requirement for Professional Contributions

In addition to the aforementioned absolute requirements, candidates shall have demonstrated an exemplary record of service and leadership to the ITPA and/or the tennis industry from a physical training, sport science and/or medical perspective. This requirement must be met by combining points from all of the following four categories to total at least 125 points. This requirement of 125 points begins the review process.

- a. **Tennis Specific Publications and Reviews. (Minimum of 20 and maximum of 50 points from this category.)**
 - Peer-reviewed publications (3 points each)
 - Non peer-reviewed publications (i.e. Tennis magazine) (1 point each)
- b. **Tennis Specific Professional Presentations (Minimum of 15 and maximum of 50 points from this category, with at least two as first author.)**
 - Featured presentation (presenter or co-presenter) at scientific and/or academic international conferences (3 points/presentation)
 - Presentation (presenter or co-presenter) at scientific and/or academic national conferences (2 points/presentation)

- Abstract presentation (presenter or co-author of an oral or poster) at national or international conferences (1 point/presentation)
- c. **Tennis Specific Training of Athletes (Minimum of 0 and maximum of 50 – points determined by the FRC)**
 - List the number of tennis athletes trained using evidence based techniques
 - List the names of elite players trained
- d. **Subjective Contributions to the ITPA (Minimum of 15 and maximum of 50 points from this category.)**

Discuss your personal history of service and positive contributions to the tennis industry over the past ten years. Be sure to include accounts that reflect on your character, dedication and respect for the values of the ITPA. Discuss how you will continue your commitment to the ITPA if advanced to Fellow status. Be sure to include any information regarding your commitment to the mission of the ITPA that was not adequately covered in this application. Limit your answer to 600 words.