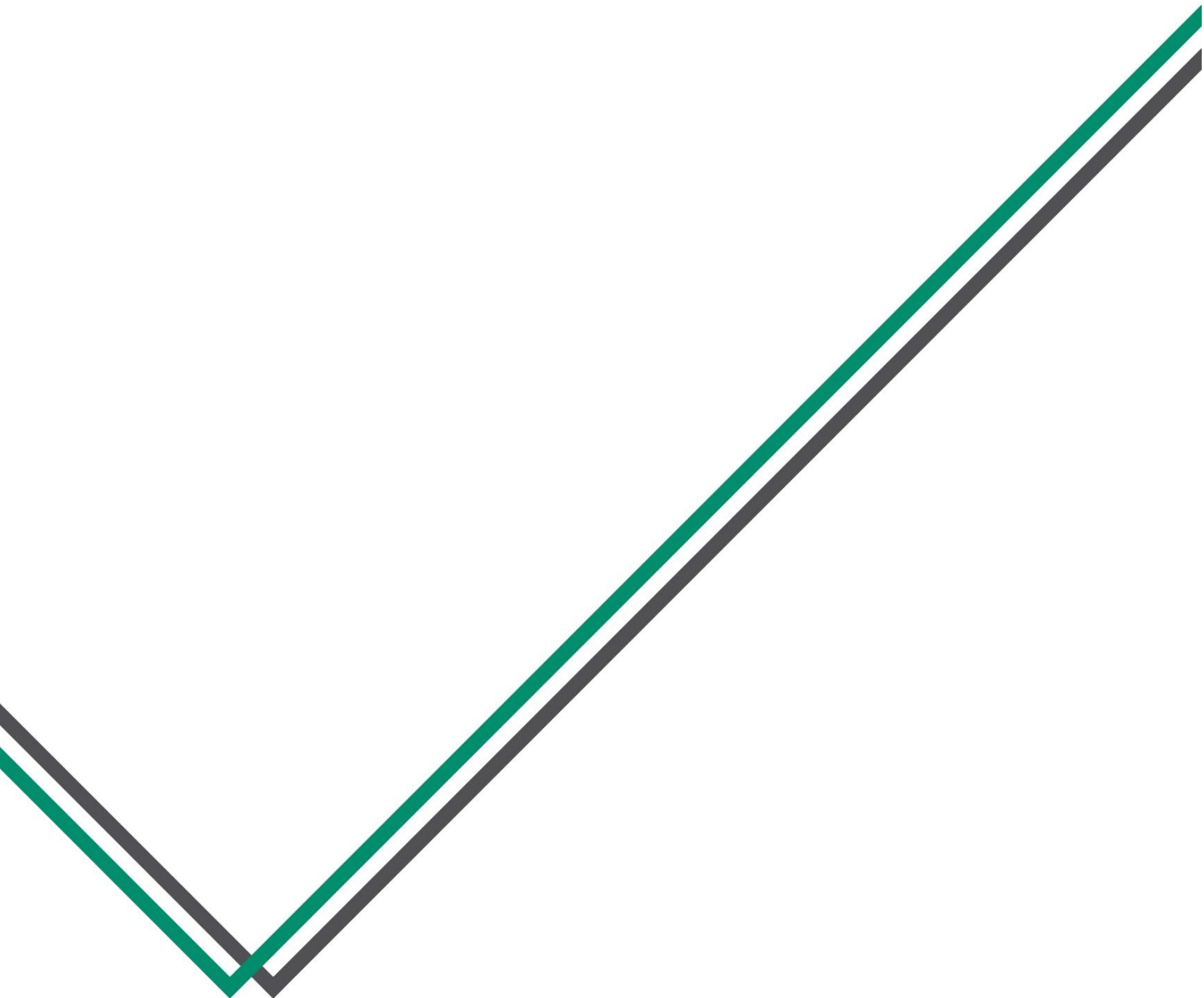


INTERNATIONAL TENNIS FEDERATION

ITF WHEELCHAIR TENNIS PLAYER COUNCIL



The ITF has established an ITF Wheelchair Tennis Player Council to represent the interests of wheelchair tennis players participating across ITF Wheelchair Tennis competitions.

The purpose of this Player Council is:

- To represent the interests of all players across all divisions, rankings and world regions involved in ITF Wheelchair Tennis Competitions
- To advise and make recommendations to the ITF Wheelchair Tennis Committee on all issues of concern to players including but not limited to the ITF Rules and Regulations.

The Player Council is appointed for a period of 2 years and is administered by the ITF. It consists of:

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| 7 | Current Players | A Current Player is defined as having a 2018 IPIN Membership and a current ITF Wheelchair Tennis Ranking. |
| 1 | Former Player | A Former Player is a player defined as a player who has not competed in any ITF sanctioned tournaments in the last two (2) years and/or has officially retired with the ITF. They must have previously competed in one or more of the Paralympics, BNP Paribas World Team Cup, UNIQLO Wheelchair Doubles Masters or NEC Wheelchair Tennis Masters. |
| 1 | Coach | A Coach is defined as holding a national coaching qualification and must have coached or be coaching a player within the Top 100 Men or Top 50 Women or Quads on the ITF Singles Ranking. |

The current Player Council was elected on 30th August 2018 following a formal nomination and election process. Individual members were elected based on votes submitted by ITF registered wheelchair tennis players and according to specific, published selection criteria that ensure broad representation of geographical regions, divisions and ranking bands. They will meet up to three times per year, details of which will be published here in due course.

The elected members below will individually represent players within their own specified division, ranking band and geographical world region.

| Name | Category | Gender | Region | Division | Ranking Band |
|------------------|-----------------|---------------|------------------|-----------------|---------------------|
| Anders Hård | Current Player | Male | Europe | Quad | 11-40 |
| Ben Weekes | Current Player | Male | Asia/Australasia | Men's | 11-40 |
| Jane Ndenga | Current Player | Female | Africa | Women's | 41+ |
| Lucy Shuker | Current Player | Female | Europe | Women's | 1-10 |
| Maikel Scheffers | Current Player | Male | Europe | Men's | 1-10 |
| Nicholas Taylor | Current Player | Male | North America | Quad | 11-40 |
| Pablo Araya | Current Player | Male | South America | Quad | 11-40 |
| Karin Korb | Former Player | Female | North America | | |
| David Sanz Rivas | Coach | Male | Europe | | |

Learn more about each member of the ITF Wheelchair Tennis Player Council, including contact email addresses for each one below.

PLAYER COUNCIL MEMBERS

Anders Hård (SWEDEN, EUROPE, QUAD)

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Anders has been competing on the UNIQLO Wheelchair Tennis Tour in the Quad division since late 2006 with his highest career ranking of 5 in singles and 3 in doubles. Anders attended the 2012 Paralympics in London. Away from the sport, Anders has a degree in Mathematics and works part-time as a software developer. Anders is grateful to be a part of Wheelchair Tennis and looks forward to contributing towards making the sport grow and making the tour a better place for everyone.

David Sanz (SPAIN, EUROPE, COACH)

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David is a dedicated Level 3 tennis coach for the Spanish Tennis Association and the ITF. He has been a national coach for more than 20 years and has participated in six Paralympic Games as a Captain of the Spanish Team. David now holds a position of technical Director of Wheelchair Tennis in the RFET and is also Director of Research and Coaches Education Department of RFET. As a member of this Council he hopes to represent the tennis coaches involved in the game and grow the sport for wheelchair tennis players.

Jane Ndenga (KENYA, AFRICA, WOMENS)

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Jane started playing tennis in 2012 and has been playing in tournaments since 2015. Jane has qualified for three World Team Cup events. She holds her best single ranking of 81 and 78 for doubles. Jane looks forward to working with her fellow members of the council and is thrilled to represent her region. She aims to leave behind a legacy for juniors coming through the system in Africa.

Pablo Araya (CHILE, SOUTH AMERICA, QUAD)

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Pablo started playing tennis aged 18 years old after a friend from Chile invited him to try and he hasn't stopped since. Pablo has participated in Athens Paralympic games 2004, the South American games and in a BNP Paribas World Team Cup. Pablo holds his best single ranking of 12 and is motivated by the equal opportunities and inclusion. He wants to help grow the sport of wheelchair tennis in his continent and is excited to be able to participate in the Player Council. Away from work Pablo enjoys spending time with his family and three children.

Lucy Shuker (GREAT BRITAIN, EUROPE, WOMENS)

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Lucy Shuker is a T4 Paraplegic as a result of a motorbike accident in 2001. On her release from hospital she was introduced to wheelchair tennis by former Quad World No.1 Pete Norfolk. Lucy has since competed in the UNIQLO Wheelchair Tennis Tour since 2003 and has made appearances at all four major tennis Grand Slams and reached a career best ranking of World No.5 in Singles and World No.3 in Doubles. Representing Great Britain at 11 World Team Cups and 3 Paralympic Games, Lucy's proudest achievements are the 2 Paralympic Bronze Medals she won alongside fellow brit Jordanne Whiley in the women's doubles event. As one of the most disabled women UNIQLO Wheelchair Tennis Tour, Lucy aims to bring a balanced view to the Player Council, helping to develop a professional and sustainable tour that holds player's interests and welfare in high regard whilst working to appeal to media and sponsors.

Karin Korb (USA, NORTH AMERICA, FORMER PLAYER)

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Karin first started playing wheelchair tennis at the age of 27 and has had the privilege of competing in two Paralympic Games and ten World Team Cups, with a National career high of number 1 and 11 in singles. Karin retired from competitive play but still has a passion for the growth and continued inclusion of wheelchair tennis. Karin currently works at Lakeshore Foundation and has multiple committee and board appointments in the realm of sport and recreation. This continues to keep her passion of promoting competitive sport and entry level playing opportunities alive. Karin is looking forward to working with the other player council members and is excited to be a part of a transparent, open and a constructive body who has the privilege of elevating the voices of the global playing community.

Ben Weekes (AUSTRALIA, ASIA/AUSTRALASIA, MENS)

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Ben first started playing wheelchair tennis at the age of 15 and has been playing tournaments on the UNIQLO Wheelchair Tennis Tour since 2000. Ben's achievements include four Paralympic Games and fifteen World Team Cups, with a career high singles ranking of 10. Ben's love for wheelchair tennis has kept him in the game for a number of years and he looks forward to working with the other council members to represent the voices of all members of the player community, helping the sport grow and move into the future.

Nick Taylor (USA, NORTH AMERICA QUAD)

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Nick began playing wheelchair tennis 25 years ago and has been playing competitively since 1995. His passion for the sport has seen him travel to a total of six continents and over 25 countries. Nick is thankful he has made many friends all over the world because of Wheelchair tennis. Nick is a five time Paralympic medallist, eleven time grand slam winner and has had career

highs of number 1 in both singles and doubles. He has served on the USTA national Wheelchair committee for a number of years, and also helps to run many tournaments and camps. Nick looks forward to working with other members of the player council to bring the game to an even higher professional level, and also increase participation at the grass roots level worldwide.

Maikel Scheffers, (NETHERLANDS, EUROPE, MENS)

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Maikel started playing wheelchair tennis aged 11 years old and played his first international tournament at the age of 15. Maikel has played three Paralympic Games (bronze medal in Beijing 08) and hopes to compete once more in Tokyo 2020! Maikel has won seven Grand Slam titles in singles and doubles and his career high in singles and doubles is number one. As a member of the player council Maikel hopes to represent all the players and looks forward to working on a sustainable future for wheelchair tennis.