



## Press Release

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### **Sandi Procter appointed as LTA President from 2023**

- *Steps up from her current role as LTA Deputy President*
- *Former PE teacher and tennis coach will succeed current LTA President David Rawlinson whose term ends in December*
- *Will become second female to hold position of LTA President – the most senior volunteer representative in tennis in Britain*

The LTA, the national governing body for tennis in Britain, has announced Sandi Procter will become its 24th President. Her appointment was confirmed at the LTA AGM this week, with her taking up the position from the start of 2023.

Sandi will step up from her current role as LTA Deputy President to become the most senior volunteer representative in tennis in Britain and will serve a term of three years, succeeding current LTA President David Rawlinson whose term ends in December.

The LTA President sits alongside the LTA Chief Executive and LTA Chair as one of the three most senior positions within the LTA. The role of the President is to lead the LTA Council of representatives from member organisations, most of whom are volunteers themselves, and in turn to support volunteers in those organisations to connect with each other to share good practice. The LTA President also represents the LTA at ITF and Tennis Europe events.

A former PE teacher turned tennis coach and Manager of the Bromley Tennis Centre, which was Emma Raducanu's training base during her tenure, Sandi has a long history of volunteering within the sport. She has served on the LTA Board since the beginning of 2017, firstly as a Council-elected Non-Executive Director and more recently as Deputy President.

Speaking about her appointment to the role, **Sandi said:** “I’m very honoured and excited to take on the role and become the next LTA President. I’ve always loved my involvement in tennis and can’t wait to have the opportunity to engage with the team and the wider community of volunteers so that together we can continue to open up tennis.”

**Scott Lloyd, LTA Chief Executive,** said: “I’d like to congratulate Sandi on her appointment as our next President. We’re very much looking forward to working with her over the next three years to continue our work to open tennis up to more people. Sandi comes into the role with tennis in Britain in a really strong position, and I’d like to thank David for his invaluable contribution to that throughout his tenure as President”.

**David Rawlinson, LTA President,** said: “I would like to add my congratulations to Sandi on her election as the next LTA President. It is a huge privilege to hold this office, and one which is respected in the tennis world both at home and by International Federations.

“Having worked with Sandi, as my deputy, for the last three years, I know she will be fully committed and when I step down on 31 December the LTA will be in safe hands”.

Sandi previously represented Kent on the LTA Council and still sits on the Kent LTA Board, having been involved in a wide range of tennis activities and projects in the county for over 25 years. Sandi is also a member of the LTA’s Development Tennis Advisory Group and the Board Nominations Committee, and at an international level serves on the Tennis Europe Development Committee and the ITF Olympic Committee.

She is known for her particular passion for junior tennis, having created the original Red, Orange and Green ball programme that and has been adopted by more than 150 countries round the world. It has since been developed to become part of the new LTA Youth scheme designed to help more children enjoy the benefits of playing and staying in tennis, whatever their age, gender, ability, disability or background. Sandi also created the original LTA Youth Tennis Leaders programme for the LTA, providing young people aged 11 to 18 with the opportunity to gain invaluable leadership skills both on and off court, whatever their tennis ability.

Sandi becomes the second female to hold the position of LTA President after the late Cathie Sabin OBE, who served in the role from 2014-16. Tennis has historically been a pioneer for women and girls in sport, and her appointment to one of the organisation's three most senior roles will help drive further progress as the LTA puts a special focus on women and girls tennis this year.

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