

# Disability Action Plan

2009

## **Objective**

To increase tennis participation amongst Australians with a disability.

To provide people with a disability introductory opportunities to participate in tennis.

To provide people with a disability competitive tennis opportunities.

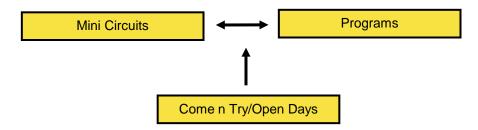
To identify talented athletes and offer the leading athlete development environment.

To up-skill and educate coaches to better understand the demands of working with a person with a disability.



#### **Grassroots**

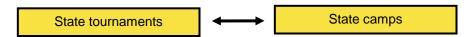
- Open Days / Come 'n Try days
- Mini Circuits
  - One day introductory event
  - Use low compression balls to attract new participants
  - Emphasis on participation, play and fun
- Programs
  - Consistent framework nationwide
  - Education session introduced into 6-week program e.g. learning how to score
  - Lean towards integrating disability and mainstream programs by further educating coaches through TA coach education system





### Development

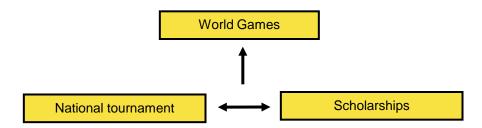
- State ID tournaments / State ID camps introduced
  - 2009/10: VIC, SA, NSW, QLD
  - 2010/11: VIC, SA, NSW, QLD, WA
  - 2011/12: VIC, SA, NSW, QLD, WA, TAS
  - Tournaments to be integrated into mainstream tournaments
  - Ranking points introduced in 2010 to align with Australian ranking system
  - Lead up events to national tournament
- Existing Wheelchair tournaments and camps





#### **Elite**

- National ID tournament Tennis Australian Classic
  - Run concurrently to Australian Open
  - Finals held at Melbourne Park second week of AO
  - Ranking points introduced in 2010 to align with Australian ranking system
  - Ranking points and tournament positioning to determine national team
- ID Scholarships introduced 2011/12 to align with TA's National Academy
- World Games ID
- Existing Wheelchair ITF tournaments/World Team Cup





## Pathway

