

APPLICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP

Name:			DOB: d/m/y	
Address:				
Phone:	Email:			
Nationality:		Gender:	Male	Female

I hereby apply to be a member of the BELIZE TENNIS ASSOCIATION and I agree to pay all fees and to abide by the Rules of the Association in force from time to time. I further acknowledge that in accordance with the Bylaws, annual subscriptions are due by the last Friday in January of each year. (For those members who join during the period of September - December of the given year, the following year is included in the initial subscription fee.)

Category (see expla	Annual Fee				
Ordinary Member	\$100				
Life Member	\$1500 one- time fee				
Affiliated Member	\$50				
Junior Member	\$50				
Family		Name	DOB	See paragraph e.) below.	
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overall discount rate	2.				
of 10%)	3.				
	4.				

Please note: <u>A one-time application fee of \$10 is charged to all new members</u>. <u>All payments can be made to</u> <u>Belize Bank account #129748010120001, Belize Tennis Association</u>. The completed application form can be emailed to the address provided above.

CATEGORIES OF MEMBERSHIP

- a.) Ordinary members are individuals over eighteen years of age.
- **b.)** Life members, being those members who pay to the Association a sum equivalent to 15 years subscription at the date of payment and include those members who have already paid a sum equivalent thereto and are already life members.
- c.) Affiliated members, being any association, club, society, non-profit association or companies having a similar purpose. An affiliated member shall be represented at meetings of members by an authorized representative. The affiliated member shall not name the President, Vice President, Treasurer, or Secretary of the Association as its authorized representative. Written authorization signed by an officer of the affiliated membershall be submitted to the Secretary naming the individual authorized to represent the affiliated member at the meeting.

- **d.)** Junior members, being individuals under the age of eighteen years and who are ineligible to vote at all meetings of the Association, but may speak and share opinions and ideas, which are to be taken into account by the executive council.
- e.) Family Membership, being a nuclear family (spouses and their dependent children under the age of 21 all living in the same household). Family membership fee will be based on the fee for Ordinary or Junior member fee as the case may be for each person in the family BUT, will attract an overall discount rate to be determined by the Executive Council. (It is currently 10%)

Benefits of being a BTA member

- 1. The BTA is the National governing body for tennis in the country of Belize. It is actually classified as a non-profit association. This means *your annual payment all goes to developing the game of tennis in Belize.*
- 2. The Belize Tennis Association (BTA) is designed for people that love the game of tennis or has an interest in seeing more people play this wonderful sport and have it grow, knowing that tennis has so many positive benefits! We are the primary body to coordinate tennis events and decisions in the country of Belize and you get to be a part of this. As a member you get a voice in BTA decisions.
- **3.** As a member of International Tennis Federation (ITF), we receive support from ITF in several ways that can benefit our membership (coaching, equipment, grants for facility improvement etc.). We also receive great support from Belize Olympic and Commonwealth games Association. We are also a member of COTECC (The Official Tennis Association for the Regions of Caribbean & Central America) and of CONTECA(Official Tennis Association of Central American Countries). Their events are also open to our membership.
- **4.** The *opportunity to meet and play with new people is a plus of joining BTA*. One of the reasons the BTA even exists in the first place is to serve as a hub for the "world of tennis" in Belize.
- 5. Competition is its own subset of BTA benefits when you join. Improving your game is a natural side effect by taking advantage of your membership. While we of course can't guarantee any quantifiable increase to your tennis skills, the possibility of improvement is built into the experience and as a member you will get discounts on tournament entrance fees.
- 6. One of the great benefits of BTA is that it *promotes a culture of constant tennis in your life and inspires you to keep at it.* Most aspects are optimized for getting you to the court to start improving. Why? Because everyone deserves to be healthy and everyone loves getting better at this amazing sport.
- 7. Being a member of BTA will get you a 23% discount at Body 2000 Gym, the usual rate being \$80 per month. BTA members will pay \$65 per month plus their one-time application fee. An official BTA membership letter is required to be presented at the gym to apply for these fees.
- 8. Members can purchase tennis products offered by the BTA (grips, tennis balls, strings, shock absorbers, etc.) at discounted rates.
- 9. You get free access to BTA tennis courts (currently located at the Pickwick Club) and discounts on cost of light usage.

Signature of Applicant:	Date: d/m/y///
Signature of Parent/Guardian: (Applicants under 18)	Date: d/m/y////

Approved by Council:

Date: d/m/y/..../...../