

HOLGER LOSCH



Holger Losch - No Boundaries Director

Holger started his career in tennis as a professional player on the ATP tennis circuit. He toured internationally for about 8 years, reaching a career best of 280. During this time Holger also played league in Germany and spent considerable time in France.

In 1993 Holger returned to South Africa and started the South African Tennis Players Association and his company Langazela Management where he and his partner organized and ran 55 tennis events in South Africa including the Super Seniors World Team Cup. They also managed a number of professional players.

In 1997 Holger Losch was instrumental in the formation of Wheelchair Tennis SA. Under his guidance, Wheelchair Tennis formed a non profit company in 2005, and now caters for a few hundred athletes and members and has produced a number of top 10 players. Holger has also recently started an Inner City Tennis Program for under privileged children in Johannesburg, which is gaining momentum and now caters for over 200 kids weekly.

In 2007 Holger introduced and managed TR3, a tennis ranking, rating and management system for the South African Tennis Association.

On the administrative side Holger has run a number of small and large scale events in South Africa from running over 55 national events annually, to large scale events such as the Williams Sisters Exhibition, the Super Seniors World Cup, and the Wheelchair Tennis World Cup in 2011.

Holger sits on the CAF (Confederation of Africa) Tennis Committee, is on the ITF global Wheelchair Tennis Coaches Commission, and is the ITF Expert for Africa.

Holger was also nominated onto the international wheelchair tennis coaches forum as a mentor and global opinion leader in 2012 and remains in that role in 2019.

Coaching Experience:

Holger has been coaching Tennis at all levels in no less than 12 different countries over a period of 20 years. For 18 of these years he has focused on teaching Tennis to persons

with Disabilities and specifically has practical experience in coaching persons with Physical, Mental and Visual Impairments.

Holger has been involved at all levels of coaching Wheelchair Tennis, from putting together the various regional and national coaching programmes through to being the national Team coach and manager for the South African Team taking part in World Team Cups since 2004 and Paralympic Games in London and Rio. Holger has also presented many courses on Wheelchair Tennis Coaching in various countries.

On the able bodied side Holger coached, travelled with, mentored and managed able bodied performance players including Rik de Voes, Louis Vosloo, and Andy Anderson and has currently stated coaching at a school and local club.

Awards:

Holger was awarded the ITF Wheelchair Tennis Coach of the Year and SA Coach of the Year at the SA Sports Awards in 2012 and the Gauteng Coach of the Year 2014.

Under his teams guidance and management the Wheelchair Tennis SA Open 2015,2016 won best Super Series event globally - ahead of the British Open, US Open Super Series or the Japan Open.