



USTA Eastern Award Descriptions

Tennis Woman of the Year

Awarded to a woman in recognition of her outstanding volunteer efforts and service to tennis in the section.

Leslie J. FitzGibbon Tennis Man of the Year

Awarded to a male USTA Eastern volunteer in recognition of long and outstanding service to tennis in the section.

Tennis Family of the Year

In recognition of a family who supports the game of tennis through service and is committed to the game of tennis as players and/or volunteers.

Member Organization of the Year

Awarded for outstanding service to its members involved in junior and adult tennis programs and for contributions to the local tennis community. (Clubs are eligible.)

Louise Cilla Award

Recognizes a female adult (senior) player who has exemplified outstanding sportsmanship both on and off the court and who has contributed much to the game.

George Seewagen Award

Awarded to a USTA Eastern teaching professional who exemplifies excellence in competition, sportsmanship and love of the game.

Umpire Service Award

Awarded to a USTA Eastern sectional umpire who has contributed greatly to the field of tennis officiating.

Virginia and Chuck Landis High School Coach of the Year

Awarded to a high school tennis coach who has shown exemplary leadership, enthusiasm and team building skills.

Fran Osei Community Service Award

Awarded for long time, hands-on contributions to the development and growth of tennis in the community (schools, parks and recreation, CTAs and NJTLs).

Corporate Service Award

Awarded to an organization whose sponsorship of tennis and programs has helped to grow the sport in the section.

Diversity & Inclusion Leadership Award

Awarded to a person or organization who has demonstrated leadership and promotional initiatives in bringing tennis programs to diverse communities within the section.

Clinician of the Year

Awarded to a teaching professional whose dedication and enthusiasm in teaching USTA programs (schools, parks and recreation, CTAs, NJTLs, staff trainings and clinics) have helped to increase player participation and retention in the section.

Collegiate Award

Awarded to a college for performance of community service in connection with tennis and/or outstanding Tennis On Campus contributions.

Press Service Award

Awarded to a member of the press corps for excellence in reporting tennis in the section.

Service to/People with Disabilities Award

This award is to recognize outstanding people dedicated to working with special populations through tennis or to give special recognition to a disabled player.

USTA League Award

Awarded to a captain or coordinator who has made a significant contribution in the growth and development of USTA League Tennis in the section.

Junior Team Tennis Award

Awarded to a captain or coordinator who has made a significant contribution in the growth and development of USTA Junior Team Tennis in the section.

10 and Under Tennis Award

Awarded to a person or organization who has done an outstanding job promoting 10 and Under Tennis in the section. This includes consistently offering 10 and Under Tennis programming using red, orange and green tennis during Play Days, Play Events, 10 and Under tournaments and/or 10 and Under Junior Team Tennis.

Lifetime Achievement Award

Awarded to a volunteer in recognition of years of dedicated service, while promoting and developing tennis in the community. This individual has made a great impact on spreading their passion of tennis, while touching the lives of many.

Tournament Director of the Year

This award is presented to an individual who runs a USTA Eastern sanctioned tournament that has provided the optimal experience for junior players during the past year. Tournament directors must have devoted at least five years of service running tournaments for a district.

Ron Smyth Parent Sportsmanship Award

This award is presented to an individual who has made a significant impact and contribution toward USTA Eastern junior programming (Junior Tournaments or Junior Team Tennis), and has shown exceptional support of junior players and their families. This parent also must have a junior tennis player currently participating in USTA events.

Courage Award

Awarded to a tennis enthusiast or advocate who has demonstrated the ability to overcome adversity and display strength and optimism.