

# NATIONAL BANK LITTLE ACES PLAYER IDENTIFICATION

## ***OVERVIEW***

The National Bank Little Aces program is a player identification and development program for **6 to 8-year-olds**. The program aims to **improve the overall development of these young participants** with the goal of retaining them in the competitive stream of tennis. This will lead to a much larger pool of young competitors, ultimately resulting in fostering a stronger U15 Canadian pipeline and increasing the number of Canadians competing internationally.

The National Bank Little Aces Program is overseen by Tennis Canada as part of the U15 Team Canada Club Support Program with the financial support of National Bank.

## ***FUNDING***

Selected clubs will **receive grants to enhance the training of identified players**. This will be in the form of adding group, semi-private or individual training to their existing program.

The program will go from September to June of each year and will **support the player for a two-year cycle**. The tracking of the development of the Little Aces selected players will be done through the program monitoring tool. The overall goal is to have the players competing regularly in the U9/U10 Circuit tournaments as per WPDP minimum guidelines.



***The long-term goal is for National Bank Little Aces players to work hard towards earning a spot on the U15 Canadian Prospect Team.***