

Veterans Tennis is one of the most established and well supported aspects of the game in South Africa. Formed in 1989 the South African Veterans Tennis Association (SAVTA) has increased from an initial membership base of 50 plus to over 1700 registered veterans tennis players who participate in the 35+, 40+, 45+, 50+, 55+, 60+, 65+, 70+, 75+ and 80+ age groups. 2003 saw the SAVTA Executive take the decision to include the 30+ age group into veterans tennis. The year 2006 and the word "veterans" was replaced by "seniors". This being an ITF decision which we at SAVTA will identify with in the near future.

Despite the tennis administration in South Africa going through some testing times SAVTA have managed to disassociate themselves from any controversy surrounding the game and have in fact become stronger during this period. Recognised not only in South Africa but around the world as one of the stronger Veterans Associations SAVTA continue to work towards its aims and objectives of providing tennis players between the ages of 35 and 90 the opportunity of playing competitive tennis in a friendly, social environment.

Played between the ages of 8 and 80 tennis is the rare sport that offers both men and women of ALL age groups the opportunity of participation at a social and competitive level.

Bearing this in mind SAVTA have been able to construct a tournament calendar that is played nationally throughout the year offering players over the age of 35 an opportunity of participating for National ranking points which enable them to position themselves on the National SA Veterans Ranking Lists. These rankings accommodate both the singles and doubles events.