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## Memberships



The European Racquet Stringers Association (ERSA) was founded in the summer of 2001 as a partner corporation with the United States Racquet Stringers Association.

After one and a half years, ERSA decided to become a non-profit association and separated from the USRSA, although it still maintains close cooperation and continues to offer the same Certification Tests as the USRSA.

ERSA has over 3,200 members in over 30 countries, including leaders of the racquets sports industry, racquet specialists, teaching professionals, sporting goods retailers, manufacturers, sales organisations and racquet sports enthusiasts.

The magazine Racquet Tech Europe is published quarterly, while the ERSA Stringer's Digest, Study Guides and Tests are now available in six languages.

The mission of the ERSA is to educate members and consumers to better understand, service, perform with and enjoy all the technological wonders of racquets, strings, balls, courts, shoes and stringing machines.

The ERSA accomplishes these goals through information technology products: Racquet Tech Europe, the ERSA Stringer's Digest, [www.ersa-stringers.com](http://www.ersa-stringers.com), ERSA e-Newsletter, workshops, certification and product testing.

In collaboration with the TRS Board and the TIA UK, the ERSA is helping to establish a credible and recognised system for stringer within the UK and participants in the TRS Workshops planned for February 2009 will be given a full year's Electronic Membership, worth €35, providing essential technical information for stringers.



The Tennis Industry Association (TIA) was formed in April 1998 to promote the growth of tennis and to act as a voice for tennis businesses.

Its mission is to increase participation in tennis and to promote, foster and protect industry growth and vitality in the UK.

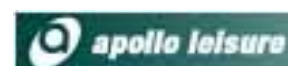
In 2005 the TIA UK Ltd registered at Companies House (as an Incorporated Company Limited By Guarantee With No Shareholding) and became a legal entity after its formative years as an ad hoc voluntary association.

The UK's only tennis trade association brings together a unique synergy among normally competitive businesses willing to pool resources for the betterment of the tennis market as a whole.

### Tennis Racquet Specialist Board

Jeremy Holt—Chairman (Apollo Leisure), Mark Maslowski—Vice Chairman (ERSA)  
Frances Davies (Bow Brand), Max de Vylder (Lawn Tennis Association), Robin Ford (W&D Strings),  
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If tennis is your business, membership of the TIA UK is recommended.

A directory of current members is available at [www.tiauk.org](http://www.tiauk.org).

By working in partnership with the Lawn Tennis Association and other organisations, TIA UK members are actively energising the industry to encourage more participation in the sport, which is good for all our businesses.

Membership is open to specialist manufacturers, wholesalers, distributors, trading companies, businesses and other interested parties with an active business interest in our sport.

Two categories of membership cater for individual Tennis Racquet Specialists, while specialist sports shops are encouraged to join the TIA UK as an active tennis business.

Details of the individual memberships are:

- TRS Associate (non-voting) Member (worth £30) for registered stringers participating in TRS Workshops in February 2009  
Benefits include electronic newsletter and invitation to Member Open Forum meetings
- TRS Affiliated Member @ £75 for ERSA Certified Stringers  
Benefits include an entry on the TRS Directory on the public side of [www.tiauk.org](http://www.tiauk.org) , limited access to the member area of [www.tiauk.org](http://www.tiauk.org), electronic newsletter and invitation to Member Open Forum meetings.  
In addition TRS Affiliated Members may stand for election and may vote for candidates serving on the TRS Board.

Participants in the February 2009 TRS Workshops will be able to sign up for both membership of the ERSA and the TIA UK as part of the fee, valid for one year from the date of the workshop.

It is understood that there will be a charge for future membership of both organisations but there is no obligation on the part of each participant to continue these memberships should they not wish to do so.

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