

# TENNIS SPECIFIC CONSIDERATIONS

Tennis has historically grappled with homophobia, reflected in discriminatory attitudes and exclusionary practices towards LGBTQ+ players. Despite some progress, challenges persist, including sporadic derogatory remarks and insufficient support systems. The sport has seen positive shifts with openly gay players and advocacy, yet there remains a need for broader acceptance and institutional change to fully embrace the diversity this sport deserves.

## TENNIS SPACES

Thinking about the spaces that are specific to tennis and taking action in those spaces is a direct way to apply allyship principles to your sport.

- Locker Rooms
- Away Games
- On the Court
- Club Culture

## COMMON ISSUES

- “Closet culture”
- Micro-aggressions
- Classism / Financial barriers
- White fragility / representation

## ADDITIONAL RESOURCES

- [Why are there no openly gay players in tennis?](#)
- [History of homosexuality in tennis](#)
- [Tennis swerves homophobia debate](#)
- [Tennis players surveyed on LGBTQ+ attitudes](#)

