



Watch Party Tips

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Roger Federer, Player Category

A GUIDE FOR COACHES

Event Planning

INVITATIONS & PROMOTION

- Send invitations at least 2-3 weeks in advance to all program participants
- Highlight this year's inductees: Roger Federer and Mary Carillo
- Use multiple communication channels: email, club newsletter, bulletin board, and social media
- Include RSVP deadline and contact information for questions
- Specify supervision arrangements: mention whether parents are welcome to join or whether they should drop off their players

VENUE SET-UP

- Identify or reserve a comfortable room with good viewing capabilities
- Test audio/visual equipment and technology e.g., projector, tv, internet connection, streaming speed) before the event day
- Arrange seating in a theater-style setup with good viewing angles for all
- Have backup viewing options in case of technical difficulties



Mary Carillo, Contributor Category

Virtual Watch Parties



- Choose an accessible streaming platform like Zoom, Google Meet, or Microsoft Teams
- Send detailed connection instructions with the invitation, including a backup link
- Assign a technical host separate from the main facilitator to handle virtual logistics
- Consider creating and distributing small "watch party kits" in advance with activities, themed snacks, and materials
- Use platform features strategically:
 - Breakout rooms for small-group discussions about inductees
 - Polls for predictions and trivia
 - Chat for ongoing engagement and questions
- Screen sharing for supplemental content during breaks
- Have participants post photos of their at-home watch setups: #InductionCelebration #CloserToGreatness @tennishalloffame
- Record the session (with permission) to share highlights later

Creating a Memorable Experience

INTERACTIVE ACTIVITIES

Check out the Be Legendary website for educational resources and fun activities such as:

- Class of 2026 biographies that highlight each inductee's achievements
- A short history of the International Tennis Hall of Fame
- Write or record a Letter to Greatness to the Class of 2026 for a chance to have your message featured during the Induction Ceremony in Newport or on the ITHF's social media channels.

THEMED DECORATIONS & SNACKS

- Set the atmosphere with tennis-themed decorations (visit the Be Legendary website for a free, printable commemorative poster!)
- Serve tennis-themed snacks (e.g., bright green cupcakes)
- Create a "red carpet" entrance where players can pose for photos with tennis props

Logistical Reminders

ESSENTIAL CHECKLIST

- Confirm that viewing equipment is reserved and functioning
- Arrange for appropriate staffing/supervision
- Order/prepare snacks and refreshments
- Prepare activity materials in advance

FOLLOW-UP

- Take photos during the event to share on social media: #InductionCelebration #CloserToGreatness @tennishalloffame
- Send a follow-up email thanking attendees



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