

ROGER FEDERER

— Hall of Fame Class of 2026 —



Roger Federer competing at Wimbledon 2021 with the grace, composure, and sportsmanship that defined his legendary career.

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Federer holds the trophy after defeating Andy Roddick to win the men's singles championship at Wimbledon in 2009.

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Can you imagine becoming one of the greatest tennis players in history and using that success to help more than a million kids? Meet Roger Federer, the Swiss champion who won 20 major singles titles, held the World No.1 ranking for 310 weeks, and captured 103 singles titles throughout his incredible career! But here's what makes Federer truly special: even as he dominated tennis for two decades, he never forgot to show gratitude—appreciating what he had and recognizing the people who helped him along the way. From establishing his foundation in 2003 to donating one million dollars during the COVID-19 pandemic, Federer understood that true greatness means giving back. His legendary tennis skills made him famous, but his grateful heart and generous spirit made him a champion far beyond the court, an example of what it means to be legendary!



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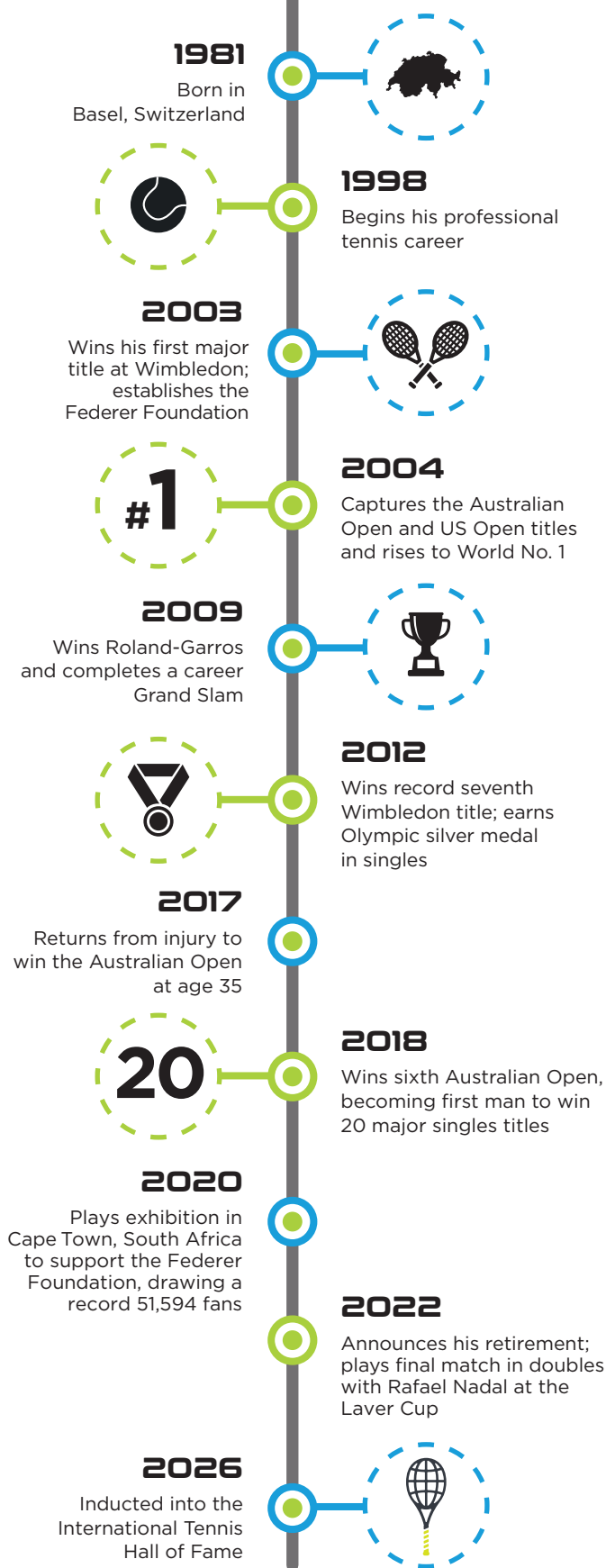
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The **Federer Foundation** has invested **over \$100 million** to support educational projects in southern Africa and Switzerland.





Roger Federer was born on August 8, 1981, in Basel, Switzerland. He started playing tennis at age 8, and by age 14, he became Switzerland's junior champion. At 16, he won the Wimbledon junior singles championship. At just 18 years old, Federer became the youngest player to finish the year in the world's top 100.

In 2003, Federer won his first major title at Wimbledon. That same year, he showed his gratitude by establishing the Federer Foundation to help children in his mother's native South Africa and his home country of Switzerland through educational projects. Rather than merely celebrating his success, he immediately thought about giving back.

Known for his graceful forehand and composure on court, Federer dominated tennis for years. He won a record eight Wimbledon titles and became the first man to win 20 major titles. In all, Federer won 103 career singles titles. He held the World No. 1 ranking for a record 237 consecutive weeks!

Federer's grateful spirit shined throughout his career. He won the Stefan Edberg Sportsmanship Award 13 times, showing respect for his opponents, officials, and fans. The tennis community loved him back—he was voted ATP Fan Favorite for 19 straight years!

His gratitude extended beyond tennis. He has donated millions of dollars to people in need in both Switzerland and southern Africa, and he has partnered with rival Rafael Nadal to raise money for Australian bushfire relief. In February 2020, he played an exhibition match in Cape Town that raised \$3.5 million for his foundation in front of a record 51,954 fans!

After knee injuries, Federer retired at the Laver Cup in September 2022, fittingly playing his final match alongside Nadal. In 2026, he will receive the Ultimate Honor in Tennis when he is inducted into the International Tennis Hall of Fame.

Federer's story proves that appreciating what you have and recognizing those who helped you along the way can turn a great champion into a global role model whose legacy changes the world.

Federer Gets Hall of Fame Call

More than 30 tennis legends surprise Federer with the exciting news via video call at Swiss Tennis headquarters.

