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## **Darienite Jonathan Engelbrecht Named Tennis Director at Chelsea Piers Connecticut**

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Jonathan Engelbrecht of Darien, formerly at the Tokeneke Club and Kings Highway Tennis Club, has been promoted to the position of tennis director at Chelsea Piers Connecticut in Stamford.

— *an announcement from* [Chelsea Piers Connecticut](#)

Engelbrecht joined the Chelsea Piers coaching staff in 2016 as a lead professional and has consistently grown with the program coaching both adult and youth athletes.

“Jonathan brings to the role an accomplished background as an athlete and teaching professional,” said Kevin Burton, athletic director at Chelsea Piers Connecticut.

“Beyond that, he has earned a reputation at Chelsea Piers and throughout Fairfield County as a thoughtful

and steady leader who has the respect of his peers. As we began the national search for a director, we quickly concluded that the solution was already within our club.”

Engelbrecht has been teaching in the area for over 15 years. He's a longtime resident of Darien, where he lives with his wife and twin daughters.

“Chelsea Piers is such a unique facility. I have the opportunity to work with beginners as well as collegiate hopefuls,” Engelbrecht said. “It is exciting going to work every day and working with passionate people dedicated to teaching every age level and helping members achieve goals whether it is a college career or refreshing a childhood passion.”

He spent several years as the assistant director at the Tokeneke Club, where he organized junior programs from red ball all the way to elite prospects preparing for college tennis.

At Kings Highway Tennis Club, Engelbrecht coached USTA Teams starting at the 2.5 level up to 4.0, and organized numerous events.

He grew up playing tennis in Johannesburg, South Africa. His entire junior career he was ranked in the top 10 in singles and doubles nationally.

At the age of 16, he was selected to represent South Africa at the South American Tennis Championships. At 17, he competed internationally and acquired a junior world ranking for singles and doubles.

Engelbrecht graduated and received a scholarship to play at the University of Utah. In his sophomore year, Engelbrecht transferred to Weber State, also an NCAA Division 1 school in Utah.

There he played number one singles and doubles for the remainder of his college career. He captained the team his junior and senior years and won MVP both years as well. Engelbrecht was named All-Big Sky Conference player numerous times.

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