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## Tennis prodigy sponsored by the Australian Koala Foundation

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The Australian Koala Foundation (AKF) is very excited to announce a multi-year sponsorship of the skilled junior wheelchair sportsman, Benjamin Wenzel.

Ranked number six in the world and number one in Australia in junior boy's wheelchair tennis, Benjamin brings his exceptional talent and unwavering commitment to the cause of saving the Koala.

Sport has the power to inspire, unite, and ignite change, and Benjamin embodies this spirit.

**16-year-old Benjamin Wenzel, junior wheelchair tennis player**, has joined the AKF's Koala Army and expressed his excitement to be raising awareness about Koalas to younger generations.

"I am truly honoured to be supported by the Australian Koala Foundation as this will be my first sponsorship," Wenzel said.

"Koalas are not just adorable creatures; they are a symbol of Australia, and I am so looking forward to being their ambassador."

This groundbreaking sponsorship embodies a harmonious merger of sporting excellence and advocacy that aims to amplify the message of saving the Koala.

**Deborah Tabart OAM, Chair of the Australian Koala Foundation**, said the sponsorship will raise awareness about the need to save the Koala and a Koala Protection Act.

"The AKF is thrilled to sponsor Ben as he embodies the spirit of the Australian Koala Foundation," Tabart said.

"I met Ben at Premier Palaszczuk's Olympic breakfast, and I was just so overwhelmed at his honesty and vision for how he could be the best in his field.

"Ben is the guiding light for the younger generation, so, with Ben's support, we will be able to build a formidable Koala Army, united in our mission for the Koala Protection Act, which aims to preserve our beloved Koalas and secure a brighter future."

The Australian Koala Foundation and Ben are committed to making a lasting impact on the world of sports and Koala preservation, inspiring others to stand together and speak for the Koala.

Join Benjamin in the [Koala Army](#) to support Koala conservation and the [Koala Protection Act](#).

Use #KoalaArmy to show your participation and follow the Australian Koala Foundation on [Instagram](#), [Facebook](#), and [Twitter](#) to stay updated on Ben's actions.

To support the AKF's Koala conservation initiatives, supporters can [plant a tree](#), [adopt a koala](#), shop [online](#) or in-store, or directly [donate](#) to the Australian Koala Foundation.

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**About the Australian Koala Foundation**

The Australian Koala Foundation (AKF) is the principal non-profit, non-government organisation dedicated to the conservation and effective management of the wild Koala and its habitat. AKF aims to refine and update the Koala Habitat Atlas mapping of all wild Koala habitat and to get the Koala Protection Act enacted, ensuring longevity of Koalas and their habitat.

**About Benjamin Wenzel**

Benjamin Wenzel is a talented junior wheelchair tennis player ranked among the top 10 junior boy's wheelchair tennis players globally. Beyond his achievements on the tennis court, Benjamin is deeply committed to Koala conservation and is the newest recruit in the AKF's Koala Army. Through his passion for tennis, he aims to raise awareness and inspire support for Koala conservation.

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