

Most Outstanding Tennis Club or Venue – Country

Nomination Criteria

The Award period for the 2024 Tennis NSW Awards is September 2023 - August 2024. The winner of this award will be submitted as the NSW nomination for the equivalent award at the Newcombe Medal. Australian Tennis Awards.

Eligibility Criteria

To be eligible for consideration for this award, the tennis club or venue must:

- Be a member of Tennis NSW
- Employ or engage suitably screened and qualified tennis coaches where applicable
- Operate in regional NSW

Selection Criteria

The selection panel will consider the following in assessing and comparing nominations:

- Has completed a health assessment with Tennis NSW (venue audit) and developed an action plan with their local Tennis Development Officer
- Has an active strategic plan, with a particular focus on driving increased activity, financial health and quality facilities of the club or venue
- Creates a positive culture of inclusiveness and care including opportunities for participation by all, good governance, committee-management training, child safety and succession planning
- The range and quality of programming opportunities for all players including pathways for junior and adult tennis players, Hot Shots, Cardio Tennis, social opportunities, tournaments, and competitions
- The level of stakeholder engagement and strength of relationships the club or venue holds to assist in continuing to grow and develop i.e. the club and coach relationship, local government, community partnerships, Tennis NSW, etc.
- Demonstration of retention and participation growth (number of unique participants)

- Evidence of how digitally enabled the club or venue is and the access that this provides to the local community i.e. has adopted ClubSpark (or equivalent), offers online court hire, ability to purchase memberships online, website functionality
- The direct customer feedback the club has received via independent responses from customers and members
- Partnership with a local primary and/or secondary school/s through the School
 Partnership Program, School Play Program (or equivalent)
- Supporting documents that can be submitted to support the nomination include health assessment dashboard, strategic/action plan, promotional/marketing material, direct customer feedback/letters of support

Selection Process

The selection panel will include a combination of tennis community representatives, Tennis NSW staff, Tennis NSW Directors and external representatives from within the sports sector. The selection panel in its absolute discretion will determine all decisions in relation to the 2024 Tennis NSW Awards (including any questions in relation to eligibility). All decisions are final, and no correspondence will be entered.

Only information that is provided in the online nomination form within the word limit and supporting documents outlined in the Selection Criteria will be considered. Nomination forms submitted as a supporting document will not be considered.

All nominations must include at least two (2) high resolution images.

Tennis NSW reserves the right to not award a recipient in any given category if the nominations submitted do not meet the nomination requirements.

Timeline

Thursday 1 August - Award Nominations Open

Sunday 25 August - Award Nominations Close

Thursday 19 September - Award Finalists Announced

Thursday 17 October - Tennis NSW Awards evening

Monday 9 December – Newcombe Medal, Australian Tennis Awards

Requirements of Award Recipients

The successful recipients may be asked to participate in marketing and promotional activities in the 12 months following the event. Winners may also be asked to participate in tennis pilot programs and initiatives.