

TENNIS NSW Awards 2024

17 OCTOBER



Tony Podesta Most Outstanding Inclusion Initiative

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

This award recognises an outstanding inclusion initiative within the tennis community. Nominees can be a member of Tennis NSW, a program or partner program of Tennis NSW/Tennis Australia, Local Government Authorities, volunteers or qualified coaches and/or officials who are actively seeking positive relationships with the general community and contributing to making Tennis more welcoming and inclusive.

Initiatives may focus on the following areas:

- People with a disability
- People who identify as LGBTQ+
- First Nations peoples
- Culturally and Racially Marginalised (CARM) backgrounds
- Low socioeconomic communities
- Mental Health or social inclusion
- Women and girls

Inclusion initiative examples:

- Participation program
- Participation/club event
- Education program
- Volunteer program
- Leadership program

Selection Criteria

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

- Measurable benefits to the underrepresented group and to tennis in general
- Demonstration of Tennis Australia values including imagination, collaboration, humility, and excellence
- The initiative has an ongoing participation plan and/or supports a connection to pathway opportunities linked with continued participation
- If appropriate, media and promotional activities are undertaken prior to, during and following the program
- Shows evidence of engaging people with lived experience and/or working with partner/community organisations in the development of the program
- Contributes to making Tennis more accessible, welcoming and inclusive

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 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.