

MOST OUTSTANDING INCLUSION INITIATIVE

Eligibility Criteria

This award recognizes an outstanding inclusion initiative within the tennis community. Nominations are welcome from Tennis Australia affiliates, partner programs of Tennis Australia, Local Government Authorities, Volunteers, Tennis Australia, or MA-qualified coaches/officials who go beyond to create and support inclusive tennis environments for under-represented* groups.

*Under-represented groups include but are not limited to;

- People with disability
- People who identify as LGBTQIA+
- Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Peoples
- Culturally and Racially Marginalised (CARM) backgrounds
- Low socioeconomic communities
- Women and Girls

*Inclusion Initiative examples

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

The Nomination Process for Australian Tennis Award

- The winners of the State Awards for Most Outstanding Inclusion Initiative will become a nominee for the National Award for Most Outstanding Inclusion Initiative
- If a state/territory does not have an award in this category, the MA may nominate a candidate from that state/territory through the online portal, provided the nominee meets all the eligibility criteria
- The national body reserves the right to enter wild card nominees for this award.

Selection Criteria

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

- Measurable benefits to the under-represented 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
- Contribute to making tennis more accessible, welcoming and inclusive.

Supporting Documentation

All entries must supply three high-resolution photos and/or video footage supporting their nomination.