

MOST OUTSTANDING SCHOOL SELECTION CRITERIA

The Award Period for the 2026 Tennis ACT Awards is 1 July 2025 to 30 June 2026

ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA

To be eligible for consideration, the School must:

- Incorporate Tennis into the health and physical education curriculum, via the School Partnership Program (or equivalent)
- Engage a Tennis Australia qualified coach member, Sporting Schools endorsed deliverer or local affiliated tennis club
- Demonstrate Tennis is supported by the principal and driven by a dedicated staff member assigned to tennis in the school.

SELECTION CRITERIA

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

- How committed and active the school has been in demonstrating the integration of tennis into the school environment including teachers (professional development, implementation and relationship building with external partners including coach and club) and students (leadership values, registration and enthusiasm for the sport);
- How the principal demonstrates the importance of health and physical education and school sport within the school and how active the school has been with initiatives set up to enhance the sport at a local community level;
- The overall experience of students involved in the program;
- Demonstration of student retention within the school environment and an increase in the number of students converting from school participation to community participation;
- How the school promotes and communicates messages to the school community around their participation in tennis and how to continue ongoing participation in the local community;
- Where applicable, demonstration of program modification to allow the inclusion of children with disabilities and other underrepresented groups to participate;
- Consideration given to the involvement of the school in school competition, including intra school, gala days and performance of the school in respective team tennis competition;
- Consideration given to the overall tennis pathway through the school from P-12 (if applicable).



SUPPORTING DOCUMENTATION

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

SELECTION PROCESS

- All decisions in relation to the Most Outstanding School award (including any questions in relation to eligibility) will be determined by the selection panel in its absolute discretion. All decisions are final, and no correspondence will be entered into.
- The winners of the State Award for Most Outstanding School (or equivalent) will become the nominee for the National Award for Most Outstanding School