

## **MOST OUTSTANDING SCHOOL**

## **Nomination Criteria**

The Award period for the 2025 Tennis NSW Awards is September 2024 - August 2025. 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, the nominee 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 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 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 locally community

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- Where applicable, demonstration of program modification to allow the inclusion of children with disabilities and other underrepresented groups to participate
- Considerations given to the involvement of the school in school competitions, 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 K-12 (if applicable)

### **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 2025 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:

Friday 25 July - Award Nominations Open

Sunday 31 August - Award Nominations Close

Friday 19 September - Award Finalists Announced

Thursday 16 October - Tennis NSW Awards evening

**Monday 8 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.