



Call for Expressions of Interest (EOI) to host the 2026 - 2028 NSW Metropolitan Hardcourt Closed Championships

Overview

The NSW Metropolitan Hardcourt Closed Championships is a premier tennis event for players from the Metropolitan Sydney region only run annually. Tennis NSW invites expressions of interest to host this event for a minimum of three years (2026 - 2028).

The championships take place each year from the Friday to the following Friday during the first week of the Term 2 school holidays, spanning a total of 8 days. This event not only showcases the athletic prowess of Metropolitan players but also aims to foster community spirit and engagement in the sport of tennis along with the ability of the host to showcase their venue to a broad and diverse audience

Event Details

- Event Duration: 8 days, from Friday to Friday
- Timing: First week of Term 2 school holidays (2026 dates: 3 – 10 July)
- Expected Participants: Approximately 300 players and 400 spectators
- Audience: Families, tennis enthusiasts, Coaches, Operators and TNSW Staff.

Criteria to host Closed Country Championships

The following criteria outline the requirements to ensure the success and smooth operation of the Metropolitan Hardcourt Closed Championships.

Essential:

- Applicant must be a financial member of Tennis NSW or commits to becoming a member of Tennis NSW.
- Applicant must demonstrate adequate and appropriate insurances and compliance measures in line with relevant Tennis NSW and Tennis Australia Policies (i.e risk management, working with children checks, first aid, Code of Behaviour etc.)
- Access to a minimum of 20 tennis courts within a 30-minute drive of the main venue, ensuring each court is captured under Tennis NSW membership requirements and insurances.
- At least 15 courts must be equipped with working lights to facilitate night matches.



- Each venue must have catering and / or canteen facilities available, offering a selection of food and drink options, accepting both cash and digital payment options.
- A dedicated space for a tournament office or room at the main venue is required along with a working PA system at the main venue and any additional venue.
- Adequate toilet facilities must be available at each venue.
- Adequate affordable accommodation available within a 30-minute drive from the main venue.

Highly Desirable:

- Demonstrated ability in hosting community sporting events, in particular tennis events, and a commitment to resourcing the event with personnel with appropriate and relevant experience and skill sets in delivering sporting/tennis events.
- Commitment to ensuring playing conditions and ancillary facilities are safe for play and in excellent condition for participants, staff and spectators visiting the event.
- Disability accessibility is preferable at all venues to meet Tennis NSW's commitment to inclusivity and ensuring that all individuals can participate and enjoy the event.
- Additional financial and / or in-kind contributions and investments into the event. This may include sponsorships or partnerships (ie with Local Council or suppliers etc).
- Provision of extra facilities for the purpose of off-court entertainment and activations to boost the event's profile and participant experience.
- Commitment to ongoing investment in the future growth of community-based tennis within the locality and region, in partnership with Tennis NSW and Tennis Australia.
- Demonstrated economic benefit and market analysis.

Submission of EOI

Expressions of interest are now open via the following link.

<https://nswtournaments.wufoo.com/forms/xaxbeik1ejs8jp/>

Submissions should include key contact details and any further information which could strengthen the EOI and addressed the above criteria.

All submissions must be received by 5pm on Sunday 29 March 2026.



Evaluation and Awarding of Event

All submissions will be evaluated against the criteria outlined above, with any additional information provided by the applicant taken into consideration.

The successful applicant will be awarded the NSW Metropolitan Hardcourt Closed Championships for 2026, 2027 and 2028 and Tennis NSW retains the right to extend the arrangement for a further period of its choosing without a further expression of interest process.

The announcement of the successful applicant is expected to be made the week beginning 6 April 2026.

For enquiries, please contact:

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