

2025 QUEENSLAND Tennis Awards

NOMINATION GUIDE AND AWARD CRITERIA

The annual Queensland Tennis Awards is an opportunity to recognise the achievements and contributions of athletes, clubs, coaches, officials, volunteers, and individuals who have made an outstanding impact on tennis in Queensland.

This guide will assist in completing the 2025 Queensland Tennis Award nominations, outlining the Tennis Queensland (TQ) timelines, process, conditions of nomination, guidance on completion of the nomination forms and criteria for the open award categories.

AWARD CATEGORIES

The award period for the 2025 Queensland Tennis Awards is September 2024 – August 2025.

Open Awards:

- Most Outstanding Club – Metro & Regional/Rural
- Coaching Excellence – Club
- Coaching Excellence – Development
- Coaching Excellence – Performance
- Most Outstanding School
- Most Outstanding Inclusion Initiative
- Most Outstanding Tournament
- Excellence in Officiating
- Geoffrey E. Griffith - Volunteer Achievement Award

Closed Awards:

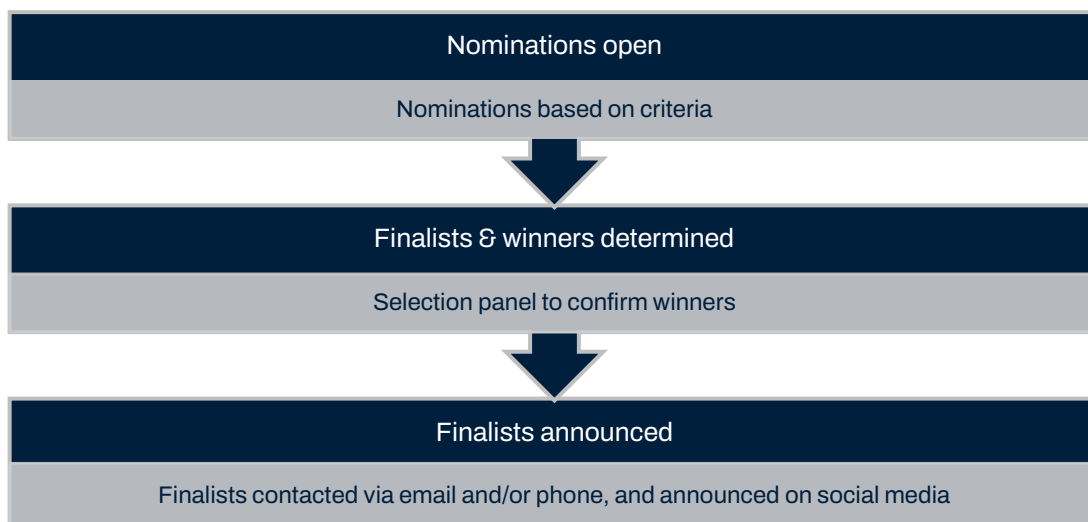
- Regional Shield
- Most Outstanding 30+ Tennis Master
- Most Outstanding Athlete with a Disability
- Eddie Machin – Junior Regional Male Athlete of the Year
- Anthony Richardson – Junior Regional Female Athlete of the Year
- Wendy Turnbull – Male Junior Athlete of the Year
- Wendy Turnbull – Female Junior Athlete of the Year
- Ashley Cooper Medal – Athlete of the Year

To nominate visit the [online portal](#) and select the appropriate award.

Activities	Timelines
Nominations close (excluding Most Outstanding Tournament)	Friday 5 th September 2025
Most Outstanding Tournament nominations close	Thursday 25 th September 2025
Successful and unsuccessful finalists notified via email Finalists to be announced on TQ social media	Monday 29 th September 2025
2025 Queensland Tennis Awards	Saturday 8 th November 2025

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PROCESS



Requirements of Award Recipients

- The successful recipients will be required to fulfill the following items upon reasonable request:
 - Photos and interviews at the Queensland Tennis Awards
 - Participate in marketing and promotional activities in the 12 months following the Awards
 - Participate in tennis pilot programs and initiatives, where applicable

Newcombe Medal, Australian Tennis Awards

- Where applicable and eligible, selected winners of the 2025 Queensland Tennis Awards will be nominated for the 2025 Newcombe Medal, Australian Tennis Awards.

Selection Panel

- The selection panel will be made up of area specialists and independent members.
- The selection panel in its absolute discretion will determine all decisions.

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NOMINATION FORM GUIDE

The following are required fields for all open award nominations. One [Nomination Form](#) is to be completed per nomination.

Please note there is a character limit of 1,200 applied to each open text field, however these fields have rich text formatting enabled, allowing bullet points, hyperlinks, etc.

Form Fields	
Award category	Select the category (one only) for which the nomination is being submitted
Nominee name	Full name of person, club, school, event etc being nominated
Nominee representative	Full name of person for correspondence if different to person specified in 'Nominee name' eg. If the nomination is for a club, school, or event, please state the best contact person for this nomination
Nominee TQ region	The TQ region in which the nominee resides
Nominee email address	Email of nominee for correspondence in relation to the outcome of the nomination
Nominee phone number	Phone number of the nominee should TQ require to follow up with the nominee
Please detail how the nominee demonstrates the tennis values (collaboration, excellence, humility, and imagination)	Appropriate and commendable attitude in line with the tennis values and vision
Supporting documentation	Attach a minimum of three high-resolution images, which accurately reflect the nominee Images will be used in promotional material should the nominee be selected as a finalist There may be additional supporting documents requested relevant to the award category. Please see criteria for more information.

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AWARD CRITERIA

The criteria identify the key factors in determining the finalists and winners of the 2025 Queensland Tennis Awards for the open categories. Please note, weightings have been identified to assist in understanding the importance of each criterion.

Most Outstanding Club

Eligibility:

- 2025 Tennis Queensland Affiliation Renewal completion

Supporting Documentation:

- Club/Venue Strategic/Action Plan
- Promotional/Marketing material
- Direct customer feedback, references and support letters

Criteria	Weightings
Program delivery	10%
Safeguarding children practices	15%
Attendance at Regional Assemblies	10%
Health Indicator of Tennis (HIT) Tool/action plan & rating	15%
Stakeholder engagement	10%
Key initiatives over the past 12 months	10%
Participant retention & growth over the past 12 months	10%
Digital enablement	10%
Tennis values & appropriate form completion	10%

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Coaching Excellence – Club

Eligibility:

- Tennis Australia Business coach member
- Deliver Tennis Hot Shots and Cardio Tennis

Criteria	Weightings
Links with a Tennis Queensland affiliate	10%
Staff with Tennis Australia coach membership	10%
Program delivery	15%
Participant retention	10%
Attendance at professional development opportunities, by Head Coach & coaching team	10%
School program delivery & conversion to club members	10%
Community engagement initiatives to drive participation & membership	10%
Internal & external competition opportunities coaching business has delivered/engaged in the past 12 months	15%
Tennis values & appropriate form completion	10%

Coaching Excellence – Development

Eligibility:

- Tennis Australia recognised qualification (High Performance/ Level 3 preferred)

Supporting Documentation:

- Player Development Program (to include, purpose, philosophy, player pathway)
- Player Program (to include, player profile, annual training & competition schedule, parental letter of support)

Criteria	Weightings
Program purpose & philosophy	5%
Level of athlete coached	15%
Events coach & athlete attended	15%
Ranking/ranking improvements of athlete coached	20%
Attendance at talent camps	5%
Attendance at professional development opportunities	15%
Athlete development planning	15%
Tennis values & appropriate form completion	10%

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Coaching Excellence – Performance

Eligibility:

- Tennis Australia recognised qualification (High Performance/ Level 3 preferred)

Supporting Documentation:

- Player Program (to include, player profile, coaching program, annual training & competition)

Criteria	Weightings
Assigned coach of athlete for at least 10 professional events	20%
Ranking/ranking improvements of athlete coached	50%
Annual training & competition schedule	20%
Tennis values & appropriate form completion	10%

Most Outstanding School

Eligibility:

- TQ partner school
- Engage a Tennis Australia qualified coach member, Sporting Schools endorsed deliverer or local affiliated tennis club

Criteria	Weightings
Principal support	5%
Available tennis programs/pathways for students	20%
Student retention in tennis programs	10%
Participation in school competitions	15%
Engagement with the local community	10%
Inclusiveness of programs	10%
Conversion of students to club members	20%
Tennis values & appropriate form completion	10%

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Most Outstanding Inclusion Initiative

Eligibility:

- Initiatives created by affiliates, partner programs, Local Government Authorities, volunteers, accredited coaches/officials

Criteria	Weightings
Number of participants	10%
Partners/community organisations	15%
Initiative benefits	20%
Sustainability of initiative	15%
Long-term goals of the initiative	15%
Community benefit	15%
Tennis values & appropriate form completion	10%

Most Outstanding Tournament

Eligibility:

- Listed on the Australian Competitive Play Calendar

Supporting Documentation:

- Supporting comments from tournament referee reports and participating parents/players/coaches

Criteria	Weightings
Participation numbers	25%
Marketing & promotion	15%
Tournament compliance	25%
Holistic tournament experience on and off court	25%
Tennis values & appropriate form completion	10%

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Excellence in Officiating

Eligibility:

- Tennis Australia Officials member

Criteria	Weightings
Official grade improvement over the past 12 months	10%
Key events & role official played at events	25%
Involvement in upskilling other officials	20%
Key achievements domestically/internationally	25%
Service to the sport	10%
Tennis values & appropriate form completion	10%

Geoffrey E. Griffith - Volunteer Achievement Award

Eligibility:

- Worked on an entirely voluntary basis during the award period

Supporting Documentation:

- Written endorsement to be provided by the club or centre management committee

Criteria	Weightings
Number of years' service	10%
Leadership qualities	15%
Inclusive practices	10%
Impact on the sport	25%
Key achievement & contribution to the community & sport over the past 12 months	30%
Tennis values & appropriate form completion	10%

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CONDITIONS OF NOMINATION

Application

- The award period for the 2025 Queensland Tennis Awards is September 2024 – August 2025.
- Nominations will only be accepted through internal assessment or the online form.
- Contact details provided as part of nominations will be used to forward correspondence to nominees advising selection as finalists and invitations to the Awards.
- Online nominations must include a minimum of three high-resolution images, which accurately reflect the nominee and will be used in promotional material should the nominee be selected as a finalist.
- Nominees must demonstrate a high level of integrity, which will be considered when assessing nominations.
- Claims made in nomination forms must be true and correct.
- TQ reserve the right to enter nominees for the awards.
- TQ reserve the right to withdraw a category or cancel an award if an insufficient number of nominations are received, the quality of nominations does not meet the criteria, or the nominations are deemed inappropriate for any reason.
- TQ reserve the right to withdraw a nomination based on any outstanding integrity issues.
- All nominations should reflect activities over the past 12 months.
- TQ accept no responsibility for nominations that are not received, delayed, incomplete or are lost due to a technical problem.
- TQ reserve the right to use nomination images and information during Queensland Tennis Awards marketing and promotion.
- By submitting information to us in relation to Nominations for the Tennis Queensland awards, you consent to the collection, storage, use and disclosure of personal information in accordance with the [tennis privacy statement](#) and the [tennis privacy policy](#) which contains information about how you may access and seek correction of your personal information, how you can complain about a breach of your privacy, and how the complaint will be dealt with.

Selection

- All decisions will be determined according to the outlined criteria and by a selection panel.
- All decisions are final, and no correspondence will be entered into.
- Advice will be provided to all nominees in writing if they have been successful or unsuccessful as a finalist, using the email address supplied on the nomination form.
- Successful finalists will be contacted by TQ and/or an external contractor, via email or phone, to request additional information and photographs, if necessary.