

Award Categories



2018/19 Tennis SA Awards

The Tennis SA Awards will recognise people across 11 categories, celebrating those who have encouraged, inspired and enabled others in the SA tennis community to get involved and inspired sporting achievements.

Nominations

The Award period for activities and performances to be considered is the past 12 months only (from when nominations closed on Friday 9 March 2018 - until Friday 29 March 2019).

To be eligible;

- All nominations must be received by 5pm Friday 29 March 2019
- and meet the [Nomination Terms and Conditions](#).

All applications must only be made directly online, via the > [nomination form](#).

The Nomination Process for the Australian Tennis Award

The winners of the State Award will become the nominee for the National Award.

Finalists

Panel assessment will begin once nominations have closed. All nominations will be assessed by an Awards Panel, with the Tennis SA Board endorsing the panel's recommendations.

Awards Dinner

An Awards Dinner will be held on Saturday 27 April 2019 at the Hilton Adelaide on Victoria Square to acknowledge the finalists and announce the award winners. > [Book dinner tickets here](#).

Award Categories and Nomination Criteria

Most Outstanding Tennis Club – City/Hills & Rural categories

To recognise an affiliated Tennis SA Club that has demonstrated considerable commitment and passion to their sport, benefiting the members and the wider community through their club's development or drive to implement new smart, green and or sustainable initiatives or activities.

This award has a particular focus on clubs that:

- Show financial sustainability through the [Operational Health Check](#)
- Demonstrate membership retention/growth via Member Association registration
- Deliver a range and quality of programs including pathways for junior tennis players, Fitbit Cardio Tennis, Community Play and ANZ Tennis Hot Shots tournaments and competitions

Volunteer Achievement Award – City/Hills & Rural categories

The volunteer often goes unrewarded for the many hours of work that they contribute to tennis. This award honours the volunteers within tennis, those people who foster relationships within and between their club and the community and for the contribution they make to the sport.

Nominees should demonstrate:

- Have fostered relationships within and between the club/association and the community
- Have made a considerable contribution to the sport, specifically in the area of delivering more active players
- Have performed various roles within the club/association

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Coaching Excellence – Club

This award recognises coaches that work within their local communities. The coach provides quality coaching programs, is actively involved in growing the game and provides competition opportunities for players to progress their game.

This award focuses on individuals who:

- Deliver a range of coaching programs (including ANZ Tennis Hot Shots, Fitbit Cardio Tennis, Talent Development and other coaching programs)
- Provide a transition pathway for coaching participants to Leagues and Tournaments and/or from schools to club and coaching programs
- Engage with qualified coaching staff and undertake professional development opportunities

Coaching Excellence – Talent Development

The Talent Development Coach is instrumental in developing successful high performance tennis players. In addition the coach will currently be coaching junior players who have achieved outstanding results, travels to tournaments with his/her players and be engaged in Talent initiatives.

This award focuses on individuals who:

- deliver a quality, holistic coaching program which focuses on the technical, tactical, physical and psychological development of high performance junior athletes – primarily 14 years and under
- demonstrate development of athletes by participation in State, National and International level events including but not limited to results, rankings and ranking improvement
- Attendance at Talent camps, Super 10s, and bridging programs
- attendance at professional development workshops.

Most Outstanding 35+ Tennis Senior

The mission of 35+ seniors tennis is to increase the playing opportunities and social interaction for tennis players of all standards over age 35. This award recognises involvement in 35+ seniors tennis as a player, administrator or both.

The recipient of this award should demonstrate:

- involvement in raising the public profile of 35+ seniors tennis through excellence in playing performance or administration
- behaviours that exhibit a high level of integrity.

Most Outstanding Inclusion Program

This award recognises and rewards the individuals, Clubs and Associations that go above and beyond to create and support inclusive tennis environments. They include the coaches, officials, parents and committee members who work behind the scenes to ensure everyone, regardless of their background or ability, is welcome in tennis.

Nominations should demonstrate:

- measurable benefits to the represented community and to tennis in general
- media and promotional activities undertaken prior, during and following the program
- engagement from additional organisations outside of tennis (e.g. advocate and representative groups, etc)
- sustainability of the program

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Most Outstanding School

Schools play an important role in the tennis community by introducing primary and secondary students to tennis and providing links to their local club and coach, in order to provide a pathway for opportunities to go to the next level.

This award has a particular focus on schools that:

- have an alignment with a Tennis Australia qualified coach
- have strong links with the local club and coach and have incorporated tennis part of the curriculum
- demonstrate their embracement of tennis into the school environment including teachers (professional development, implementation and relationship building with external partners) and students (leadership values, registration and enthusiasm for the sport)
- perform in the respective team tennis competition

Most Outstanding AR Tournament & Event categories

The Most Outstanding Australian Ranking (AR) Tournament category is selected from an Australian Money Tournament (AMT), Australian Junior Tour Event or Australian ITF Junior Event. For the Most Outstanding Event category, this is selected from any South Australian event (individual tournament or team's competition). These events are the stepping stones for players to develop their games.

This award focuses on events that:

- offers a complete package of on- and off-court activities and player amenities to a high standard allowing for a positive tournament atmosphere
- implemented strategies to engage local sponsors, media attention and community involvement.

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Further Information

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