



TENNIS SA
Awards

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2019/20 Tennis SA Awards

Nominations are now open for the annual Tennis SA awards.

Held on Saturday 4 April at the InterContinental Adelaide Grand Ballroom, the Tennis SA Awards Dinner will celebrate and recognise players, coaches, clubs, communities, volunteers and officials for their service to the sport in South Australia.

Along with the presentation of State League and Metro League premiership winners and runners up, awards will be presented in the following 23 categories:

Open awards

- Most Outstanding 35+ Tennis Senior
- Most Outstanding Competition - City/Hills
- Most Outstanding Competition - Rural
- Most Outstanding Tennis Club - City/Hills
- Most Outstanding Tennis Club - Rural
- Volunteer Achievement Award - City/Hills
- Volunteer Achievement Award - Rural
- Coaching Excellence - Talent Development
- Coaching Excellence - Club
- Most Outstanding School
- Most Outstanding Inclusion Program
- Most Outstanding Australian Ranking Tournament

Closed awards

- Boyce Award (best and fairest female tennis player)
- Burr Award (best and fairest male tennis player)
- Gwen Thiele Memorial Trophy (best female 18-and-under tennis player)
- Don Turnbull Memorial Trophy (best male 18-and-under tennis player)
- State League Players of the Year
- State League Fair Play Awards
- Metro League Strike Rate Awards
- Most Outstanding Athlete with a Disability
- Excellence in Officiating
- Most Outstanding Council or Government Department
- Most Outstanding Event



Nominations

How to nominate:

To make a nomination, simply [CLICK HERE](#)

What you will need:

- Nominee's full details
- Nominator's full details
- Photo of nominee
- Description on why they are being nominated (max 500 words)
- Any supporting documentation (optional)

Nomination period:

The Tennis SA award period for activities and performances to be considered is the past 12 months only (from when previous year's nominations closed on Friday 29 March 2019 until midnight Sunday 8 March 2020).

To be eligible:

- All nominations must be received by midnight Sunday 8 March 2020
- All nominations must meet the Nomination Terms and Conditions (at the base of this document)

Newcombe Medal, Australian Tennis Awards:

The winners of the Tennis SA State Awards will become the nominee for the corresponding category at the Newcombe Medal, Australian Tennis Awards.

Finalists:

- Panel assessment will begin on Monday 9 March 2020 with finalists being announced on Thursday 12 March 2020.
- All nominations will be assessed by an awards panel, with the Tennis SA Board endorsing the panel's recommendations.



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Tennis SA Awards Dinner

The Tennis SA Awards Dinner will be held on Saturday 4 April at the InterContinental Adelaide Grand Ballroom.

Date: Saturday 4 April 2020

Time: 6.30 pm arrival, 7.00 pm-11.00 pm

Venue: Grand Ballroom, InterContinental Adelaide, North Terrace, Adelaide

Dress: Cocktail/Lounge Suit

Includes: Three course meal and a four-hour beverage package, live entertainment, door prize, raffle and auction

Cost: \$100 per person, or \$950 for a table of 10

Bookings close: 11.30 pm Tuesday 24 March 2020

Book your tickets [HERE](#)



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Award Categories and Nomination Criteria

For the Open Award categories, nomination criteria can be found below:

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.

Eligibility criteria

- Open to all players and administrators who are current members of Tennis Seniors South Australia

Selection criteria

The recipient of this award should demonstrate:

- Continued involvement in 35+ Seniors Tennis over a prolonged period of time as a player or administrator
- Involvement in raising the public profile of 35+ seniors tennis through excellence in playing performance or administration
- Demonstrated a high level of integrity in all circumstances, on and off the court.



Award Categories and Nomination Criteria

Most Outstanding Competition - City/Hills and Rural categories (two awards)

This award recognises a competition that has demonstrated commitment to inclusivity and diversity, ensuring that players of all ages, abilities and backgrounds have access to a variety of competitive playing options. This competition will also show evidence of innovation, growth and retention, along with a willingness to embrace online technology.

Eligibility criteria

The competition must show that it:

- Is run by either an association, club, centre, coach or school that is affiliated with Tennis SA
- Is an ongoing or season-based competition, not a one-off event

Selection criteria

Nominees for the Most Outstanding Competition must show:

- Growth of the competition season on season, and steps taken to measure and monitor retention
- Demonstrated commitment to inclusivity and diversity of competitors
- Innovation and efficiency of administration and operations, and ease of accessibility and engagement of online technology by participants
- Focus on providing level based play opportunities using objective methods (ie. Player rating system)
- Appropriate age guidelines for junior competitions
- Overall positive and engaging environment instilling a sense of identity and belonging
- Actively seek feedback from participants to contribute to continual growth and improvement



Award Categories and Nomination Criteria

Most Outstanding Tennis Club - City/Hills and Rural categories (two awards)

Tennis clubs and centres provide facilities and programs to the community that get people playing tennis. This award recognises clubs that have an inviting culture, are accessible to the public, have implemented Tennis Australia programs and have increased competitive opportunities for players.

Eligibility criteria

The Tennis Club must show that it:

- Is affiliated with Tennis SA
- Employs/engages qualified Tennis Australia coach members or is a Community Play Venue.
- Has completed the Tennis Australia Operational Health Check
- Has implemented Tennis Australia participation programs and competitions providing a range of opportunities to the whole community
- Has actively engaged with underrepresented groups (ie. people with disabilities, Indigenous Australians, multicultural communities, lower socio-economic communities, people who identify as LGBTI) to ensure the club is inclusive for diverse communities.
- Uses a range of Tennis (or equivalent) systems, e.g.: My Tennis, League Manager, Tournaments Planner
- Is accessible to the broader community, allowing for public court hire
- Has a partnership with a local school through the School Partnership Program or School Play Program

Selection criteria

- 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, Cardio Tennis, Community Play and ANZ Tennis Hot Shots tournaments and competitions



Award Categories and Nomination Criteria

Volunteer Achievement Award – City/Hills and Rural categories (two awards)

The volunteer often goes unrewarded for the many hours of work they contribute to tennis. This award honours the volunteers within tennis who foster relationships within and between their club and the community, and recognises the contribution they make to the sport, specifically in the area of delivering more active players.

Eligibility criteria

Nominees must show they:

- Work on an entirely voluntary basis and have done so for the 12 months prior to nomination
- Are supported by at least one member of the current management committee by providing documented evidence to substantiate meeting the selection criteria (eg. letters of thanks, supporting evidence from current administrators of the club/association, publications depicting the nominee's position within the club/association)

Selection criteria

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



Award Categories and Nomination Criteria

Coaching Excellence - Talent Development

The Talent Development Coach is instrumental in developing successful high performance tennis players. 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.

Eligibility criteria

To be eligible for consideration, the nominee must:

- Be delivering a quality, holistic coaching program which focuses on the technical, tactical, physical and psychological development of high performance junior athletes;
- Be currently coaching junior athletes who have achieved outstanding results during the award period (i.e. State, National or International level athletes);
- Travel to tournaments with his/her high performance junior athletes;
- All nominees must hold a Tennis Australia recognised qualification (High performance preferred) and be an accredited Tennis Australia Coach Member, combined with appropriate screenings*

*Appropriate screenings include:

- Working with Children Check – relevant to South Australia
- National Police Check.

Selection criteria

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 -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



Award Categories and Nomination Criteria

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.

Eligibility criteria

To be eligible for consideration, the nominee must:

- Be a current Tennis Australia qualified or business coach member
- Be an ANZ Tennis Hot Shots and/or Cardio Tennis deliverer
- Be delivering quality coaching programs and providing holistic pathways which cater for the needs of players within their community
- Actively seek to engage underrepresented groups in tennis (ie. people with disability, Indigenous Australians, multicultural communities, lower socio-economic communities, people who identify as LGBTI)
- All nominees must hold a Tennis Australia recognised qualification and be an accredited Tennis Australia Coach Member, combined with appropriate screenings*

*Appropriate screenings include:

- Working with Children Check – relevant to South Australia
- National Police Check.

Selection criteria

This award focuses on individuals who:

- Deliver a range of coaching programs (including ANZ Tennis Hot Shots, 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
- Current financial Tennis Australia member



Award Categories and Nomination Criteria

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.

Eligibility criteria

The school must demonstrate:

- Tennis is incorporated into the health and physical education curriculum via the School Partnership Program or other means
- A Tennis Australia qualified coach is connected with the school
- It has a dedicated staff member assigned to tennis
- Tennis is supported by the principal and driven by the teachers
- Intra and/or inter school competition pathway is being delivered
- ANZ Tennis Hot Shots or Cardio Tennis is incorporated in the school curriculum (if appropriate)
- There is a link with the Tennis SA Club Development Officer and/or Schools Coordinator
- It is an official National Schools Partnership Program venue (if appropriate) and demonstrated links between the school, coach and local club
- Students are a part of the Tennis Australia National Pathway (if appropriate)

Selection criteria

This award has a particular focus on schools that:

- 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



Award Categories and Nomination Criteria

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.

Eligibility criteria

Clearly represent at least one of the following:

- Socioeconomic disadvantaged communities
- Indigenous Australians
- Culturally and linguistically diverse (CALD) communities
- Geographically isolated communities
- Persons with disabilities
- Is affiliated with a Tennis SA club/association/body or a registered Sporting School
- Complied with all rules and regulations set by Tennis SA and Tennis Australia
- Has delivered tangible and measurable benefits to the represented community and to tennis in general
- Has a lasting effect on the wider community beyond the direct beneficiaries of the program
- All participants of the program, or the person nominated, is registered in MyTennis
- Use the inclusion program (or effort made by the person) to integrate/assimilate to the club/community (ie. Running a deaf tennis program well but at the same time, engaging other club members too)

Selection criteria

- 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



Award Categories and Nomination Criteria

Most Outstanding Australian Ranking Tournament

The Most Outstanding Australian Ranking (AR) Tournament category is selected from an Australian Money Tournament (AMT) or Australian Junior Tournament. These events are the stepping stones for players to develop their games. The recipient of this award will have offered a complete package of on- and off-court activities and player amenities to a high standard, allowing for a positive tournament atmosphere, and implemented strategies to engage local sponsors, media attention and community involvement.

Eligibility criteria

To be eligible for consideration for the Most Outstanding Australian Ranking Tournament, the tournament must show that it:

- Is an Australian Money Tournament or Australian Junior Tournament
- Held the final day of the tournament between the award period
- Is a Tennis Australia sanctioned event and is affiliated with Tennis SA
- Has complied with all rules and regulations as set by Tennis Australia and Tennis SA
- Fulfilled all officiating requirements or gone above to provide their own accredited officials
- Used the tournament software program (Tournament Planner) and Tennis Australia integrated online registration system to ensure efficient administration
- Has a pro-active tournament committee

Selection criteria

- 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.