***Most Outstanding Club or Centre***

Award period: 1 March 2023 – 29 February 2024

Eligibility criteria

The nominee may be self-nominated (Club or Centre, herein referred to as affiliate) or nominated by a stakeholder e.g. local government, coach, member or participant.

To be eligible for consideration, the nominee must:

* Be affiliated with Tennis Victoria
* Employs/engages qualified Tennis Australia coach members or is a Community Play Venue.
* Has no outstanding moneys due with Tennis Victoria
* Has no matters impacting on the suitability on the nominee as per Tennis Australia Integrity records
* Not be the winner of the 2023 Victorian Tennis Awards – Most Outstanding Club or Centre

Assessment criteria

The selection panel will consider the following in assessing nominations:

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| **No.** | **Description** |
| 1 | Has completed a club/venue health assessment with Tennis Victoria via the Health Indicator of Tennis (HIT) Tool and have an action, business or strategic plan with a particular focus on driving increased activity, financial health and quality facilities of the venue. |
| 2 | Creates a safe, inclusive and thriving tennis community enabling more people to play more often through good governance, leadership & development, committee/management training, child safety and succession planning. |
| 3 | The range and quality of programming opportunities for all players |
| 4 | The level of stakeholder engagement and strength of relationships the club or centre holds to assist in continuing to grow and develop i.e. the club and coach relationship, local government,  community partnerships, Tennis Victoria |
| 5 | Demonstration of retention and participation growth (number of unique participants) including pathways for junior and adult tennis players |
| 6 | Is your club digitally enabled? Please click the relevant digital tools your club or centre uses: |
| 7 | When thinking about the nomination period, what is the highlight for the club/centre that you are most proud of? What makes the club/centre the most outstanding? |

**All** nominations for the 2024 Victorian Community Tennis Awards are to be submitted online via [the Tennis Victoria website.](https://www.tennis.com.au/vic/victoriantennisawards)

**The form on page 3 of this document can be used to collate your nomination information before submitting online. The online submission will not save your information as you go and must be completed in one attempt. Please note word restrictions are in place to keep nominations succinct.**

Only information provided via the online nomination portal and the supporting information attached to the submission will be considered by the selection panel. A maximum of three (3) attachments may be submitted. One **must** be a high-resolution photo of the nominee. If the nomination is named as a finalist, this image will be used for event collateral related to the Victorian Tennis Awards.

Tennis Victoria reserves the right to submit nominations for each award category.

All decisions in relation to the 2024 Victorian Community Tennis Awards (including any questions in relation to eligibility) will be determined by the selection panel in its absolute discretion. All decisions are final, and no correspondence will be entered into.

***Timeline***

* The award period is 1 March 2023 – 29 February 2024
* Nominations Open – Thursday 29 February 2024
* Nominations Close – 10am Tuesday 2 April 2024
* All finalists will be notified in writing by Monday 29 April 2024
* Awards will be presented at the Victorian Community Tennis Awards on Thursday 23 May 2024

***Requirements of award recipients***

Finalists will be entitled to two (2) free of charge tickets to attend the Victorian Community Tennis Awards event. Further tickets will be available for purchase subject to capacity.

Successful recipients may be required to participate in marketing and promotional activities in the 12 months following the award.

The winner of this award will be nominated for the national Most Outstanding Club or Venue award to be presented at the 2024 Newcombe Medal (Australian Tennis Awards).

***Nomination form***

Provide your responses below, addressing the criteria.

Please limit responses to strictly 300 words per criteria. Award judges will not assess nomination material which go outside of these parameters.

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| 2 | Creates a safe, inclusive and thriving tennis community enabling more people to play more often through good governance, leadership & development, committee/management training, child safety and succession planning. |
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| 3 | The range and quality of programming opportunities for all players including pathways for junior  and adult tennis players, Hot Shots, Cardio Tennis, social opportunities, tournaments, and +  competitions |
| |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | | **Program** | **Is the program offered at your club or centre?** | **Participation numbers**  (list the participation numbers of the below programs) | | Tennis Hot Shots | Yes  No |  | | Cardio Tennis | Yes  No |  | | Casual Court Hire/Book a Court | Yes  No |  | | Tennis 4 Teens | Yes  No |  | | Social tennis | Yes  No |  | | Club competition | Yes  No |  | | Tournaments incl. UTR | Yes  No |  | | School Partnership / Positive Start program | Yes  No |  | | Future Leaders | Yes ☐ No ☐ |  | | Diversity and Inclusion Programs (ie. Blind and Low Vision, wheelchair tennis, multicultural, etc) | Yes ☐ No ☐ |  | | Other (please specify below) |  |  | |
| 4 | The level of stakeholder engagement and strength of relationships the affiliate holds to assist in continuing to grow and develop i.e. the club and coach relationship, local government,  community partnerships, Tennis Victoria |
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| 5 | Demonstration of retention and recruitment of players and volunteers and participation growth (number of unique participants) including pathways for junior and adult tennis players |
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| 6 | Is your venue digitally enabled? Please click the relevant digital tools your club uses: |
| Clubspark / membership management system  Book a Court /Igloohome Lock/ Court Hire system  Social media  Website  Online payment for services  Other (please specify below) |
| 7 | When thinking about the nomination period, what is the highlight for the club/centre that you are most proud of? What makes the club/centre the most outstanding? |
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\*\* Complete responses in space provided before pasting into the online submission portal. Two (2) additional supporting documents and one (1) nominee image may be attached separately in the online submission\*\*