***Most Outstanding Club or Centre***

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:

* Is affiliated with Tennis Victoria
* Employs/engages qualified Tennis Australia coach members or is a Community Play Venue.
* 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.: Club Spark, 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

Assessment criteria

The selection panel will consider the following in assessing nominations:

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| **No.** | **Description** |
| 1 | Demonstration of participation growth (number of unique participants) |
| 2 | The range and quality of programs delivered including pathways for junior tennis players, Hot Shots, Cardio Tennis, social opportunities, tournaments, and competitions |
| 3 | Strategic planning for the club, with particular respect to infrastructure planning, operational programming and committee/management training and succession planning |
| 4 | The level of stakeholder engagement and strength of relationships the club holds to assist in continuing to grow the club i.e. local government, community partnerships |
| 5 | The level of club accessibility to the different user groups including but not limited to Schools, diverse community user groups, community outreach (away from physical club location) |
| 6 | Demonstrated engagement with diverse communities (people with disabilities, Indigenous Australians, multicultural communities, lower socio-economic communities, people who identify as LGBTI) to facilitate their meaningful involvement in tennis. |
| 7 | Evidence of the welcoming environment that the club provides i.e. hosting a free tennis day, initiatives to welcome new participants |
| 8 | The direct customer feedback the club has received via independent responses from customers and members. Responses and references should be provided as part of submission |
| 9 | In the nomination period of 2019 to 2021, what was the highlight for this club or centre that you as the nominator are most proud of? |

**All** nominations for the 2021 Victorian Tennis Awards are to be submitted online via the links listed at [https://www.tennis.com.au/vic/news-and-events/victoriantennisawards/overview](https://www.tennis.com.au/vic/news-and-events/victoriantennisawards/overview%20%20%20%0d)

**The nomination form on page 3 of this document must be completed for your nomination to be assessed**.

Only information provided in the nomination forms and the supporting information attached to the submission will be considered by the selection panel.  For nomination forms and relevant supporting information to be considered, proposers **must** submit this information via the online process. A maximum of four (4) attachments may be submitted. One **must** be a high resolution photo of the nominee.

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

All decisions in relation to the 2021 Victorian 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 August 2019 – 31 August 2021
* Nominations Open – Thursday 5 August 2021
* Nominations Close – 11.59pm on Sunday 29 August 2021
* All finalists will be notified in writing on Thursday 16 September 2021
* Awards will be presented at the Victoria Tennis Awards on Tuesday 19 October 2021

Requirements of award recipients

Finalists of this award will be required to assist in the filming of a short video clip to be shown at the Victorian Tennis Awards Night. The finalists are encouraged to provide an opportunity for Tennis Victoria to attend and film the club/centre that displays activity at the venue with key members of the committee/management and coaching team available to speak. Some examples of previous winners of this award are [Mt Eliza Tennis Club](https://youtu.be/E-RvUZJtzSc), [Boroondara Tennis Centre](https://youtu.be/K8L9ymAhiGc) and [West Lalor Tennis Club](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=V9-3QPe12II).

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 Tennis Club or Centre award to be presented at the 2021 Newcombe Medal.

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

***Nomination form:***

Provide your responses below, addressing each aspect of the criteria.

Please limit responses to 500 words per criteria.

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\*\* Complete responses in space provided above and attach supporting documentation separately\*\*