Most Outstanding Inclusion Initiative

Eligibility criteria

This award is to recognise an outstanding inclusion initiative within the Victorian Tennis Community. Nominations are welcome from Tennis Victoria affiliates, partner programs of Tennis Victoria, Local Government Authorities or Tennis Australia qualified coaches, who go above and beyond to create and support inclusive tennis environments for underrepresented\* groups.

\*Underrepresented groups include but are not limited to;

* People with a physical/and or intellectual disability
* Culturally and Linguistically Diverse (CALD) communities
* Older Adults (65+)
* People who identify as LGBTI+
* Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islanders
* Geographically isolated communities.

Selection Criteria

The selection panel will consider the following in assessing nominations:

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| **No.** | **Description** |
| 1 | Measurable benefits to the underrepresented group and to tennis in general |
| 2 | Promotional activities undertaken prior, during and following the program |
| 3 | Engagement from additional organisations/partners outside of tennis (e.g. advocate and representative groups, etc) |
| 4 | Sustainability of the program |
| 5 | The initiative provides a pathway into ongoing participation |

**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 representing the program.

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 Victorian Tennis Awards on Tuesday 19 October 2021

***Requirements of award recipients***

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

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 no more than 500 words per criteria.

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| **No.** | **Description** |
| 1 | Please describe the measurable benefits to the underrepresented groups. |
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| 2 | What promotional activities did you undertake to attract participants, during the program and following the programs completion? |
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| 3 | Did you engage with any additional organisations or partners outside of tennis eg advocate or representative groups |
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| 4 | Please describe the sustainability of the program. |
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| 5 | How has the initiative provided an opportunity to ongoing participation? |
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| 6 | From 2019-2021, what was the highlight of this program that you as the nominator are most proud of? |
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\*\* Complete responses in space provided above and upload supporting documentation separately\*\*