***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 a Member Association (MA)
* 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

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 | The results of the Operational Health Check compared to the average range for a club of its size |
| 4 | Strategic planning for the club, with particular respect to infrastructure planning, operational programming and committee/management training and succession planning |
| 5 | 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 |
| 6 | 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) |
| 7 | 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. |
| 8 | Evidence of the welcoming environment that the club provides i.e. hosting a free tennis day, initiatives to welcome new participants |
| 9 | 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 |
| 10 | In 2018/19, what was the highlight for this club or centre that you as the nominator are most proud of? |

**All** nominations for the 2019 Victorian Tennis Awards are to be submitted online via the links listed at

[https://www.tennis.com.au/vic/news-and-events/champions-dinner/victorian-tennis-awards.](https://www.tennis.com.au/vic/news-and-events/champions-dinner/victorian-tennis-awards. )

**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 2019 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 2018 – 31 July 2019.
* Nominations Open – Monday 22 July 2019
* Nominations Close – 12pm on Tuesday 13 August 2019
* All finalists will be notified in writing on Tuesday 3 September 2019
* Awards will be presented at the Tennis Victoria [Champions Dinner](https://www.tennis.com.au/vic/news-and-events/champions-dinner/the-event) on Friday 18 October 2019.

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 Tennis Victoria Champions Dinner. 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 2019 Newcombe Medal.

Finalists will be entitled to one free of charge ticket to attend the Champions Dinner event. Further tickets are available for purchase. [Click here](https://www.tennis.com.au/vic/files/2019/06/Booking-form.pdf) for the booking form.

***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\*\*