

Tennis Australia Community Venue Accessibility Framework

How to use

- Venues can be audited using the Framework used as a guide to:
 - o Identify priority areas for investment
 - o Communicate levels of accessibility by identifying potential barriers to players
 - o Promote accessibility including recommendations beyond current DDA legislation
- This Framework does not consider venue management or the provision of coaches / delivers
- The blank template (p. 2) can be used to audit venues and identify strengths and weaknesses to determine accessibility

Definitions

- **Thoroughfares** - a road or path forming a route between two places
- **DDA** – Disability Discrimination Act (1992) is an act passed by Parliament of Australia prohibiting discrimination against persons with disabilities
- **Building Code of Australia** – technical provisions for the design and construction of buildings / structures in Australia
- **Premises Standards** – standards applying to buildings covered by building classifications in the Building Code of Australia
- **Ambulant** – a person able to walk around

Priority Requirements	Component	Accessible	Partially accessible	Inaccessible
	Courts	Easy entry and exit via hard, flat, wide surfaces or low ramps. Players have space to change ends with no obstacles (e.g. lighting poles) and run offs are sufficient. Access to courts is preferably via the same route as able bodied players.	Manageable entry and exit however assistance may be required with barriers such as steps, gates, or changing ends. Access to the courts may only be possible via separate entrance or to only specific courts.	Inaccessible without significant physical assistance and / or significant obstacles on court preventing play (e.g. changing ends).
	Clubhouse	Easy entry and exit via hard, flat, wide surfaces or low ramps. With toilet facilities viewed independently as a core function, all other common areas meet DDA building code standards.	Manageable entry and exit however assistance may be required. With toilet facilities viewed independently as a core function, a sufficient range of common areas can be accessed.	Inaccessible without significant physical assistance and / or areas that can be accessed are significantly restricted.
	Amenities	Dedicated disabled, ambulant or Changing Places facilities are available or accessible sanitary facilities in place that meet DDA building code standards.	Toilets are large enough to fit a chair / mobility aid / carer, or accessible by a person with an ambulant disability with appropriate fixtures and fittings in place (e.g. grab rails, hooks, toilet roll holder, lock).	Inaccessible without significant physical assistance and / or insufficient space to allow for mobility aids, equipment or carer(s).
	Parking / public transport	Designated disabled parking bay(s) are available or equivalent options with clear signage and where possible close proximity to venue. If parking does not exist at the venue there is an accessible public transport link in close proximity.	The venue can only be accessed by designated drop off / pick up or there is limited car parking without designated areas or signage for disabled users. Parking may also be located at a distance from the venue or have barriers such as kerbs where assistance is required.	Inaccessible or unsafe to access without significant physical assistance due to absence of parking, no a designated pick up / drop off zone or available public transport.
	Thoroughfares	Thoroughfares are fully accessible around the venue, noting assistance may be required transporting sports chairs. Paths of travel (doorways, corridors) meet DDA building code standards with 'footpaths' included under legislation (Premises Standards). Signage is in place and there are clear lines of passage for those with both mobility and visual impairments.	Some potential barriers may be observed around the venue, for example: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Placement of equipment / structures • Overhanging trees or vegetation • Roots causing uneven surfaces / kerbs • Utilisation for purposes creating a barrier (e.g. building works). Corridors and doorways to all areas may not be wide enough or allow enough turning space. 	Inaccessible without significant physical assistance and / or unsafe due to potential barriers discussed.
	Equipment	A minimum of four sports chairs are available chairs as required. Spare equipment consisting of tubes, tyres, pumps, straps and repair kits is kept on site. The venue has an up to date first aid kit and defibrillator that is easily located.	At least one sports chair is available as required. Some spare equipment (tubes, tyres, pumps, straps and repair kits) is kept on site. The venue has an up to date first aid kit and defibrillator.	No sports chairs are available as required and there is not any spare equipment on site for players who visit. The venue should have a first aid kit but may not have a defibrillator.

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