

# LTA TENNIS AWARDS: 2019 JUDGING CRITERIA

Nominations will be judged against the criteria and, with the exception of the Lifetime Achievement award, are for achievements made in 2019.

## LIFETIME ACHIEVEMENT AWARD – THE NOMINEE:

1. Has made a significant contribution to tennis over a number of years
2. Has opened up tennis to enable more people to play and enjoy tennis
3. Has shown excellent teamwork and/or leadership
4. Has shown consideration of diversity, inclusion and safeguarding

The individual's contributions can be in any capacity including (but not limited to) within a club, community, school, University or park venue. Their contributions will likely have been largely in a voluntary capacity but may include some paid work. Examples may include (but not limited to) within club leadership or administration, coaching, competitions, events.

## VOLUNTEER OF THE YEAR – THE NOMINEE:

1. Has done something of note in 2019 to benefit their club, community, school, University or park venue in a voluntary capacity at any level
2. Has directly or indirectly helped or inspired others to play or get involved in tennis
3. Has shown great teamwork and/or leadership
4. Has shown consideration of diversity, inclusion and safeguarding

The individual's contributions can be in any voluntary capacity including (but not limited to) in club leadership or administration, coaching, competitions or events

## YOUNG PERSON OF THE YEAR - THE NOMINEE:

1. Is aged 13 to 18 on 31st December 2019
2. Has made a positive contribution to tennis in 2019, on or off court - helping others to enjoy tennis
3. Has developed their own skills in some way during 2019
4. Has shown excellent teamwork and/or leadership
5. Has shown an awareness of diversity, inclusion and safeguarding

The individual's contributions can be in any voluntary or paid capacity including (but not limited to) as a club volunteer, tennis leader, assistant coach, competition organiser, or administrative helper. This could be in any setting including in a club, community, school or park venue.

## COACH OF THE YEAR – THE NOMINEE:

1. Holds LTA Accreditation or Accreditation +
2. Has made a significant contribution to a successful programme and/or to the development of a player or group of players in 2019
3. Has made tennis more welcoming and accessible with consideration of diversity, inclusion and safeguarding
4. Has shown excellent and innovative on-court delivery and customer service with a commitment to personal development
5. Has shown great teamwork and leadership skills, developing other coaches or leaders

The individual could be a coach working at a club or community level, or could be a performance coach (or both). There is the option to award both a Club and Community Coach of the Year and a Performance Coach of the Year should the panel feel appropriate.

## CLUB OF THE YEAR - THE NOMINEE:

1. Is an LTA registered venue which has met Safeguarding Standards
2. Has provided quality tennis opportunities and has achieved something of note in 2019\*
3. Has opened up tennis to new players and made it welcoming, accessible and inclusive
4. Is well managed and is creative in its approach

The club could be a traditional members club, a commercial club, a community tennis centre or a club on a park site. The key is that it has a membership and behaves and feels like a club.

\* examples of achievements might include (but not limited to): facility improvements, more members, more non-member players, better financial position, raising funds, more community links, additional activities, leadership in safeguarding practices

## COMMUNITIES AND PARKS AWARD - THE NOMINEE:

1. Is a venue, group, organisation, programme or individual that has provided tennis opportunities to a community or park
2. Has opened up tennis in 2019 and made it welcoming and accessible to players of all ages, abilities and backgrounds, demonstrating excellent safeguarding standards
3. Is creative in approach and has achieved something of note in 2019\*

The delivery of tennis could be within any setting including (but not limited to) a community centre, an education or religious establishment, a SERVES site, a park or recreational ground, or across sites or venues

\* examples could include (but not limited to): facility improvement, more players or members, player success, new links with local groups, clubs and schools, raising funds, additional activities

## EDUCATION AWARD – THE NOMINEE:

1. Is an educational establishment
2. Has offered a significant and varied programme of tennis coaching and competitions in 2019 to a large proportion of students/pupils
3. Has offered students/pupils the chance to develop their (life) skills through tennis and given them opportunities to achieve success
4. Has shown great teamwork and leadership
5. Has developed great links with the community and local tennis venues

The nominee can be any educational establishment including schools (primary or secondary), colleges or universities.

## DISABILITY AWARD – THE NOMINEE:

1. Any venue, group, organisation or programme that has made a significant contribution to opening tennis up to players with a disability in 2019
2. Has made tennis relevant and accessible to people with a disability or long-term health condition, taking either a pan-disability approach or an impairment specific one
3. Has made an impact on the community and achieved something of note in 2019\*
4. Has shown strong leadership and demonstrated excellent safeguarding practices

\* examples could include (but not limited to): facility improvement, more players or members, player success, new links with local groups, clubs and schools, raising funds, additional activities

## OFFICIAL OF THE YEAR – THE NOMINEE:

1. Is an LTA Licensed Official (Referee, Umpire or Court Supervisor)
2. Shown an outstanding contribution to tennis, going above and beyond their role
3. Is a role model who showed quality delivery and/or customer service in 2019
4. Has shown consideration of diversity, inclusion and safeguarding
5. Has shown personal development

## COMPETITION OF THE YEAR - THE NOMINEE:

1. Is any type of tournament or competition of any level that has been outstanding in its organisation and delivery in 2019
2. Has been welcoming and enjoyable for players, spectators, and/or fans, whilst demonstrating excellent safeguarding practices
3. Has been well organised, with strong leadership and teamwork;
4. Has shown innovation with good promotion, off court ideas and activities, and linked up well with local clubs, groups, coaches and communities

The competition could be an event or series of events for players of any age or ability including (but not limited to): Team Challenge, Quorn Cup or inter-club leagues; club or park-based competitions such as Local Tennis Leagues; higher level junior or adult events including County Championships, seniors tennis or a professional tour event.