

# TENNIS NZ LIFE MEMBESHIP NOMINATION

## TE TOHU TAUMATA

*The summit, outstanding, remarkable (leadership of the sport)*



### Guidelines for making Nominations: Please read In conjunction with the Criteria

This honour is Life Member under the Tennis NZ Constitution. Those conferred this honour have led the sport of tennis at international or pre-eminent national level and are exemplified by the following benchmarks:

- Ko te Mana Rangatira - Leadership in Tennis
- Ko te Mana Hiranga – Excellence in Tennis
- Te Mana Motuhake - Legacy in Tennis

Within these paramount benchmarks are the following criteria: Excellence on the world stage and leaving an international legacy through playing, administration, officiating, coaching and other service, a high degree of professionalism, dedication, hard work, ethical behaviour and role inspiration.

#### NOMINATION & AWARD PROCESS

**Nominator** Nominations may be made by a Voting Member of Tennis NZ or by the Board of Tennis NZ.

**Closing date** Nominations must be received by 5.00pm 31 July 2025. *Late applications will not be accepted.*

**Nominations** Nominations must be made on the Te Tohu Taumata / Life Membership Nomination Form and may be submitted electronically or in print form. The responsibility for completing the nomination form rests with the nominator (signing the form) who accepts responsibility for the accuracy of material provided – *if there is uncertainty about any details this must be clearly stated.* Adequate time should be given to collecting and checking material (4-6 weeks). Supporting information should cover the most important points and be clearly outlined. Comments on the form should be kept within the spaces provided.

**Tennis CV** A separate 'Tennis CV' must be attached to the nomination. This should list the nominee's involvement in Tennis, including details of different activities, years and the entities where these occurred. *The nominator is responsible for ensuring all information provided is accurate. Where information is unable to be verified, this must be clearly stated.*

**Consideration** Nominations will initially be forwarded to the Tennis NZ Honours Selection Panel which will consider the nominations and report to the Board by the October 2025 meeting. The Panel is not able to enter into discussion regarding a nomination. *As the outcome is not initially known, it is desirable that nominees are unaware of their nomination.*

**Advice** The Board will then consider whether to nominate the proposed recipient for approval by the Members at the following AGM, November 2025, and will advise the nominator of the outcome.

**Award** If the Board decides to nominate the nominee at the AGM, the Chair of Tennis NZ will advise the nominee that the Board will move the nomination at the Tennis NZ AGM. If the Members at the AGM then approve the nomination, the Chair of Tennis NZ will then confer Te Tohu Taumata on the recipient. A citation shall be read outlining the nominee's service and the new award holder will be invited to respond.

## HELPFUL TIPS FOR COMPLETING THE NOMINATION FORM

*The following ideas are provided as a guide to assist you when making a nomination. **They are not intended to cover all possibilities or to predetermine an outcome.***

### Outstanding contribution nationally and/or internationally

An important consideration is likely to be whether a nominee has been involved in **MORE THAN ONE ASPECT** of the sport and has achieved to a **HIGH LEVEL** in each. 'Quantity' is not a determinant on its own while 'quality' in more than one area may make a difference. Consider the 'impact' the person has had at many different levels of the game. If making a nomination, you should ask yourself:

***How does this person's service and contribution make them stand out from others who have a similar Tennis background? What impact have they made on the Game nationally and/or internationally?***

So what does this mean? Here are some thoughts for you to consider in different categories:

- Suppose the nominee is an international player

*This does not, of course, mean the nominee should automatically be granted Life Membership. So, think about what might make such a player stand out from others. Factors such as the quality of their on-court performances for national tennis (Billie Jean King Cup and Davis Cup), leadership qualities, length of time as an international player might be relevant, while other leadership roles might be equally important. What else has the nominee done in other parts of the sport? What impact has the nominee had on the game?*

**Remember you need to differentiate what makes this player stand out from others**

- Suppose the nominee is an international coach, or an official

*How does the nominee stand out from others who have been involved in similar roles? For example, what is the performance record of the coach /official – have they achieved at a high level compared with others? What is the quality of their contribution (as compared with quantity)? How are they regarded internationally – would they be rated highly? Would they be in demand for coaching, contributing to seminars etc? What experience has stood out nationally? What else has the nominee done in other parts of the sport? What impact has the nominee had on the game beyond remunerated services?*

**Can you differentiate what makes this coach/ official stand out from others?**

- Suppose the nominee is an administrator

*How has their work contributed to improving the game internationally or nationally? How long have they been involved in making this contribution? Are they in demand to assist outside their own country or their own area? If they are a board member, in what role have they contributed? How does their contribution 'make a difference'? What else has the nominee done in other parts of the sport? What impact has the nominee had on the game?*

**How does this administrator stand out? Have they 'made a very real difference'?**

*For a Te Tohu Taumata award, 'service' is a significant factor. Thus while 'employment' may contribute to this service, it will usually not be a significant part what is being recognised, rather it will be supplementary.*

**When considering the nominee's playing experience, only national and/or international experience should be considered. Please do not include a detailed list of the nominee's Club playing history.**



## NOMINATION FOR TE TOHU TAUMATA MEMBERSHIP

### (HONORARY LIFE MEMBERSHIP)

Please read the accompanying nomination guidelines  
before completing this form

#### SECTION 1 – Information about the Nominee (the person you are nominating)

Full name					
Also known as					
Street/Apartment No		Street name			
Suburb		City/town			
Post code		Contact phone			
Email address				TNZ Service Award ( <i>award year</i> )	
List any <b>local awards</b> for Tennis <i>e.g. life membership, service award, regional/civic awards</i>					
List any <b>national/international</b> awards for Tennis <i>e.g. Royal Honours, Tennis NZ/INF awards</i>					
List any <b>national/international</b> Tennis qualifications <i>e.g. NZ Coaching Award, International or NZ Umpiring Award etc</i>					
List any <b>national/international</b> Tennis appointments/positions/offices held <i>give details</i>					
List details of any Tennis employment <i>Indicate if these are full-time, part-time positions or short-term contracts</i>					

#### SECTION 2 – Information about the Nominator

Name		Position	
Name of Organisation	<i>(nominations may made by a voting member of Tennis NZ or the Tennis NZ Board)</i>		
Contact address			
Contact telephone		Mobile	
Email address			

**SECTION 3 – Nomination details** *(please complete all sections)*

**1. Describe the contribution the nominee has made to Tennis in the local area**

**2. Describe the contribution the nominee has made to Tennis nationally**

**3. Describe the contribution the nominee has made to Tennis internationally**

**4. Describe how the nominee stands out from others**

**Nominator's signature**

**Date**

#### Section 4 – Check List for Sending Nomination

- ☐ *Has all necessary information been completed on the form?*
- ☐ *Has the nominator signed the form?*
- ☐ *Have you attached a Tennis CV for the nominee?*

PLEASE SEND THIS FORM AND ANY ATTACHMENTS TO

Honours Committee Tennis New Zealand PO Box 300 130 Albany, Auckland 0632	Telephone: (09) 528 5428 Email: admin@tennis.kiwi <b><i>Nominations close at 5.00pm on 31 July 2025</i></b> <i>Late applications cannot be accepted</i>
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