

Golf Australia National Awards of Excellence

GET INTO GOLF VENUE OF THE YEAR – Selection Criteria & Process The purpose of this award is to recognise the most outstanding Get Into Golf Venue based quality of the program, participant experience and community impact.

Award Period

• 1 July 2024 – 30 June 2025

Eligibility Criteria

To be eligible for consideration, the nominee must:

- Be officially registered as a Get Into Golf Centre with Golf Australia during the eligible period.
- Be delivered by a registered and accredited PGA Professional, PGA Associate or National Program Deliverer
- Follow the Get Into Golf structure and delivery standards.
- Have delivered at least one full program (minimum four sessions) during the award period.
- Have run at least one full term of sessions within the 12-month award period.
- Be delivered by a registered and accredited PGA Professional, PGA Associate or National Program Deliverer.
- Nominees must have a minimum of 20 registered participants over the financial year, enrolled online via the Golf Australia portal. Preference will be given to those who meet or exceed this threshold and demonstrate:
 - o Growth, retention or reach into new communities
 - o Engagement with priority or underrepresented groups (e.g. women, seniors, all abilities, multicultural communities)
- Provide a welcoming, inclusive, and high-quality experience for all participants.
- The deliverer and host venue must comply with Golf Australia's policies, including Working With Children requirements and codes of conduct.
- The program must not be under any investigation or subject to any complaints that would bring the award or sport into disrepute.

Nomination Process

- Nominations open on: Wednesday 4 June 2025
- Nominations close on: Sunday 13 July 2025
- All nominations must be submitted by 11:59 PM AEST on the closing date. Late or incomplete submissions will not be accepted.
- The winners of existing aligned or equivalent State Golf Awards will become a nominee for the Golf Australia National Award for Get Into Golf Program of the Year.
- Nominations may be submitted by club or facility staff, members, volunteers, community organisations, or governing bodies.
- Self-nominations are accepted and encouraged, provided they include supporting documentation/testimonials.



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Selection Criteria

The recipient of this award will be selected based on achieving one or more of the following criteria and at the discretion of the Golf Australia National Awards of Excellence Selection Committee:

- Demonstrated success in increasing adult participation in golf, particularly among new or returning players.
- Delivered an engaging, structured, and beginner-friendly program that encourages long-term involvement in golf.
- Created a welcoming, supportive, and accessible environment that enhances the experience of participants, regardless of age, background, or ability.
- Successfully transitioned participants from the program into ongoing golf participation, whether through club membership, social play, or other golf opportunities.
- Engagement and alignment with the strategy for Australian Golf 2022–2025.

Supporting Documentation

You may upload up to five (5) supporting documents to assist the selection committee in assessing and comparing nominations, such as:

- a. Photos or videos of the program.
- b. Testimonials (from participants, etc.).
- c. Participant numbers or growth data (e.g. term-by-term figures, retention rates).
- d. Promotional materials or community outreach (e.g. flyers, social posts, school engagement).
- e. Program schedule or session plans.

Selection Process & Timelines

Activity	Date/Timeline
Promotion Commences & Nominations Open	Wednesday 4 June 2025
Nominations Close	Sunday 13 July 2025
Judging Period & Selection	Monday 21 July – Friday 25 July 2025
Finalist Announcement	Week commencing 28 July 2025
Award Announcements	From 1 September 2025

Requirements of Award Recipients

The successful recipients will be required to fulfill the following items upon reasonable request:

- Participate in marketing and promotional activities in the 12 months following the award.
- Participate in Golf Australia pilot programs and initiatives.