



2026 Quality Business Awards Terms and Conditions of Entry

The following Terms and Conditions of Entry (“the T&C’s”) apply in relation to the 2026 Tamworth Business Chamber Quality Business Awards (“the Awards”).

1. Entry Process

- 1.1 Entry into the Awards is free.
- 1.2 All entrants must read, understand and accept these Terms and Conditions prior to submitting an entry.
- 1.3 All entries must be submitted via the official Awards platform.
- 1.4 Entrants may apply for multiple categories, provided they meet the eligibility criteria for each category and comply with these Terms and Conditions.
- 1.5 Entries must be submitted by 5:00pm AEST on the published closing date. Refer to the official Awards website for key dates.
- 1.6 By submitting an entry, entrants agree to be bound by these Terms and Conditions.
- 1.7 Tamworth Business Chamber reserves the right to amend category names, descriptions or eligibility requirements at any time prior to finalist announcements.
- 1.8 Tamworth Business Chamber reserves the right to move an entry into an alternative category where deemed more appropriate or aligned with the eligibility criteria.

2. Entry Eligibility

- 2.1 All non-individual entrants must:
 - Hold a current Australian Business Number (ABN)
 - Be registered and operating within Australia
 - Comply with all relevant laws and regulations
- 2.2 To be eligible, entrants must be based in or operate from a physical premises located within the Tamworth Local Government Area.
- 2.3 Businesses or individuals currently suspended, bankrupt, insolvent, or subject to legal proceedings that may bring the Awards into disrepute are ineligible to enter.
- 2.4 Entrants in customer service categories must have been trading continuously for a minimum of 12 months as at the date of entry.
- 2.5 Individuals entering leadership or employee categories must not be:
 - Directors of the Tamworth Business Chamber
 - Employees of the Tamworth Business Chamber
 - Current elected politicians
- 2.6 Directors and politicians may enter business categories where eligible; however, Tamworth Business Chamber employees are ineligible to enter any category.



2.7 Sponsors may enter the Awards but are not permitted to enter the category they are sponsoring.

2.8 All finalists must be current financial members of the Tamworth Business Chamber at the time finalists are announced and must maintain their membership throughout the Awards process.

Businesses that are not current members at the time of finalist announcements must become a financial member prior to the 2026 Gala Awards Evening to remain eligible.

2.9 Award categories aligned with the Business NSW Awards program are subject to additional eligibility requirements as outlined in Section 7.

2.10 Entrants may be required to provide evidence of licences, registrations, insurances or regulatory compliance relevant to their industry.

3. Entry Requirements

3.1 All entries must be completed in full and submitted online with all required supporting information.

3.2 Tamworth Business Chamber reserves the right to disqualify any entry deemed incomplete, false, misleading, offensive or non-compliant.

3.3 The Chamber is not responsible for entries lost, delayed, corrupted, incomplete or not received due to technical issues or external factors.

3.4 Entrants are responsible for ensuring all submitted information is accurate and current at the time of submission.

3.5 Any supporting materials, testimonials, images or documents submitted as part of an entry must be owned by, or authorised for use by, the entrant.

4. Judging

4.1 An independent judging panel, comprised of representatives from a range of industries and business sectors, will evaluate all eligible entries.

4.2 Judges must declare any conflicts of interest and sign a confidentiality agreement prior to judging.

4.3 All entries must achieve the required judging threshold to be considered for finalist selection.

4.4 Judging decisions are final and no correspondence will be entered into.

4.5 Judging materials, including score sheets, comments and notes, remain confidential.

4.6 Tamworth Business Chamber reserves the right not to award a category if the judging panel determines entries do not meet the required standard.

4.7 If a category receives only one entry, that entry may still be judged independently.

4.8 Finalists and winners will be notified via the contact details supplied within the entry.

4.9 Tamworth Business Chamber and/or appointed judges reserve the right to conduct interviews, site visits, reference checks or verification activities as part of the judging process.

4.10 Individual judging feedback may not be provided to entrants unless otherwise determined by Tamworth Business Chamber.



4.11 In the event of a tied score, the judging panel reserves the right to determine the final outcome through additional moderation or deliberation.

5. Awards Presentation and Attendance

5.1 Finalists may be required to provide additional information, logos, images or promotional content for marketing and event purposes.

5.2 Winners will be announced at the 2026 Quality Business Awards Gala Evening.

5.3 Tamworth Business Chamber reserves the right to use finalist and winner names, business names, photographs, videos and submitted materials for promotional, marketing and media purposes.

5.4 All finalists acknowledge that photography and videography may occur throughout the Awards process and at Awards-related events and may be used by the Tamworth Business Chamber for future promotional purposes.

5.5 Finalists and winners may only use official Awards logos, graphics or promotional materials supplied by Tamworth Business Chamber and must not alter or reproduce them without approval.

6. Privacy and Confidentiality

6.1 All entry information will be used solely for judging and Awards administration purposes and treated as commercial-in-confidence.

6.2 If selected as a finalist, entry content excluding confidential financial information may be used for promotional purposes.

6.3 Business and contact details may be shared with official media and marketing partners associated with the Awards. Entrants may opt out in writing.

6.4 All personal information will be handled in accordance with the Privacy Act 1988 and the Tamworth Business Chamber Privacy Policy.

6.5 Entrants retain ownership of their intellectual property; however, by entering the Awards, entrants grant Tamworth Business Chamber a non-exclusive licence to use submitted content, images and materials for Awards-related marketing and promotional purposes.

7. Business NSW Awards Alignment

7.1 Selected categories within the 2026 Quality Business Awards align with the Business NSW Awards program and may be subject to additional eligibility criteria and terms as published by Business NSW.

7.2 Entrants entering aligned categories acknowledge that if successful, their submission may progress to the Business NSW New England North West Regional Awards.

7.3 To progress to the Business NSW Regional Awards, entrants must:

- Meet all Business NSW eligibility requirements



- Be a current financial member of the Tamworth Business Chamber and/or relevant Business NSW Local Chamber Alliance requirements
- Agree to any additional submission requirements requested by Business NSW

7.4 Tamworth businesses entering aligned categories must enter through the Tamworth Business Chamber Quality Business Awards.

8. General Conditions

8.1 Tamworth Business Chamber reserves the right to amend these Terms and Conditions at any time.

8.2 Tamworth Business Chamber reserves the right to cancel, postpone or vary the Awards program or Gala Event if required due to unforeseen circumstances.

8.3 Tamworth Business Chamber accepts no responsibility for any loss, damage or injury suffered by entrants as a result of entering the Awards or attending associated events.

8.4 Any attempt to influence the judging process, provide misleading information or engage in conduct deemed inappropriate by Tamworth Business Chamber may result in immediate disqualification.

8.5 By entering the Awards, entrants acknowledge and accept these Terms and Conditions in full.

8.6 The People's Choice Award is determined by a vote of current financial members of the Tamworth Business Chamber. Each financial membership is entitled to one (1) vote only. Tamworth Business Chamber reserves the right to remove duplicate, fraudulent or non-compliant votes.

8.7 Tamworth Business Chamber reserves the right to withdraw finalist status or an award where misleading, false or inappropriate information is identified at any stage of the Awards process.

8.8 Tamworth Business Chamber reserves the right to refuse, remove or disqualify any entrant whose conduct, business practices or public reputation may bring the Awards or Chamber into disrepute.

8.9 Entries must accurately reflect the entrant's business, achievements and operations. Tamworth Business Chamber reserves the right to request verification or supporting evidence for any claims made within an entry submission.

8.10 Entrants may withdraw their entry at any stage prior to finalist announcements by providing written notice to Tamworth Business Chamber.

8.11 Finalist status does not guarantee complimentary tickets to the Gala Awards Evening unless otherwise stated by Tamworth Business Chamber.

8.12 Tamworth Business Chamber will not be liable for any delay, cancellation or modification to the Awards program caused by events outside its reasonable control, including natural disasters, government restrictions, public health events, power outages or venue closures.

Key 2026 Awards Dates

- Nominations & Applications Open: Monday 8 June 2026
- Applications Close: Friday 3 July 2026



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- Judging Commences: Wednesday 8 July 2026
- Judging Concludes: Friday 31 July 2026
- Finalists Announced: Wednesday 5 August 2026
- Gala Awards Evening: Friday 4 September 2026

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