

# ENTRY GUIDE



## INTRODUCTION

The 2025 Kidsafe National Playspace Design Awards (the Awards) recognise excellence and innovation in the provision of challenging, and engaging playspaces.

Entries are open to playground owners and design professionals across Australia.

The Awards aim to promote inspirational, innovative, best practice play facilities that facilitate and promote healthy participation in recreational activities for all users.

This is a great opportunity to showcase inspiring playspaces around Australia !

This Entry Guide is designed to help you submit a valid entry.

Please note, entries that do not comply with all the entry requirements may be declared ineligible for judging.

## DIRECT ENQUIRIES

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## KEY DATES

| Key Dates  | Details  |
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| Monday 10 February 2025                            | Entries Open   |
| Thursday 24 April 2025                             | Closing Date   |
| Wednesday 25 June 2025 or<br>Thursday 26 June 2025 | Awards Presentation at the<br><a href="#">IPA Asia Pacific Play Conference</a> |

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To enter the Awards, complete the online entry form by clicking on the relevant Category for your entry.

The submission process requires the following information:

- Category
- Project details
- Entrant details
- Playground owner details
- Designer details
- Responses to the criteria

NOTE: You may be required to login or create a Google account.

### Category 1: Education and Care Services

[1a – Preschool/Long Day Care](#)

[1b - Occasional Care](#)

[1c - Family Day Care](#)

[1d - Out of School Hours Care / Vacation Care](#)

### Category 2: Schools

[2a - Infants and Primary Schools](#)

[2b - High Schools](#)

### Category 3: Public Playspaces

[3a - Public Playspaces up to \\$500K](#)

[3b - Public Playspaces \\$500K – \\$1M](#)

[3c - Public Playspaces \\$1M - \\$3M](#)

[3d - Public Playspaces \\$3M upwards](#)

#### Note:

- State and Territory commendations may be awarded
- A special award known as the Leycester Meares Memorial Award may be issued

## **EACH OF THE FOLLOWING CRITERIA MUST BE ADDRESSED FOR EVERY ENTRY, IRRESPECTIVE OF THE CATEGORY**

### **CRITERION 1: PROJECT SUMMARY**

- Maximum 250 words (1500 characters)
- Describe the playspace and what makes it great!

### **CRITERION 2: COMMITMENT TO AUSTRALIAN STANDARDS FOR PLAYGROUNDS**

- Maximum 250 words (1500 characters)
- Describe how the design meets the Australian Standards relating to playgrounds
- Attach 4 pieces of supporting evidence such as:
  - Review of plans include how recommendations have been addressed.
  - Certificates of compliance to Australian Standards relating to equipment (AS 4685) and surfacing (AS 4422)
  - Comprehensive post installation inspection report/s and how recommendations, if any, have been actioned
  - Evidence of systematic documentation and record keeping,
  - Proof of inspection regime
  - Maintenance Plan
  - Risk assessment or risk-benefit assessment

### **CRITERION 3: INNOVATIVE DESIGN**

- Maximum 200 words (1200 characters)
- Describe what makes this design innovative

### **CRITERION 4: CHALLENGING AND RISKY PLAY**

- Maximum 200 words (1200 characters)
- Explain how this design facilitates challenging and risky play and how potential risks are managed.

### **CRITERION 5: INCLUSIVE PLAYSPACE DESIGN**

- Maximum 200 words (1200 characters)
- Describe how the design incorporates inclusivity.

### **CRITERION 6: COMMUNITY AND CULTURE**

- Maximum 200 words (1200 characters)
- Describe how a local community consultation influenced the design

### **CRITERION 7: SHADE ELEMENTS**

- Maximum 250 words (1500 characters)
- Describe how the design:
  - Incorporates natural and / or purpose- built shade
  - Demonstrates direct and indirect management of UV exposure
  - Incorporates use of shade over surfacing to reduce exposure to hot surfaces

### **CRITERION 8: SUSTAINABILITY**

- Maximum 200 words (1200 characters)
- Describe how the design incorporates the use of sustainable materials
- Describe how the design elements contribute to longevity of the play equipment and/or surfacing

## CRITERION 9: IMAGES

- Maximum 10 slides created in program such as PowerPoint and saved as PDF
- Showcase how you have addressed the criterion (avoid overcrowded slides)

## CRITERION 10: PLAN

- Layout Plan only (do not include elevations, sections etc.) to be submitted as a PDF

## JUDGING CRITERIA

**Submissions must address all criteria.** Guidance is provided on types of evidence however the applicant can supply other examples considered more relevant to the playspace entry.

Entries will be reviewed by a multi-disciplinary panel, which may include representatives of education and care services, school or vocational education, engineering, injury prevention, design and local government.

### Supporting Documentation

All supporting documentation must be provided in digital format and be succinct. Judges will not consider large-scale or lengthy supplementary items.

## CONDITIONS OF ENTRY

1. The 2025 Kidsafe National Playspace Design Awards are open to playground owners and design professionals. Kidsafe employees and representatives are not eligible to enter.
2. Entrants must ensure that the playspace is:
  - within Australia
  - completed, and
  - open for use since September 2020Note: If there are multiple stages to a project this should be identified within the entry.
3. A project may **not** be entered into more than one category.
4. Entries must be received by **5.00pm AEST Thursday 24 April 2025**.
5. Kidsafe may deem an entry ineligible if any of the conditions of entry are not complied with or if:
  - entry information and images are not submitted in the format required, and/or
  - entry is incomplete
6. Entries must not infringe the rights (including copyright) of any other person. The Award entrant must have permission from the designer/architect and playspace owner to enter the Awards.
7. Entrants must provide accurate information.
8. Where entry files include images of a person or people, it is the responsibility of the entrant to ensure that each person appearing has signed a release form.
9. Judges do not conduct site visits or require face to face presentations.

10. An Award will be granted to the successful design in each category and awarded to the playground owner and the design professional.
11. Award winners will be announced 25/26 **June 2025** [IPA Asia Pacific Play Conference 2025](#). Winners will be notified by telephone or email prior to this date.
12. Winning entries and images may be promoted in relevant Kidsafe publications as well as a variety of professional publications in design, health and/or education.
13. Contact by approved media or for subsequent promotions will be facilitated by Kidsafe in consultation with the Award recipient.
14. The decision will be final, and no correspondence entered into either during or after the Awards program.
15. Information and images submitted as part of the entry may be used during the Award presentation ceremonies and for other promotional and advocacy initiatives by Kidsafe.
16. The information received in the entry will be kept confidential.
17. Entries must not include any information of a sensitive or confidential nature.
18. Kidsafe reserves the right to vary these conditions, as required, to clarify any conditions of entry.