



National Playspace  
Design Awards

# ENTRY GUIDE



## INTRODUCTION

The 2020 Kidsafe National Playspace Design Awards (the Awards) recognise excellence and innovation in the provision of safe, creative playspaces.

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

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

This is a great opportunity to showcase playspace design in action!

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
Monday 18 May 2020	Entries Open
Friday 14 August 2020 AEST 5pm	Entries Close
11 November 2020 (venue to be advised)	Awards Presentation



## AWARD CATEGORIES

### Category 1: Education and Care Services

- 1a - Preschool
- 1b - Long Day Care
- 1c - Occasional Care
- 1d - Family Day Care
- 1e - Out of School Hours Care / Vacation Care

### Category 2: Schools

- 2a - Infants and Primary Schools
- 2b - High School

### Category 3: Public Playspaces

- 3a - Up to \$500K
- 3b - \$500K – \$1M
- 3c - \$1M - \$3M
- 3d - \$3M upwards

#### Note:

- An entry may only enter one award category
- State and Territory commendations may also be awarded

## CRITERION

### CRITERION 1: PROJECT SUMMARY

- Maximum 1500 characters (approximately 250 words)
- Describe the playspace design
- Outline the achievements of the project
- Illustrate using examples eg. media announcements

### CRITERION 2: COMMITMENT TO SAFE PLAY ENVIRONMENTS

- Maximum 1500 characters (approximately 250 words)
- Describe how the design meets safety requirements
- Submit up to 4 pieces of supporting evidence such as:
  - Certificates of compliance to Australian Standards in respect of equipment and surfacing (AS 4422) (AS 4685)
  - Inspection report/s
  - Best practice statement
  - Risk assessments
  - Risk-benefit assessments

### CRITERION 3: INNOVATIVE DESIGN

- Maximum 600 characters (approximately 100 words)
- Describe how innovation is incorporated into design and provide up to 4 examples

### CRITERION 4: INCLUSIVE PLAYSPLACE DESIGN

- Maximum 1200 characters (approximately 200 words)
- Describe at up to 4 design elements that illustrate universal 'principals of inclusivity'

### CRITERION 5: COMMUNITY AND CULTURE

- Maximum 600 characters (approximately 100 words)
- Demonstrates community engagement and consultation
- Incorporates local community and cultural elements in the design

### CRITERION 6: SHADE ELEMENTS

- Maximum 600 characters (approximately 100 words)
- 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 7: SUSTAINABILITY

- Maximum 600 characters (approximately 100 words)
- Integrates environmental features
- Includes use of recycled materials
- Incorporates longevity and resilience of components
- Evidence of vandalism management

### CRITERION 8: IMAGES

- Maximum 10 page/slides (create in program such as Powerpoint and saved as PDF)
- Highlight main design features (avoid collage/montage and overcrowded pages)

### CRITERION 9: PLAN

- Plan view 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 supporting information 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 2020 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
  - installed/constructed since September 2018 and
  - open for use (refer to Note 1)

Note 1: If playground closed temporarily or not able to open due to COVID-19, please make note in the Project Summary.

Note 2: 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 Friday 14 August 2020.
5. Kidsafe may deem an entry ineligible if:
  - entry information and images are not submitted in the format required
  - entry is incomplete and
  - entrant does not comply with all other conditions of entry listed below
6. Entries must not infringe the rights (including copyright) of any other person. The Award entrant must have permission from the designer/architect and/or playspace owner to enter the Awards.
7. Entrants must provide accurate information.
8. Kidsafe or any of its employees/representatives shall not be liable for any loss or damage to entries from whatsoever cause arising while in their possession.
9. 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.
10. Judges do not conduct site visits or require face to face presentations.
11. An Award will be granted to the successful design in each category and awarded to the playground owner and the design professional.
12. Award winners will be announced 11 November 2020. Winners will be notified by telephone or email prior to this date.
13. Winning entries may be promoted in relevant Kidsafe publications as well as a variety of professional publications in design, health and/or education.
14. Contact by approved media or for subsequent promotions will be facilitated by Kidsafe in consultation with the Award recipient.
15. The decision will be final and no correspondence entered into either during or after the Awards program.



## CONDITIONS OF ENTRY continued

16. 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.
17. The information received in the entry will be kept confidential.
18. Entries must not include any information of a sensitive or confidential nature.
19. Kidsafe reserves the right to vary these conditions, as required, to clarify any conditions of entry.



## ENTRY DOCUMENTATION AND OTHER REQUIREMENTS

To enter the Awards you must complete an online registration by clicking on the relevant Category for your entry.

You may be required to login or create a Goggle account.

### Online Registration

#### Category 1: Education and Care Services

[1a - Preschool](#)

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The registration process asks for the following information:

- Category
- Project Details
- Entrant Details
- Playground owner details
- Design professional details
- Responses to criterion
- Supporting information/documents

Once completed, click on submit. Your responses and a link (which can be used to edit entry up until the closing date) will be emailed.

We wish you every success.

