



# 2024 EXCELLENCE IN POOL AWARDS

## ENTRY GUIDELINES



# THE AWARDS

The Master Builders Association of NSW Excellence in Pool Awards celebrate excellence in pool construction, innovation and quality. The Awards showcase the very best in pool construction including renovations, concrete pools, fibreglass pools, display pools and commercial pools & spas.

# JUDGING

Judging will take place between approximately **April - Mid July 2024**. Any time that is not suitable for an onsite inspection must be declared on your entry form; if judging restrictions are not declared changes to allocations cannot be made. Entrants will receive at least one weeks' notice once a judging date has been allocated. Entrants must ensure the appropriate personnel is on-site. The judges decision is final and no correspondence will be entered into. The judges reserve the right to reclassify any entry. Should this occur, entrants will be notified in advance. A winner may not be declared in all categories.



# ENTRY CRITERIA

## KEY DATES

**ENTRIES CLOSE:**  
Friday 15 March

**JUDGING:**  
April 2024 - Mid Jul 2024

**AWARDS EVENING:**  
Saturday 28 September

- Entries must be submitted by **Friday 15 March**.
- Open to both members of MBA NSW and non-members.
- Projects must have been completed within the period of 15 March 2022 to 15 March 2024.
- Projects must have obtained HBCF Certificate and Certificate of Compliance.
- Projects judged previously may not be resubmitted.
- Builder responsible for the project must be available for onsite visits/judging between April 2024 – Mid July 2024.

# ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

Entries are judged by industry experts. The following information is required to give judges guidance prior to the onsite inspection. You are required to provide the following information:

## A. Online Entry

Please complete and submit an online entry form at [mbansw.awardsplatform.com](http://mbansw.awardsplatform.com) by **5:00 PM** on **Friday 15 March 2024**.

## B. Documentation

- Pool description that can be used in all editorials
- Company profile
- Declaration to confirm HBCF (formerly Home Owners Warranty) has been obtained - where applicable.
- [Download HBCF Declaration form here.](#)
- Copy of Certificate of Compliance

## C. Digital Images

Digital images **MUST** be submitted with entries. Images provided will be used in the audio-visual presentation and print media; good quality images will better profile your entry. Entrants are responsible for the quality of all images.

- Minimum resolution of 300 dpi
- Format: JPEG or PNG

## D. Authorisation

The builder and the client must each signify their consent to the project being entered into the awards and willingness to be bound by the rules including accompanying publicity by signing the authorisation form.

[Download Authorisation form here.](#)

# ENTRY FEES

**MEMBERS:**  
\$572 (inc GST)

**NON-MEMBERS:**  
\$880 (inc GST)

# 2024 AWARD CATEGORIES

Some of the below categories are broken down into price categories dependent upon the contract price. Category definitions can be found on [Page 4](#).

## Concrete Pools

- Up to \$100,000
- \$100,001 - \$200,000
- \$200,001 & Over

## Commercial Pools

- Open Price Category

## Commercial Spas

- Open Price Category

## Display Pools

- Open Price Category

## Fibreglass Pools

- Open Price Category

## Lap Pools

- Open Price Category

## Plunge Pools

- Open Price Category

## Pool Renovations

- Open Price Category

## Spas

- Open Price Category

# MEDIA COVERAGE

Both entrants and winners of the MBA Excellence in Housing & Pool Awards receive media coverage as part of their participation in these prestigious industry awards. All entrants are featured in the MBA's Excellence in Housing Annual published in conjunction with Universal Media Co and distributed via sales in newsagencies to the wider consumer market. If you would like further information on additional advertising options please [click here](#).



# CATEGORY DEFINITIONS

## Concrete Pools

Entries in this category must consist of a pool primarily constructed using concrete. Entries should exemplify the art of utilising concrete as a fundamental building material to create a functional and aesthetically pleasing aquatic space.

## Commercial Pools

Entries in this category must encompass a pool constructed under a commercial contract. These pools are designed for public utilisation within commercial environments such as hotels, resorts, fitness centre's, and entertainment complexes.

## Commercial Spas

Entries in this category must encompass a spa facility created under a commercial contract. These spas are tailored for public use within commercial establishments, including hotels, resorts, wellness centre's, and leisure complexes.

## Display Pools

Pools in this category must be built in a Display Village and/or part of a Display Home. Pools in this category must be built to specifically visually illustrate design possibilities. Entries must aim to exemplify the builder's or developer's aquatic offerings, highlighting features, layouts and design options and must not be actively in-use.

## Fibreglass Pools

Entries in this category must encompass a pre-manufactured and pre-formed pool structure constructed using layers of fibreglass-reinforced composite materials. Pools must be designed and fabricated off-site, then transported and installed in a single unit.



## Lap Pools

Entries in this category must represent a lap pool, a purpose-built aquatic facility intended primarily for focused swimming and fitness training and be at least 12 meters in length. Lap pools in this category must demonstrate a commitment to providing an optimal environment for dedicated swimming activities.

## Plunge Pools

Entries in this category must be a compact aquatic space designed for quick cooling and relaxation. Plunge pools must be intended for brief immersion rather than extensive swimming.

## Pool Renovation

Entries in this category must showcase the transformative overhaul of an existing aquatic facility. Entries in this category must involve substantial modifications to enhance functionality, aesthetics, and features or updating outdated components. Entries must reflect the art of reimagining and revitalizing aquatic spaces to align with contemporary standards, user preferences and current Australian Standards.

## Spas

Entries in this category must be a spa purpose-built for hydrotherapy, relaxation, or rejuvenation. Entries should highlight the integration of jets for massage and hydrotherapy purposes.





# FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

## **What are Excellence in Pool Awards?**

The Master Builders Association of NSW Excellence in Pool Awards celebrates excellence in pool construction, innovation and quality. The Awards showcase the very best in pool construction including renovations, concrete pools, fibreglass pools, display pools and commercial pools & spas.

## **Who can enter the Excellence in Pool Awards?**

The awards are open to both members and non-members of MBA NSW within the residential sector of the building industry. To be eligible for entry, the project must have been completed within a two year period prior to the entry closing date.

## **Is this information for the Regional Awards as well?**

The Excellence in Pool Awards are run by the State office, these awards run independently from the MBA Regional Awards. Regional projects are eligible to enter into the State Awards. Entrants wishing to be judged for the Regional Awards should enter the Regional Awards separately. For more information on our Regional Awards, [click here](#).

## **Can I resubmit a project I entered last year?**

No, previous entries cannot be resubmitted.

## **Can I submit a project without a HBCF Certificate**

If you did not obtain a HBCF Certificate, the entry is not eligible. A declaration form to confirm that the appropriate insurance has been obtained is a requirement when submitting the online entry form.

## **Can I submit a project without Certificate of Compliance?**

No, all entries must have obtained a Certificate of Compliance to be eligible in the Awards. If the owner or home builder obtained a copy of the certificate, you must obtain a copy to accompany your entry in the Awards.

## **What documentation do I need to submit an entry?**

All the required documentation can be found on [Page 3](#) of this booklet under section B.

## **Can I submit my own photos?**

Yes, we encourage entrants to submit their own photos providing they are at least 300dpi and meet all photography requirements listed on [Page 3](#) under section C of this booklet.

## **I don't have photos, can I still submit a project?**

Yes, you can submit your entry and send photos to [events@mbansw.asn.au](mailto:events@mbansw.asn.au) at a later date. We also offer a professional photography service; you can opt for this option when completing the online entry form. Please ensure all photos are submitted before the scheduled judging date. Any photos not included in the submission by your assigned judging date may impact the judging process.

## **Can I submit a project that is still under construction?**

No, all projects must be completed prior to the entry deadline. Projects under construction are not eligible.

## **Can I enter a joint venture?**

Yes, you can. Please ensure you add both company names when completing the entry form and ensure the authorisation form is signed by all parties.

## **What is the cost to enter the awards?**

The cost to enter a project for members is \$572 (inc GST). Non-member fees are \$880 (inc GST).

## **Can I enter a confidential project?**

Yes, when entering a confidential project, please add CONFIDENTIAL to the company name when submitting an entry. Please note client information will never be published.

## How to enter:

All entries for the 2023 Excellence in Pool Awards are to be submitted online by **5:00 PM** on **Friday 15 March 2023**.

[mbansw.awardsplatform.com](https://mbansw.awardsplatform.com)

[Click here to enter](#)



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