

MOST OUTSTANDING PROFESSIONAL TOURNAMENT SELECTION CRITERIA AND PROCESS

ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA

To be eligible for consideration for the Most Outstanding Professional Tournament, the tournament must show that it:

- Is an Australian Pro Tour event (ITF Men's or Women's World Tennis Tour or Men's ATP Challenger event)
- Held the final day of the tournament between 1st July 2018 and 30th June 2019.
- Is a Tennis Australia sanctioned event and is affiliated with their Member Association
- Has complied with all rules and regulations as set by Tennis Australia, the ATP, and/or the International Tennis Federation

NOMINATION PROCESS

Eligible tournaments must have won a State/Territory award or, if their MA does not have this award category, those tournaments can submit an application through their MA to be considered as a nominee for the National Award Most Outstanding Professional Tournament.

SELECTION CRITERIA

The selection panel will give consideration to the following in assessing and comparing events:

- The media and promotional activities undertaken;
- The social activities and the standard of player amenities provided, and how these contributed to a positive tournament atmosphere;
- The strategies used to engage the local community with the tournament and their demonstrated success creating a positive legacy;
- The standard of the tournament sponsorship program and the level of service provided to the sponsors;
- The level of pro-activity shown by the tournament committee and the success of their actions;
- Comments from the tournament supervisors as detailed in their ITF/ATP reports;
- Comments from the players as detailed in discussions and feedback to the panel members;
- Demonstrated leadership, innovation, creativity and positive contributions to Australian tennis.

SELECTION PROCESS

The selection panel will be made up of the following:

- Tennis Australia tournaments representative/s
- Member Association representative

Selectors will choose one winner and if no entries are judged to have reached a sufficiently high standard they may advise they have made no award.

All decisions in relation to the Most Outstanding Professional Tournament award (including any questions in relation to eligibility) will be determined by the selection panel in its absolute discretion. All decisions are final, and no correspondence will be entered into.

Any matters which arise and which are not covered in this document will be determined by the selection panel in consultation with Tennis Australia Management.

TIMELINE

Friday, 30 August 2019: All nominations due to TA

- MAs with a state award must confidentially upload details of their state nominee through the Newcombe Medal online portal by this date, even if the state award night is scheduled later.

- Any tournament in a state without a State Award must submit their nomination to cwalton@tennis.com.au by this date.
- No nominations will be accepted without a high res image of award winner for use during the award ceremony.

Wednesday, 30 October 2019: TA Selection Panels confirm finalists

- Selection Panels for each award to confirm finalist from state award nominees

Monday, 2 December 2019: Newcombe Medal, Australian Tennis Awards

REQUIREMENTS OF AWARD RECIPIENTS

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

- Prepare an article for the Australian Tennis Magazine. Tennis Australia will provide editorial assistance.