

MOST OUTSTANDING SCHOOL SELECTION CRITERIA AND PROCESS

ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA

The school must demonstrate:

- Tennis is incorporated into the health and physical education curriculum via the School Partnership Program or other means
- A Tennis Australia qualified coach is connected with the school
- It has a dedicated staff member assigned to tennis
- Tennis is supported by the principal and driven by the teachers
- Links between the school, coach and local club
- Intra and/or inter school competition pathway is being delivered

THE NOMINATION PROCESS FOR AUSTRALIAN TENNIS AWARD

- The winners of the State Award for Most Outstanding School (or equivalent) will become the nominee for the National Award for Most Outstanding School
- If a state/territory does not have an award in this category, the MA may nominate a candidate from that state/territory through the online portal, provided the nominee meets all the eligibility criteria.

SELECTION CRITERIA

The selection panel will consider the following in assessing and comparing nominations:

- How committed and active the school has been in demonstrating the integration of tennis into the school environment including teachers (professional development, implementation and relationship building with external partners) and students (leadership values, registration and enthusiasm for the sport)
- How the principal demonstrates the importance of health and physical education within the school and how active the school has been with initiatives set up to enhance the sport at a local community level
- The overall experience of students involved in the program
- Demonstrated increase in the number of students converting from school participation to community based programs
- How the school promotes and communicates messages to the school community around their participation in tennis
- Where applicable, demonstration of program modification to allow the inclusion of children with disabilities and other underrepresented groups to participate.
- Consideration given to the performance of the school in the respective team tennis competition
- Consideration given to the overall tennis pathway through the school from P-12 (if applicable).

All entries must supply a minimum of three high-resolution photos and/or video footage supporting their nomination.

SELECTION PROCESS

The selection panel will be made up of:

- Tennis Australia National Schools Manager
- Tennis Australia Education Project Manager
- Member Association representative

All decisions in relation to the Most Outstanding School 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 that are not covered in this document will be resolved by the selection panel in consultation with Tennis Australia Management.

TIMELINE

Wednesday, 16 October 2019: All nominations due to TA

- Nominees for the Australian Tennis Awards will be the winners of the 2019 State awards
- MAs must confidentially upload details of state nominees by this date, even if the state award night is scheduled later.
- No nominations will be accepted without a high res image of award winner for use during the award ceremony.
- Nominations will only be accepted through the Newcombe Medal online portal.

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:

- Participate in marketing and promotional activities in the 12 months following the award
- Prepare an article for My Coach or relevant section in the Australian Tennis Magazine dedicated to Tennis Australia coach members. Tennis Australia will provide editorial assistance
- If required, participate in a best practice session during the 2020 Australian Open Grand Slam® Coaches' Conference.