

MOST OUTSTANDING TENNIS CLUB SELECTION CRITERIA AND PROCESS

ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA

The Tennis Club must show that it:

- Is affiliated with a Member Association (MA)
- Employs/engages qualified Tennis Australia coach members or is a Community Play Venue.
- Has completed the Tennis Australia Operational Health Check
- Has implemented Tennis Australia participation programs and competitions providing a range of opportunities to the whole community
- Has actively engaged with underrepresented groups (ie. people with disabilities, Indigenous Australians, multicultural communities, lower socio-economic communities, people who identify as LGBTI) to ensure the club is inclusive for diverse communities.
- Uses a range of Tennis (or equivalent) systems, e.g.: My Tennis, League Manager, Tournaments Planner
- Is accessible to the broader community, allowing for public court hire
- Has a partnership with a local school through the School Partnership Program or School Play Program

THE NOMINATION PROCESS FOR AUSTRALIAN TENNIS AWARD

- The winners of the State Award for Most Outstanding Tennis Club (or equivalent) will become the nominee for the National Award for Most Outstanding Tennis Club
- 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:

- Demonstration of participation growth (number of unique participants)
- The range and quality of programs delivered including pathways for junior tennis players, Hot Shots, Cardio Tennis, social opportunities, tournaments, and competitions
- The results of the Operational Health Check compared to the average range for a club of its size
- Strategic planning for the club, with particular respect to infrastructure planning, operational programming and committee/management training and succession planning
- The level of stakeholder engagement and strength of relationships the club holds to assist in continuing to grow the club i.e. local government, community partnerships
- The level of club accessibility to the different user groups including but not limited to Schools, diverse community user groups, community outreach (away from physical club location)
- Demonstrated engagement with diverse communities (people with disabilities, Indigenous Australians, multicultural communities, lower socio-economic communities, people who identify as LGBTI) to facilitate their meaningful involvement in tennis.
- Evidence of the welcoming environment that the club provides i.e. hosting a free tennis day, initiatives to welcome new participants
- The direct customer feedback the club has received via independent responses from customers and members. Responses and references should be provided as part of submission

Supporting documentation

The selection panel will review and take in to consideration the following supporting documentation:

- Club Strategic Plan
- Operational Health Check Summary Report
- Promotional/Marketing material

- Direct customer feedback, references and support letters
- Three high-resolution photos supporting the nomination

Any other documentation that supports the nomination

SELECTION PROCESS

The selection panel will be made up of:

- Tennis Australia Club Development representative
- National Field Capability representative
- Member Association representative

All decisions in relation to the Most Outstanding Tennis Club 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 the Australian Tennis Magazine. Tennis Australia will provide editorial assistance
- Participate in tennis pilot programs and initiatives