

# TENNIS NSW

# Awards 2025

## COACHING EXCELLENCE - DEVELOPMENT

### Nomination Criteria

The Award period for the 2025 Tennis NSW Awards is September 2024 - August 2025. The winner of this award will be submitted as the NSW nomination for the equivalent award at the Newcombe Medal, Australian Tennis Awards.

#### Eligibility Criteria:

To be eligible for consideration, the nominee must:

- Hold a Tennis Australia recognised qualification (High Performance / Level 3 preferred)
- Hold a current Working with Children Check and clear National Police Check
- Be an Australian citizen or permanent resident

#### Selection Criteria:

*Note: Information regarding the coach/athlete program will remain confidential and will only be seen by the selection panel.*

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

- Development program provided by the coach including but not limited to:
  - Athlete development philosophy
  - Plan and pathway for athletes from entry to tennis through to 12's/14's Nationals (i.e. Athlete Development Pathway)
  - Tennis-specific education provided to athletes and parents
  - Player Development program ensuring it meets the guidelines, as outlined in the Tennis Australia Player Development Matrix
  - Description of high-performance environment created by the coach that fosters athlete learning, performance and independence
- Development of athletes as evidenced by participation in State, National and International level events including but not limited to results, rankings and improvement benchmarks
- Quality and quantity of athletes participating in Development Talent programs during the award period
- Attendance at junior state and national tournaments

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### Supporting documentation:

- Nominations must include the submission of one (1) athlete's program during the award period. This document must not exceed three (3) pages and may include:
  - Athlete profile (athlete goals, coaching priorities, competencies, and deficiencies as per the Tennis Australia Athlete Development Matrix and/or Believe performance coach framework)
  - Demonstration that the coach has worked with the athlete for a minimum of six months, demonstrating they are the designated coach for at least 10 professional events
  - The program must be specific and been delivered to the athlete during the award period
  - Player's annual training and competition schedule for the past 12 months
  - Letter of support from parent (including confirmation and length of coaching relationship – minimum 6 months)

### Selection Process:

The selection panel will include a combination of tennis community representatives, Tennis NSW staff, Tennis NSW Directors and external representatives from within the sports sector. The selection panel in its absolute discretion will determine all decisions in relation to the 2025 Tennis NSW Awards (including any questions in relation to eligibility). All decisions are final, and no correspondence will be entered.

Only information that is provided in the online nomination form within the word limit and the one supporting document outlined in the Selection Criteria will be considered. Nomination forms submitted as an attachment will not be considered.

All nominations must include at least **two (2) high resolution images**.

Tennis NSW reserves the right to not award a recipient in any given category if the nominations submitted do not meet the nomination requirements.

### Timeline:

**Friday 25 July** - Award Nominations Open

**Sunday 31 August** - Award Nominations Close

**Friday 19 September** - Award Finalists Announced

**Thursday 16 October** - Tennis NSW Awards evening

**Monday 8 December** – Newcombe Medal, Australian Tennis Awards

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## Requirements of Award Recipients:

The successful recipients may be asked to participate in marketing and promotional activities in the 12 months following the event. Winners may also be asked to participate in tennis pilot programs and initiatives.