MOST OUTSTANDING ATHLETE WITH A DISABILITY

Selection Criteria

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

Eligibility Criteria:

To be eligible for consideration, the nominee must:

- Have competed in a minimum of two (2) tournaments in the award period (applicable to athletes with a disability) such as:
    - State Championships/Australian Tennis Championships/World Championships/mainstream sanctioned tournaments for athletes with intellectual disability, Deaf Tennis athletes, Wheelchair athletes, BLV Tennis, Para Standing Tennis
- Be an Australian citizen

Selection Criteria:

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

- Ranking improvement and/or sustained ranking if the athlete is #1 in Australia/internationally during the award period
- Competed at the highest level within their disability event type
- Playing record representing Australia (if applicable)
- Compliance with all rules and policies set by Tennis Australia
- A positive role model to other athletes with disabilities

Selection Process:

This award is a closed award due to its objective nature. It will be selected based off the highest level of achievement of all NSW athletes with a disability during the award period.

Tennis NSW in partnership with Tennis Australia, will select the finalists and winner/s of this award.

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

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.