***Junior Athlete of the Year – Male and Female***

Eligibility criteria

Nominees must be:

* 18 years and under as at the end of the award period
* A citizen or hold permanent residency of Australia and identified as Victorian as per the [Australian Tennis Rankings](https://tournaments.tennis.com.au/ranking/ranking.aspx?rid=100).

Assessment criteria

The selection panel will consider the following in assessing nominations:

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| **No.**  | **Description** |
| 1 | Commendable ranking level and results (ATP/WTA/ITF/AR) |
| 2 | Demonstrated record playing for Australia (if applicable) |
| 3 | Appropriate and commendable attitude in-line with our player values of Compete, Commit and Respect |
| 4 | Has complied with all rules, national policies, and conduct standards set by Tennis Australia.  |

The Junior Athlete of the Year – Male and Female Finalists are selected by a panel consisting of Tennis Australia and Tennis Victoria staff based on the above eligibility and assessment criteria. No nominations need to be submitted by the athletes.

All decisions in relation to the 2021 Victorian Tennis Awards (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.

Timeline

* The award period is 1 August 2019 – 31 August 2021
* All finalists will be notified in writing on Thursday 16 September 2021
* Awards will be presented at the Victorian Tennis Awards on Tuesday 19 October 2021

Requirements of award recipients

Successful recipients may be required to participate in marketing and promotional activities in the 12 months following the award.

The winner of this award will be nominated for the national Junior Athlete of the Year award to be presented at the 2021 Newcombe Medal.

Finalists will be entitled to two (2) free of charge tickets to attend the event. Further tickets will be available for purchase subject to capacity.