***Most Outstanding Athlete with a Disability***

Eligibility criteria

To be eligible for consideration for the Most Outstanding Athlete with a Disability, the athlete must show that he/she:

* Is a citizen or permanent resident of Victoria, Australia
* Has competed in a minimum of three (3) tournaments in the calendar year (applicable to disability)
	+ e.g. State Championships/Australian Tennis Champs/World Champs– for Athletes with ID
	+ e.g. National Championships/AO Summer Series or ITF Sanctioned events - Wheelchair
	+ e.g. National Championships/Deaflympics/Pennant/World Champs – Deaf Tennis

Assessment criteria

The selection panel will consider the following in assessing nominations:

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| **No.**  | **Description** |
| 1 | Ranking improvement and/or sustained top 20 ranking over a 12-month period |
| 2 | Competed at the highest level within their disability event type |
| 3 | Playing record representing Australia (if applicable) |
| 4 | Has complied with all rules and policies set by Tennis Australia |
| 5 | Has been a positive role model to other athletes with disabilities |

**All** nominations for the 2019 Victorian Tennis Awards are to be submitted online via the links listed at

[https://www.tennis.com.au/vic/news-and-events/champions-dinner/victorian-tennis-awards.](https://www.tennis.com.au/vic/news-and-events/champions-dinner/victorian-tennis-awards.%20)

**The nomination form on page 3 of this document must be completed for your nomination to be assessed**.

Only information provided in the nomination forms and the supporting information attached to the submission will be considered by the selection panel.  For nomination forms and relevant supporting information to be considered, proposers **must** submit this information via the online process. A maximum of four (4) attachments may be submitted. One **must** be a high resolution photo of the nominee.

Tennis Victoria reserves the right to submit nominations for each award category.

All decisions in relation to the 2019 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 2018 – 31 July 2019.
* Nominations Open – Monday 22 July 2019
* Nominations Close – 12pm on Tuesday 13 August 2019
* All finalists will be notified in writing on Tuesday 3 September 2019
* Awards will be presented at the Tennis Victoria [Champions Dinner](https://www.tennis.com.au/vic/news-and-events/champions-dinner/the-event) on Friday 18 October 2019.

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 Most Outstanding Athlete with a Disability award to be presented at the 2019 Newcombe Medal.

Finalists will be entitled to one free of charge ticket to attend the event. Further tickets are available for purchase. [Click here](https://www.tennis.com.au/vic/files/2019/06/Booking-form.pdf) for the booking form.

***Nomination form:***

Provide your responses below, addressing each aspect of the criteria.

Please limit responses to 500 words per criteria.

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\*\* Complete responses in space provided above and attach supporting documentation separately\*\*