



Newcombe Medal, Australian Tennis Awards selection criteria and process Coaching Excellence - Club

Eligibility criteria

To be eligible for consideration, the nominee must:

- be a current ANZ Tennis Hot Shots coach **and** a Tennis Australia qualified coach member
- deliver quality coaching programs and provide pathways that cater for the needs of players within the community
- have a strong relationship with the club/facility and its committee/management
- be actively involved in his/her club/facility in growing the sport of tennis
- actively seek positive relationships with local schools and the general community
- provide opportunities for players to move from coaching programs to competitions and tournaments.

Nomination process

- The winners of the state/territory award for Coaching Excellence – Club (or equivalent) will become the nominees for the national award for Coaching Excellence – Club
- For states that do not have an awards night, candidates from that state are eligible for a wildcard nomination for the Coaching Excellence – Club award.
- If you have been unable to nominate for your state/territory award ahead of the deadline please contact Tennis Australia regarding your eligibility for a wildcard nomination – 1800 PLAY TENNIS or play@tennis.com.au.

Selection criteria

The selection panel will give consideration to the following in assessing and comparing nominations:

- overview of coaching program provided (including ANZ Tennis Hot Shots, Fitbit Cardio Tennis, Talent Development and other coaching programs)
- roles and responsibilities at club/centre
- contribution to club/community
- total number of registered ANZ Tennis Hot Shots and Fitbit Cardio Tennis participants in award period
- overview of the transition pathway for coaching participants to Leagues and Tournaments
- number of School Partnership Program schools and overview of transition pathway from schools to club and coaching programs
- qualifications of coaching staff and professional development opportunities accessed and provided for staff
- coaching business website, marketing and communication materials.

Selection process

The selection panel will consist of:

- Tennis Australia Coach Development Manager or delegated representative
- Tennis Australia National Programs representative
- National Coaching Advisory Group representative
- Member Association representative.



All decisions in relation to the Coaching Excellence – 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 arise and are not covered in this document will be determined by the selection panel in consultation with Tennis Australia Management.

Timeline

| Date | Action | Notes |
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| 28 October 2016 | ALL nominations due to TA (including wildcard nominations) | The award period is as per the MA award period OR 30 September 2015 – 31 August 2016: <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. National award nominees will be the winners of the <u>2016</u> state/territory award and eligible wildcard nominees2. Wildcard nominations will be accepted direct to TA from eligible candidates. All wildcard nominations must be received by 28 October 2016. |
| 4 - 7 November 2016 | Finalists announced | All nominees will be contacted during this period and will be notified of their status. |
| 28 November 2016 | Newcombe Medal Awards Night | |

Requirements of award recipient

The successful recipient will be required to fulfil the following upon reasonable request:

- participate in marketing and promotional activities in the 12 months following the award
- prepare an article for *Australian Tennis Magazine*. Tennis Australia will provide editorial assistance
- participate in a best practice discussion during the 2017 Australian Grand Slam® Coaches' Conference if required.