

Newcombe Medal, Australian Tennis Awards selection criteria and process Coaching Excellence – Talent Development

Eligibility criteria

To be eligible for consideration, the nominee must:

- be delivering a quality, holistic coaching program that focuses on the technical, tactical, physical and psychological development of high performance junior athletes – primarily 14 years and under
- be currently coaching junior athletes who have achieved outstanding results during the award period (i.e. state, national or international level athletes)
- travel to tournaments with his/her high performance junior athletes
- engage in Project Talent and be involved as a Talent Development coach.

Nomination process

- The winners of the state/territory award for Coaching Excellence – Talent Development (or equivalent) will become the nominees for the national award for Coaching Excellence – Talent Development
- For states that do not have an awards night, candidates from that state are eligible for a wildcard nomination for the Coaching Excellence – Talent Development 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.
- Only Tennis Australia Talent Development coaches will be considered.

Selection criteria

The selection panel will consider the following in assessing nominations:

Note: information regarding the athlete’s and coach’s program will remain confidential and will only be seen by the selection panel.

No.	Description
1	Talent Development program provided by the coach including but not limited to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • athlete development philosophy • plan and pathway for athletes entering ANZ Tennis Hot Shots through to 12s/14s Nationals (i.e. Athlete Development Pathway) • tennis-specific education provided to athletes and parents • description of high performance environment created by coach that fosters athlete learning, performance and independence.
2	Development of athletes as evidenced by participation in state, national and international level events including but not limited to results, rankings and ranking improvement.
3	Quality and quantity of athletes participating in Project Talent programs during the award period.
4	Submission of one athlete’s program including but not limited to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • athlete profile (including athlete’s goals, coaching priorities, competencies and deficiencies as per the Tennis Australia Athlete Development Matrix) • athlete annual plan and tournament schedule for the past 12 months • letter of support from athlete

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> letter of support from parent (including confirmation and length of coaching relationship).
5	Attendance at junior state and national tournaments.
6	Involvement in Project Talent, which may include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> attendance at Project Talent camps participation in Super 10s and bridging programs participation in Talent Development coaches professional development workshops.

All entries must be able to accommodate a site visit if requested by the selection panel.

Selection process

The selection panel will consist of:

- Tennis Australia Coach Education representative
- Tennis Australia Talent Development representative
- Tennis Australia Performance Leadership Team representative
- Member Association representative.

Only information provided by the nominee with their nomination form will be considered by the selection panel. Nominees should attach any relevant additional information with their nomination form.

All decisions in relation to the Coaching Excellence – Talent Development Coach 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
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"> National award nominees will be the winners of the <u>2016</u> state/territory award and eligible wildcard nominees 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



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- If required, present a session during the 2017 Australian Grand Slam® Coaches' Conference.