



## ***Newcombe Medal, Australian Tennis Awards selection criteria and process Most Outstanding Athlete with a Disability***

### ***Eligibility criteria***

Nominees must:

- be a citizen of, or hold permanent residency in, Australia
- have competed in a minimum of three tournaments in the calendar year (applicable to disability)  
eg: State/Australian/World Championships – ID athletes  
eg: National Championships/Emirates AO Series or ITF sanctioned events – wheelchair athletes  
eg: National Championships/Deaflympics/Pennant/World Championships – deaf tennis athletes

### ***Nomination process***

- Winners of state/territory awards for Most Outstanding Athlete with a Disability (or equivalent) will become the nominees for the national award for Most Outstanding Athlete with a Disability
- For states that do not have an awards night, candidates from that state are eligible for a wildcard nomination for the Most Outstanding Athlete with a Disability 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 consider the following in assessing and comparing nominees:

- have an improved ranking over a 12-month period and/or sustained a top 20 ranking over a 12-month period
- competed at the highest level within their disability event type
- record playing for Australia (if applicable)
- appropriate and commendable attitude to Commit, Compete and Respect
- has complied with all rules and conducts as set by Tennis Australia.

### ***Selection process***

The selection panel will be made up of the following:

- past recipient (to be determined each year)
- High Performance coach (to be determined each year)
- Wheelchair Tennis Manager – Performance.

All decisions in relation to the Most Outstanding Athlete with a Disability (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

<u>Date</u>	<u>Action</u>	<u>Notes</u>
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: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>➤ National award nominees will be the winners of the <u>2016</u> state/territory award and eligible wildcard nominees</li><li>➤ Wildcard nominations will be accepted direct to TA from eligible candidates. All wildcard nominations must be received by 28 October 2016.</li></ul>
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 recipients

The successful recipients will be required to fulfil the following items 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.