



## ***Newcombe Medal, Australian Tennis Awards selection criteria and process Most Outstanding Australian Ranking Tournament***

### ***Eligibility criteria***

To be eligible for consideration, nominees must show that the tournament:

- is an Australian Money Tournament, Australian Junior Tour event or Australian ITF Junior event
- concluded within the award period
- is a Tennis Australia sanctioned event and is affiliated with the relevant Member Association
- fully utilised the Tournament Planner (TP) software program and Tennis Australia integrated online registration system in coordinating
- complied with all rules and regulations as set by Tennis Australia and its relevant Member Association
- offered players a high-quality experience both on and off the court with activities and amenities to a high standard, allowing for a positive tournament atmosphere
- obtained sponsorship for the tournament and implemented strategies to service these sponsors
- has a proactive tournament committee
- fulfilled all officiating requirements or went above to provide its own accredited officials.

### ***Nomination process***

- Winners of state/territory awards for Most Outstanding Australian Ranking Tournament (or equivalent) will become the nominees for the national award for Most Outstanding Australian Ranking Tournament
- For states that do not have an awards night, candidates from that state are eligible for a wildcard nomination for the Most Outstanding Australian Ranking Tournament 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](mailto:play@tennis.com.au)

### ***Selection criteria***

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

- overall quality of the event delivered, ensuring an outstanding experience for athletes, coaches, parents and officials
- the type, volume and level of success of media and promotional activities undertaken
- the type of social activities and the standard of player amenities provided, and how these contributed to a positive tournament atmosphere
- the standard of the tournament sponsorship program and level of service provided to the sponsors
- the level of proactivity shown by the tournament committee and the success of the proactive actions
- demonstrated commitment to quality customer service throughout the tournament, as well as leadership, innovation and creativity.

### ***Selection process***

The selection panel will be made up of the following:



- Tennis Australia Tournaments representative/s
- Member Association representative
- A coach and parent representative.

Selectors will choose one winner. If no entries are judged to have reached a sufficiently high standard, no award will be made.

All decisions in relation to the Most Outstanding Australian Ranking Tournament 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
21 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: 1. National award nominees will be the winners of the <u>2016</u> state/territory award and eligible wildcard nominees 2. If the MA award winner is not an Australian Ranking Tournament, the MA is to nominate an AR Tournament for the Most Outstanding Australian Ranking Tournament 3. Wildcard nominations will be accepted direct to TA from eligible candidates. All wildcard nominations must be received by 21 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 recipients 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.