



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

### ***Eligibility criteria***

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

- is an Australian Pro Tour event (ITF men's or women's Pro Circuit or ATP Challenger Tour event)
- concluded within the award period
- is a Tennis Australia sanctioned event and is affiliated with the relevant Member Association
- was engaged in media and promotional activities
- has complied with all rules and regulations as set by Tennis Australia, the ATP and/or the International Tennis Federation
- has offered players social activities and amenities to a high standard allowing for a positive tournament atmosphere
- implemented strategies to engage the local community with the tournament to create a year-long legacy benefiting the sport and the community
- obtained sponsorship and implemented strategies to service these sponsors
- has a proactive tournament committee.

### ***Selection criteria***

The selection panel will automatically consider all eligible events conducted, with no nominations being required. The selection panel will give consideration to the following in assessing and comparing events:

- 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 type and success of strategies engaging the local community with the tournament and how these created a legacy from the event
- the standard of the tournament sponsorship program and the level of service provided to the sponsors
- the level of proactivity shown by the tournament committee and the success of the proactive actions
- comments from the Tournament Referees as detailed in their ITF/ATP reports
- demonstrated leadership, innovation and creativity overall.

### ***Selection process***

The selection panel will be made up of the following:

- Tennis Australia Tournaments department representative/s
- Member Association representative
- a player 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 Professional 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**

<b>Date</b>	<b>Action</b>
	The award period is July 1 2015 to June 30 2016
4 November 2016	Finalists for each award to be announced
7 November 2016	High resolution images of all nominees are required before 7 November. These will be incorporated into a video package on the night.
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.