



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

### ***Eligibility criteria***

The school must demonstrate:

- a Tennis Australia qualified coach is aligned to the school
- it has a dedicated staff member assigned to tennis
- tennis is supported by the principal and driven by the teacher
- ANZ Tennis Hot Shots or Fitbit Cardio Tennis are incorporated in the school curriculum (if appropriate)
- there is a link with the Community Tennis Officer and the Tennis Australia Member Association
- it is an official National School Partnership Program venue (if appropriate) or demonstrates links between the school, coach and local club
- intra and/or interschool competition pathway is being delivered
- students are part of the [Tennis Australia National Pathway](#) (if appropriate).

The nomination may come from the school involved in the program, a Tennis Australia qualified coach, Tennis Australia registered ANZ Tennis Hot Shots provider, parent of the school or a Member Association.

### ***Nomination process***

- Winners of the state/territory award for Most Outstanding School (or equivalent) will become the nominees for the national award for Most Outstanding School
- For states that do not have an awards night, candidates from that state are eligible for a wildcard nomination for the Most Outstanding School 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:

- how committed and active the school has been in embracing tennis into the school environment, including teachers (professional development, implementation and relationship building with external partners) and students (leadership values, registration and enthusiasm for the sport)
- how active the school has been with initiatives that have been set up to enhance the sport at a local level
- the overall experience by the students involved in the program
- demonstration of an increase in the number of students participating and then going on to local community-based programs
- how the school provides a pathway for opportunities to go to the next level (community, competition and elite)
- performance of the school in the respective team tennis competition
- athletes of the school (if applicable) and their individual results
- overall tennis pathway through the school from P-12 (if applicable).

All entries must supply a minimum of three high-resolution photos and/or video footage supporting their nomination.



### Selection process

The selection panel will be made up of the following:

- Manager Schools
- Manager Participation Partnerships
- Tennis Australia Coach Development Manager
- Member Association representative.

All decisions in relation to the Most Outstanding School 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

<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: 1. National award nominees will be the winners of the <u>2016</u> state/territory award and eligible wildcard nominees 2. 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 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.