

## **MOST OUTSTANDING ATHLETE WITH A DISABILITY SELECTION CRITERIA AND PROCESS**

### **ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA**

To be eligible for consideration for the Most Outstanding Athlete with a Disability, the tournament must show that it:

- Nominees must be a citizen of, or hold permanent residency in Australia
- Competed in a minimum of three (3) tournaments in the calendar year (applicable to disability). For example:
  - State Championships/Australian Tennis Champs/World Champs– for ID Athletes
  - National Championships/AO Summer Series or ITF Sanctioned events - Wheelchair
  - National Championships/Deaflympics/Pennant/World Champs – Deaf Tennis

### **THE NOMINATION PROCESS FOR AUSTRALIAN TENNIS AWARD**

- The winners of the State Award for Most Outstanding Athlete with a Disability (or an equivalent category) will become a nominee for the Australian Tennis Award in the same category
- For states that do not have an awards night – the relevant MA staff will use the criteria provided below to nominate a candidate as a wildcard for the Most Outstanding Athlete with a Disability at the Australian Tennis Awards
- TA selection panels will select finalists for each award from the nominees (State Award winners)
- Finalists will be announced and invited to attend the Newcombe Medal Australian Tennis Awards.

### **KEY DATES**

**Monday 2 October 2017:** Nominations due to TA

The award period is as per the MA award period:

- National award nominees will be the winner of the 2017 State award
- MAs will confidentially advise TA of award winners (and provide details) prior to state award night if this night falls after 2 October
- If the MA does not have a State Award (NT/NSW), the MA will nominate a candidate for each category based on the criteria
- MAs will provide a high res image of award winner to TA.

**Friday 20 October 2017:** TA Selection Panel confirms finalists

Selection Panels for each award to confirm finalist from state award nominees. This will be kept confidential until after all of the State Awards have been completed

**Monday 27 November 2017:** Newcombe Medal Awards Night



### **SELECTION CRITERIA**

The selection panel will consider the following in assessing and comparing nominees:

- The athlete has an improved ranking over a 12month period
- 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; Commit, Compete & Respect
- Has complied with all rules and conducts as set by Tennis Australia.

### **SELECTION PROCESS**

- 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 which arise and which are not covered in this document will be determined by the selection panel in consultation with Tennis Australia Management.

### **REQUIREMENTS OF AWARD RECIPIENTS**

The successful recipients will be required to fulfill the following items upon reasonable request:

- Participate in marketing and promotional activities in the 12 months following the award
- Prepare an article for the Australian Tennis Magazine. Tennis Australia will provide editorial assistance.