

MOST OUTSTANDING AR TOURNAMENT SELECTION CRITERIA AND PROCESS

ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA

To be eligible for consideration for the Most Outstanding Australian Ranking Tournament, the tournament must show that it:

- Is an Australian Money Tournament, Australian Junior Tour event, Australian ITF Junior event or Australian Wheelchair Tournament
- Held the final day of the tournament between the award period
- Is a Tennis Australia sanctioned event and is affiliated with their Member Association
- Fully utilised the Tournament Planner (TP) software program and Tennis Australia integrated online registration system in coordinating their tournament
- Has complied with all rules and regulations as set by Tennis Australia and its relevant Member Association
- Has offered players a high-quality experience both on-and-off the court with activities, amenities to a high standard allowing for a positive tournament atmosphere
- Obtained sponsorship for the tournament and implemented strategies to service these sponsors
- Have a pro-active tournament committee
- Fulfilled all officiating requirements or gone above to provide their own accredited officials.

THE NOMINATION PROCESS FOR AUSTRALIAN TENNIS AWARD

- The winners of the State Award for Most Outstanding Australian Ranking Tournament (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 Australian Ranking Tournament 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 give consideration to the following in assessing and comparing nominations:

- The 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 this contributed to a positive tournament atmosphere;
- the standard of the tournament sponsorship program and the level of service provided to the sponsors;
- the level of pro-activity shown by the tournament committee and the success of the pro-active actions; and
- Demonstrated commitment to quality customer service throughout the tournament, as well as leadership, innovation and creativity.

All entries must supply a minimum of three high-resolution photos (video footage is optional) supporting their nomination.

SELECTION PROCESS

The selection panel will be made up of the following:

- Tennis Australia Tournaments representative/s
- Member Association representative
- A Coach & Parent representative

Selectors will choose one winner and if no entries are judged to have reached a sufficiently high standard they may advise they have made no award.

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 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.