

MOST OUTSTANDING SCHOOL SELECTION CRITERIA AND PROCESS

ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA

To be eligible for consideration for the Most Outstanding School, the school must demonstrate:

- Tennis is incorporated into the health and physical education via ANZ Tennis Hot Shots, Cardio Tennis or other means
- 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
- There is a link with the School Development Coordinator and the Tennis Australia State Tennis Association
- It is an official School Partnership or School Play Program venue (if appropriate) or demonstrates links between the school, coach and local club
- Intra and/or inter school 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 State Tennis Association.

THE NOMINATION PROCESS FOR AUSTRALIAN TENNIS AWARD

- The winners of the State Award for Most Outstanding School (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 School 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:

- How committed and active the school has been in demonstrating their embracement of 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 the school demonstrates the importance and value of health and physical education within the school how active the school has been with initiatives which have been set up to enhance the sport at a local level
- The overall experience by the student involved in the program
- Demonstration of an increase in the number of students participating and then going onto local community based programs
- How the school provides a pathway for opportunities to go to the next level (community, competition and elite)
- Consideration given to the performance of the school in the respective team tennis competition
- Consideration given to the 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
- Tennis Australia Education Project Manager
- Tennis Australia School Competition Coordinator
- 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 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.