

## MOST OUTSTANDING SCHOOL SELECTION CRITERIA AND PROCESS

### ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA

To be eligible for consideration for the Most Outstanding Tennis Club, the Tennis Club must show that it:

- Is affiliated with a Member Association
- Can demonstrate an inviting culture, accessibility and the ability to attract players/members;
- Employs/engages qualified Tennis Australia coach members
- Has completed Club Health Check (CERM) data collection (compulsory)
- Has implemented Tennis Australia participation programs and competitions providing a range of opportunities to the whole community
- Promotes social integration and inclusion
- Uses a range of tennis systems, eg: My Tennis, League Manager, Tournaments Planner
- Club must be accessible to community and allow for public court hire
- The club must employ or engage a Tennis Australia Club Coach OR be a Community Play Venue
- Has a partnership with the local school through the School Partnership Program or School Play Program

### THE NOMINATION PROCESS FOR AUSTRALIAN TENNIS AWARD

- The winners of the State Award for Most Outstanding Tennis Club (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 Tennis Club 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 direct customer feedback the club has received via independent responses from customers and members. Responses and references should be provided as part of submission
- The results of the Club Health Check compared to the average range for a club of its size
- Demonstration of membership retention/growth via Member Association registration
- The level of club accessibility to the different user groups including but not limited to Schools, diverse community user groups, community outreach (away from physical club location)
- The range and quality of programs delivered including pathways for junior tennis players, Cardio Tennis, Community Play and Hot Shots tournaments and competitions
- The level of promotion of the club and welcoming community invitations to participate i.e. hosting a Free Tennis Day, open to the whole Community.

### **SELECTION PROCESS**

The selection panel will be made up of the following:

- National Manager Industry Development
- National Programs Manager
- National Club Development Manager
- Member Association representative

All decisions in relation to the Most Outstanding Tennis Club & Community 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
- Participate in tennis pilot programs and initiatives.