

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)
 - e.g. State Championships/Australian Tennis Champs/World Champs– for ID Athletes
 - e.g. National Championships/AO Summer Series or ITF Sanctioned events - Wheelchair
 - e.g. 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 equivalent) will become the nominee for the National Award for Most Outstanding Athlete with a Disability.

SELECTION CRITERIA

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

- Have 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

The selection panel will be made up of the following:

- Past recipient (to be determined each year)
- Nominated State/NA/High Performance Coach (to be determined each year)
- Head of Tennis Inclusion - 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.

TIMELINE

Monday 1 October 2018: All nominations due to TA

- Nominees for the Australian Tennis Awards will be the winners of the **2018** State awards
- MAs are to confidentially advise TA of award winners (and provide details) prior to state award night if this night falls after 1 October
- MAs **must** also provide a high res image of award winner to TA to be used on the screens at the Awards ceremony.

Friday 19 October 2018: TA Selection Panels confirm finalists

- Selection Panels for each award to confirm finalist from state award nominees

Monday 26 November 2018: Newcombe Medal, Australian Tennis Awards

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.