

MOST OUTSTANDING SCHOOL SELECTION CRITERIA AND PROCESS

ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA

The school must demonstrate:

- Tennis is incorporated into the health and physical education curriculum via the School Partnership Program 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 relationship with the School Development Coordinator and the Tennis Australia State Tennis Association
- 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 equivalent) will become the nominee for the National Award for Most Outstanding School.

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 principal demonstrates the importance and value of health and physical education within the school and how active the school has been with initiatives which have been set up to enhance the sport at a local community 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 promotes and communicates messages to the school community around their participation in tennis
- 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.

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 My Coach or relevant section in the Australian Tennis Magazine dedicated to Tennis Australia coach members. Tennis Australia will provide editorial assistance
- If required, participate in a best practice session during the 2019 Australian Open Grand Slam® Coaches' Conference.