

COACHING EXCELLENCE – PERFORMANCE SELECTION CRITERIA AND PROCESS

The Award Period for the 2023 Australian Tennis Awards is November 2022 - October 2023.

ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA

To be eligible for consideration, the nominee must:

- Hold a Tennis Australia recognised qualification (High Performance preferred)
- Hold a Working with Children check (or state/territory equivalent) and have a clean National Police check
- Be an Australian citizen or permanent resident

THE NOMINATION PROCESS FOR AUSTRALIAN TENNIS AWARD

- The winners of the State Award for Coaching Excellence – Performance (or equivalent) will become the nominee for the National Award for Coaching Excellence – Performance
- If a state/territory does not have an award in this category, the MA may nominate a candidate from that state/territory through the online portal, provided the nominee meets all the eligibility criteria
- The national body reserves the right to enter wild card nominees for this award.

SELECTION CRITERIA

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

Note: information regarding the player's program will remain confidential and will only be seen by the selection panel.

- The quality of the high performance program provided by the coach
- Results, rankings, and ranking improvement of players during the Award Period
- Submission of an individual player's program during the Award Period which will include aspects of or all of the following:
 - Player profile (including player goals, competencies and deficiencies as per the Tennis Australia Athlete Development Matrix and / or Believe performance coach framework
 - The coach has worked with the athlete for a minimum of 6 months, demonstrated by being the assigned coach for at least 10 professional events
 - Specific coaching program delivered to players during the Award Period
 - Player tournament schedule
 - Player results and ranking improvements
 - Player plan for next 12 months

SUPPORTING DOCUMENTATION

All entries must supply three high-resolution photos and/or video footage supporting their nomination.

SELECTION PROCESS

The selection panel will be made up of:

- Coach Development representative, Tennis Australia
- Athlete Development representative, Tennis Australia
- Member Association representative

Only information provided by the nominee with their nomination form will be considered by the selection panel. Nominees should attach any relevant additional information with their nomination form.

All decisions in relation to the Coaching Excellence – Performance 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 that are not covered in this document will be determined by the selection panel in consultation with Tennis Australia Management.

TIMELINE

Friday, 27th October 2023: All nominations due to Tennis Australia

- Nominees for the Australian Tennis Awards will be the winners of the **2023** State awards
- Nominations will only be accepted through the Newcombe Medal online portal
- MAs must confidentially upload details of their state nominees by this date, regardless if the state awards night is scheduled later
- No nominations will be accepted without a high res image of award winner

Monday, 6th November 2023: Tennis Australia Selection Panels to confirm finalists

Friday, 10th November 2023: Newcombe Medal project group to notify unsuccessful and successful finalists via email

Monday, 11th December 2023: Newcombe Medal, Australian Tennis Awards

REQUIREMENTS OF AWARD RECIPIENTS

The successful recipients will be required to fulfill the following:

- 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
- If required, participate in a best practice session during the 2024 Australian Open Grand Slam® Coaches' Conference
- Participate in tennis pilot programs and initiatives.