

MOST OUTSTANDING EVENT 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 Event must:

- Be listed on the Australian Competitive Play Calendar
- Be run and controlled by either a tennis club/association staff and/or volunteers (i.e limited direct involvement by the Member Association & Tennis Australia staff)
- Be delivered and completed during the Award Period (including any finals)
- Is a Tennis Australia endorsed event and is affiliated with their Member Association

THE NOMINATION PROCESS FOR AUSTRALIAN TENNIS AWARD

- The winners of the State Award for Most Outstanding Event (or equivalent) will become the nominee for the National Award Most Outstanding Event.
- If a state/territory does not have an award in this category or if an ineligible event wins the state/territory award, the MA may nominate a candidate from that state/territory through the online portal, provided the nominee meets all the eligibility criteria.

SELECTION CRITERIA

The selection panel will give consideration to the following in assessing and comparing nominations:

- The overall quality of the event delivered, ensuring an outstanding experience for athletes, coaches, parents and officials
- Has complied with all rules and regulations as set by Tennis Australia and its relevant Member Association
- Fulfilled all officiating requirements or gone above to provide their own accredited officials
- Use a tournament software program and integrated online registration system in coordinating their event to ensure efficient administration
- The type, volume and level of success of media and promotional activities undertaken
- The type of social activities and the standard of player amenities provided, and how this contributed to a positive event atmosphere
- The standard of the event sponsorship program and the level of service provided to the sponsors
- The level of pro-activity shown by the event committee and the success of the pro-active actions
- Implementation of initiatives during the event that has the potential to positively impact the local tennis community year-round (e.g. recruitment of local officials, awards based on player values, behaviour and culture, not just performance)
- Demonstrated commitment to quality customer service throughout the event, as well as leadership, innovation and creativity
- Comments from the event referee reports
- Supporting comments from participating players/parents/coaches to support the above implementation is preferred

SUPPORTING DOCUMENTATION

All entries must supply a minimum of three high-resolution photos and video footage (no more than 5mins), highlighting evidence to assist the evaluation of the select criteria above. Please note: Professional staff do not need to be contracted to deliver high-res documentation.

SELECTION PROCESS

The selection panel will be made up of the following:

- Competitive Pathways Lead, Tennis Australia
- Manager – Tournament Operations, Tennis Australia
- Member Association representative

Selectors will choose one winner and if no entries are judged to have reached a sufficiently high standard they may advise they have made no award.

All decisions in relation to the Most Outstanding Event 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

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 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.