

MOST OUTSTANDING SCHOOL 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 School must:

- Incorporate Tennis into the health and physical education curriculum, via the School Partnership Program (or equivalent)
- Engage a Tennis Australia qualified coach member, Sporting Schools endorsed deliverer or local affiliated tennis club
- Demonstrate Tennis is supported by the principal and driven by a dedicated staff member assigned to tennis in the school.

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
- 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.

SELECTION CRITERIA

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

- How committed and active the school has been in demonstrating the integration of tennis into the school environment including teachers (professional development, implementation and relationship building with external partners including coach and club) and students (leadership values, registration and enthusiasm for the sport)
- How the principal demonstrates the importance of health and physical education and school sport within the school and how active the school has been with initiatives set up to enhance the sport at a local community level
- The overall experience of students involved in the program
- Demonstration of student retention within the school environment and an increase in the number of students converting from school participation to community participation
- How the school promotes and communicates messages to the school community around their participation in tennis and how to continue ongoing participation in the local community
- Where applicable, demonstration of program modification to allow the inclusion of children with disabilities and other underrepresented groups to participate
- Consideration given to the involvement of the school in school competition, including intra school, gala days and performance of the school in respective team tennis competition
- Consideration given to the overall tennis pathway through the school from P-12 (if applicable).

SUPPORTING DOCUMENTATION

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:

- Youth Programs Manager, Tennis Australia
- Operations & Services Lead, Tennis Australia
- 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 that are not covered in this document will be resolved 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
- If required, participate in a best practice session during the 2024 Australian Open Grand Slam® Coaches' Conference
- Participate in tennis pilot programs and initiatives.