



SELECTION GUIDELINES

AUSTRALIAN REPRESENTATIVE (PWII)

An objective of Tennis Australia's Player Development department is to observe an increase in the strength and depth of Australian players with disability populating the Virtus world rankings in men's and women's II1, II2 & II3 divisions. Selection Guideline principles are intended to be reflective of international standards and opportunities to represent Australia at the highest level of competition.

These Selection Guidelines are designed to inform player selection for Australian Representative opportunities;

- To provide benchmarks that drive positive development and performance behaviour
- To promote internal and external transparency
- To establish and manage expectations of stakeholders

Player selection gives consideration to the following selection criteria:

1. Upholds TA values of Excellence, Humility, Collaboration, Imagination
2. Domestic and International results (including singles and doubles performances)
3. Australian PWII ranking, UTR and Virtus World ranking

Specific Selection Criteria*

a) Participation/Preparation

- i) Competed in at least (2) state PWII championships every year
- ii) Competed in the most recent Australian Tennis Championships or Australian Open PWII event
- iii) Available to attend required state/national squad-based training and camps throughout the year
- iv) Compete in mainstream tournaments and/or weekly club-organised competition playing both singles & doubles

**Past performance and participation will be considered for players returning from injury*

b) Behaviour

- i) Athletes must demonstrate that they are able to manage independently across most situations, in particular during air travel, while playing tennis and at the venue
- ii) Display the appropriate behaviour associated with Tennis Australia values and performance philosophy

c) Eligibility

- i) Must be an Australian citizen
- ii) Athlete has satisfactorily completed the Virtus Athlete Eligibility Application and included on the Virtus Master list prior to team selection
- iii) Must meet the Virtus General/Sport Specific Selection Criteria
- iv) Must abide by all Tennis Australia policies

Team composition will vary and be determined by the Virtus Games organising committee and Tennis Australia.

TA Selection guidelines are only relevant for Virtus events and NOT Special Olympics. Selection guidelines are subject to change at any time.



2024 Virtus World Tennis Championships – Annecy, France

Team Composition

For the 2024 Virtus World Tennis Championships held in Annecy in September, Tennis Australia will financially support an Australian team of up to maximum **four** athletes each across the II-1 Men's and II-1 Women's divisions, and up to maximum **two** athletes each across the II-2 Men's, II-2 Women's, II-3 Men's and II-3 Women's divisions (subject to events running). TA will financially support a maximum total team size of **twelve** athletes across all divisions. Specific levels of funding support for athletes will be communicated at a later date.

A selection panel of three people will finalise athletes for Australian representative opportunities and will consist of the following members from Tennis Australia; National PWII Coach, Talent Development Manager – PWII, and Head of Players with Disability.

Final team selection is at the discretion of Tennis Australia appointed Head of Players with Disability.

Key Dates*

- November 20, 2023 – Selection Guidelines released
- February 19, 2024 – Team squad selection and funding support announced
- July 26, 2024 – Final team confirmation and announcement

*Lead-in training camps to be confirmed