

## JUNIOR ATHLETE OF THE YEAR – MALE AND FEMALE SELECTION CRITERIA AND PROCESS

### ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA

Nominees must be:

- 18 years and under as at the end of the award period
- A citizen of, or hold permanent residency of Australia.

### THE NOMINATION PROCESS FOR AUSTRALIAN TENNIS AWARD

- The winners of the State Award for Junior Athlete of the Year – Male and Female (or an equivalent category) will become a nominee for the Australian Tennis Award in the same category
- For states that do not have an awards night – the relevant MA staff will use the criteria provided below to nominate a candidate as a wildcard for the Junior Athlete of the Year – Male and Female at the Australian Tennis Awards
- Wildcards are permitted for this award and will be nominated by the TA Selection Panel
- TA selection panels will select finalists for each award from the nominees (State Award winners)
- Finalists will be announced and invited to attend the Newcombe Medal Australian Tennis Awards.

### KEY DATES

**Monday 2 October 2017:** Nominations due to TA

The award period is as per the MA award period:

- National award nominees will be the winner of the 2017 State award
- MAs will confidentially advise TA of award winners (and provide details) prior to state award night if this night falls after 2 October
- If the MA does not have a State Award (NT/NSW), the MA will nominate a candidate for each category based on the criteria
- MAs will provide a high res image of award winner to TA.

**Friday 20 October 2017:** TA Selection Panel confirms finalists

Selection Panels for each award to confirm finalist from state award nominees and wildcards. This will be kept confidential until after all of the State Awards have been completed

**Monday 27 November 2017:** Newcombe Medal Awards Night



### **SELECTION CRITERIA**

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

- Commendable ranking level (ATP/WTA/ITF/AR)
- Demonstrated record playing for Australia (if applicable)
- Appropriate and commendable attitude in-line with our player values of Compete, Commit and Respect
- Has complied with all rules and conducts set by Tennis Australia.

### **SELECTION PROCESS**

The selection panel will be made up of the following:

- Tennis Australia National Junior Selectors

All decisions in relation to the Junior Athlete of the Year 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.

### **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.