

MOST OUTSTANDING ATHLETE WITH A DISABILITY SELECTION CRITERIA AND PROCESS

ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA

To be eligible for consideration for the Most Outstanding Athlete with a Disability, the athlete must show that he/she:

- Is a citizen or permanent resident of Australia
- Has competed in a minimum of three (3) tournaments in the calendar year (applicable to disability)
 - e.g. State Championships/Australian Tennis Champs/World Champs– for Athletes with ID
 - e.g. National Championships/AO Summer Series or ITF Sanctioned events - Wheelchair
 - e.g. National Championships/Deaflympics/Pennant/World Champs – Deaf Tennis

THE NOMINATION PROCESS FOR AUSTRALIAN TENNIS AWARD

- The winners of the State Award for Most Outstanding Athlete with a Disability (or equivalent) will become the nominee for the National Award for Most Outstanding Athlete with a Disability
- 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 nominees:

- Ranking improvement and/or sustained top 20 ranking over a 12-month period
- Competed at the highest level within their disability event type
- Playing record representing Australia (if applicable)
- Has complied with all rules and policies set by Tennis Australia
- Has been a positive role model to other athletes with disabilities

SELECTION PROCESS

The selection panel will be made up of the following:

- Head of Tennis Inclusion - Performance
- Tennis Australia Inclusion representative
- Member Association Inclusion representative

The selection panel in its absolute discretion will determine all decisions in relation to the Most Outstanding Athlete with a Disability (including any questions in relation to eligibility). All decisions are final, and no correspondence will be entered into.

Any matters not covered in this document will be resolved by the selection panel in consultation with Tennis Australia Management.

TIMELINE

Wednesday, 16 October 2019: All nominations due to TA

- Nominees for the Australian Tennis Awards will be the winners of the **2019** State awards
- MAs must confidentially upload details of state nominees by this date, even if the state award night is scheduled later.
- No nominations will be accepted without a high res image of award winner for use during the award ceremony.
- Nominations will only be accepted through the Newcombe Medal online portal.

Wednesday, 30 October 2019: TA Selection Panels confirm finalists

- Selection Panels for each award to confirm finalist from state award nominees

Monday, 2 December 2019: 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.