

## **MOST OUTSTANDING AUSTRALIAN RANKING TOURNAMENT SELECTION CRITERIA AND PROCESS**

### **ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA**

To be eligible for consideration for the Most Outstanding Australian Ranking Tournament, the tournament must show that it:

- Is an Australian Money Tournament, Australian Junior Tour event, Australian ITF Junior event, ITF Seniors or Australian Wheelchair Tournament
- Held the final day of the tournament between the award period
- Is a Tennis Australia sanctioned event and is affiliated with their Member Association
- 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.

### **THE NOMINATION PROCESS FOR AUSTRALIAN TENNIS AWARD**

- The winners of the State Award for Most Outstanding Australian Ranking Tournament (or equivalent) will become the nominee for the National Award Most Outstanding Australian Ranking Tournament
- 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 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
- Use a tournament software program and integrated online registration system in coordinating their tournament 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 tournament atmosphere
- the standard of the tournament sponsorship program and the level of service provided to the sponsors
- the level of pro-activity shown by the tournament committee and the success of the pro-active actions
- Demonstrated commitment to quality customer service throughout the tournament, as well as leadership, innovation and creativity.

All entries must supply a minimum of three high-resolution photos (video footage is also preferred, highlighting the main venue, functions and presentations) supporting their nomination.

### **SELECTION PROCESS**

The selection panel will be made up of the following:

- Tennis Australia Tournaments representative/s
- 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 Australian Ranking Tournament 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**

**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.