

VOLUNTEER ACHIEVEMENT AWARD 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 nominee must:

- Work on an entirely voluntary basis and have done so during the full Award Period
- Are supported by at least one member of the current management committee.

THE NOMINATION PROCESS FOR AUSTRALIAN TENNIS AWARD

- The winners of the State Award for the Volunteer Achievement Award (or equivalent) will become the nominee for the National Award for Volunteer Achievement Award
- 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:

- The leadership qualities displayed in continuing to grow the club/venue and/or facilitate successful change
- The leadership qualities demonstrated to foster and drive a positive culture within the club/venue which is welcoming, safe and inclusive
- The leadership qualities shown in building and/or maintaining facilities and/or operating procedures
- The impact of the time spent both short term and long term and how that benefits the club/venue, community and the sport
- Evidence of fostered relationships within and between the club/venue/association and the community e.g. Local Government and the local Member Association
- The contribution to making Tennis inclusive for diverse communities (ie. people with a disability, multicultural communities, Indigenous Australians, people who identify as LGBTI, low socio-economic communities)
- Have made a considerable contribution to the sport, specifically in the area of delivering more active players through creating a Thriving Tennis Community
- Have demonstrated significant achievement while in the roles held within the club/venue/association.

SUPPORTING DOCUMENTATION

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

- Written endorsement to be provided by the club or centre management committee
- Other documented evidence to substantiate meeting the selection criteria, such as letters of thanks, supporting evidence from current administrators of the club/venue/association, publications depicting the nominee's position within the club/venue/association.

SELECTION PROCESS

The selection panel will be made up of:

- National Clubs Manager, Tennis Australia
- Club Systems & Access Lead, Tennis Australia
- Member Association representative
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All decisions in relation to the Volunteer Achievement 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 determined 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
- Participate in tennis pilot programs and initiatives.