



SELECTION GUIDELINES

AUSTRALIAN REPRESENTATIVE (D/HOH)

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 International Deaf Tennis rankings in men's, women's and juniors. 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 international representation opportunities:

- To provide benchmarks that drive positive development and performance behaviour
- To promote internal and external transparency
- To establish and manage expectations of stakeholders
- To provide alignment to Tennis Australia's PWD Performance department mission to support and foster the development of our future Australian talent

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 D/HoH ranking, UTR and International Deaf Tennis ranking
4. Aligns to the Tennis Australia PWD Performance department mission (as mentioned above)

Selection Criteria

a) Participation/Preparation*

- i) Competed in at least (1) state championships in the current year
- ii) Competed in the last Australian Tennis Championships or Australian Open D/HoH event
- iii) Available to attend required state or national squad based training camps throughout the year

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

b) Behaviour

- i) Display the appropriate behaviour associated with Tennis Australia values
- ii) Athletes must demonstrate that they are able to manage independently across some but not all situations, in particular while playing tennis or at the venue

c) Eligibility

- i) Must be an Australian citizen
- ii) Athlete has satisfactorily met the International Sports Committee for the Deaf (ICSD) eligibility criteria
- iii) Must be classified on the Deaf Sports Australia (DSA) master list under AU2 athlete eligibility policy
- iv) Must abide by all Tennis Australia policies

Selected team size and composition will vary depending on the location, type, cost and timing of the event, as described on page 2, and be determined by Tennis Australia.



2023 World Deaf Tennis Championships – Crete, Greece

Team Composition

For the 2023 World Deaf Tennis Championships held in Greece, Tennis Australia will financially support an Australian team of up to maximum **two** athletes across the following divisions; Open Men's, Open Women's, Junior Boys, Junior Girls. Maximum TA financially supported team size will total **eight** athletes. For the Dresse & Maere Cup (Teams event), players will be selected from athletes competing in the individual events.

If team sizes are to be greater than two athletes per division, an expression of interest process will take place through DSA. These additional athletes will have to self-fund all their expenses attached to the event.

All team members (whether financially supported by TA or not), will be treated as part of the team and be provided with a team uniform, invited to team meetings and have access to TA coach support throughout the event. Additionally, if there are any pre-event training camps, all team members will be invited.

A selection panel of three people will be created to finalise athletes for Australian representative opportunities and will consist of members from Tennis Australia (National Deaf & Hard of Hearing Coach and Head of Players with Disability) and a nominated representative of Deaf Sports Australia (with no conflict of interest). This panel will also determine any additional places on the team through the expression of interest process.

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

Key Dates

- February 28, 2023 – Selection Guidelines released
- June 30, 2023 – Final team selection and announcement
- Entry Deadlines
 - o 23 August 2023 for Women & Men competitions
 - o 25 August 2023 for Youth competitions
 - o 30 August 2023 for Team competitions

*Lead-in training camps to be confirmed