

# **Coaching Excellence - Development**

#### **Nomination Criteria**

The Award period for the 2024 Tennis NSW Awards is September 2023 - August 2024. The winner of this award will be submitted as the NSW nomination for the equivalent award at the Newcombe Medal, Australian Tennis Awards.

## **Eligibility Criteria**

To be eligible for consideration, the nominee must:

- Hold a Tennis Australia recognised qualification (High Performance preferred)
- Hold a current Working with Children Check and clear National Police Check
- Be an Australian citizen or permanent resident

### **Selection Criteria**

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

Note: information regarding the coach/athlete program will remain confidential and will only be seen by the selection panel.

- Development program provided by the coach including but not limited to:
  - Athlete development philosophy
  - o Plan and pathway for athletes from entry to tennis through to 12's/14's Nationals
  - o Tennis-specific education provided to athletes and parents
  - Description of high performance environment created by the coach that fosters athlete learning, performance and independence
- Development of athletes as evidenced by participation in State, National and International level events including but not limited to results, rankings and improvement benchmarks
- Quality and quantity of athletes participating in Development Talent programs during the award period
- Nominations must include the submission of one athlete's program during the award period which should include:

- Athlete profile (athlete goals, coaching priorities, competencies, and deficiencies as per the Tennis Australia Athlete Development Matrix and/or Believe performance coach framework)
- Demonstration that the coach has worked with the athlete for a minimum of six months, demonstrating they are the designated coach for at least 10 professional events
- The program must be specific and been delivered to the athlete during the award period
- o Athlete annual plan and tournament schedule for the past 12 months
- Letter of support from parent (including confirmation and length of coaching relationship – minimum 6 months)
- Attendance at junior state and national tournaments

#### **Selection Process**

The selection panel will include a combination of tennis community representatives, Tennis NSW staff, Tennis NSW Directors and external representatives from within the sports sector. The selection panel in its absolute discretion will determine all decisions in relation to the 2024 Tennis NSW Awards (including any questions in relation to eligibility). All decisions are final, and no correspondence will be entered.

Only information that is provided in the online nomination form within the word limit and supporting documents outlined in the Selection Criteria will be considered. Nomination forms submitted as a supporting document will not be considered.

All nominations must include at least two (2) high resolution images.

Tennis NSW reserves the right to not award a recipient in any given category if the nominations submitted do not meet the nomination requirements.

### **Timeline**

Thursday 1 August - Award Nominations Open

Sunday 25 August - Award Nominations Close

Thursday 19 September - Award Finalists Announced

Thursday 17 October - Tennis NSW Awards evening

Monday 9 December - Newcombe Medal, Australian Tennis Awards

## **Requirements of Award Recipients**

The successful recipients may be asked to participate in marketing and promotional activities in the 12 months following the event. Winners may also be asked to participate in tennis pilot programs and initiatives.