

COACHING EXCELLENCE – TALENT DEVELOPMENT

The Talent Development Coach is instrumental in developing successful high performance tennis players. The recipient of this award is delivering a quality, comprehensive, holistic coaching program that focuses on the technical, tactical, physical and psychological development of talented athletes; primarily 14 years and under. In addition the coach will currently be coaching junior players who have achieved outstanding results, travels to tournaments with his/her players and be engaged in Talent initiatives.

Eligibility Criteria

To be eligible for consideration, the nominee must:

- Be delivering a quality, holistic coaching program which focuses on the technical, tactical, physical and psychological development of high performance junior athletes – primarily 14 years and under;
- Be currently coaching junior athletes who have achieved outstanding results during the award period (i.e. State, National or International level athletes);
- Travel to tournaments with his/her high performance junior athletes; and,
- Engage in Talent Development related initiatives and be involved as a Talent Development Coach

Only Tennis Australia Talent Development Coaches will be considered.

Nominees may self-nominate or be nominated by another person (note: if you self-nominate you will require a seconder to support your nomination).

All entries must provide the following media to support their submission:

- Three (3) high-resolution photos (in RAW format or TIFF/JPEG in highest file size possible)

Selection Criteria

The selection panel will consider the following in assessing nominations:

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

1. Talent Development program provided by the coach including but not limited to:
 - Athlete development philosophy;
 - Plan and pathway for athletes entering ANZ Tennis Hot Shots through to 12s/14s Nationals (i.e. Athlete Development Pathway);
 - Tennis-specific education provided to athletes and parents; and
 - Description of high performance environment created by coach which fosters athlete learning, performance and independence
2. Development of athletes as evidenced by participation in State, National and International level events including but not limited to results, rankings and ranking improvement

3. Quality and quantity of athletes participating in Talent programs during the award period
4. Submission of one athlete's program including but not limited to:
 - Athlete profile (including athlete's goals, coaching priorities, competencies and deficiencies as per the Tennis Australia Athlete Development Matrix);
 - Athlete annual plan and tournament schedule for the past 12 months;
 - Letter of support from athlete; and
 - Letter of support from parent (including confirmation and length of coaching relationship)
5. Attendance at junior state and national tournaments
6. Involvement in Talent which may include:
 - Attendance at Talent camps;
 - Participation in Super 10s and bridging programs; and
 - Attendance at Talent Development Coaches professional development workshops.

All entries must be able to accommodate a site visit if requested by the selection panel.

Selection Process

Only information provided by the nominee with their online nomination form will be considered by the selection panel. Nominees should attach any relevant additional information with their online nomination form.

All decisions in relation to the **Coaching Excellence – Talent Development** 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 which are not covered in this document will be determined by the selection panel in consultation with Tennis West Management.

Timeline

- Nominations open – Friday, 20 July 2018
- Nominations close – Friday, 31 August 2018
- Nominations are valid for the 2017/18 tennis season
- The WA Tennis Industry Awards Night will be held on Friday, 12 October 2018
- Winners of their respective categories at the WA Tennis Industry Awards will be nominated for the Newcombe Medal Australian Tennis Awards
- Newcombe Medal – Monday, 26 November 2018

Requirements of Award Recipients

The successful recipient will be required to fulfil the following:

- 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 a best practice discussion during the 2019 Australian Grand Slam® Coaches' Conference if required.

Nomination Submission

Nominations will be accepted **online only** and should be submitted to Tennis West by clicking [here](#) or by copying this link into a browser window: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/2018watennisindustryawards>.

Nominations should include:

- Executive Summary (approximately 200 words) – briefly summarise the key points of the Nomination Report.
- Nomination Report (no more than three A4 typed pages, minimum of 10 point font) – this should address all Selection Criteria for the award.
- Supporting Documents, if applicable (maximum of three pages) – as relevant to the award, e.g. letter of endorsement, posters/flyers, program information.
- Supporting Photographs, if applicable (minimum of three high resolution photos).

Nominations are due by 5pm Friday 31 August 2018.

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