

SELECTION CRITERIA: AUSTRALIAN REPRESENTATIVE

2026 OPEN MENS TEAM – WORLD TEAM CUP

The philosophy of the Tennis Australia Performance Team is to 'strive to be the best version of yourself everyday'. Through development of the person, player and team, the overall goal is to develop a sustainable pipeline of champions which aligns to the Tennis Australia overall 2030 strategy. To support the goals, the Players with Disability (PWD) team have developed their own goals including:

- Medalling at the 2032 Brisbane Paralympics
- Winning a singles and doubles Grand Slam title by 2032
- Representing Australia in the WTC across all divisions by 2030

The PWD team are committed to ensuring athletes are consistently aligned to the qualities expected within all aspects of our pathway, allowing players to develop into high performing athletes capable of achieving this mission. To support this, we acknowledge the need for a transparent process when selecting players to represent Australia at the BNP Paribas World Team Cup. As well as providing benchmarks for aspiring players to work towards.

The BNP Paribas World Team Cup is the pinnacle team event on the ITF UNIQLO Wheelchair Tennis Tour. The following selection guidelines are intended to be reflective of international standards and expectations held by Tennis Australia.

2026 OPEN MENS TEAM SELECTION PERIOD

The 2026 WTC selection period will be:

June 30th 2025 – December 1st 2025

Team will be selected prior to the commencement of the January Australian ITF events

Selection Criteria

The selection criteria are designed to:

- Provide benchmarks that drive positive development and performance behaviour.
- Promote internal and external transparency
- Establish and manage expectations of stakeholders
- Provide alignment to Tennis Australia's PWD Performance department philosophy to "strive to be the best version of yourself everyday"

1. Character

To be considered for selection, players are expected to display an ongoing commitment to the Tennis Australia Performance Philosophy: “Striving to be the best version of yourself everyday”. Additionally, demonstrating positive behaviours of our five Performance Character Traits will be integral to selection in the team for 2026 and beyond. These traits will assist in guiding both your personal development and playing progress:

- Act with courage
- Effort over outcome
- Honesty and ownership
- Humility and respect
- Self-regulation and perspective

Please note that this will be determined utilising a Character rubric developed by Tennis Australia as assessed by the World Team Cup Selection Panel.

2. Commitment

Athletes must demonstrate a commitment to their development and be positive role models for the wider wheelchair tennis community.

Player Development	Character Based
- Submission of an annual periodised competition plan - Completion of a bi-annual Athlete Development Plan (ADP) with Private and TA National coach - Maintain a consistent and up to date schedule via Teamworks during training and competition	- Complete stakeholder meetings twice per year with Tennis Australia Coaching team - Keep an open communication channel to ensure schedules and goals are consistently aligned
- Demonstrate key technical improvements recognised in the ADP - Maintain a positive Character score - Maintain a dedicated training load agreed upon by Private and Tennis Australia coaching team	- Must be on an “Athlete Agreement” for 2025/26
- Commit to a regular international tour and maintain a ranking with an upwards trajectory - Compete in the 2025/26 Nationals and other appropriate Australian ITF events *Extenuating circumstances such as injury, will be considered at the discretion of the selection panel	- Attend National camps or programs where appropriate as a player or player mentor to the new generation. - Mentor the Junior World Team Cup prospective athletes, as well as juniors transitioning into open events. Expectation is to continue as mentor for a 12-month period. - Available for any Tennis Australia promotional activities as required

3. Performance

Singles	Doubles
Ranking - Ranked top 75 ITF	Character - Strong character score will be considered for doubles pairings - Consideration will be given to players who function well in a team environment
Results - Head-to-head - Win/Loss Ratio during selection period - Consideration of results at select events	Results - Head-to-head - Win/Loss Ratio during selection period - Consideration of results at select events

4. Other Criteria

Tennis Australia will regularly create reports on player performance to track results, character and development. These will consist of:

- Athlete Development Plans
- Tour Reports
- Monthly Character Reports
- Training and Tournament Scheduling
- Match Analysis Data (where filming is possible)

5. Eligibility

- Must be an Australian citizen.
- Must have an ITF classification that is either: New, Fixed Review, or Confirmed.
- Must abide by all Tennis Australia [policies](#)

6. Team Composition

Tennis Australia will financially support an Australian team of up to a maximum of **four** athletes for the 2026 Open Men's World Team Cup Team.

7. Selection Panel

The selection panel will comprise of the Tennis Australia Wheelchair Team with final team selection at the discretion of the Tennis Australia Head of Players with Disability.