

<b>Overview</b>	<i>The Australian Open, Grand Slam of Asia-Pacific, is one of the largest and most prestigious sporting events in the world. Book your place to be there in January 2016 with the Australian Open Asia Pacific Wildcard Playoff (AWP) taking place in Shenzhen, China. Main Draw Wildcards are on offer for Asia-Pacific's winning Singles and Doubles tennis players.</i>	
<b>Eligibility</b>	The AWP is open to all Nationals from the Asia-Pacific region, excluding Australians, with a World Ranking of 105 or higher for Men and 109 or higher for Women (based on the AO cut-off for Men of 104 and Women of 108) at the time of the entry closing. <i>If anyone is ranked lower than these stipulated rankings and are concerned about any points they need to defend, you may contact the Tournament Referee for special exemption to play.</i> There is no applicable cut-off for doubles so all Asia-Pacific players are eligible. However, the successful doubles pairs at the AWP must compete together at the AO. If this does not occur then the wildcard is no longer valid and will be returned.	
<b>Dates</b>	<i>Qualifying Singles:</i> Monday 30 November to Tuesday 1 December 2015	<i>Main Draw Singles:</i> Wednesday 2 to Sunday 6 December 2015  <i>Main Draw Doubles:</i> Wednesday 2 to Sunday 6 December 2015
<b>Venue</b>	Luohu Tennis Club No. 48 Jing'er Road, Rosa Road, Luohu District, Shenzhen, Guangdong Province, China 罗湖网球俱乐部 广东省深圳市罗湖区罗沙公路经二路48号	T: +86 755 2541 6885 F: +86 755 2554 6688 <a href="http://www.tennis.com.au/tournaments/pro-tournaments/asia-pacific-australian-open-wildcard-play-off">http://www.tennis.com.au/tournaments/pro-tournaments/asia-pacific-australian-open-wildcard-play-off</a>
<b>Prize Money</b>	Prize money (AUD) for the men's and women's singles is: W \$2,500, F \$2,000, SF \$1,500, QF \$1,000, 1R \$500 Prize money (AUD) for men's and women's doubles is: W \$1,500 per pair, F \$1,000, SF \$500, QF \$250	
<b>Tournament Staff</b>	Tournament Director: Darren Sturgess Event Operations: Zhu Yexing (China)	<a href="mailto:dsturgess@tennis.com.au">dsturgess@tennis.com.au</a> M: +61 411 762 258 T: +613 9914 4419 <a href="mailto:zyx@chinatennis.org.cn">zyx@chinatennis.org.cn</a> M: +86 186 1831 0018
<b>AO Referee</b>	Wayne McKewen <a href="mailto:wmckewen@tennis.com.au">wmckewen@tennis.com.au</a>	
<b>Draw Size and Acceptance Criteria</b>	<p><b>Singles:</b> 16 Draw*</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Direct – Top 8 ranked players</li> <li>- Wildcards – 4 players</li> <li>- Qualifiers – 4 players</li> </ul> <p><b>Singles Qualifying:</b> 16 Draw*</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Direct – Next 8 highest ranked players</li> <li>- Wildcards – 8 players</li> </ul> <p>Initial acceptance lists will be released on Tuesday 17 November 2015 and emailed to all entrants as well as being available at <a href="http://www.tennis.com.au">www.tennis.com.au</a>. Final Acceptance List Tuesday 24 November 2015.</p> <p>* Entries based on Monday 16 November rankings. Seedings based on Monday 23 November rankings. All players must have an ATP / WTA ranking (excluding wildcards) to be eligible.</p> <p>To Enter: please complete entry form and email to Darren Sturgess at <a href="mailto:dsturgess@tennis.com.au">dsturgess@tennis.com.au</a> Please visit our website to download entry form: <a href="http://www.tennis.com.au/tournaments/pro-tournaments/asia-pacific-australian-open-wildcard-play-off">http://www.tennis.com.au/tournaments/pro-tournaments/asia-pacific-australian-open-wildcard-play-off</a></p>	
<b>Wildcards</b>	<p>Main Draw Singles Wildcards – 2 CTA (host association) wildcards, 2 Tennis Australia wildcards (application) Qualifying Singles Wildcards – 4 CTA (host association) wildcards, 4 Tennis Australia wildcards (application) Doubles Wildcards - 2 CTA (host association) wildcards , 2 Tennis Australia wildcards (application) Applications for Wildcards close 11:59pm, Tuesday 17 November 2015.</p>	
<b>Format Of Play</b>	<p>Singles – Best of three (3) sets, first two (2) sets tie-break and final set advantage. 6 Balls – Ball Change 7/9. Doubles – Best of two (2) tie-break sets, no-ad scoring, with a third set Match Tie Break if required. 6 Balls – Ball Change 7/9.</p>	
<b>Entry Close Date</b>	Monday 16 November 2015. Entry fee is AUD \$40 (200RMB) and includes one or two events (Singles / Doubles) Email Inquiries: <a href="mailto:dsturgess@tennis.com.au">dsturgess@tennis.com.au</a>	
<b>Withdrawal Deadline</b>	Monday 23 November 2015	
<b>Surface</b>	Hard Court (Centre Court has a canopy that covers the court)	
<b>Ball</b>	Wilson Australian Open	
<b>Conduct and Behaviour</b>	The tournament will be played under the Grand Slam Code of Conduct.	
<b>Practice Courts</b>	Onsite from Saturday 28 November to Sunday 6 December, 9:00am–5:00pm. T: +86 755 2541 6885	

<p><i>Transport</i></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Tournament transport to and from tournament hotels and courts will be available from Sunday 29 November until Sunday 6 December 2015. Players are responsible for making their own way to and from the airport / train station.</li> <li>• Transport inquiries can be made to: E: <a href="mailto:zyx@chinatennis.org.cn">zyx@chinatennis.org.cn</a> or T: +86 186 1831 0018.</li> <li>• The main airport is Shenzhen Bao'an International Airport (SZX) located 32km from the city or you can fly to Hong Kong (HKG) and take the train to Shenzhen (approximately 1-1 ½ hours including immigration clearance into China). The taxi fare is approximately 150-200RMB (\$24-\$32 USD) from Shenzhen Airport to the hotel.</li> </ul>
<p><i>Accommodation and Official Hotels</i></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Main Draw players will be entitled to room only accommodation for a minimum of two nights including the night before the Main Draw begins until the night of their final match in the tournament.</li> <li>• Qualifying Players should book at the official hotels directly and will receive the accommodation benefits upon reaching the Main Draw. Qualifying players can access one of the official hotels and rates as listed.</li> <li>• The official player hotel is the Sunshine Hotel Shenzhen, No. 2001 Jiabin Road, Shenzhen, Guangdong, 518005 China 深圳阳光酒店 深圳市嘉宾路2001号 T: +86 755 8223 3888 F: +86 755 82226719 Website: <a href="http://www.sunshinehotelshenzhen.cn/">www.sunshinehotelshenzhen.cn/</a> Price: Single Room including 1 breakfast 550RMB (\$90 USD) per night. Double / Twin Room including 2 breakfasts 550RMB (\$90 USD) per night. Price range is based on availability.</li> <li>• Accommodation Bookings can be made with Zhu Yexing E: <a href="mailto:zyx@chinatennis.org.cn">zyx@chinatennis.org.cn</a> or T: +86 186 1831 0018</li> <li>• The alternate hotel is Shenzhen Lotus Hotel, 2019 Dongmen South Road, Luohu District, Shenzhen 518001, China T: +86 755-8223 5966 F: +86 755-8223 4695 Website: <a href="http://www.szfuronghotel.com/ew/cn/index.asp">www.szfuronghotel.com/ew/cn/index.asp</a> Price: Single Room 360RMB (\$60 USD) per night. Price range is based on availability.</li> <li>• <i>All rooms must be confirmed a minimum of 10 days in advance to secure rate</i></li> </ul>
<p><i>Food and Beverage</i></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Café service available onsite daily</li> </ul>
<p><i>Player Services</i></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Player Services is located in the tennis club house T: +86 755 2541 6885 (on-site).</li> </ul>
<p><i>Physiotherapy &amp; Massage Medical</i></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Physiotherapist / massage therapist will be available from Monday 30 November 2015.</li> <li>• The official tournament doctor will be available throughout the tournament.</li> </ul>
<p><i>Stringer</i></p>	<p>The Stringer will be available at cost to players. Stringing fees are to be paid direct to the stringer and will be approximately 100 RMB (\$21 USD).</p>
<p><i>Media and Player Appearances</i></p>	<p>Main Draw players, if requested, will be required for a minimum two (2) media / PR appearances which may take place off site.</p>
<p><b>** VISAS **</b></p>	<p>All players require a visa and should contact the CTA (China Tennis Association) and Chinese consulate for information. A letter of invitation is required from Mr Lu Liang (CTA) and requests should be sent to Cheng Luotong (contact details below). You will need to provide the following: first and last names, passport number, nationality, issuing country, date of issue, date of expiry, scanned copy of photo page of passport, digital photo (passport), affiliation (player, coach etc.), arrival date and departure date.</p> <p><b>CONTACT</b>          Name: Cheng Luotong          Phone: +86 10 6716 7379          E-mail: <a href="mailto:chenglt@chinatennis.org.cn">chenglt@chinatennis.org.cn</a></p> <p>Please note:          1. Players need to provide a clear photocopy or scanned image of their passport photo page.          2. Players must confirm the location in which you will apply to your China visa and also the entry point in which you will enter / arrive into China.          3. All the above information must be provided at a minimum of 10 days in advance of entry into China.</p>