

2015 AUSTRALIAN OPEN ASIA PACIFIC WILDCARD PLAYOFF FACT SHEET



Overview		he largest and most prestigious sporting events in the world. Book your Asia Pacific Wildcard Playoff (AWP) taking place in Shenzhen, P.R. China. I Singles and Doubles tennis players.
Eligibility	The AWP is open to all Nationals from the Asia-Pacific region, excluding Australian's, with a World Ranking of 105 or higher for Men and 109 or higher for Women (based on AO cut off for Men of 104 and Women of 108) at the time of the entry closing. <i>If</i> <i>anyone is ranked lower than these stipulated rankings and are concerned about any points they need to defend, you may contact the</i> <i>Tournament Referee for special dispensation 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 If this does not occur then the wildcard is no longer valid and will be returned.	
Dates	<i>Qualifying Singles</i> : Monday 24 to Tuesday 25 November 2014 <i>Qualifying Doubles</i> : Tuesday 25 November 2014	Main Draw Singles: Wednesday 26 to Sunday 30 November 2014 Main Draw Doubles: Wednesday 26 to Saturday 29 November 2014
Venue	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 2546 688 http://www.tennis.com.au/tournaments/pro-tournaments/asia- pacific-australian-open-wildcard-play-off
Prize Money	Prize money (AUD) for the men's and women's singles is: Prize money (AUD) for men's and women's doubles is: W	\$1,500 per pair, F \$1,000, SF \$500, QF \$250
Tournament Staff		turgess@tennis.com.au M: +61 411 762 258 T: +613 9914 4419 aozhou@chinatennis.org.cn M: +86 139 1104 3797
AO Referee	Wayne McKewen wr	nckewen@tennis.com.au
Draw Size and Acceptance Criteria	Singles: 16 Draw* - Direct – Top 8 ranked players - Wildcards – 4 players - Qualifiers – 4 players Singles Qualifying: 16 Draw* - Direct – Next 8 highest ranked players - Wildcards – 8 players Initial acceptance lists will be released on Tuesday 11 November 2014 and emailed to all entrants as well as being available at <u>www.tennis.com.au</u> . Final Acceptance List Tuesday 18 November 2014. * Entries based on Monday 10 November rankings. Seedings based on Monday 17 November rankings. Seedings based on Monday 10 November rankings. Seedings based on Monday 10 November rankings. Seedings based on Monday 10 November rankings. All players must have an ATP / WTA ranking (excluding wildcards) to be eligible. Enter: please complete entry form and email to Darren Sturgess on <u>dsturgess@tennis.com.au</u> Please visit our website to download entry form: http://www.tennis.com.au/tournaments/pro- tournaments/asia-pacific-australian-open-wildcard- play-off	 Doubles: 12 Draw Direct – Top 8 ranked teams Wildcards – 4 teams Doubles Entries / Sign In Players may enter the doubles event via the entry procedure. You may also sign in onsite, entries close Tuesday 26 November at 12 noon. Preliminary doubles lists will be posted on: http://www.tennis.com.au/tournaments/pro-tournaments/asia-pacific-australian-open-wildcard-play-off as entries are received. Alternates / Lucky Loser: ALTERNATES must sign-in at least 30 minutes prior to the relevant first scheduled QUALIFYING SINGLES matches on Monday 24 November and DOUBLES ALTERNATES at least 30 minutes prior to the relevant first scheduled SINGLES match on Wednesday 26 November. LUCKY LOSERS must sign-in at least 30 minutes prior to the relevant first scheduled SINGLES match on Wednesday 26 and Thursday 27 November 2014.
Wildcards	Main Draw Singles Wildcards – 2 WC host association, 2 TA wildcards (application) Qualifying Singles Wildcards – 4 WC host association, 4 TA wildcards (application) Doubles Wildcards - 2 WC host association, 2 TA wildcards (application) Applications for Wildcards close 11:59pm, Tuesday 11 November 2014.	
Format Of Play	Singles - Best of three (3) tie break sets. 6 Balls – Ball Change 9/11. Doubles – Best of two (2) tie-break sets, no-ad scoring, with a third set Match Tie Break if required. 6 Balls – Ball Change 9/11.	
Entry Close Date	Monday 10 November 2014, Entry is AUD \$40 (approximately 230RMB) includes one or two events (Singles / Doubles) Email Inquiries: <u>dsturgess@tennis.com.au</u>	
Withdrawal Deadline	Monday 17 November 2014	
Surface	Hard Court (Centre Court has a canopy that covers the court)	
Ball	Wilson Australian Open	
Conduct and Behaviour	The tournament will be played under the Grand Slam Code of Conduct.	
Practice Courts	Onsite from Saturday 22 November to Sunday 30 November, 9:00am–5:00pm. T: +86 755 2541 6885	



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Transport	 Tournament transport to and from tournament hotels and courts will be available from Sunday 23 November until Sunday 30 November 2014. Players are responsible for making their way own way to and from the airport / train station. Transport inquiries can be made to: E: xiaozhou@chinatennis.org.cn or T: +86 13 9110 43797. 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-\$30 USD). 	
Accommodation and Official Hotels	 Main Draw players will be entitled to room only accommodation for a minimum of two nights including the night before they begin play in the tournament and the night that they lose in the tournament. Qualifying Players should book at the official hotels directly. Qualifying players can access one of the official hotels at an official player as listed. 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: www.sunshinehotelshenzhen.cn/ 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. Accommodation Bookings can be made with Zhou Libin E: xiaozhou@chinatennis.org.cn or T: +86 13 9110 43797 The alternate hotel is Shenzhen Panglin Hotel, 2002 Jiabin Road, Luohu District, Shenzhen 518001, China T: +86 755-2518 5888 F: +86 755-2518 5999 Website: www.panglin-hotel.com Price: Single Room 550-600RMB (\$90-98 USD) per night. Price range is based on availability. All rooms must be confirmed a minimum of 10 days in advance to secure rate The taxi fare from Shenzhen airport to hotel is approximately 120-200 RMB (\$18-30 USD) 	
Food and Beverage	Café service available onsite daily	
Player Services	 Player Services is located in the tennis club house T: +86 755 2541 6885 (on-site). 	
Physiotherapy & Massage Medical	 Physiotherapist / massage therapist will be available from Monday 24 November 2014. The official tournament doctor will be available throughout the tournament. 	
Stringer	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 (\$16 USD).	
Media and Player Appearances	Main Draw players, if requested, will be required for a minimum two (2) media / PR appearances of which may take place off site.	
** VISAS **	All players require visa and should contact the CTA (China Tennis Association) and Chinese consulate for information. A letter of invitation from the tournament is required and requests should be sent to Lu Liang who will assist in the processing. Contact details are provided below. You are likely to 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. <u>CONTACT</u> Name: Cheng Luotong Phone: +86 10 6716 7379 E-mail: chengIt@chinatennis.org.cn The following points need to be attention, 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.	