



Rules & Regulations

AO2026 Community Events

Background

Tennis Australia is the owner and organiser of the 1 Point Slam, a unique tennis tournament that brings professional and amateur tennis players together on the one court to compete during the Australian Open.

The tournament involves a preliminary stage, where amateur players compete at 'Community Events' for the opportunity to participate in the Main Draw held on 14 January 2026.

Tennis Australia reserves the right to alter the conditions of the AO 1 Point Slam event if required. It is a player's responsibility to ensure they are available for the specified dates of play, both at a community event and subsequent rounds they qualify into.

Acceptance Criteria for 1 Point Slam Community events

Once a Host has been verified to host a 1 Point Slam community event, Tennis Australia will create an event on the Tournaments website and list all events on the Tennis website at: <https://tennis.com.au/one-point-slam>

Eligibility

To be eligible to compete in the AO26 1 Point Slam, players must have the following:

- Competitive Player Profile (CPP) – This can be obtained by going to <https://www.tennis.com.au/competitiveplay/competitive-player-profile>
- Be in good standing with Tennis Australia and its Member Associations.

Entry Fees

Tennis Australia will not be mandating an entry fee be charged for 1 Point Slam Community events. Should a club or venue wish to charge a small entry fee to help raise funds for the club, then they are entitled to do. Each Community host will be responsible for collecting any entry fees as this will not be made available through the TA 1 Point Slam platform.

Entry Opening and Closing Dates

Tennis Australia will liaise with the approved Community event host to ensure entries are open for a minimum of two (2) days. Entries must close three (3) days prior to the start of the event.

Draw Administration



Tennis Australia will release the draws for the Community event two (2) days prior to the start of the event.

Withdrawal Process

All withdrawals must be completed online through the Community Event submitted to the Community Host Event via the advertised email on the event page. We ask that participants be respectful to community event hosts and withdraw in an appropriate and timely manner.

Replacing Withdrawn players

Once the draws for the event have been published and sent to the Event Host, no changes can be made. If players withdraw or no-show before the start or during the event, the opponent is advanced to the next round via a walkover.

Draw Format

There must be a minimum of 8 players for a Community Event to be played. Tennis Australia will determine the maximum draw size permitted based on the total number of courts available during the proposed times from the Community host.

For ease of administration, Tennis Australia reserves the right to create multiple draws to be played on multiple courts, with the winners of these draws qualifying through into the final match(es).

Seedings

Players will not be seeded at Community Events.

Scheduling

All Community Event matches must be completed by Thursday 18 December 2025. Players must be available for the whole day with scheduled match times and any media commitments pre and post event to be communicated prior to the day.

Match times are fixed by the event host and are not negotiable. All players entering an event are considered available to play all times throughout the published dates and times of the event. It is each player's responsibility to find out when they are required to play. This information will be published on the tournaments.tennis.com.au website. If you have not been informed via the website when you are playing within 48 hours of the start of the event, please contact the event host.

Match Rules

The Host will determine the most appropriate way to determine who will have the right to serve. This can either be determined by a coin toss or rock, paper, scissors game before



each match. The winner will have the choice to determine if they will serve or receive. The loser of this process can choose which end to receive from.

The match will consist of 1 point only. Any disputes regarding the outcome of the point will be determined by the Event Host nominated organiser. No appeal will be permitted.

Each player is primarily responsible for line calls on their side of the net. If in doubt, the player must give the benefit of any doubt to his/her opponent, in particular regarding line calls.

All “out” or “fault” calls should be made promptly after the ball has bounced and must be loud enough for the opponent to hear.

If a player incorrectly calls a ball “out” and then realises that the ball was good, the point should be replayed, unless it was a point winning shot or unless that player made an incorrect “out” call earlier in the match. In these circumstances, the player who called “out” loses the point.

All players competing at a 1 Point Slam Community event will be permitted to have 2 serves. The only exception will be any player with a current ATP / WTA ranking who will only be permitted 1 serve.

Apart from the above, all other current rules of tennis as determined by the International Tennis Federation (2025-rules-of-tennis-english.pdf) will be adhered to in determining the outcome of each point.

Confirmation of Community Event winners

Event Hosts will be required to communicate the winner of their event within 3 days of the event's completion or by no later than 8pm on Thursday 18th December 2025. This can be done by publishing the results to the [tournaments.tennis.com.au](https://www.tournaments.tennis.com.au) website or sending a completed draw to onepointslam@tennis.com.au

Community Event Winners – Selection into AO26 1 Point Slam Main Draw

Players that win their community event will be placed into their respective State Championship event to be held either Saturday 20 December or Sunday 21 December.

The events will take place at a venue to be advised in each capital city. State champions winners will receive return economy airfares from their closest capital city, 2 nights' accommodation in an AO Player Hotel (Tuesday 13 & Wednesday 14 January 2026) and exclusive AO Player access to Melbourne Park.



The winner of the State Championship event will also receive a \$5,000 grant for their nominated club, coaching business or school.

Prizes

The overall winner of the AO26 1 Point Slam will receive AUD\$1,000,000. The affiliated club, association, school or coach that is represented by the winner will receive a \$50,000 grant to be invested into tennis facilities or program. The affiliated club, association, school or coach that is represented by the 8 State Champions will receive a \$5000 grant to be invested into tennis facilities or program. Any other prizes that will be made available will be communicated prior to the start of the event.

Event Cancellation

Please note that the event is subject to cancellation, either due to unavailability of Australian Open players, weather or scheduling issues that may arise.

Travel and Accommodation Costs

All Participants, except for the 8 State Champions that win entry into the Grand Finale directly are responsible for any costs associated in participating in the event. This includes flights, car and accommodation expenses if travelling from outside of Melbourne.

Australian Open Accreditation / Ground Passes

Participants competing in the Main Draw event will be provided with an accreditation pass for the Australian Open to compete on Wednesday 14 January 2026, subject to acceptance and compliance of the Australian Open accreditation conditions, which will be provided at the time of collection. 2 family members / player support team members will be given ground pass accreditation/tickets to support on the day.

Tennis Etiquette

All players are expected to follow the basic tennis etiquette:

- Players are expected at all times to shake hands or tap racquets with their opponent(s) at the completion of a match.
- Players (normally the server) are expected at all times to calling the score aloud before each point is played.



- Players are expected at all times to call aloud if the ball is out. If hand signals are used to call the status of the ball, they should only be used as a secondary notification after the physical calling of the ball.
- Do not enlist the aid of spectators, including parents, coaches in making line calls, or attempting to determine the score or other on-court matters.
- Wait until a point is over before walking behind a court where a match is in progress.
- To retrieve a ball from another court or to return a ball to another court, wait until the players have completed a point.
- Do not stall, sulk, complain or practice gamesmanship.
- In doubles, when returning service, the partner of the receiver should generally call the service line. The receiver should generally call the centre and side service lines. The call needs to be loud enough to stop their opponents/partner playing.

It is recommended that all player/parents/guardians/coaches watch the following [tennis etiquette video](#).

Officials

No Officials are required for a 1 Point Slam Community event

Spectator Behaviour

You should inform your supporters of Tennis Australia's expectations regarding spectator behaviour. You are responsible for the conduct of your supporters. Inappropriate spectator behaviour may result in disciplinary action in accordance with the [Code of Behaviour: Competitive Play](#) including denial of entry to future events in Australia. Regulated spectator behaviour includes, but is not limited to, behaviour at tennis venues, event hotels and in transport vehicles.

Complaints

If you are unhappy with any matter in connection with the event, you may raise the matter verbally with the event director or referee. If you are still not satisfied, a written complaint may be lodged with Tennis Australia using the [contact us form](#). Tennis Australia will determine what further action, if any, should be taken, including referring the matter to another party such as a club/centre, member association or the Tennis Australia Integrity team. For the avoidance of doubt, the results of all matches connected to the complaint will stand in any event.

Liability



All players who enter this event use the venue and compete at their own risk. Neither the event, its officials nor the venue, its staff, management or committee will be responsible for death, personal injury, or loss of or damage to property whether occurring on the premises or otherwise.

Ownership

Ownership of the event lies with Tennis Australia. Any correspondence in relation to the event shall be directed to Tennis Australia.

Rules Governing the Event

The event is sanctioned by Tennis Australia and will be run in strict accordance with the Australian Competitive Play Junior Regulations or the Australian Competitive Play Open Regulations, including the Code of Behaviour: Competitive Play (as each may be amended from time to time). By submitting an entry to this event you acknowledge and agree that you are subject to the Regulations of Tennis Australia including the application of the Australian Competitive Play Regulations (including the Code of Behaviour: Competitive Play, the uniform tennis anti-corruption program, anti-doping policy, the Tennis Australia member protection policy and any other policy, rule, procedure or regulations of which Tennis Australia may notify the relevant club/centre/association from time to time).

Tennis Australia may alter or add to these rules in which case they will post written details on the event notice board and/or the tournament website. The event host shall however have general discretionary powers in interpreting any rule or regulation relating to the event and in situations not specifically covered by any applicable rules or regulations governing this event.