

## Deaf Tennis Slam

## Tournament Details

<b>Tournament Dates</b>	<b>Friday 30 January 2026 to Sunday 1 February 2026</b>							
<b>Venue</b>	<b>Melbourne Park</b> , Batman Avenue, Melbourne, VIC 3000							
<b>Entry Request Form</b>	Complete the <a href="#">AO26 Deaf Tennis Slam Entry Request Form</a>							
<b>Entry Request Deadline</b>	<b>Sunday 26 October 2025</b>							
<b>Acceptance</b>	<b>8 Men &amp; 8 Women</b> (top 5 based on ICSD singles rankings as at 26 October 2025 + 3 wildcards)							
<b>Acceptance List Published</b>	<b>Friday 31 October 2025</b>							
<b>Tournament Contact</b>	<a href="mailto:AODEaf@tennis.com.au">AODEaf@tennis.com.au</a>							
<b>Surface</b>	Greenset Cushion							
<b>Ball</b>	Dunlop Australian Open							
<b>Electronic Review</b>	There will be no live electronic line calling							
<b>Eligibility</b>	All players must meet ICSD eligibility criteria (Hearing loss of at least 55 dB PTA in better ear)							
<b>Draw / Format</b>	<b>Event</b>	<b>Draw</b>			<b>Format</b>			
	<b>Women's Singles</b>	Knock-Out & Consolation (8 players)			Best of 3 tiebreak sets			
	<b>Men's Singles</b>							
	<b>Women's Doubles</b> <b>Men's Doubles</b>	Round Robin (4 pairs)			Best of 2 sets, 3 <sup>rd</sup> set match tiebreak, no-ad scoring (short deuce)			
<b>Seedings &amp; Pairings</b>	<b>Singles Seedings</b> – Players are seeded according to ICSD world rankings (as of January 2026). <b>Doubles Pairings</b> – Pairs will be determined via player requests once acceptance lists are published.							
<b>Event Schedule</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>Monday 26 January:</b> Accreditation collection available (recommended to arrive from this date)</li> <li><b>Wednesday 28 January:</b> Player Practice Session (TBC)</li> <li><b>Thursday 29 January:</b> Player Practice Session (TBC) Official Welcome (TBC)</li> <li><b>Friday 30 January:</b> Day 1 Matches (Melbourne Park)</li> <li><b>Saturday 31 January:</b> Day 2 Matches (Melbourne Park)</li> <li><b>Sunday 1 February:</b> Day 3 Matches &amp; Presentations (Melbourne Park)</li> </ul>							
<b>Ranking Points</b>	<b>ICSD World Ranking Points</b> (in accordance with ICSD ranking guidelines for singles)							
	Champion	Finalist	3rd	4th	5th	6th	7th	8th
	500	300	230	150	75	75	75	75
<b>Prize Money</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Prize money has increased in 2026 and will be shared with acceptance list on 31 October and paid in <b>Australian Dollars (AUD)</b> into players' nominated bank accounts along with <b>\$500 player travel subsidy and \$1200 per diem for accommodation</b>.</li> </ul>							
<b>Coaching</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Coaches and supports are not permitted on the court during matches unless the tournament referee gives permission. No coaching is permitted during any matches, the coach/supports role is to encourage/support their player and assist with match preparation.</li> </ul>							
<b>Attire</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Players are required to wear generally accepted tennis attire (no large logos) and tennis shoes. AO towels will be provided and plain white towels will also be provide on-court during the tournament.</li> </ul>							

## Pre-Arrival Details &amp; Key Benefits

<b>Visa</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Please see visa information (Junior/Amateur Player); <a href="https://absoluteimmigrationtennis.com/visa-information">https://absoluteimmigrationtennis.com/visa-information</a></li> <li>• Request your Letter of Invitation; <a href="https://absoluteimmigrationtennis.com/letter-of-invitation">https://absoluteimmigrationtennis.com/letter-of-invitation</a></li> <li>• Apply for visa before <b>Sunday 23 November 2025</b></li> </ul>
<b>Accommodation</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Players/coaches can choose to stay at their own choice of accommodation or at the official tournament hotel (TBC) at own cost. More details to follow once entries are confirmed.</li> </ul>
<b>Per Diem</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• All players will receive a per diem of <b>AUD \$300 per day of the tournament plus one extra day (AUD \$1200 in total)</b> to assist with covering accommodation costs. This will be paid at the end of AO26.</li> </ul>
<b>Travel Subsidy</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• All players will receive <b>AUD \$500 travel subsidy</b> which will be paid at the end of AO26.</li> </ul>
<b>Airport Transfer</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Airport transfers will be provided for all players/coaches/supports. More details to follow soon.</li> </ul>
<b>Transport</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Players and coaches/supports will also have FREE access to Melbourne Tram network by showing your AO Accreditation pass (download the PTV app).</li> <li>• If you require further assistance please visit - <a href="#">Getting here   AO (ausopen.com)</a></li> </ul>
<b>Accreditation</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Collection of passes will be available at Melbourne Park from Monday 26 January. Players will receive more details via email before they arrive.</li> <li>• Accreditation is required to access the site.</li> <li>• All nominations of Coach/Support and Family are final and passes are non-transferable.</li> <li>• No accreditation passes will be provided until you have agreed to the AO Accreditation Terms and Conditions in the Player Registration Form.</li> <li>• Players are responsible for the behaviour of their guests and any unsuitable behaviour may result in the confiscation of accreditation passes.</li> </ul>
<b>Meal Allowance</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Player and Coach/Support meal allowance (EMA) is <b>\$50 AUD per day</b> and will be applied to accreditation passes.</li> <li>• Any difference, once the daily credit has been spent, must be paid for by the user. This can be used at selected AO Cafes (permanent food outlets or staff cafes – AO Map).</li> <li>• All Meal Credits start on Thursday 29 January and ends on Sunday 1 February. Meal Credit cannot be used for the purchase of alcohol or takeaway from the AO Cafes.</li> </ul>
<b>Player Gift Bag</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• All players will receive an AO Gift Bag on arrival along with your accreditation pass.</li> </ul>

#### Terms and Conditions

Participation in the Australian Open 2026 is subject to the terms and conditions of the Player Registration Form.