

UTR Pro Tennis Series Regulations

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Player Eligibility

Entry is open to all Australian players (according to country of representation as determined by the ATP, WTA or ITF.) International players may also be considered for a direct acceptance position or a wildcard, with final decision made by the Tennis Australia National selectors.

Players can enter a maximum of 3 events and in only one host city subject to approval from the National Selection Panel.

Systems of Merit

The following singles selection procedure shall be used, as the basis for acceptances. Methods A and B below are followed in order to create the Acceptance List and thereafter identify Direct Acceptances included in the draw and thereafter the Alternates in case of any vacancies created by withdrawals, retirements or defaults after the draw is made.

Method A

All players with a Verified Singles UTR of:

- For male players into Pool A: Verified Singles UTR of 13.17 or better.
- For male players into Pool B: Verified Singles UTR of 12.50 or better.
- (For female players into Pool A: Verified Singles UTR of 10.95 or better.
- For female players into Pool B: Verified Singles UTR of 9.65 or better.

Note: Provisional Singles UTR obtained during previous rounds of the UTR Pro Tennis Series Events may be considered for acceptance subject to approval by the Series Event Committee.

Method B

All players with a Verified Singles UTR lower than the required thresholds listed in Method A.

Where players on the acceptance list have the same Verified Singles UTR, these ties will be resolved by lot and drawn before the acceptance list is published.

Alternates List

Players entered and listed on the alternate list are only permitted to compete in the event if they are within two UTR levels of the last player accepted into the draw, either directly or via a wildcard. The UTR Event Committee has the final decision as to whether an alternate player will be accepted into the event.

Playing another Event

No Player who has entered and been accepted into the draw shall play in any other tennis event or tournament during the period unless approved by the Series Event Committee.

Composition of Draws

The draw will be conducted the day before the start of matches in that pool at 10am AEST by the Tennis Australia Officiating Manager and the Tennis Australia Event Manager in combination with the Event Referee.

Seeding:

Seeding will be determined based on the latest Verified Singles UTR available at the time of the draw.

The Series Event Committee has the discretion to adjust the seeding based on the following criteria:

- A player with higher doubles UTR.
- A player with only provisional Singles UTR.
- A player recovering from illness/injury, with a current low Singles UTR or no Singles UTR.
- A 'known performer' who the Series Event Committee recognise must be seeded compared to the rest of the competing field.

Any unresolved seed tiebreak where players have the same Singles UTR will be decided by lot by the Referee at the time of the draw.

The decisions of Series Event Committee on Seeding will be final and binding on all parties (including all relevant Players) and no one will have the right to appeal against or otherwise challenge such decisions.

Draws will be Round-Robin draws comprised of the following:

	Sydney, Melbourne and Brisbane women's event	Sydney, Melbourne and Brisbane men's event	Adelaide and Perth men's event
Direct acceptances	9	13	7
Wildcards	3	3	1
Number of pools	2	2	1
Direct acceptances in each pool	5	7	7
Pool A	Top 4 direct acceptances plus 2 wildcards playing for positions 1-6	Top 6 direct acceptances plus 2 wildcards playing for positions 1-8	7 direct acceptances plus 1 wildcard playing for positions 1-8
Pool B	Next 5 direct acceptances plus 1 wildcard playing for positions 7-12	Next 7 direct acceptances plus 1 wildcard playing for positions 9-16	N/A
Number of seeds in each pool	4	4	4
Number of round-robin groups in each pool	2	2	2

Round-Robin Draw

1. Determining the composition of each round-robin group

Four players in each pool will be seeded based on the latest Singles UTR available at the time of the draw, with each group to have two seeded players (provided there are enough players with Singles UTR's).

Each player to play two players (women's events) or three players (men's events) within their group.

The following procedure will be followed to place the six or eight players into the two round-robin groups:

- a) The field shall be divided into two (2) groups of three (3) or four (4) players in each. The top-seeded player shall be placed in Group "1", the second-seeded player shall be placed in Group "2". The third and fourth seeded players shall be drawn randomly into Group "1" or "2".
The first player drawn to go to Group "1", the second players drawn to go to Group "2"
- b) The remaining players shall be drawn by lot. The first and second players drawn to go to Group "1", the third and fourth players drawn to go to Group "2" for Men's and The first player drawn to go to Group "1", the second players drawn to go to Group "2" for Women's.

2. Determining the round-robin group winner and round-robin group positions

The final standings of each group shall be determined by the first of the following methods that apply:

- Greatest number of wins;
- Greatest number of matches played;
- Head-to-head results if only two (2) players are tied, or if three (3) players are tied, then:
 1. If three (3) players each have one win, a player that has played less than all three (3) matches is automatically excluded from this calculation and the player receiving the highest position is the winner of the match-up of the two (2) players tied with 1-2 records; then
 2. Highest percentage of sets won (sets won against sets played); then
 3. Highest percentage of games won (games won against games played).
- If 1, 2, or 3 (above) produce one superior player (first place), or one inferior player (third place), and the two remaining players are tied, the tie between those two players shall be broken by head-to-head record.
- If ties still exist after the above procedures, the Series Event Committee shall make the final determination.

In applying the tie-breaking procedures, a conduct default or retirement shall count as a win or loss. However, games won or lost in matches with the defaulting or retiring player shall not be counted in the application of points 2 and 3 (percentage of sets and games won) above.

A player who has completely withdrawn from the event will not be awarded a final position within the group and will not be eligible to take part in the play-off draw for final positions.

Note: The Match Tie-Break counts as a set won and for games won counts as 1-0

3. Creating the play-off draw after the determination of the group placings

After the round-robin group phase has been completed, the following procedure will be followed to create the play-off draw for final positions.

- Top placed player of each group play
- Second placed player of each group play
- Third placed player of each group play
- Fourth placed player of each group play (in an eight-player pool)

To be eligible for inclusion in the play-off draw, a player must have played in at least one match during the round-robin stage.

Withdrawals

The Withdrawal deadline is up until the prescribed time of the draw for that pool in the event.

Withdrawal procedure after the withdrawal deadline is stipulated below and applies whether the withdrawing player is seeded or not.

1. From the Withdrawal Deadline until the commencement of round-robin matches in that pool:

Any withdrawal after the withdrawal deadline until the commencement of the round-robin matches in that pool will be replaced by the next eligible player on the acceptance list. For example, if a player withdraws from Pool A then they will be replaced by the first direct acceptance from Pool B.

If a player is replaced by a player from another pool, then that replacement player is not eligible to compete in the original pool they were moved from.

For example, if a player withdraws from Pool A then they will be replaced by the first direct acceptance from Pool B and that replacement player is no longer able to compete in Pool B. The vacancy created in Pool B by this process will then be filled by the next eligible player on the Pool B acceptance list.

2. After the commencement of the round-robin matches in that pool

A player who withdraws or is defaulted due to conduct from a round robin match, will be replaced with an alternate for the remainder the event.

The vacancy will be filled by the highest placed alternate on the original acceptance list according to the system of merit, and subject to the alternate sign-in procedures below being followed.

Non-entered players may sign in as on-site alternates with the referee in order to be consider for any vacancies. Onsite alternates will be placed at the bottom of the alternate list and must have a verified UTR Rating higher than the minimum stated in the System of Merit for entry into the event.

3. After the end of the round robin matches in the pool

At the end of the round robin matches, if a player(s) withdraw before the order of play for the play-off day is released, the withdrawn player(s) is placed to the bottom of the final group standings and the remaining players are promoted accordingly.

If a player withdraws after the order of play for the play-off day is released, the opposing player in the play-off match wins by walkover. Subject to regulations for "Round Robin Draw Par.3 (Page 3)" any vacancy created by the withdrawal of a player from a match in the playoff draw shall not be filled with an eligible alternate once the order of play for the playoffs is released.

Alternate sign-in procedure:

- Alternate must sign-in via text message to the referee or tournament director.
- Alternate sign-in closes 30 minutes prior to start of play for the day in that respective event.
- If an alternate does not sign-in by 30 minutes prior to start of play deadline (or if the players who originally signed are no longer available) and a vacancy becomes available, players on the alternate list will be notified via text messaging system and provided 30 minutes to register their interest to be considered as an alternate to fill the vacancy.
- Players signed in as alternates, but who are then unable to accept a vacancy, will be placed at the bottom of the alternate list for the remainder of that day.
- Notes: The alternate position will be awarded to the entered player with the highest Verified Singles UTR as per the original acceptance list. The same procedure will be followed every time an alternate position becomes available.
- Vacancies shall be filled in the sequence they occurred.

Alternate should be ready to play the match within a reasonable time frame as determined by the Referee. Any alternate in a round-robin draw forms a new line in that draw but does not inherit the results of the player that they replace.

Prize Money

Prize money will be paid via EFT to the player's nominated bank account at time of entry a maximum of 10 days after the completion of the event.

Prize money is attributable to both the final position the player achieves in the event as well as results in the round-robin matches.

Payments for results of round-robin matches are allocated based on a win or a loss in these matches. If a player withdraws/no show prior to the start of a round-robin match then no payment for that match is allocated to that player and, if no alternate fills the vacancy in that match, then the opposition player will receive the prize money attributable to a round-robin match win.

A player that withdraws from a play-off match for final positions in the event will receive the prize money amount associated with three places lower than their final position and they will still be eligible to receive their prize money resulting from their results in the round-robin matches. Where a player withdraws from the play-off match for second last or last place then they will be eligible to receive no prize money attributable to their final position in the event and will only be eligible to receive the prize money associated with their results in the round-robin matches.

For example, a player withdraws from the third versus fourth play-off match then they would receive the equivalent prize money to finishing sixth in the event in addition to the prize money attributable to their results in the round-robin matches.

A player that during the round-robin draw completely withdraws from the event is not entitled to compete in the play-off matches and is therefore entitled to receive just the prize money attributable to the round-robin matches that they competed in.

For the purposes of prize money calculations, a retirement during a match is considered the same as a match loss.

A conduct default during a round-robin match does not entitle the player to receive any prize money for that round-robin match and their continuation in the event is at the discretion of the Referee.

Prize Money Distribution

Series 2 - Sydney, Brisbane

6 player draw

Pool A		Pool B	
<u>Round-robin draw</u>		<u>Round-robin draw</u>	
Round-robin match win	\$500	Round-robin match win	\$150
Round-robin match loss	\$150	Round-robin match loss	\$50
<u>Play-off draw for final positions</u>		<u>Play-off draw for final positions</u>	
1st place	\$2,200	1st place	\$725
2nd place	\$1,850	2nd place	\$550
3rd place	\$1,600	3rd place	\$525
4th place	\$1,300	4th place	\$400
5th place	\$1,100	5th place	\$350
6th place	\$900	6th place	\$250

8 player draw

Pool A		Pool B	
<u>Round-robin draw</u>		<u>Round-robin draw</u>	
Round-robin match win	\$500	Round-robin match win	\$150
Round-robin match loss	\$150	Round-robin match loss	\$50
<u>Play-off draw for final positions</u>		<u>Play-off draw for final positions</u>	
1st place	\$1,700	1st place	\$575
2nd place	\$1,350	2nd place	\$425
3rd place	\$1,300	3rd place	\$425
4th place	\$1,100	4th place	\$325
5th place	\$1,050	5th place	\$325
6th place	\$950	6th place	\$250
7th place	\$900	7th place	\$250
8th place	\$750	8th place	\$200

Code of Behavior

The Tennis Australia Code of Behaviour applies to this series with fines liable for offences as per the fines guideline table below that will be deducted from a player's prize money. Code violation steps: First offence, Second offence, Default.

Fines Guidelines

PLAYER OFFENCES (GUIDELINES) To be reported by Referee	Adelaide, Perth and Pool B in Sydney, Melbourne and Brisbane	Pool A in Sydney, Melbourne and Brisbane
	Maximum: \$200	Maximum: \$500
Offence	Guidelines	Guidelines
Commencement of play	\$25-100	\$50-250
No show	\$100	\$250
Audible Obscenity, Visible Obscenity	\$25-50	\$50-100
Verbal Abuse	\$50	\$75-150
Physical Abuse	\$100	\$250
Abuse of balls, racquet or equipment	\$25	\$50-75
Coaching & Coaches, Spectator Interference	\$50	\$75-150
Unsportsmanlike Conduct & Conduct Unbecoming	\$50	\$75-150
Dress and Equipment	\$25-50	\$50-100
Best Efforts, Leaving the Court, Failure to Complete Match/Tournament	\$100	\$250
DEFAULTS To be reported by Referee		
Default – In addition to any fine(s) for the on-court offences	\$100	\$250

Please refer to the full Code of Behaviour for comprehensive details of all penalties.

Referee to make fine recommendation to the Series event committee to determine the fine amount.

As a general guide the Rules and Regulations and information contained in the fact sheet is to be used with the AR Regulations to be the reference point for any issues that are not covered. The Referee, in consultation with the Series Event Committee, shall determine and resolve all questions not considered in the relevant Rules and Regulations.

Warm-up:

Using 1-4-1 rule.

A maximum of sixty (60) seconds shall elapse from when the last player arrives to his/her seat on court until the players are ready for the pre-match meeting with the Chair Umpire. This will be followed immediately by the warm-up period, which will last no longer than four (4) minutes. At the end of the warm-up period the players have sixty (60) seconds to be ready to start the match.

Dress and Equipment

World Tennis Tour dress and equipment will apply.

Time Violation steps:

The first violation of this Section, as either server or receiver, shall be penalised by a Time Violation - Warning and each subsequent violation, as either server or receiver, shall be penalised as follows:

- Server the Time Violation shall result in a "fault"
- Receiver the Time Violation shall result in a "point penalty"

