

Sydney Series - Player Meeting



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UTR Pro Tennis Series

Sydney | Melbourne | Brisbane | Adelaide | Perth

27 June – 3 August

\$450,000 in prizemoney

24 events – 546 matches

All live streamed

Topics to cover

1. UTR – Universal Tennis Rating
2. Integrity information
3. Event biosecurity arrangements
4. Media & PR
5. Live streaming and live scoring
6. Event information

What is the Universal Tennis Rating (UTR)? (Callum Beale)

- The world's most accurate tennis rating system
- Measures all players regardless of age, gender and socioeconomic status
- 1 - 16 scale
- Three factors go into the rating -
 1. **Competition** - level of opponent
 2. **Score** - percent of games won
 3. **History** - matches played in the last 12 months

Integrity (Peter Peterson)

- All players are bound by the **TIU's Tennis Anti-Corruption Program** for the purposes of this event
- If anyone is approached in person or via any social media platform, please contact the TAICU – integrity@tennis.com.au or call/message Peter on **0466 451 701**
- Social media is not only used to groom athletes for match fixing purposes but also threats of harm, anti-doping and even messages considered to be inappropriate and/or offensive
- Screenshot any messages and forward to TAICU or Peter as soon as possible
- Any information disclosed may need to be forwarded to other agencies (such as Police etc.) for assistance but we will endeavour to maintain strict confidentiality

Integrity (Peter Peterson)

- Make sure you are aware of the anti-doping program and complete the education modules if not already (Level 1 and Level 2)
- Normal rules apply in relation to code of conduct/behaviour
- Please be mindful this is not the normal tournament conditions so please be respectful to each other and all other personnel
- Be vigilant with the biosecurity measures in place and be sure to let me know if there is anything you need help or guidance with

Biosecurity plan (Matthew Nicholas)

- The Event will be conducted under significant public health restrictions brought about by the global COVID-19 pandemic.
- A thorough biosecurity plan will be followed to protect participants and the community.
- Play your part and follow the directions of event staff

Biosecurity plan (Matthew Nicholas)

You must stay at home if you:

- have been in contact with someone with COVID-19 in the last 14 days;
- have been overseas or exposed to someone with COVID-19 in the last 14 days;
- have fever, coughing, sore throat, shortness of breath (symptoms);
- are in a high risk health category
- have been tested for COVID-19 and are awaiting results.

Biosecurity plan (Matthew Nicholas)

- If you have Symptoms, get tested.
- Wash or sterilise your hands regularly, especially before and after eating, after going to the toilet, sneezing and coughing, and avoid touching your face.
- **Education** –
<https://www.health.gov.au/resources/apps-and-tools/covid-19-infection-control-training>
- Download Australian Government **COVIDSafe** App onto your phone

Biosecurity plan (Matthew Nicholas)

- Away from the event
- Player support limitations
- Screening
- During matches

Match preparation (Matthew Nicholas)

- Recommending to bring your own food and drinks
- Bring your own towel(s) – none provided at event
- No Ballkids on court
- No showers available
- **Arrive, Play Match, Leave the Venue**

Physio / event treatments (Melanie Omizzolo)

- **Stephen Jackson and Chloe Gruszka**
- Event availability - 1 hour before the start of play through to 30 mins after end of play
- Note Covid-19 protocols to ensure safety for staff and players:
Therapist and player to wear face mask (provided by tournament)
Treatments capped at 30mins
Players required to bring their own CLEAN towel to each consult. No towel = no treatment!
Focus on match prep and first aid during tournament – no massage onsite
- No supplements or medications will be provided during the event

Physio / event treatments (Melanie Omizzolo)

- Priority of care on site is as follows:
 1. Court Calls
 2. Players preparing for matches
 3. Players still in the tournament and preparing for practice
 4. Players still in the tournament, but who are not playing or practicing that day
- Event Physio will also have National Academy athletes to attend to. Matches will be a priority, but not the only priority.
- We thank you for your patience and understanding

Media & PR (Victoria Bush)

- Media guidelines
- Importance of following biosecurity guidelines and public perception
- Media requirements
- Social media and photography
- Onsite PR contacts

Live streaming and live scores

- The UTR Pro Tennis Series production across all cities, including and all Tier 1 and Tier 2 events is being managed by **PlaySight**
- They are providing equipment as well as services to capture the match play with integrated live scores from **MatchScorer** and deliver the coverage to the PlaySight OTT Platform and other partners
- Everyone will be able to follow the action LIVE at:
<https://web.playsight.com/facility/utr-pro-tennis-series/home>
- Some matches will also be streamed on various TA channels including **YouTube** and **Facebook**

Draws and Results

The latest draws and final match results will be displayed on the UTR website. We recommend creating a free UTR website account to access all the functionality.

Tennis Australia UTR club page

<https://app.myutr.com/clubs/8809>

Sydney Event #1 Home Page

<https://app.myutr.com/events/24050?t=0>

Event information (Francis Soyer / Susan Harris)

- **Men's Draw format** – Each pool two Groups of 4 (two seeds per Group); 3 RR matches, with finals day play off for positions (winner Group 1 v winner Group 2 and so on)
- **Women's Draw format** – Each pool two Groups of 3 (two seeds per Group); 2 RR matches, with finals day play off for positions (winner Group 1 v winner Group 2 and so on)
- **Match format** – Two tiebreak sets using standard scoring & at one set all 10 points MTB
- **Balls** – Dunlop AO Ball, 4 new balls every 7/9 change
- **TA Code of Behaviour** applies – Three step code - First Offence, Second Offence, Default.....note different to ITF/ATP/WTB
- **Fines** in place and will be determined by the Series Event Committee.

Event information (Francis Soyer / Susan Harris)

- Special rules in place for withdrawals, alternates, standings, prize money allocations etc. - **be familiar with them**
- The alternate should sign-in over the phone (Sign-in closes 30 minutes prior to the start of play for the day)
- **Matches** starting at **9:30am**, with 3rd match NB 12 Noon, and 5th Match NB 2.30pm
- 5 minutes between matches. Players are expected to be ready
- **Cooperation** with the order of play

Event information (Francis Soyer / Susan Harris)

Match Court – KEN ROSEWALL ARENA

Calling of Matches -

Matches will be called directly to court

Chair Umpires will meet athletes on court

PLAY MATCH

Chair Umpire will collect tennis balls and report the score

Officiating on court

Chair Umpire and minimum of two linespeople on court (Pool A). Minimum of one linesperson on court (Pool B)

Event information (Francis Soyer / Susan Harris)

Sydney Series Prizemoney - \$133,000 in total

Prizemoney based on two components -

- Round Robin performance (win/loss accumulated prizemoney)
- Final standings after play off matches on day four

See Fact Sheet for full prizemoney breakdown

Prizemoney paid by Tennis Australia to nominated bank account listed in your entry form.

Event information (Francis Soyer / Susan Harris)

Practice

Bookings to be made through Tournament Director

Match warm ups (noting first matches start at **9.30am**) –

- Athletes 1st match on have match court priority 8.15 – 8.45am
- Athletes 2nd match on have match court priority 8.50 – 9.20am
- Players with later matches can book practice courts via **Tournament Director**

Event information (Francis Soyer / Susan Harris)

Racquet restringing

Available as an overnight service from the TennisWorld Pro Shop

\$25.00 per racquet with own string

On-court (during match) restrings not available

Note - there will not be able to access the Pro Shop from within Admin building. You will need to sign out and enter the Pro Shop via their doors. If returning to the tournament area, you will need to re-sign in and have your temperature checked again.

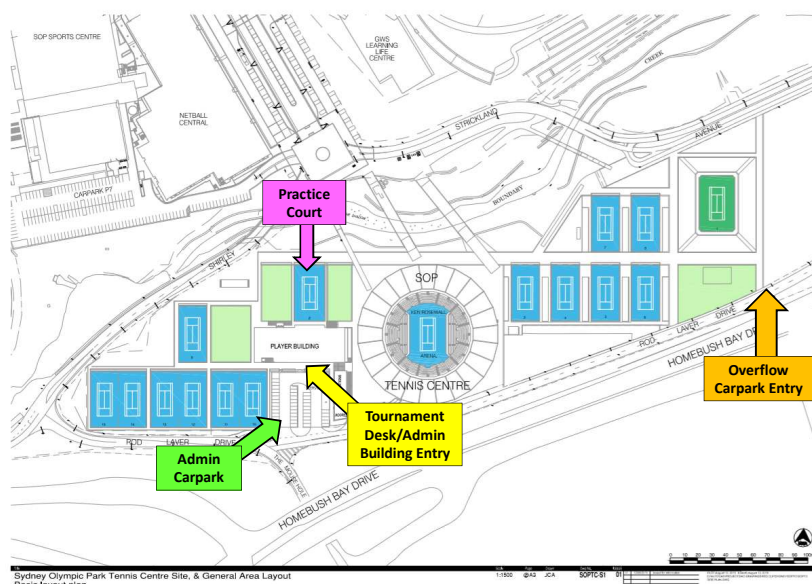
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Daily communications (via email and WhatsApp)

- Sent each night after completion of play to the e-mail used during the entry process
- WhatsApp group will also be created
- Information to include
 - Updated draws
 - Warm-up times
 - Weather forecast
 - Important reminders

Sydney Olympic Park Tennis Centre

- Admin Carpark** – 1 car per player allowed in Admin Carpark. Any additional cars for Player Support will be required to park in the Overflow carpark
- Admin Building** – Entry to Admin building via sliding doors on ground level. Tournament Desk located inside the doors to the right
- Practice Court** – Court 2 will be available for practice. Players will be allocated 30 mins timeslot for practice which will be communicated the evening prior
- Overflow Carpark**



Key Sydney Contacts

SYDNEY Tournament Directors

Susan Harris main contact. Phone: **0478 490 944**

Email: nswtournaments@tennis.com.au

Details for other **Tennis NSW** Tournament Directors at later events to be confirmed

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Questions?

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