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Tennis Australia (TA) is committed to embracing diversity by ensuring our sport and events are welcoming, safe and inclusive for everyone. Competitive play is a crucial part in the development of players from grassroots participation to the international stage. Our mission is to ensure everyone has a rewarding tennis experience and this resource has been developed to give stakeholders wanting to run a tournament for players with an intellectual impairment the guidelines to deliver a high quality event.

A fantastic recap video of the flagship Australian Tennis Championships, the national championships on the PWII pathway, can be found here for your viewing - [CLICK HERE](#).

PWII Classifications

To access information on II-1, II-2 & II-3 classification, [CLICK HERE](#).

For eligibility information and forms [CLICK HERE](#).

- II-1 participants can only compete in II-1
- II-2 participants can compete in II-2 & II-1 (when II-2 division isn't running)
- II-3 participants can only compete in II-3

Note: Sport Inclusion Australia can be contacted on 03 5762 7494 - all classification and eligibility forms need to be processed and approved through Sport Inclusion Australia before competing. Please check with Sport Inclusion Australia if players entered in your tournament are eligible and competing in the correct stream. This should be done once registrations have closed.



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Draw Sizes

Please refer to below tables for number of finishing positions that need to be established to award ranking points based on participant numbers.

SINGLES

| Participants | Winner | Finalist | 3rd | 4th | Quarter Finalist |
|--------------|--------|----------|-----|-----|------------------|
| 16+ | X | X | X | X | X |
| 4-15 | X | X | X | X | |
| <4* | X | X | | | |

DOUBLES

| Participants | Winner | Finalist | 3rd | 4th |
|--------------|--------|----------|-----|-----|
| 8+ | X | X | X | X |
| 4-7 | X | X | X | X |
| <4* | X | X | | |

Note: Please refer to PWII ranking guidelines for further information - [CLICK HERE](#)

Minimum participant numbers per division

- **II-1:** Minimum 3 participants for singles, 2 teams for doubles
- **II-2:** Minimum 2 participants for singles, 2 teams for doubles (if only two, play one-off II-2 final and add participants to relevant II-1 draw also)
- **II-3:** Minimum 3 participants for singles, 2 teams for doubles (II-3 participants cannot compete in II-1 or II-2 divisions)

Events

| Tournament Type | Minimum Event Requirements |
|---|---|
| Platinum (Australian Tennis Championships) | • II-1 Singles & Doubles, II-2 Singles & Doubles*, II-3 Singles & Doubles*, Mixed Doubles (incorporating II-1 & II-2) |
| Gold (NSW, QLD, VIC, SA, TAS & WA PWII State Championships) | • II-1 Singles & Doubles, II-2 Singles & Doubles*, II-3 Singles & Doubles*, Optional: Mixed Doubles |
| Silver (Raymond Terrace, Beenleigh) | • II-1 Singles & Doubles, II-2 Singles & Doubles*, II-3 Singles & Doubles*, Optional: Mixed Doubles |

* Subject to minimum participant numbers

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Formats

| Classification | Singles | Doubles |
|----------------|--|--|
| II-1 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Round Robin: one set, tiebreak at six games all. • Quarter/Semi Finals/3rd playoff (if required, refer to Draw Sizes): one set, tiebreak at six games all. • Finals: best of 3 tiebreak sets | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Round Robin: one set, tiebreak at six games all. • Quarter/Semi Finals/3rd playoff (if required, refer to Draw Sizes): one set, tiebreak at six games all. • Finals: best of 2 tiebreak sets, 3rd set match tiebreak |
| II-2 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • All matches: one set, tiebreak at six games all. | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • All matches: one set, tiebreak at six games all. |
| II-3 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Round Robin: one set, tiebreak at six games all. • Quarter/Semi Finals/3rd playoff (if required, refer to Draw Sizes): one set, tiebreak at six games all. • Finals: best of 3 tiebreak sets | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Round Robin: one set, tiebreak at six games all. • Quarter/Semi Finals/3rd playoff (if required, refer to Draw Sizes): one set, tiebreak at six games all. • Finals: best of 2 tiebreak sets, 3rd set match tiebreak |

Note: This is the suggested format and can be altered if required and clearly communicated to competitors

Officials

| Tournament Type | Minimum Officiating Requirements |
|---|---|
| Platinum (Australian Tennis Championships) | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • One head referee and official court monitors for all courts |
| Gold (NSW, QLD, VIC, SA, TAS & WA PWII State Championships) | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • One head referee and each court monitored by an official (an official in training is ideal) to assist with line calling and scoring |
| Silver (Raymond Terrace, Beenleigh) | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • One head referee and each court monitored by a volunteer (at the very least) to assist with line calling and scoring |

Courts

| Tournament Type | Available courts |
|---|--|
| Platinum (Australian Tennis Championships) | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Minimum 8 courts |
| Gold (NSW, QLD, VIC, SA, TAS & WA PWII State Championships) | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Minimum 4 courts |
| Silver (Raymond Terrace, Beenleigh) | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Minimum 2 courts |

Trophies

- The minimum requirement per event is trophies for winners and runners-up

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Budget

| Tournament Type | Budgeting Requirements |
|---|--|
| Platinum (Australian Tennis Championships) | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Tennis Australia to fund national championships |
| Gold (NSW, QLD, VIC, SA, TAS & WA PWII State Championships) | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• MA's to fund State Championships. MA's will need to budget for this with either the internal tournament or inclusion budgets |
| Silver (Raymond Terrace, Beenleigh) | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Local hosting club or association to fund Silver level events with support from MA where appropriate |

Tournament Checklist & Timeline

| Checklist Item | Timeline |
|--|---|
| TA notified of Tournament Director | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• At least 4 weeks prior to event |
| TA notified of Tournament Referee | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• At least 3 weeks prior to event |
| Officials (adhering to above minimum requirements) sourced | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• At least 2 weeks prior to event |
| Tournament staff briefed on potential considerations when running a PWII event | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Before commencement of play |

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Support

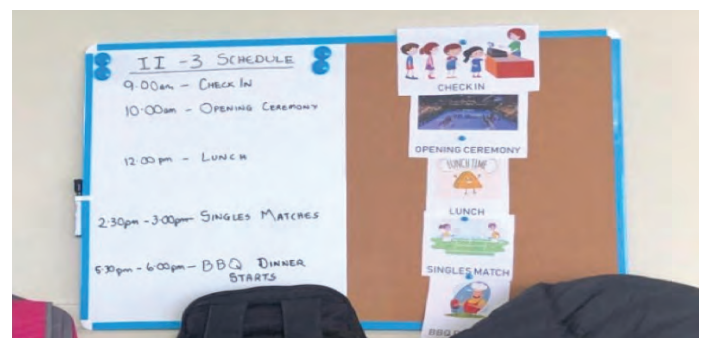
| Tournament Type | Staff Support Requirements |
|---|--|
| Platinum (Australian Tennis Championships) | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Tennis Australia to provide appropriate staff in functional roles to support event. This may include seconding MA staff, which includes all travel expenses - paid at TA's expense |
| Gold (NSW, QLD, VIC, SA, TAS & WA PWII State Championships) | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> MA's to provide appropriate staff in functional roles to support event. Additional technical and promotional support is available from George Shephard at TA in the lead-up to each State Championships |
| Silver (Raymond Terrace, Beenleigh) | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Local hosting club or association to provide appropriate staff for functional roles. Additional technical and promotional support available from George Shephard at TA in the lead-up to each Silver level event |

Note: If you are in need of additional support to adhere to the above requirements, please let Diversity & Inclusion Tournaments Team at Tennis Australia know at least 6 weeks prior to event, and where possible TA will send an additional staff member for functional event support

II-3 Autism Considerations

| Tournament Type | Budgeting Requirements |
|---|---|
| Platinum (Australian Tennis Championships) | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Tennis Australia to provide a designated "chill out zone" with activities at the venue/s and a visual schedule at the tournament desk for II-3 competitors. |
| Gold (NSW, QLD, VIC, SA, TAS & WA PWII State Championships) | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> MA's to provide at minimum a visual schedule at the tournament desk if hosting an II-3 division. |
| Silver (Raymond Terrace, Beenleigh) | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Local hosting club or association to provide at minimum a visual schedule at the tournament desk if hosting an II-3 division. |

Note: These are minimum requirements when hosting an II-3 division. To aid in fostering a welcoming environment for these II-3 competitors, we would implore you to go above and beyond this. TA uses <https://www.thetherapystore.com.au/> for all "chill out zone" activities. An example of a visual schedule for an event is below:



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Tournament Checklist

This is a step by step on how to set up and run the event.

PRE-TOURNAMENT:

1. Contact the venue and book the courts.
2. Decide on your entry fee, if you would like guidance on this please contact the TA Diversity & Inclusion Tournaments Team
3. Introduce yourself to the referee.
4. Recruit volunteers (you will need 8-10 per day, please see volunteer on page 6). This can be done by contacting your local council, contacting local universities, contacting local volunteer and social clubs in the area or advertising to members at the venue.
5. Order balls
6. Discuss requirements with the venue – tables, chairs, umpire chairs, scoreboards, notice board, etc.
7. An additional table will be needed for the trophy ceremony.
8. Ensure there is an off-court area for the referee, umpires, volunteers and players.
9. Chairs need to be set up as a holding area for players to waiting before they go onto court.
10. Check if there are catering facilities for players/families.
11. Order lunches and drinks for volunteers, staff, officials, players.
12. Order trophies
13. When entries close, send an email to all players with information about the centre, directions/parking, and information about any social events that are taking place alongside the tournament. (Factsheet page 7)
14. Work out volunteer schedules and communicate this to volunteers 10 days before the event.
15. The entry deadline is 2 weeks before the tournament start date.
16. Print the required paperwork and signage for the facility e.g. Tournament Desk.

DURING TOURNAMENT:

1. Meet with the referee before play starts and give match balls.
2. Meet with volunteers before play starts and explain their roles.
3. Set up venue – umpire chairs, scoreboards, tables, chairs, notice board, signage and orange lines if needed etc.
4. Set up a noticeboard for order of play draws etc.
5. Ensure players sign in.
6. Arrange the end of tournament presentation.

POST-TOURNAMENT:

1. Pack away and tidy venue.
2. Send out a thank you email to the volunteers.
3. Send results through to TA Diversity & Inclusion Tournaments Team
4. Liaise with the TA Diversity & Inclusion Tournaments Team the following week to go over details of the event and any feedback you have.