

# 2020/21 TENNIS SA BALLKID PROGRAM

PROGRAM OUTLINE



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## Welcome

Welcome and thank you for your interest in the Tennis SA Ballkid Program. In this booklet, you will find all of the relevant information for the upcoming events, as well as the expectations of ballkids as they move forward within the program.

## Events

### Adelaide International

The inaugural Adelaide International was held in 2020, replacing the Sydney International in the second week of the season. The event received high praise from players and fans alike, with the night sessions of the last three days of the event all selling out. Spectators came out in scores from the very first day of qualifying, and were rewarded with some incredible matches. Ashleigh Barty (AUS) & Andrey Rublev (RUS) were crowned the inaugural champions.

The 2021 Adelaide International will return from Saturday 11 January to Saturday 16 January 2021

## Selection and training process

### 1. Selection Criteria

Over 100 Ballkids will be required for the Adelaide International in 2021. Selection in the Adelaide International Ballkids Squad will be based on your performance at trainings throughout October and November.

Ballkids are assessed on the following criteria;

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| • Speed & Coordination | • Cooperation |
| • Roles                | • Attitude    |
| • Servicing            | • Teamwork    |
| • Concentration        | • Behavior    |

**New ballkids**, that did not take part in the 2020 Adelaide International, must meet the following criteria to be eligible for the 2021 Adelaide International;

- Attend Level 1 trial sessions held on Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> October and Sunday 1 November.
- Attend all training sessions held between Sunday 1 November and Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> December (unless a valid reason is given)

**For Returning ballkids**, that took part in the 2020 Adelaide International, attendance at Level 1 Trial is not compulsory. However, you are still welcome to attend if you wish to get some extra training in. Returning ballkids will be automatically selected in the 2021 Adelaide International Ballkids Squad and will only be required to attend all training session from Sunday 1 November onwards.

The final team of Ballkids for the Adelaide International will be selected based on performance at the above events, with a heavy weighting on cooperation, attitude, teamwork and behavior.

Note: Failure to meet these requirements will result in ballkids being ineligible to be selected for 2021 Adelaide International Ballkids Squad.

Tennis SA has the right to add or remove ballkids to and from the squad at any time that do not meet all criteria.

### 2. Expressions of interest

Children are required to register through [ballkids.tennis.com.au/register.aspx](https://ballkids.tennis.com.au/register.aspx). Please ensure you select Adelaide International as the event you are interested in when registering. Registrations close at 11:59pm, **Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> October**

### 3. Come and Try

Children who have not participated as ballkids before are encouraged to attend a Come and Try day at Memorial Drive Tennis Centre.

What	Date	Time	Where
Come & Try	Sunday 18 <sup>th</sup> October	9:00am – 11:00am	Memorial Drive Tennis Centre

*What to bring:*

- Non-marking shoes (running/street shoes are not acceptable)
- Comfortable leisure/sports clothing is to be worn
- Hat
- Water bottle
- Tennis Racquet (if available)

### 4. Trials & Training days

#### Level 1 Trials

Attendance at both Level 1 Trials is compulsory for all **New Ballkids** that wish to be selected in the 2021 Adelaide International Squad.

What	Date	Time	Where
Level 1 Trial #1	Sunday 25 October 2020	10:00 am – 12:00pm or 12:30pm – 2:30pm	Next Gen Memorial Drive
Level 1 Trial #2	Sunday 1 November 2020	10:00 am – 12:00pm or 12:30pm – 2:30pm	Memorial Drive Tennis Centre

The 2021 Adelaide International Ballkids Squad will be selected the week following Sunday 1 November. Successful applicants will be notified via e-mail. Ballkids that were a part of the 2020 Adelaide International Squad will be automatically included in the 2021 Squad.

#### Trainings

Following selection in the Adelaide International Ballkids Squad, it is expected that Ballkids attend all trainings listed below. Please e-mail [adelaideballkids@tennis.com.au](mailto:adelaideballkids@tennis.com.au) if you are unable to attend a training for a particular reason.

What	Date	Time	Where
Training #1	Sunday 22 November 2020	9:00am – 12:00pm	Memorial Drive Tennis Centre
Training #2	Sunday 29 November 2020	9:00am – 12:00pm	Memorial Drive Tennis Centre
Training #3	Sunday 6 December 2020	9:00am – 12:00pm	Next Gen Memorial Drive
Training #4	Sunday 13 December 2020	9:00am – 12:00pm	Next Gen Memorial Drive

A final training and uniform selection day will be **COMPULSORY** for the Adelaide International Ballkids Squad to attend.

What	Date	Time	Where
Training & Uniform Collection	Wednesday 6 January 2021	TBC	TBC

*What to bring to training:*

- Non-marking shoes (running/street shoes are not acceptable)
- Comfortable leisure/sports clothing is to be worn
- Hat
- Water bottle
- Tennis racquet (if available)

## 5. Additional Training resources

It is recommended that ballkids access additional training materials prior to these training days, available at: <http://ballkids.tennis.com.au/>

## Event schedule

### Adelaide International

The 2021 Adelaide International will be held over ten days, with 100+ ballkids required for the entirety of the tournament. The first five days of the tournament are particularly busy, with both men's and women's events being played at Memorial Drive.

Prior to the tournament, there will be an opportunity to advise your availability however, it is expected that all Ballkids will make themselves available for these days.

Ballkids are generally required on site from 9.00 am, until the end of play. Times vary from day-to-day depending on the match schedule and shift times.

A typical Ballkid day would look something like this:

10.00 am	Sign in with Ballkid Managers
10.15 am	Ballkid briefing
11.00 am	Matches start (45 or 60 minute shifts depending on weather conditions)
4.00 pm (approx.)	Matches finish (day shift)
10.00pm (approx.)	Matches finish (night shift)

Meals, snacks and water will be provided throughout each day.

## Communication

Prior to the tournament, communication to Ballkids will be via the [adelaideballkids@tennis.com.au](mailto:adelaideballkids@tennis.com.au) email address. During the tournament we recommend that all parents download What's App for more immediate daily group updates.

## Uniforms

All selected ballkids will receive an event-specific uniform. Communications will be sent out closer to the event date regarding uniform requirements.

## Inclement weather

In the event of inclement weather, please keep an eye on your emails for updates regarding cancellations, changes to sign in times, etc.

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