

2022/23 TENNIS SA BALLKID PROGRAM

Program outline



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

City of Playford Tennis International

Tennis SA and Tennis Australia, in conjunction with City of Playford, TennisGear and Playford Tennis Club, will host the City of Playford Tennis International event from Sunday 23 October 2022 to Sunday 30 October 2022.

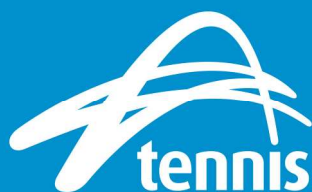
The international-standard Playford Tennis Centre will once again play host to the combined Men's Challenger and ITF Women's World Tennis Tour event following extremely successful event in January 2018, 2019 and November 2019.

In the past, the likes of 2022 Wimbledon champion **Elena Rybakina**, 2019 US Open champion **Bianca Andreescu**, 2022 Roland Garros finalist **Casper Ruud** and home-grown hero, former champion **Jason Kubler** have competed at this event.

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 2023 Adelaide International will be held over two weeks starting on the 31 December 2022 – 14 January 2023.



SELECTION AND TRAINING PROCESS

1. Selection criteria

Over 100 Ballkids will be required for the Adelaide International in 2023. Selection in the Adelaide International Ballkids Squad will be based on your performance at trainings throughout November and December as well as your performance and commitment at the City of Playford Tennis International. Those participants that would like to be a part of the Adelaide International Ballkids squad must participate in the Tennis International to be eligible for selection.

Ballkids are assessed on the following criteria:

- Speed and coordination
- Rolls
- Servicing
- Concentration
- Cooperation
- Attitude
- Teamwork
- Behaviour

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

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 their interest for the City of Playford Tennis International, available at: <https://bit.ly/COPTIBallkids2022>

Registrations close Monday 29 August at 11:59 pm. For Ballkids that have missed the entry deadline, please email us your interest via email at adelaideballkids@tennis.com.au

3. Trainings

Ballkids that wish to be a part of the 2023 Adelaide International will be required to ballkid at the City of Playford Tennis International. When selecting squads for the event, preference will be given to those ballkids who attend more sessions and trainings as well as meeting the criteria listed above.

City of Playford Tennis International

What	Date	Time	Where
Training #1	Sunday 11 September 2022	9:00 am-12:00 noon	Playford Tennis Centre
Training #2	Sunday 18 September 2022	9:00 am-12:00 noon	West Lakes Tennis Club
Training #3	Sunday 25 September 2022	9:00 am-12:00 noon	West Lakes Tennis Club
Training #4	Sunday 2 October 2022	9:00 am-12:00 noon	Playford Tennis Centre
Training #5	Sunday 16 October 2022	9:00 am-12:00 noon	Playford Tennis Centre



Adelaide International

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5. Adelaide International Ballkid training session dates

What	Date	Time	Where
Training #1	Sunday 20 November 2022	9:00 am-12:00 noon	West Lakes Tennis Club
Training #2	Sunday 27 November 2022	9:00 am-12:00 noon	West Lakes Tennis Club
Training #3	Sunday 4 December 2022	9:00 am-12:00 noon	Millswood Tennis Club
Training #4	Sunday 11 December 2022	9:00 am-12:00 noon	Millswood Tennis Club
Training #5	Sunday 18 December 2022	9:00 am-12:00 noon	West Lakes Tennis Club

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)

EVENT SCHEDULE

City of Playford Tennis International

The 2022 City of Playford Tennis International will be held over nine days, with 100+ Ballkids required for the entirety of the tournament.

There will be opportunities to express your availability for trainings and the event. It would be greatly appreciated if Ballkids could make themselves available for the entirety of the event however we understand that is not possible for most people.

Ballkids are required-on site from 9:00 am for a 10:00 am start. We try to ensure that there is a day shift and a night shift so the kids do not have to be there for the entirety of the day.

A Ballkid day usually looks something like this:

- 9:00 am Sign in with Ballkid Managers
- 9:45 am Ballkid briefing
- 10:00 am Matches start (45 or 60 minute shifts depending on weather conditions)
- 1:00 pm Day shift Ballkids swap with afternoon shift Ballkids (if possible)
- 6:00 pm (approx.) Matches finish (Ballkids can go home)



Adelaide International

The 2023 Adelaide International will be held over two weeks 31 December 2022 – 14 January 2023. There will be 100+ ballkids required for the entirety of the tournament.

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 the entirety of the seven days.

Ballkids are generally required on site from 10:00am, 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)
6:00 pm (approx.)	Matches finish (day shift)
10:00 pm (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 email address.

UNIFORMS

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

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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