

Australian Tennis Championships 2019

Tennis for people with an intellectual impairment

TOURNAMENT DETAILS

*Albert Reserve & Melbourne Park
Wednesday 23rd – Saturday 26th January 2019*

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GENERAL INFORMATION

Organiser

Tennis Australia – www.tennis.com.au
Inas Sanctioned



Partners

Sport Inclusion Australia Inc.



Tournament Director

George Shepherd

Assistant Director

Rebeka Schaefer



TAC Head Referee

TBA

Dates/Times

Arrive:	9.00am	Wednesday 23 rd January <i>or day before</i> Tuesday 22 nd
Sign In/Registration:	9.00am	Wednesday 23 rd January
Opening Ceremony:	10.00am	Wednesday 23 rd January
Tournament:	10:00am	Wednesday 23 rd to 5.00pm Saturday 26 th January
Official Function:	7.15am	Thursday 24 th January
Depart:	8.00pm	Saturday 26 th January

Venue

Albert Park Reserve, corner Hannah St & St Kilda Rd, MELBOURNE
Melbourne Park, Batman Ave, MELBOURNE

Surface

Plexicushion

Official Ball

Dunlop

Series

This tournament is a Platinum level tournament. Points will be determined based upon the number of entries.

Prize money

AUD \$6,000 - The amounts have been declared and will not vary if the Australian Dollar appreciates or depreciates against other currencies.

Event	Winner	Runner-up
Men's & Women's Singles	AUD \$850.00	AUD \$400.00
Men's & Women's Doubles	AUD \$400.00 each	AUD \$250.00 each
Mixed Doubles	AUD \$300.00 each	AUD \$150.00 each

ELIGIBILITY

All players competing in the Australian Tennis Championships must be eligible according to Sport Inclusion Australia/Inas guidelines. If unsure, please contact the Sport Inclusion Australia office 03 5762 7494 immediately or download forms at www.sportinclusionaustralia.org.au

II2 – For athletes with Down syndrome

To progress opportunities and create a fairer playing field, Tennis Australia are trialling the newly created II2 division. At this stage II2 is for players with Down syndrome.

World Health O defines Down syndrome as 'an intellectual impairment' caused by extra genetic material in chromosome 21.

Based upon this definition, the criteria for athletes with Down syndrome is:

1. A formal diagnosis of Down syndrome, and;
2. A statement that the athlete is clear of symptomatic Atlantoaxial Instability (AAI) – a common orthopaedic problem seen in people with Down syndrome. Approximately, 10-30% of individuals with Down syndrome have AAI. It effects the cervical spine and strenuous exercise can result in a degeneration of function and pain.

Note: Athletes with Mosaic Down syndrome must meet the criteria for II1 athletes and the Down syndrome criteria above.

The criteria for this group will be revised and expanded as the project progresses and research data becomes available.

IMPORTANT: Players with Down syndrome will have the option to participate in either the newly created II2 division or existing open single's tournament but they will not be able to compete in both. The II2 for players with Down syndrome will be played on the one day, either the Wednesday or Thursday during the tournament. Due to scheduling the II2 division will be open for the first 4 females and 4 males to register under this division. Any questions please email gshepherd@tennis.com.au

ONLINE REGISTRATION LINK

This year there will be no paper entry form, you must enter online at the following link:

<https://tatournaments.wufoo.com/forms/2019-australian-tennis-championships/>

ENTRY FEE

Player Entry Fee AUD\$120 (incl. GST)

Includes:

- Entry fee (singles/doubles/mixed)
- Photo Accreditation including entry to Melbourne Park (Monday 21st – Saturday 26th Jan)
- Transport (Between Airport, Parkview Hotel and Melbourne Park)
- Lunch from: Wed 23rd - Fri 25th Jan*
- Player pack/gift
- Official Function (Thursday 24th Jan)

**Athletes still competing on Saturday 26th January will be provided lunch at Melbourne Park*

NOTE: Athletes are able to obtain 2 free supporter ground passes for Friday 25th & Saturday 26th of January. Athletes will need to nominate their supporters in the online registration form.

ENTRY SUBMISSION

Entries will be close at **5.00pm, Sunday 18th November, 2018**. Please ensure that you complete the online registration form as well as submit payment of **AUD\$120 (per player)** online by credit card in order for your entry to be accepted.

DRAW AND MATCH FORMAT

Matches will begin on Wednesday 23rd Jan at 10:30am (AEDT).

Match Calls

Matches will be called from the tournament desk at Albert Park Reserve on the public address system. It is each player's responsibility to go to the court assigned upon hearing the match called.

Match Format*

Men & Women Singles – one set, tiebreak at six games all.

Men & Women Singles Finals – best of three tiebreak sets. Third set a super tiebreak up to 10 points.

Men's & Women's I/2 Singles – one set, tiebreak at six games all. Round Robin Format

Men & Women Doubles – one set, tiebreak at six games all.

Men & Women Doubles Finals – best of three tiebreak sets. Third set a super tiebreak up to 10 points.

Mixed Doubles – one set, tiebreak at six games all.

Mixed Doubles Final – best of three short sets to four games, tiebreak at four games all. Third set a super tiebreak up to 10 points.

**Match formats are subject to change at any time at the discretion of the Tournament Committee. Any such changes will be communicated to the participants if they are made.*

Daily Schedule

The schedule of play will be released by the Tournament Director. It will be posted online, on notice boards at Albert Reserve and available at St Kilda Road Parkview Hotel reception.

**Please be aware that ALL match times are approximations only and can vary on many factors including but not limited to weather, length of previous matches, court availability etc.*

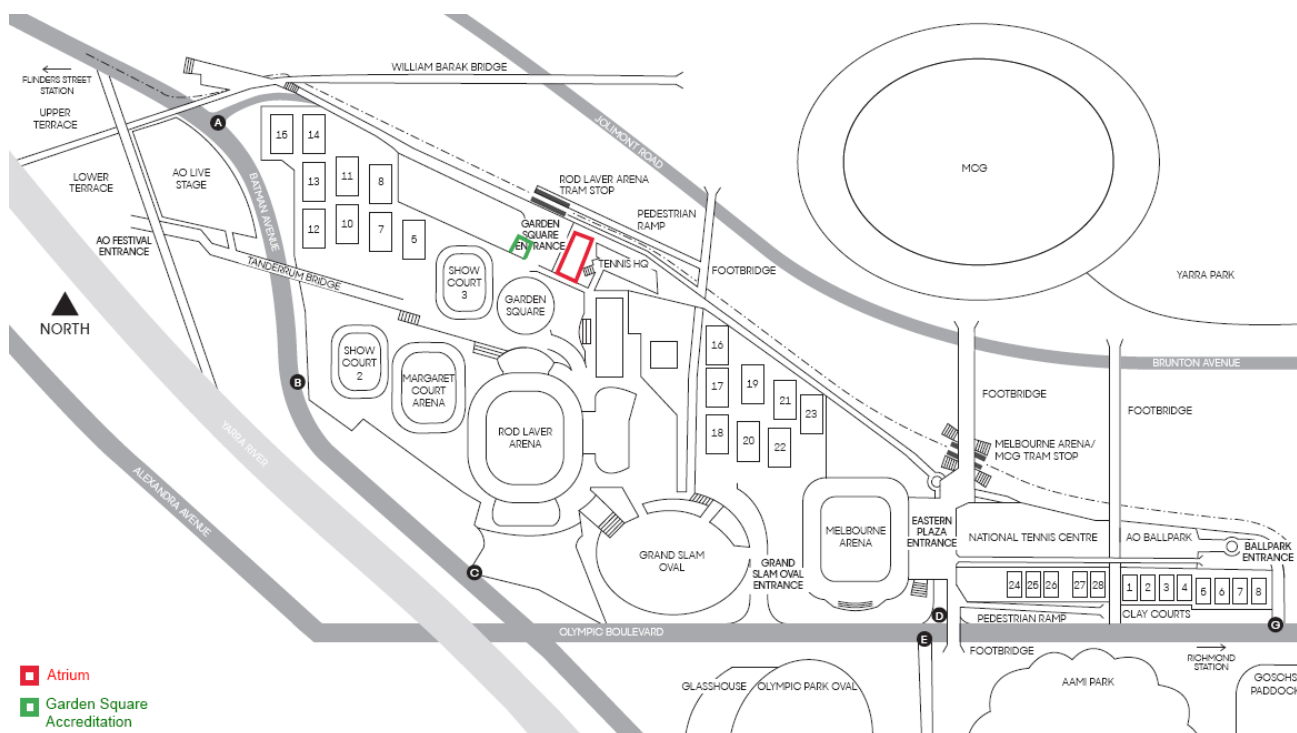
PLAYER SERVICES

Accreditation*

- Accreditation will be distributed at Sign-In on Wednesday 23rd Jan if not previously collected from Garden Square accreditation beforehand (please see map below)
- Players may enter Melbourne Park at any stage during the period of their accreditation and will have the equivalent access of a ground pass. (Monday 21st – Saturday 26th January)
- ONE supporter per competing athlete will be provided an accreditation pass to enter the grounds of Melbourne Park with their athlete between Monday 21st – Saturday 26th Jan. You will need to fill in the supporter accreditation section of the online registration form to take up this option.
- No additional accredited passes will be granted at a later stage - ground passes can be purchased at Melbourne Park on the day.

**All accreditation passes are non-transferable and must be worn at all times.*

Note: Supporters that are getting accreditation will need to supply their Date of Birth and accreditation photo through the online registration form – these are essential for accreditation passes.



Transport

Tennis Australia is pleased to provide the following to Australian Tennis Championship Competitors:

- Transport from Melbourne Airport to the Parkview Hotel, 562 St Kilda Road Melbourne VIC 3004 OR another accommodation location which is within a 20km radius of Melbourne Olympic Park
- Transport from Albert Reserve to Melbourne Olympic Park on Friday 25th January and Saturday 26th January 2019
- Transport from Melbourne Olympic Park/Park View Hotel/accommodation within a 20km radius of Melbourne Olympic Park to Melbourne Airport
- All transport pickups and drop offs at Melbourne Olympic Park will occur at the Atrium Transport desk (refer to above map). You can book your transport from this location as well or by calling the Transport Office on +61 (03) 9941 4641
- Please note the above is limited to Competitors and Carers (1x per competitor) who will require their accreditation to access courtesy cars

Athletes must provide their flight details and indicate their need for transport in the online registration form.

Taxis are available at all times (24 hours) from the airport. Approximate taxi fare from the airport to the city is AUD\$75.

NOTE: Please book return flights on Saturday, 26th Jan (after 8:00pm) to accommodate for closing ceremony/function and presentations. Under no circumstances will matches be altered due to earlier flights.

Practice

Practice courts at Albert Reserve may be available from Saturday 19th – Tuesday 22nd. Up until 6pm courts may be booked via contacting the AO practice desk on (03) 9914 4580. **You will be required to quote your accreditation number so please ensure you have collected your accreditation.** Further to this, there may be designated practice courts reserved for ATC players on Monday 21st and Tuesday 22nd between certain times, however you will still have to call and be allocated a court through the AO practice desk – these times will be communicated with you closer to the event.

For practice after 6pm please email awebb@tennis.com.au who will advise of available times and courts – please mention you are part of the Australian Tennis Championships. Players can book a maximum of one hour per day.

Physiotherapist/Masseur

A physiotherapist will be available only for those athletes in need of medical attention at specified times.

Towels

Each player will be permitted a maximum of two towels per day. All towels must be returned at the end of each day and marked off by a member of staff. Charges will apply for unreturned or badly stained towels at AUD\$30 each.

Fluids – Players only

Water will be provided from Wednesday 23rd – Sat 26th Jan. It is recommended that you bring your own sports drink powder or bottle. Alternatively, Powerade can be purchased from the Pro Shop Café.

FUNCTIONS

Official Tournament Breakfast Function

The Official Tournament Breakfast Function will be held at Parkview Hotel on Thursday, 24th Jan at 7.15am. Player guests are welcome at an additional charge of AUD\$35 (can be secured by indicating on the online registration form, by selecting option for information on supporter purchasable extras – the final question on form). A buffet breakfast will be provided. It is recommended that all players attend. Due to demand and available space **ONLY** players and paying guests will be able to attend the function.

Ceremonies

The opening ceremony will be conducted at Albert Reserve on Wednesday 23rd Jan at 10:00am (AEDT). A presentation ceremony will follow the final match of the tournament on the afternoon of Saturday 26th Jan at Melbourne Park, at approximately 5:00pm.

ACCOMMODATION and MEALS

Accommodation – Room ONLY

Official Hotel: St Kilda Road Parkview Hotel
562 St Kilda Rd, Melbourne, 3004
Phone: (+61) 3 9529 8888

It is recommended that players and supporters stay at the official hotel from Wed 23rd – Sat 26th Jan. To reserve your accommodation please complete the online accommodation section of the online registration form, prices are quoted below. All costs incurred in booking and additional costs (mini-bar, movies etc.) will need to be paid on checking out of the hotel.

BREAKFAST IS OPTIONAL (AUD\$20) – please tick online booking form clearly if you would like breakfast at Parkview. If you are sharing a room with another player or family – please indicate this on the online registration form.

ROOM ONLY (PLAYER or SUPPORTER) – 3 nights	
Single	AUD \$597
Twin	AUD \$298.50 <i>per person</i>
Triple	AUD \$244 <i>per person</i>
Extra night rate: Additional nights are available – Mon 21st, Tue 22nd and/or Sat 26th Jan	
Single	\$199.00 per room
Twin	\$ 99.50 per person
Triple	\$ 82.00 per person
Bedding Configurations	
Single	1 x King bed (1 person)
Twin	2 x Double or 2 x King singles (2 persons)
Triple	1 x Queen & 1 x Single (3 persons)

NOTE: Payment for Accommodation will be taken from the hotel by credit card on arrival, no payment needs to be made prior to arrival

Meals

Lunch packs will be provided at Albert Reserve from Wednesday 23rd - Friday 25th of January for all players. You can indicate on the online registration form your preference for lunch and any dietary requirements you may have. Additional lunch packs for supporters can be ordered and paid for via the additional purchases form – you will receive this form by selecting further information on supporter extras (final question on online form). Lunch will be provided at Melbourne Park only for those athletes still competing on the day

TOURNAMENT CONDITIONS

- The tournament will be conducted under the Rules of Tennis as approved by the rules and regulations of Tennis Australia.
- The 2018 Australian Tennis Championships is sanctioned by Inas, (International Sports Federation for Athletes with an intellectual impairment).
- Players are required to meet the eligibility criteria (Inas) to compete.
- Entries must be done through the online registration form and all entry fees must be paid and at the time of entry. No player shall be allowed to play in any event unless the entry fee has been paid.
- The Tournament Committee hereinafter referred to, as “the Committee” shall have the entire control and management of the Tournament.
- Play will commence punctually as notified each day. Whatever the state of the weather competitors must be on the grounds ready to play.
- If for any reason a match is not commenced at the time appointed, competitors must be ready to play immediately when called upon by the Referee. Any competitor being not ready or refusing to play 15 minutes from the time appointed, or when called upon by the Referee, may be disqualified from the event and the match awarded to their opponent if they are present and willing to play. Should either competitors or pairs be absent or refuse to play, either competitors or pairs may be disqualified from the event.
- Players must report to the tournament desk 15 minutes before scheduled match.
- No player should leave the tournament area without permission.
- The code of conduct as approved by Tennis Australia will be enforced during this tournament. By the way of entering this tournament, all players are bound by this code of conduct.
- The Committee reserves the right to cancel any event if the entry is deemed unsatisfactory or alter the type of match played.
- The Dunlop Australian Open balls will be used throughout the event.
- The use of ripple or bar soled shoes, or heels, or spikes is prohibited.
- Recognised tennis costume must be worn. Coloured tennis garments and footwear may be worn at the discretion of the Referee. Any player while competing in a match shall not wear articles such as sweatshirts, dress shirts, tee shirts and Bermuda shorts. Tracksuits may be worn during the course of the match, at the

discretion of the Referee. Prominent advertising or lettering in any form on tennis dress is not permitted, however, a small company logo, or a motif, measuring not more than two square inches may be approved.

- All players must abide by the Prevention for Heat Illness guidelines attached.
- The tournament desk will notify players of the time of their first match. Match schedules for the following day will be available from Tournament control from 8:00pm. It is the responsibility of all players to find out their following match times.
- Matches will commence at Albert Reserve on Wednesday 23rd January 2018. Finals will be played at Melbourne Park on Friday 25th & Saturday 26th January 2019.
- Depending on the number of entries the draws will be played as round robin or a compass draw. For example, if there are 16 players there will be four groups of four players in a round robin. The winners of each group will progress to the semi-final and the winners from the semi-final will go to the final.