



Australian Open 2011 Playoff Melbourne Park, Victoria Fact Sheet – Revised October 28th

Enter online for the event under “December Showdown 2010” at
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Tournament Dates

Tuesday 14th December to Sunday 19th December 2010
Scheduled day off for both men & women on Friday 17th December 2010

<u>Tournament</u>	<u>Tournament Director</u>	<u>Referee</u>	<u>Entry Closing Date</u>
Australian Open Playoff	Mark Handley	Wayne McKewen	Monday 29 th November 2010 @ 11:59pm AEDST

Pre-Event Enquiries

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Acceptance Criteria

Australian Open Playoff – Men’s Event (24 positions available)

- All athletes ranked ATP 250 or better will be accepted*
* Based on Monday 29th November 2010 rankings release
- 18s Optus Australian Championships – Winners
- Remaining positions default to wildcards

Australian Open Playoff – Women’s Event (16 positions available)

- All athletes ranked WTA 250 or better will be accepted*
* Based on Monday 29th November 2010 rankings release
- 18s Optus Australian Championships – Winners
- Remaining positions default to wildcards

Initial acceptance lists will be available from 2.00pm Wednesday 1st December 2010 and e-mailed to all entrants as well as being published on www.tennis.com.au





Behaviour

The Tournament will be played under the ITF Code of Conduct (match conditions) and in accordance with Tennis Australia Code of Behaviour. Tennis Australia may penalise or suspend players for breach of the Tennis Australia Code of Behaviour or Tennis Australia Member Protection By-Law. Please note that inappropriate behaviour at sites including, but not limited to, the tennis venues (on and off court), hotels and transport vehicles, will be dealt with in accordance with these policies. These policies can be viewed at www.tennis.com.au. Tennis Australia may also issue financial penalties to players competing in the Australian Open Playoff, if warranted.

Draw Format

Tournament Name	Draw Format	Consolation	Entry Fee
Australian Open Playoff Men's Event	Singles (24) –Knockout draw	N/A	N/A
Australian Open Playoff Women's Event	Main Draw (16) – Round-Robin (Stage 1) with knockout draw for players that finish top of their Round-Robin group (Stage 2)	N/A	N/A

Specific Information relating to the Women's Event of the Australian Open Playoff

- 16-player Round Robin Draw
- Each player to play the three athletes within their pool
- Best athletes from each pool (4 total) to move into the semi finals. Note: All athletes are guaranteed three singles matches, played over the first three days of the competition.

The following procedure will be followed to place the sixteen (16) athletes into the four round-robin groups.

1. The field shall be divided into four (4) groups of four (4) players each. The top-seeded player shall be placed in Group "A", the second-seeded player shall be placed in Group "B", the third-seeded player shall be placed in Group "C" and the fourth-seeded player shall be placed in Group "D".
2. Athletes seeded 5 & 6 shall be drawn into either Group "C" or "D". Athletes seeded 7 & 8 shall be drawn into either Group "A" or "B".
3. The remaining eight (8) athletes shall be drawn by lot – the first and second athletes drawn to go to Group "A", the third and fourth athletes drawn to go to Group "B" and so on.

The final standings of each group shall be determined by the first of the following methods that apply:

- (a) Greatest number of wins;
- (b) Greatest number of matches played;
- (c) Head-to-head results if only two (2) players are tied, or if three (3) athletes are tied, then:





- i) If three (3) athletes each have one win, an athlete that has played less than all three (3) matches is automatically eliminated and the athlete advancing to the Single Elimination competition is the winner of the match-up of the two (2) players tied with 1-2 records; then
 - ii) Highest percentage of sets won (sets won against sets played); then
 - iii) Highest percentage of games won (games won against games played).
 - iv) If (i), (ii) or (iii) produce one superior athlete (first place), or one inferior athlete (third place), and the two remaining athletes are tied, the tie between those two athletes shall be broken by head-to-head record.
- (d) If ties still exist after the above procedures, the Tournament Committee shall make the final determination.
- (e) In applying the tie-breaking procedures, a conduct default or retirement shall count as a win or loss. However, games won or lost in matches with the defaulting or retiring athlete shall not be counted in the application of subsection c. (iii) above.

After the round-robin group phase has been completed, the following procedure will be followed to place the four (4) eligible athletes into the knockout draw.

- (a) The winner of Group "A" will be placed on Line 1
 - (b) The winner of Group "B" will be placed on Line 4
 - (c) The winners of Group "C" and "Group "D" will be randomly placed on either Line 2 or Line 3.
- *There shall be no playoff for 5th – 16th place.*

Alternate Sign-In

Men's Event

Alternates will be chosen by the Wildcard Selectors. Alternates must sign-in at least 30 minutes prior to the relevant first scheduled match on Tuesday 14th December 2010. Alternates must sign-in to be eligible for the daily per diem.

Women's Event

Alternates will be chosen by the Wildcard Selectors. Alternates must sign-in at least 30minutes prior to the first scheduled match each day of the Round Robin competition. Alternates must sign-in to be eligible for the daily per diem.

Match Formats

All matches will be the Best of three (3) tie-break sets, with the following exceptions –

Men's Final: Best of five (5) sets, first four tie-break sets, fifth set advantage

Women's Final: Best of three (3) sets, first two tie-break sets, third set advantage





Schedule (provisional)

The provisional schedule for each tournament will be as follows (subject to change):

Australian Open Playoff Men's Event

Tues 14 Dec	Wed 15 Dec	Thurs 16 Dec	Fri 17 Dec	Sat 18 Dec	Sun 19 Dec
Round 32	Round 16	QF	Rest Day	SF	Finals

Women's Event

Tues 14 Dec	Wed 15 Dec	Thurs 16 Dec	Fri 17 Dec	Sat 18 Dec	Sun 19 Dec
RR	RR	RR	Rest Day	SF	Finals

Seedings

Athletes will be seeded based on the latest ATP/WTA Tour rankings available at the time of the draw ceremony.

Wildcards Selectors

Patrick Rafter, David Taylor, Todd Woodbridge, Brent Larkham, Nicole Pratt and Nicole Bradtke

Withdrawal Deadlines

Athletes withdrawing after the listed dates below must produce a valid medical certificate to avoid being penalised under the Tennis Australia Code of Behaviour.

- Australian Open Playoff – Thursday 9th December 2010 at 2pm AEDST

Event Operations

Accommodation

Special rates have been negotiated at "Mantra on Jolimont" and "Bayview on the Park" for participants of the December Showdown and Australian Open Playoff. Bookings can be made direct with the properties and must quote the December Showdown event to qualify for the rates listed below.

The allocations listed will be held until Wednesday 1st December 2010 following this date rooms will be available subject to availability. To avoid disappointment it is suggested that bookings are made before Tuesday 30th November, note charges will apply for 'no shows' and for bookings cancelled with less than 24 hours notice.





BAYVIEW ON THE PARK HOTEL

52 Queens Road, St. Kilda, VIC

Distance from Melbourne Park: 4.66km, 5-min drive to Melbourne Park

Rating: ★★★★★

Tel: (03) 9243-9999 Fax: (03) 9243-9993

E-mail: bayviewonthepark@bayviewhotels.com

Website: <http://www.bayviewhotels.com/bayviewonthepark>

Rates:

- Standard Room - \$110 per night
- Twin Room - \$110 per night
- Triple room - \$140 per night

MANTRA ON JOLIMONT

133 Jolimont Road, Melbourne East, VIC 3002

Distance to Melbourne Park: 800m walk

Tel: (03) 9940-2100, Freecall (Australia): 1300 734 782 Fax: (03) 9650-1833

Rating: ★★★★★

E-mail: jolimont.res@mantra.com.au

Website:

<http://www.mantra.com.au/victoria/melbourne-and-surrounds/east-melbourne/accommodation/hotels/mantra-on-jolimont/>

Rates:

- Studio - \$144 per night
- One Bedroom - \$186 per night
- Two Bedroom (dual key) - \$351 per night
- Extra Person - \$40.00 per person

Car Parking

Athletes participating in the Australian Open Playoff will receive free access to the Northern Car Park whilst still competing in the tournament.

For all other athletes and visitors, Melbourne Park will be a public transport venue only. Limited parking will be available, but please be prepared to pay for this privilege. Melbourne Park will be extremely busy during November and December due to numerous events and the bump-in operations for the Australian Open 2011.

The best drop-off and pick-up point is outside Hisense Arena on Olympic Boulevard. We are encouraging all players, coaches and parents to utilise the public transport services available. Public transport details are listed below:





Public Transport

Tram

The No. 70 tram (Waterfront City Docklands – Wattle Park) stops outside the City Entrance of Melbourne Park. Go to <http://www.metlinkmelbourne.com.au> to view the timetable.

Train

Richmond Train Station & Jolimont Train Station are the closest train stations to Melbourne Park. Each station is a short 5-10 minute walk to Melbourne Park. Go to <http://www.metlinkmelbourne.com.au> to view the timetable.

Hospitality

Australian Open Playoff

\$55 per day per whilst still in the tournament (includes day preceding tournament). Reimbursement will only be issued upon presentation of hotel receipt. Lunch vouchers will be provided on a daily basis whilst competing.

Live Streaming

At least one match court of the Australian Open Playoff from December 14 – 19 will be broadcasted by live stream, with commentary. There will be additional expectations of Australian Open Playoff athletes if scheduled for a broadcast court.

Media & Community Engagement Commitments

As a condition of entry into the Australian Open Playoff, players agree to cooperate with the media and to participate upon request by Tennis Australia, in tournament promotional activities including, but not limited to:

- pre-match and post-match interviews
- pre-event functions or events including pre-event press conferences
- press conferences and interviews at the presentation ceremonies as well as the champions photo shoot immediately following each final
- participating in the commentary box for the Australian Open Playoff live streaming broadcast
- assisting with the Hot Shots tennis clinics and other activities associated with the hosting of school groups during the event.
- Any other reasonable media requests

Player Meeting (Compulsory)

The compulsory draw and player meeting for the Australian Open Playoff will be held as follows:

Australian Open Playoff

Sunday 12th December 2010 at 12pm – 2pm

Location: Player Cafe, Melbourne Park





Practice Courts

All athletes entered into the tournament will have limited access to practice courts at Melbourne Park on the day prior to the event start date for practice at no cost. However, some players may have to practice at secondary venues (Albert Reserve or Scotch College) if demand is high. Bookings can be made through Tournament Control on the day prior to the tournament start date, not before.

The process for morning warm-up and practice courts during the tournament will be outlined at each tournament player meeting.

Tourist Information

If parents and families are interested in visiting tourist attractions whilst in Melbourne, please visit <http://www.visitmelbourne.com.au>

Travel Information

Qantas, Virgin Blue and Jetstar have regular flights to Melbourne. It is approximately 25km (or 30min drive) from Melbourne Airport to Melbourne Park.

To view prices and flight schedules, go to www.webjet.com.au

For directions to Melbourne Park from your hotel or from Melbourne Airport, please go to www.whereis.com.au

Venue Safety

Please be aware that Melbourne Park will be in heavy construction mode in preparation for the Australian Open 2011. There are also construction works being done in relation to the Melbourne Park redevelopment. We ask that all people coming on-site during the December Showdown adhere to all signage that will identify restricted areas.





Entering Online (<http://tournaments.tennis.com.au>)

Step 1 – Go to <http://tournaments.tennis.com.au> Once you are at this page, search for the tournament via the “Tournaments with online entry” tab.

Step 2 – Once you are at the tournament home page, click the “click here to enter online”.

Step 3 – There will now be six steps in the entry process. Firstly, register for an account.

Step 4 – If you have an account, type in your login name and password (move to Step 7 if you have already registered for an account previously). If you don’t have an account, click the “sign up” button. This will make online entry quicker in the future with all fields pre-populated when you login next time.

Step 5 – Choose your own login name and password (use the check availability button to see if your login name is available). Enter all your details carefully and when completed, click the “I accept” button to continue.

Step 6 – You should receive an instantaneous e-mail from Tournament Planner asking you to activate your account. If the email doesn’t appear in your inbox, please check your “spam” or “junk mail” folders as well. If you do not click this link within 24 hours of receiving the e-mail, your account will be removed.

Step 7 – Now that you are registered for an account, type in your login name and password and click the “login” button.

Step 8 – Click the link to enter with your current account.

Step 9 – Read the regulations for the tournament and click the “tick box” at the bottom of the screen to agree to the entry conditions and continue to the next step.

Step 10 – Complete further entry details for the event. To have these fields automated for next time, click the tick box to update your profile with this information. Once you have completed all fields, click the “continue” button.

Step 11 – Click the “continue with payment” button

Step 12 – Read and agree to the waiver and complete your credit card details. Please be aware that only VISA and MasterCard are the only credit cards accepted. Once completed, click the “finish my registration” button.

Step 13 – Depending on the speed of our connection, the payment should take between 10-20 seconds to process.

Step 14 – Upon successful completion of the payment, click “continue”. Have one further look over your entry and then click “submit”.

Step 15 – Once this has been completed, you should receive two confirmation e-mails, one from Tournament Planner that the entry has been processed and one from Active.com confirming that the payment has been successful.





Tennis Australia Super AMT \$20,000 Melbourne Park, Victoria Fact Sheet

Enter online for the event under "December Showdown 2010" at <http://tournaments.tennis.com.au>

Tournament Dates

Wednesday 8th December to Sunday 12th December 2010

Objective

To provide additional quality competitive match opportunities in the lead-up to the Australian Open Playoff.

Tournament Draw Format

Based on the style of French Money Tournaments, the higher ranked athletes entered will advance automatically into the later rounds of the tournament, with lower ranked opponents competing against each other to earn the right to play in the later rounds.

<u>Rounds</u>	<u>Entrant No.</u>	<u>Draw Format</u>	<u>Match Format</u>
1 & 2 (Bronze Draw)	Entrant No. 92 to No. 29	64 Qualifying Draw, playing down to 16 players	Best of Three Tiebreak Sets
3 & 4 (Silver Draw)	Entrant No. 13 to No. 28 (plus 16 qualifiers from Round 2)	32 Qualifying Draw, playing down to 8 players	Best of Three Tiebreak Sets
5 & 6 (Gold Draw)	Entrant No. 5 to No. 12 (plus 8 qualifiers from Round 4)	16 Qualifying Draw, playing down to 4 players	Best of Three Tiebreak Sets
Finals (Platinum Draw) (QF, SF, Final)	Entrant No.1 to No. 4 (plus 4 qualifiers from Round 6)	8 Knockout Draw, playing down to the winner	Best of Three Tiebreak Sets



Note: This information is correct as at October 28th 2010, however, is subject to change.



Match Schedule (provisional)

Dependant on weather, the following provisional match schedule will apply:

	Dec 8	Dec 9	Dec 10	Dec 11	Dec 12
Singles	Rd 1 & 2	Rd 3 & 4	Rd 5 & 6	QF & SF	Final
Doubles		Rd 16	QF	SF	Final

Acceptance Criteria

Singles – The Tennis Australia Super AMT \$20,000 will cater for a maximum of 92 athletes, spread across the following rounds.

<i>Tennis Australia Super AMT \$20,000</i>	<i>Direct Acceptances (based on AR)</i>	<i>Qualifiers from previous rounds</i>	<i>Discretionary Wildcards</i>
Round 1 & 2 (Bronze Draw)	56	-	8
Round 3 & 4 (Silver Draw)	12	16 (From Round 2)	4
Round 5 & 6 (Gold Draw)	4	8 (From Round 4)	4
Finals (Platinum Draw)	4	4 (From Round 6)	-

Doubles – The Tennis Australia Super AMT \$20,000 will cater for a maximum of 16 teams into the doubles event which will be played using a traditional knockout draw.

<i>Direct Acceptances (based on combined AR)</i>	<i>Discretionary Wildcards</i>
13 Teams	3 Teams

Entry Fee

Singles \$80.00

Doubles \$40.00 per player (payable at sign-in)

Doubles Sign-In Time

Entries for the doubles event will be accepted on a sign-in basis and will be based on the combined Australian Ranking of the team. Sign-in will occur at the designated tournament office at Melbourne Park.

<i>Tournament Name</i>	<i>Opening Date & Time</i>	<i>Closing Date & Time</i>
Tennis Australia Super AMT \$20,000	Wednesday 8 th December 2010 at 9:00am	Wednesday 8 th December 2010 at 4:00pm





Singles Consolation (White Draw) - Optional sign-in

Athletes losing on the first day of play (in Round 1 & 2) will be eligible to sign-in for the optional consolation event. A maximum of 48 athletes will compete in the consolation event using the "best of two" match format.

Prizemoney

Prizemoney will be allocated based on the following distribution:

	Main Draw Singles					
	Winner	Runner-Up	Semi-Finalists	Quarter-Finalists	Round 6 Losers	Round 5 Losers
Tennis Australia Super AMT \$20,000	\$3000	\$1500	\$750	\$300	\$150	\$100

	Main Draw Doubles (per pair)	
	Winner	Runner-Up
Tennis Australia Super AMT \$20,000	\$900	\$500

Please note the following rules that will apply in relation to prizemoney:

- i) Athletes must win at least one match before being eligible for prizemoney.
- ii) A match won by "No-Show" or "walkover" will not count as a match won for AR points or Prizemoney unless the athlete has already won a round previously.
- iii) No AR Points or Prize Money will be awarded to a player or team who withdraws or is a 'no show' without playing their first match.
- iv) Any player who is defaulted shall lose all prize money and points earned for that event at the tournament, unless:
 - The player was defaulted for a violation of the Punctuality or Dress and Equipment sections of the Code of Behaviour
 - The player retired as a result of a medical condition
 - A member of a doubles team did not cause any of the misconduct Code Violations that resulted in the team being defaulted.
- v) A singles player or doubles team withdrawing from the semi-finals onwards will receive Australian Ranking Points and prize money applicable to the previous round reached.





vi) Small draw reduction: The tournament committee reserves the right to proportionately reduce the amount of prize money dependant on the number of players in the draw. Prizemoney reductions will follow the following scales:

- 64 or more = 100% of prizemoney
- 48 to 63 = 75% of prizemoney
- 33 to 47 = 50% of prizemoney
- 17 to 32 = 25% of prizemoney
- < 16 = Event Cancellation will be considered

Australian Ranking Points

Due to the experimental draw format, the following Australian Ranking points will be allocated to the Tennis Australia Super AMT \$20,000.

<i>Main Draw Singles</i>				
	Winner	Runner-Up	Semi-Finalists	Quarter-Finalists
Finals (Platinum Draw)	450	300	240	180
	Qualifiers into Finals (4)	Round 6 Losers	Round 5 Losers	
Round 5 & 6 (Gold Draw)	180	90	60	
	Qualifiers into Rd 5 (8)	Round 4 Losers		
Round 4 & 5 (Silver Draw)	60	30		
	Qualifiers into Rd 3 (16)	Round 2 Losers	Round 1 Losers	
Round 2 & 3 (Bronze Draw)	30	15	0	
Singles Consolation (White Draw)	Winner	Runner-Up	Semi-Finalist	Quarter-Finalist
	15	10	7.50	5

<i>Main Draw Doubles (per player)</i>				
	Winner	Runner-Up	Semi-Finalists	Quarter-Finalists
AMT Platinum	112.50	75	60	45



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[Withdrawal and Replacement Procedures](#)

For the purposes of withdrawals and replacements, each draw is considered separate from the other.

[Round 1 & 2 \(Bronze Draw\)](#)

[Alternate Sign-In](#)

Athletes on the alternate list will have the opportunity to sign-in for vacant positions in Round 1 prior to the start of the first match. Sign-in will close 30 minutes prior to the start of the first match for that event at the Melbourne Park tournament office.

[Round 3 & 4 \(Silver Draw\), Round 5 & 6 \(Gold Draw\), Finals \(Platinum Draw\)](#)

[If withdrawal occurs prior to the start of previous draw](#)

Vacancies that occur prior to the start of the previous draw will be filled by the next eligible player on the acceptance list. Any vacancy created by the withdrawal of a seed shall be filled by the next highest ranked player eligible to be seeded. The position vacated by that next highest ranked player shall then be filled by the next player on the original acceptance list.

[If withdrawal occurs after the previous draw has begun](#)

Any vacancy that occurs after the previous draw has begun will be filled by an eligible lucky loser. Lucky Losers are players who have lost in the final round of the previous draw and if more Lucky Losers are required for substitutions, those players who have lost in the earlier rounds of the previous draw.

Lucky Losers shall be selected as follows:

The order of Australian ranked players shall be randomly drawn, thereafter the order of the unranked players shall be drawn.

[Withdrawal of wildcard players](#)

Wild Cards must be named at the time the draw is made and Wild Cards who withdraw may not be replaced with new Wild Cards after the appropriate draw is made.

