



December Showdown 2010 Melbourne Park, Victoria Fact Sheet – Revised October 28th

Tournament Dates

AO Playoff

Tuesday 14th December to Sunday 19th December 2010
(All details relating to the AO Playoff are listed in separate fact sheet)

Optus 18s Australian Championships

Qualifying: Saturday 4th December & Sunday 5th December 2010
Main Draw: Monday 6th December to Saturday 11th December 2010

Optus 16s Australian Championships

Qualifying: Saturday 11th December & Sunday 12th December 2010
Main Draw: Monday 13th December to Friday 17th December 2010

Optus 14s Australian Championships

Qualifying: Wednesday 1st December 2010
Main Draw: Thursday 2nd December to Tuesday 7th December 2010

Optus 12s Australian Championships

No Qualifying
Main Draw: Tuesday 14th December to Sunday 19th December 2010

Optus 14s Australian Teams Championships

Friday 26th November to Tuesday 30th November 2010

Optus 12s Australian Teams Championships

Wednesday 8th December to Sunday 12th December 2010

Australian Tennis Magazine AMT Platinum

Main Draw: Tuesday 30th November to Friday 3rd December 2010

Tennis Australia Super AMT Platinum \$20,000

Wednesday 8th December to Sunday 12th December 2010
Note – Experimental Draw Format (all details listed from Page 18-21)

*Enter online for all events under “December Showdown 2010” at
<http://tournaments.tennis.com.au>*





Main Venue

Melbourne Park
 Corner of Olympic Boulevard & Batman Avenue
 Melbourne, VIC 3000
 Surface: Plexicushion

Secondary Venues (if required)

Tennis World – Albert Reserve
 Corner of St. Kilda Road & Hanna Street
 Melbourne, VIC 3004
 Surface: Plexicushion

Scotch College
 1 Morrison Street
 Hawthorn, VIC 3122
 Surface: Plexicushion

Tournament Information

Tournament	Tournament Director	Referee	Entry Closing Date
Australian Open Playoff	Mark Handley	Wayne McKewen	Monday 29 th November 2010 @ 11:59pm AEDST
Optus 18s Australian Championships	Francis Soyer	Asitha Attygala	Monday 8 th November 2010 @ 11:59pm AEDST
Optus 16s Australian Championships	Francis Soyer	Scott Ray	Monday 15 th November 2010 @ 11:59pm AEDST
Optus 14s Australian Championships	Francis Soyer	Marcia O'Shea	Monday 8 th November 2010 @ 11:59pm AEDST
Optus 12s Australian Championships	Francis Soyer	Jan Walczak	Monday 15 th November 2010 @ 11:59pm AEDST
Australian Tennis Magazine AMT Platinum	Ross Davis	TBC	Tuesday 9 th November 2010 @ 11:59pm AEDST
Tennis Australia Super AMT \$20,000	Mark Handley	Scott Ray	Monday 29 th November 2010 @ 11:59pm AEDST
Optus 14s Australian Teams Championships	Francis Soyer	Marcia O'Shea	Monday 1 st November 2010 @ 11:59pm AEDST
Optus 12s Australian Teams Championships	Francis Soyer	Jan Walczak	Monday 15 th November 2010 @ 11:59pm AEDST

Eligibility

To be eligible to enter the 2010 Optus Australian Championships, you must be at or under the required age as at the 31st December 2010.

Please note – Proof of date of birth either by a birth certificate or other documentation is required. Tennis Australia requires all athletes contesting National Championships or Junior ITFs to provide proof of birth date (once per athlete). The acceptance list will show those who have already completed this task. Those yet to do so, please provide proof to Tennis Australia prior to the commencement of the tournament. Failure to do so will result in forfeiture from the event.





Tournament Contact Details

Pre-Event Enquiries

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Tournament Control (during event only)

Office (during play): TBC

Tournament Mobiles (available only after 6pm): TBC

Tennis Operations

Acceptance Criteria

- In all instances, if there is no qualifying event or wildcards allocated, these positions will revert to Direct Acceptances. The acceptance list for each event will be published on the Wednesday after the entry closing date.

Optus 18s Australian Championships

1. ATP/WTA ranked athletes in ranking order, with all Top 100 Junior ITF ranked athletes guaranteed amongst the direct acceptances*
* Based on Monday 29th November 2010 rankings release
2. Remaining (if any) ATP/WTA ranked athletes in ranking order;
3. Australian Ranking (End of October)

<u>Optus 18s Australian Championships</u>	<u>Main Draw Singles (16)</u>	<u>Qualifying Singles (16)</u>	<u>Main Draw Doubles (16)</u>
Direct Acceptances	10 (based on above criteria)	14 (based on above criteria)	14 (based on combined Australian Ranking)
Discretionary Wildcards	4	2	2
Qualifiers	2	-	-

<u>Optus 16s Australian Championships</u>	<u>Main Draw Singles (32)</u>	<u>Qualifying Singles (64)</u>	<u>Main Draw Doubles (32)</u>
Direct Acceptances	20	56	28 (based on combined Australian Ranking with main draw athletes prioritised)
Discretionary Wildcards	4	8	4
Qualifiers	8	-	-





<i>Optus 14s Australian Championships</i>	<i>Main Draw Singles (64)</i>	<i>Qualifying Singles (32)</i>	<i>Main Draw Doubles (32)</i>
Direct Acceptances	42	28	32 (based on combined Australian Ranking of main draw athletes only)
Discretionary Wildcards	8	4	-
International Wildcards	6	-	-
Qualifiers	8	-	-

<i>Optus 12s Australian Championships</i>	<i>Main Draw Singles (64)</i>	<i>Qualifying Singles (Not Applicable)</i>	<i>Main Draw Doubles (32)</i>
Direct Acceptances	42	-	32 (based on combined Australian Ranking)
Discretionary Wildcards	8	-	-
State-Based Wildcards	8	-	-
International Wildcards	6 (not guaranteed, to be decided by national selectors)	-	-

<i>Australian Tennis Magazine AMT Platinum</i>	<i>Main Draw Singles (64)</i>	<i>Qualifying Singles (Not Applicable)</i>	<i>Main Draw Doubles (24)</i>
Direct Acceptances	46	-	20 (based on combined Australian Ranking)
Discretionary Wildcards#	6	-	4
Retired Tour Players Wildcards#	4	-	-
Qualifiers#	8	-	-

Awards

Trophies will be awarded to the Winners and Finalists of Singles and Doubles of each tournament. Consolation trophies will be awarded, as well as compass medallions for the Optus 12s & 14s Australian Championships.

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.

Doubles

Optus 18s & 16s Australian Championships & AMT events

Doubles will be offered on a sign-in entry basis, but it is not compulsory for main draw athletes.

Optus 12s & 14s Australian Championships

Doubles will be offered on a sign-in entry basis and is compulsory for all main draw athletes.

Doubles Sign-In Times

Entries for the doubles event for the below tournaments 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.

Tournament Name	Opening Date & Time	Closing Date & Time
Optus 18s Australian Championships	Saturday 4 th December 2010 at 9:00am	Sunday 5 th December 2010 at 5:00pm
Optus 16s Australian Championships	Saturday 11 th December 2010 at 9:00am	Sunday 12 th December 2010 at 5:00pm
Optus 14s Australian Championships*	Wednesday 1 st December 2010 at 9:00am	Thursday 2 nd December 2010 at 2:00pm
Optus 12s Australian Championships*	Monday 13 th December 2010 at 9:00am	Tuesday 14 th December 2010 at 2:00pm
Australian Tennis Magazine AMT Platinum	Tuesday 30 th November 2010 at 9:00am	Tuesday 30 th November 2010 at 4:00pm
Tennis Australia Super AMT \$20,000	Wednesday 8 th December 2010 at 9:00am	Wednesday 8 th December 2010 at 4:00pm

* Due to its compulsory requirement, if you have been accepted into the main draw singles of the Optus 12s or 14s Australian Championships and do not nominate a partner during the sign-in period, you will be paired up with the next ranked non-partnered athlete.

Draw Formats & Entry Fees

Tournament Name	Draw Format	Consolation	Entry Fee
Optus 18s Australian Championships	Qualifying (16) – Knockout Draw	N/A	Qualifying - \$40.00
	Main Draw (16) – Round-Robin (Stage 1) with knockout draw (Stage 2)		Main Draw - \$80.00
	Doubles (16) – Knockout		Doubles - \$25.00 (for non main draw athletes)
Optus 16s Australian Championships	Qualifying (64) – Knockout Draw	Optional sign-in consolation for athletes losing in the 1 st & 2 nd Rd of the main draw singles	Qualifying - \$40.00
	Main Draw (32) – Knockout Draw. Athletes reaching the QF's will be		Main Draw - \$80.00
			Doubles - \$25.00 (for non





	required to playoff for positions 1 to 8. Doubles (32) – Knockout		main draw athletes)
Optus 14s Australian Championships*	Qualifying (32) – Knockout Draw Main Draw (64) – Compass Draw. Athletes reaching the QF's will be required to playoff for positions 1 to 8. Doubles (32) – Knockout	Main Draw athletes will be guaranteed and required to play a minimum of four singles matches (and up to as many as six matches) in a full 64-compass draw.	Qualifying - \$40.00 Main Draw (Singles & Doubles) - \$80.00
Optus 12s Australian Championships*	Qualifying – Not Applicable Main Draw (64) – Compass Draw. Athletes reaching the QF's will be required to playoff for positions 1 to 8. Doubles (32) – Knockout	Main Draw athletes will be guaranteed and required to play a minimum of four singles matches (and up to as many as six matches) in a full 64-compass draw.	Main Draw (Singles & Doubles) - \$80.00
Australian Tennis Magazine AMT Platinum	Qualifying – Not Applicable Main Draw (64) – Knockout Draw Doubles (24) - Knockout	Optional sign-in consolation for athletes losing in the 1 st & 2 nd Rd of the main draw singles	Main Draw - \$60.00 Doubles - \$35.00 (for athletes not entered into singles). \$20.00 (for athletes entered into singles)

Specific Information relating to the Optus 18s Australian Championships

- 16-player Round Robin Draw
- Each player to play the three athletes within their pool
- Best two athletes from each pool (8 total) to move into cross over quarter 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 eight (8) eligible athletes into the knockout draw.

- (a) The winner of Group "A" will be placed on Line 1 and will play the runner-up of Group "B" in the quarter-finals.
 - (b) The winner of Group "B" will be placed on Line 8 and will play the runner-up of Group "A" in the quarter-finals.
 - (c) The winners of Group "C" and "Group "D" will be randomly placed on either Line 4 or Line 5.
 - (d) The winner of Group "C" will play the runner-up of Group "D" in the quarter-finals
 - (e) The winner of Group "D" will play the runner-up of Group "C" in the quarter-finals.
- There shall be no playoff for the 9th – 16th place positions.

Lucky-Loser & On-Site Alternate Sign-In

Optus 12s, 14s, 16s & 18s Australian Championships & AMT events

Lucky-loser and on-site alternate sign-in will close 30 minutes prior to the start of the first match for that event at the Melbourne Park tournament office.





Match Formats

Optus 12s, 14s, 16s & 18s Australian Championships & Australian Tennis Magazine AMT Platinum

All matches will be played using the following match formats –

Main Draw Singles: Best of three (3) tie-break sets

Qualifying Singles: Best of three (3) tie-break sets

Consolation Singles: Best of two (2) tie-break sets, third set 'Match tie-break (to 10 points)

Main Draw Doubles: Best of two (2) tie-break sets, third set 'Match tie-break (to 10 points)

Medical

There will be Primary Health Care Providers (PHCP) on site throughout the tournament. Massage therapists will be available for Australian Open Playoff athletes only.

Official Ball

Wilson Australian Open

Other Events

In compliance with the 2010 Tournament Regulations, athletes are only permitted to enter other overlapping tournaments on the condition that they do not gain entry into the main draw of the tournaments being held at the December Showdown. Tournaments being held in Australia that overlap this tournament can be viewed via www.tennis.com.au

In relation to the December Showdown events, athletes will be eligible to compete in multiple events. However, the following will apply in relation to overlapping events:

1. Athletes will be permitted to compete in the Australian Tennis Magazine AMT Platinum if they do not qualify for the main draw singles or doubles of the Bendigo Pro Tour event.
2. Athletes will be permitted to compete in the qualifying event of the Optus 18s Australian Championships if they are eliminated from the main draw singles or doubles of the Bendigo Pro Tour event at the end of Friday 3rd December.
3. Athletes will be permitted to compete in the Tennis Australia Super AMT if they are in qualifying for the Optus 16s Australian Championships. However, if they are competing on Saturday 11th December in the Tennis Australia Super AMT, players will be given the choice to continue to compete in the AMT or withdraw from the Optus 16s qualifying event.
4. Athletes accepted into the Optus 14s Australian Championships (qualifying or main draw) will be excluded from competing in the Australian Tennis Magazine AMT Platinum event.
5. Athletes qualifying for the main draw of the Optus 18s Australian Championships will automatically be withdrawn from the Tennis Australia Super AMT if they have entered.
6. Athletes accepted into the qualifying or main draw of the Optus 18s Australian Championships and main draw of the Optus 14s Australian Championships will be given the choice as to which event they would prefer to participate in. Athletes will not be permitted to compete in both the Optus 14s Australian Championships and Optus 18s Australian Championships.





7. Athletes accepted into the qualifying or main draw of the Optus 16s Australian Championships and main draw of the Optus 12s Australian Championships will be given the choice as to which event they would prefer to participate in. Athletes will not be permitted to compete in both the Optus 12s Australian Championships and Optus 16s Australian Championships.
8. Athletes accepted into the main draw of the Optus 16s Australian Championships and the Australian Open Playoff will be given the choice as to which event they would prefer to participate in. Athletes will not be permitted to compete in both the Optus 16s Australian Championships and Australian Open Playoff.

Playoff's for Positions 1 – 8:

We remind all participants in the Optus 12s, 14s & 16s Australian Championships that athletes reaching the quarter-finals will be required to playoff for positions 1 to 8. This will require these athletes to participate in matches on the last two days of the tournament.

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Tournament	Main Draw Singles			Main Draw Doubles (per pair)		
	Winner	Runner-Up	Semi-Finalist	Quarter-Finalist	Winner	Runner-Up
Australian Tennis Magazine AMT Platinum	\$2000	\$900	\$450	\$150	\$400	\$200
Tennis Australia Super AMT \$20,000	See Prizemoney breakdown on Page 20					

Note: The tournament may proportionally reduce prize money in the case of a smaller than 64 draw. In order for players to be eligible for prize money they must have won at least one match (on-court), not via byes or pre-match withdrawals.

Prizes

Optus 18s Australian Championships
Singles Winners

- Qualifying Singles Wildcard into Australian Open 2011
- Wildcard into the Australian Open Playoff*
- Consideration for wildcards into 2011 Australian Open Series Events

** Note – Wildcard does not default to finalist if the winner has already been accepted into the Australian Open Playoff.*

Singles Finalists

- Main Draw Singles Wildcard into one of the Australian Pro Tour events during the first quarter of 2011.





**Optus 16s Australian Championships
Singles Winners**

- Main Draw Singles Wildcard into the Australian Open Junior Championships 2011
- Main Draw Singles Wildcard into the Loy Yang Traralgon Junior ITF International 2011

Singles Finalists

- Main Draw Singles Wildcard into the Loy Yang Traralgon Junior ITF International 2011

Singles Semi-Finalists

- Consideration for wildcards into the Australian Open Junior Championships and Loy Yang Traralgon Junior ITF International for 2011

Schedule (provisional)

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

Optus 18s Australian Championships

	Dec 4	Dec 5	Dec 6	Dec 7	Dec 8	Dec 9	Dec 10	Dec 11
Singles	Q R1 & R2	Qual R3	RR Match	RR Match	RR Match	QF	SF	Finals
Doubles			Rd 1	QF	SF	Finals		

Optus 16s Australian Championships

	Dec 11	Dec 12	Dec 13	Dec 14	Dec 15	Dec 16	Dec 17
Singles	Q R1 & R2	Qual R3	Rd of 32	Rd of 16	QF	SF	Finals
Doubles			Rd 1	Rd 2	QF	SF	Finals

Australian Tennis Magazine AMT Platinum

	Nov 30	Dec 1	Dec 2	Dec 3
Singles	Rd of 64 & Rd of 32	Rd of 16	QF & SF	Finals
Doubles		Rd 1 & 2	QF & SF	Finals

Optus 14s Australian Championships

	Dec 1	Dec 2	Dec 3	Dec 4	Dec 5	Dec 6	Dec 7
Qualifying	Q R1 & R2						
Main Draw		Rd of 64	Rd of 32	Rd of 16	QF	SF 5 th – 8 th Playoffs	Finals 3 rd – 8 th Playoffs
West			Rd 1	Rd 2	QF	SF	Finals
North				Rd 1	QF	SF	Finals
South				Rd 1	QF	SF	Finals
NE					Rd 1	SF	Finals
NW					Rd 1	SF	Finals
SE					Rd 1	SF	Finals
SW					Rd 1	SF	Finals
Doubles			Rd 32	Rd 16	QF	SF	Finals





Optus 12s Australian Championships

	Dec 14	Dec 15	Dec 16	Dec 17	Dec 18	Dec 19
Main Draw	Rd of 64	Rd of 32	Rd of 16	QF	SF 5 th – 8 th Playoffs	Finals 3 rd – 8 th Playoffs
West		Rd 1	Rd 2	QF	SF	Finals
North			Rd 1	QF	SF	Finals
South			Rd 1	QF	SF	Finals
NE				Rd 1	SF	Finals
NW				Rd 1	SF	Finals
SE				Rd 1	SF	Finals
SW				Rd 1	SF	Finals
Doubles		Rd 32	Rd 16	QF	SF	Finals

Compass Draw Expectations (Optus 12s & 14s Australian Championships):

All Participants will play until and including the first four days

Please note that with a full 64-draw, the compass format guarantees all athletes four (4) singles matches. These will be played from Thursday 2nd Dec to Sunday 5th Dec for the 14s and Tuesday 14th Dec to Friday 17th Dec for the 12s (weather dependant). However, if you win your singles match on Sunday 5th Dec (14s) or Friday 17th Dec (12s), you will be required to play on the second last day and then possibly the last day. Please keep the above provisional schedule in mind when organising travel and accommodation.

Seedings

Optus 18s Australian Championships

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

However, the following chart will be used to compare players with professional rankings against players with ITF Junior rankings (ranked inside the Top 15 for Boys and Top 20 for girls) for seeding purposes in both singles and doubles. If two players are on the same line of the chart, the ITF Junior Ranking has priority.

Example:

- Seed 1 – ITF Junior Ranking No.2
- Seed 2 – ATP Ranking 275
- Seed 3 - ITF Junior Ranking No.3

For doubles seeding, a player with a professional ranking is considered the equal of the lowest ITF Junior Ranking in the same group. For example, a player with an ATP ranking of 501-550 is considered the equal of a player with an ITF Junior Ranking of 15.





ITF Jnr Ranking (Boys)	ATP Ranking	ITF Jnr Ranking (Girls)	WTA Ranking
1	< 250	1	< 150
2	251 - 350	2	151 - 175
3 - 4	351 - 450	3 - 4	176 - 200
5 - 6	451 - 500	5 - 6	201 - 225
7 - 15	501 - 550	7 - 8	226 - 250
16 >	No Comparison	9 - 11	251 - 275
		12 - 14	276 - 300
		15 - 17	301 - 325
		18 - 20	326 - 350
		21 >	No Comparison

Optus 12s, 14s, 16s Australian Championships & AMT events

Seedings will be determined by the latest Australian Rankings available (except in extenuating circumstances as outlined within the 2010 AMT & OJT Tournament Regulations)

Wildcards

Athletes that have not received direct entry into the main draw or qualifying of the Optus 12s, 14s, 16s or 18s Australian Championships can apply for wildcards by sending an email to Francis Soyer via email: fsoyer@tennis.com.au once the acceptance list is published.

Recent results, training undertaken, career goals/objectives and other additional information should be provided within the wildcard application. The closing date for wildcard applications will be stated on the relevant acceptance lists.

Wildcards Selectors

Optus 12s, 14s, 16s & 18s Australian Championships: Craig Morris, Chris Mahony, Sandon Stolle, David Hodge, Michael Robertson, Brod Dyke, Rohan Fisher and Carol Langsford.

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.

- Optus 18s Australian Championships – Thursday 2nd December 2010 at 2pm AEDST
- Optus 16s Australian Championships – Saturday 27th December 2010 at 5pm AEDST
- Optus 14s Australian Championships – Wednesday 17th November 2010 at 5pm AEDST
- Optus 12s Australian Championships – Tuesday 30th November 2010 at 5pm AEDST
- Australian Tennis Magazine AMT Platinum – Tuesday 16th November 2010 at 5pm AEDST
- Tennis Australia \$20,000 AMT - Thursday 2nd 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 / Public Transport

Melbourne Park will be a public transport venue only during the December Showdown. 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:

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.

Education Sessions

To complement the on-court match-play, the December Showdown will be offering off-court tennis specific information sessions aimed at players, parents and coaches.

The presentations will be scattered from December 1 – 17. Areas that will be covered include:

1. Anti-Doping
2. Social Networking
3. Nutrition
4. Racial Vilification
5. Having Respect for Others (i.e. Staff / Officials / Parents)
6. The dangers of Illicit Drugs
7. The dangers of Alcohol
8. Topic of choice from selected NA Managers or NA Coaches

Minor presentations will include:

1. International Tours Information
2. Explaining the NA Criteria
3. Explaining the AIS Pro Tour Program
4. Sport Science & Performance Analysis (AMS) information session
5. Parent Education Session
6. Q & A sessions lead by past players & high-profile coaches or staff
7. Career Opportunities outside of playing
8. Practical session focusing on core stability

Exact dates and details of presenters will be e-mailed to all entrants closer to December. Some of these sessions will be made compulsory for all competing athletes to attend.





[Entering Online \(http://tournaments.tennis.com.au\)](http://tournaments.tennis.com.au)

The online entry system will require the full main draw entry fee upfront. Tennis Australia will forward any refunds required after the completion of all tournaments.

Entry fees are payable by VISA or MasterCard only at the time of entering. Athletes who do not make the final draw will receive a refund after the completion of the tournament (minus an admin fee of \$6.00). Players who withdraw from the event before the withdrawal deadline will also be entitled to a refund (minus an admin fee of \$6.00). Athletes withdrawing after the deadline will also receive a refund providing a valid medical certificate is received at Tennis Aust within 7 days of the event's completion.

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.





Food & Beverages

Athletes will be able to purchase food and beverages from the Melbourne Park player café throughout the duration of the tournament.

Hospitality

Optus 18s Australian Championships

Lunch vouchers will be provided on a daily basis whilst competing in the singles or doubles.

Optus 12s & 14s Australian Teams Championships

Lunch vouchers will be provided on a daily basis to athletes and nominated team managers only.

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.

Manager's Meetings

The manager's meeting for the Optus 12s & 14s Australian Championships will be held on the following days and times. Attendance by each team manager is compulsory.

Optus 14s Australian Teams Championships

Thursday 25th November 2010 at 4pm

Optus 12s Australian Teams Championships

Tuesday 7th December 2010 at 4pm

Media & Community Engagement Commitments

As a condition of entry into the December Showdown 2010, 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.





Player Meetings

All players will be required to attend the compulsory player meeting for their event.

Tournament	Player Meeting Date & Time	Venue
Optus 18s Australian Championships	Sunday 5 th December 2010 at 4:00pm	Melbourne Park – Media Theatre
Optus 16s Australian Championships	Sunday 12 th December 2010 at 4:00pm	Melbourne Park – Media Theatre
Optus 14s Australian Championships*	Wednesday 1 st December 2010 at 4:00pm	Melbourne Park – Room TBC
Optus 12s Australian Championships*	Monday 13 th December 2010 at 4:00pm	Melbourne Park – Room TBC

The main draw and schedule for the first day of each tournament will be released at this meeting and not before. There will not be a player meeting for the Australian Money Tournaments.

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.





Tennis Australia Super AMT \$20,000

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.

<i>Rounds</i>	<i>Entrant No.</i>	<i>Draw Format</i>	<i>Match Format</i>
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

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	



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



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

[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.

