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## Optus Junior Tour Platinum Series 2011 Optus 12s, 14s & 16s National Claycourt Championships

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### George Alder Tennis Centre, Ipswich, Queensland Tournament Fact Sheet

TOURNAMENTS:	2011 Optus 12s, 14s & 16s National Claycourt Championships
DATES:	16s Qualifying - Thursday 7 <sup>th</sup> April Main Draw – Friday 8 <sup>th</sup> April to Tuesday 12 <sup>th</sup> April (inclusive) 14s Main Draw – Wednesday 13 <sup>th</sup> April to Monday 18 <sup>th</sup> April (inclusive) 12s Main Draw – Wednesday 20 <sup>th</sup> April to Monday 25 <sup>th</sup> April (inclusive) <b>By entering these events, you are committing yourself to be available on each day of the tournament. Please refer to the provisional match schedule and conditions on Page 3.</b>
STATUS:	16s – Platinum 16/u Australian Ranking Tournament 14s – Platinum 14/u Australian Ranking Tournament 12s – Platinum 12/u Australian Ranking Tournament
ENTRIES CLOSE: (EXTENDED)	16s - Entries close on <u>Friday 18<sup>th</sup> March 2011 at 11:59pm AEDST.</u> 14s - Entries close on <u>Friday 25<sup>th</sup> March 2011 at 11:59pm AEDST.</u> 12s - Entries close on <u>Friday 25<sup>th</sup> March 2011 at 11:59pm AEDST.</u> Entries will <u>only</u> be received online. Please see page 7 for instructions on how to enter online. Late entries <u>will not</u> be accepted. If you do not have Internet access or a credit card, please contact Francis Soyer at Tennis Australia.
VENUES:	George Alder Tennis Centre 9 Ernest Street LEICHHARDT, QLD 4305 Phone: (07) 3281 4700 (during tournament only) Note - all enquiries pre event should be directed to Tennis Australia on (03) 9914 4198.
TOURNAMENT DIRECTOR:	Francis Soyer
TOURNAMENT REFEREES:	TBC
TELEPHONE:	(03) 9914 4198
FAX:	(03) 8612 3600
WEBSITE & EMAIL:	<a href="http://www.tennis.com.au">www.tennis.com.au</a> / <a href="mailto:fsoyer@tennis.com.au">fsoyer@tennis.com.au</a>



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DRAWS:	16s Event		
	Girls & Boys Singles	32	1 <sup>st</sup> & 2 <sup>nd</sup> Rd Consolation
	Girls & Boys Doubles	24	Single Elimination
	12s & 14s Events		
	Girls & Boys Singles	64	Compass Draw
	Girls & Boys Doubles	32	Single Elimination

Note: A compass event guarantees four matches to all athletes in the singles event.

**ELIGIBILITY:**

To be eligible to enter the 2011 Optus 16s National Claycourt Championships, you must be 16 years or younger as at the 30<sup>th</sup> April 2011.

To be eligible to enter the 2011 Optus 14s National Claycourt Championships, you must be 14 years or younger as at the 30<sup>th</sup> April 2011.

To be eligible to enter the 2011 Optus 12s National Claycourt Championships, you must be 12 years or younger as at the 30<sup>th</sup> April 2011.

*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 Francis Soyer prior to the commencement of the tournament. Failure to do so will result in forfeiture from the event.*

ACCEPTANCES:	16s	24 Direct Acceptances (based on Australian Ranking)
		4 Discretionary Wildcards
		4 Qualifiers
	14s:	52 direct acceptances (based on Australian Ranking)
		8 Wildcards
		4 International Wildcards*
	12s:	44 direct acceptances (based on Australian Ranking)
		8 Wildcards
		8 State-Based Selections (if required)
	4 International Wildcards*	

\* If not used, then will default to discretionary wildcards. All International wildcards are not guaranteed and will be decided by the National Selectors.

To determine whether you are in main draw or on the alternate list, you **MUST** check the player acceptance list via the following link <http://www.tennis.com.au/tournaments/optus-junior-tour/optus-nationals/acceptances> the Monday after the close of entries.



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**WITHDRAWAL DEADLINE:** 16s - 5.00pm Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> March 2011  
14s - 5.00pm Wednesday 30<sup>th</sup> March 2011  
12s - 5.00pm Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> April 2011

The deadline for withdrawal without incurring any penalty is 14 days prior to the scheduled start of play for the main draw singles. Athletes withdrawing after this date must produce a valid medical certificate to avoid being penalised under the Tennis Australia Code of Behaviour. Any withdrawals for health reasons must be supported by a medical certificate. Withdrawals must be made in writing and presented to Tennis Australia by fax (+61 3 9650 1040) or e-mail [fsoyer@tennis.com.au](mailto:fsoyer@tennis.com.au)

**ENTRY FEES:** \$70.00 (includes singles and doubles)

Entry is via the on line entry system. To enter on line, click this link

16s - <http://tournaments.tennis.com.au/sport/tournament.aspx?id=764124F9-CD7F-48F3-87F5-4C1DfEbb3D7C>

14s - <http://tournaments.tennis.com.au/sport/tournament.aspx?id=FEAB058C-E693-4509-B5AE-C41B3EDf4D85>

12s - <http://tournaments.tennis.com.au/sport/tournament.aspx?id=1EC0D074-DE1D-4AE5-BB42-1A16B582A21D>

The on line entry system has been implemented to improve the overall efficiency of the entry process. Entry fees are payable by credit card 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). Athletes who withdraw from the event before the withdrawal deadline will also be entitled to a refund (minus an admin fee of \$6.00).

**MATCH FORMAT:**

Main Draw 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)

**DOUBLES:**

14s & 12s Events - Entries for the doubles event will be accepted on an entry basis. You can nominate a doubles partner via the on-line entry form or via e-mail to [fsoyer@tennis.com.au](mailto:fsoyer@tennis.com.au). If athletes do not nominate a partner before the final acceptance list is published, Tennis Australia will pair you up with the next highest ranked un-partnered player. **DOUBLES IS COMPULSORY FOR ALL ATHLETES IN THE 12s & 14s EVENTS. NON APPEARANCE FOR DOUBLES WILL RESULT IN FORFEIT FROM SINGLES.**



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- DOUBLES:** 16s Event - Entry into the doubles event is available for both main draw and qualifying athletes. **DOUBLES IS NOT COMPULSORY FOR MAIN DRAW ATHLETES IN THE EVENT.** Teams can be nominated through the below sign-in times only. Sign-in will occur at the tournament office at the George Alder Tennis Centre.
- Doubles Sign-in OPENS:** *Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> April 2011 at 9:00am*
- Doubles Sign-in CLOSES:** *Friday 8<sup>th</sup> April 2011 at 2:00pm*
- CONSOLATION:** Athletes are reminded that entry into singles automatically includes entry into the compulsory consolation events.
- QUALIFYING:** 16s Event – A 16-draw qualifying event will be played on Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> April 2011. Two rounds will be played on this day, with four (4) players then qualifying for the main draw. There will be 14 players directly accepted with 2 qualifying wildcards allocated.
- 12s & 14s Events - There will be no qualifying held.
- MATCH SCHEDULE:** To view the schedule for your first match, please check the Tennis Australia web site <http://tournaments.tennis.com.au> four days before the commencement of Main Draw.
- OFFICIAL BALL:** Wilson Australian Open Ball
- SEEDINGS:** The latest Australian Rankings will be used as a guide when determining all seedings for the tournaments.
- SURFACE:** Natural Clay
- MEDICAL:** A Primary Health Care Provider (physiotherapist) will be available at the George Alder Tennis Centre during the tournament.
- OVER LAPPING DATES:** Some Australian Ranking tournaments overlap with the 2011 Optus 12s, 14s & 16s National Claycourt Championships and you will be permitted to enter both events, however once acceptance has been granted into the National Championships, athletes must withdraw immediately from the second tournament entered. Tennis Australia will be monitoring these tournaments to ensure athletes are not playing both tournaments.
- PRACTICE COURTS:** Practice will be limited on-site at the George Alder Tennis Centre. More information regarding how practice and warm-up courts will be allocated will be made available when the acceptance lists are released.

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**PROVISIONAL SCHEDULE** : Subject to change if required in the tournament's best interests.

14/u Boys & Girls Singles & Doubles	WED 13 <sup>th</sup> APR	THURS 14 <sup>th</sup> APR	FRI 15 <sup>th</sup> APR	SAT 16 <sup>th</sup> APR	SUN 17 <sup>th</sup> APR	MON 18 <sup>th</sup> APR
12/u Boys & Girls Singles & Doubles	WED 20 <sup>th</sup> APR	THURS 21 <sup>st</sup> APR	FRI 22 <sup>nd</sup> APR	SAT 23 <sup>rd</sup> APR	SUN 24 <sup>th</sup> APR	MON 25 <sup>th</sup> APR
Main Draw	Round 1	Round 2	Rd of 16	Quarter-Finals	Semi-Finals & 5 <sup>th</sup> – 8 <sup>th</sup> Playoffs	Finals & 3 <sup>rd</sup> – 8 <sup>th</sup> Playoffs
West Draw		Round 1	Round 2	QF	SF	Finals
North Draw			Round 1	QF	SF	Finals
South Draw			Round 1	QF	SF	Finals
North-East				Round 1	SF	Finals
South-East				Round 1	SF	Finals
North-West				Round 1	SF	Finals
South-West				Round 1	SF	Finals
Doubles (Main Draw)	Round 1	Round 1	Rd. of 16	QF	Semi-Finals	Finals

16/u Boys & Girls Singles & Doubles	THURS 7 <sup>th</sup> APR	FRI 8 <sup>th</sup> APR	SAT 9 <sup>th</sup> APR	SUN 10 <sup>th</sup> APR	MON 11 <sup>th</sup> APR	TUES 12 <sup>th</sup> APR
Singles	Qualifying (Rds 1 & 2)	Round 1	Rd of 16	Quarter-Finals	Semi-Finals & 5 <sup>th</sup> – 8 <sup>th</sup> Playoffs	Finals & 3 <sup>rd</sup> – 8 <sup>th</sup> Playoffs
Doubles (Main Draw)		Round 1	Round 16	QF	Semi-Finals	Finals

**12s & 14s EVENTS – 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. One singles match will be played on each of the four days. However, if you win your singles match on day four, you will be required to play on day five. If you win your singles match on day five, you will be required to play your final match the sixth and final day. Please keep the above provisional schedule in mind when organising travel and accommodation.

**12s, 14s & 16s EVENTS – PLAYOFF'S FOR POSITIONS 1 – 8:**

We remind all participants that for all Platinum and Gold tournaments 2011, athletes reaching the quarter-finals will be required to playoff for positions 1 to 8. This will require these athletes to participate in matches in Ipswich on the final two days of the tournament.



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**PLAYER BEHAVIOUR:** The Tournament will be conducted in accordance with Tennis Australia Code of Behaviour. Tennis Australia may penalise or suspend athletes for breach of the Code of Behaviour or 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 <http://www.tennis.com.au/about-us/about-tennis-australia/policies>

**AWARDS:** Trophies will be awarded to the Winner and Finalists of Singles and Doubles of the Championships. Awards/Prizes will also be presented for winners and runners-up of each point of the compass in the 12s, 14s & 16s events.

**FOOD & BEVERAGES:** Athletes will be able to purchase food and beverages at the George Alder Tennis Centre when matches are played at the venue.

**TRAVEL INFORMATION:** Qantas, Virgin Blue and Jetstar have regular flights to Brisbane. It is approximately 40km (or 50min drive) from Brisbane to Ipswich.

To view prices and flight schedules, go to [www.webjet.com.au](http://www.webjet.com.au)

For directions to the George Alder Tennis Centre from your hotel or from the airport, please go to [www.whereis.com.au](http://www.whereis.com.au)

**TOURIST INFORMATION:** If parents and families are interested in visiting tourist attractions whilst in Ipswich, please visit <http://www.discoveripswich.com.au/>

**NEARBY ACCOMMODATION:** The Ipswich Visitor Information Centre is the officially endorsed accommodation booking service for the National Claycourt Championships and the two Junior ITF tournaments in April. Please contact the Ipswich Visitor Information Centre and they will find the best priced and most appropriate accommodation in the region that suits your needs.

Visitor Information Centre contact details

Queens Park

14 Queen Victoria Parade, (Brisbane Road)

IPSWICH, QLD 4305

Ph: (07) 3281 0555

Website: [www.discoveripswich.com.au](http://www.discoveripswich.com.au)

Email: [info@discoveripswich.com.au](mailto:info@discoveripswich.com.au)

Opening Hours - Monday to Friday: 9am to 5pm. Saturday, Sunday and Public Holidays: 9am to 4pm. N.B. Closed on Good Friday.



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#### ENTERING ONLINE:

Tennis Australia is now using a new tournament software system with entry via <http://tournaments.tennis.com.au> Please follow the below steps to enter online:

Step 1 – Go to <http://tournaments.tennis.com.au> Once you are at this page, look for separate entry pages for the 2011 Optus 12s, 14s or 16s National Claycourt Championships and click the link to be taken to the tournament page.

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. The first step is to 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 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 – Upon successful completion of the entry form, click the “submit” button. Then click the “Active Network” link to be taken to the payment page.

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 – 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.