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## Optus Junior Tour Platinum Series 2011 Optus 12s & 14s National Grasscourt Championships

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### Mildura & Red Cliffs, Victoria Tournament Fact Sheet

TOURNAMENTS:	2011 Optus 12s & 14s National Grasscourt Championships
DATES:	12s & 14s – Tuesday 22 <sup>nd</sup> February to Sunday 27 <sup>th</sup> February 2011 (inclusive) <b>By entering this event, 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:	14s – Platinum 14/u Australian Ranking Tournament 12s – Platinum 12/u Australian Ranking Tournament
ENTRIES CLOSE:	Entries close on <u>Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> January 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:	Mildura Lawn Tennis Club Hugh King Drive MILDURA, VIC 3500 Phone: (03) 5023 7307 (during tournament only)  Red Cliffs Lawn Tennis Club Quandong Park Turn off onto Erskine Avenue from the Calder Hwy RED CLIFFS, VIC 3496 Phone: (03) 5024 3468 (during tournament only) Note - all enquiries pre event should be directed to Tennis Australia on (03) 9914 4198.
TOURNAMENT DIRECTOR:	Francis Soyer
TOURNAMENT REFEREES:	Jan Walczak & Geof Palmer
TELEPHONE:	(03) 9914 4198 or 0412 582 352
FAX:	(03) 9650 1040
WEBSITE:	<a href="http://www.tennis.com.au">www.tennis.com.au</a>
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#### DRAWS:

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 12s Summer Nationals, you must be 12 years or younger as at the 28<sup>th</sup> February 2011.

To be eligible to enter the 2011 Optus 14s Summer Nationals, you must be 14 years or younger as at the 28<sup>th</sup> February 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:

12s: 44 direct acceptances (based on Australian Ranking)  
8 Wildcards  
8 State-Based Selections (if required)  
4 International Wildcards (to be decided by national selectors)

14s: 52 direct acceptances (based on Australian Ranking)  
8 Wildcards  
4 International Wildcards (to be decided by 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/pages/default.aspx?id=4&pageId=11775> on or after Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> January 2011.

#### WITHDRAWAL DEADLINE:

5.00pm Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> February 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)



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

12/u & 14/u Boys & Girls Singles & Doubles	TUES 22 <sup>nd</sup> FEB	WED 23 <sup>rd</sup> FEB	THURS 24 <sup>th</sup> FEB	FRI 25 <sup>th</sup> FEB	SAT 26 <sup>th</sup> FEB	SUN 27 <sup>th</sup> FEB
Main Draw	Round 1	Round 2	Rd. 16	QF	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	Rd. of 16	QF	Semi-Finals	Finals

**ALL PARTICIPANTS WILL PLAY UNTIL AND INCLUDING FRIDAY 25<sup>th</sup> FEBRUARY:**

Please note that with a full 64-draw, the compass format guarantees all athletes four (4) singles matches. These will be played from Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> Feb to Friday 25<sup>th</sup> Feb. However, if you win your singles match on Friday 25<sup>th</sup> February, you will be required to play on Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> February. If you win your singles match on Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> February, you will be required to play your final match on Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> February. Please keep the above provisional schedule in mind when organising travel and accommodation.

**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 Mildura on February 26<sup>th</sup> and 27<sup>th</sup>.

**FINALS ALIGNED WITH PRO TOUR FINALS:**

As you will notice from the above provisional schedule, the finals day on Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> February will be aligned with the Pro Tour finals. Presentations for the National Junior Championships will take place during the Pro Tour finals presentations in the afternoon.

**SOME 14/u MATCHES WILL BE HELD AT RED CLIFFS LAWN TENNIS CLUB:**

Due to the Pro Circuit being held at the Mildura Lawn Tennis Club, all 14/u matches held on February 22<sup>nd</sup> to 24<sup>th</sup> will be held at the Red Cliffs Lawn Tennis Club, approximately 15 minutes drive away. Depending on weather delays, there may be a requirement to play 14/u matches at Red Cliffs on Friday 25<sup>th</sup> February, but our preference will be to move all matches to the Mildura Lawn TC on this day.



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<b>TRANSPORT:</b>	Sunraysia Bus Lines operate a regular bus service between Mildura and the Red Cliffs Lawn Tennis Club. A timetable of shuttle times will be provided at the Tournament Office at the Mildura and Red Cliffs Lawn Tennis Clubs.
<b>ENTRY FEES:</b>	<p>\$70 (includes singles and doubles)</p> <p>Entry is via the on line entry system. To enter on line, click this link <a href="http://tournaments.tennis.com.au/sport/tournament.aspx?id=DCD9619D-B401-4BB6-875B-BADF9258C70A">http://tournaments.tennis.com.au/sport/tournament.aspx?id=DCD9619D-B401-4BB6-875B-BADF9258C70A</a></p> <p>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).</p>
<b>MATCH FORMAT:</b>	<p>Main Draw Singles: Best of three (3) tie-break sets</p> <p>Consolation Singles: Best of two (2) tie-break sets, third set 'Match' tie-break (to 10 points)</p> <p>Main Draw Doubles: Best of two (2) tie-break sets, third set 'Match' tie-break (to 10 points)</p>
<b>DOUBLES:</b>	<p>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 <a href="mailto:fsoyer@tennis.com.au">fsoyer@tennis.com.au</a>. 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.</p> <p><b><u>DOUBLES IS COMPULSORY FOR ALL ATHLETES IN THE 12s &amp; 14s EVENTS. NON APPEARANCE FOR DOUBLES WILL RESULT IN FORFEIT FROM SINGLES.</u></b></p>
<b>CONSOLATION:</b>	Athletes are reminded that entry into singles and doubles automatically includes entry into the compass consolation events.
<b>QUALIFYING:</b>	There will be no qualifying held for these tournaments.
<b>MATCH SCHEDULE:</b>	To view the schedule for your first match, please check the Tennis Australia web site <a href="http://tournaments.tennis.com.au">http://tournaments.tennis.com.au</a> from Friday 18 <sup>th</sup> February 2011. Draws and match times will also be posted at the respective venues by 4pm on the day prior to commencement of Main Draw.
<b>OFFICIAL BALL:</b>	Wilson Australian Open Ball



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- SEEDINGS:** The latest Australian Rankings will be used as a guide when determining all seedings for the Optus 12s & 14s National Grasscourts.
- SURFACE:** Natural Grass
- MEDICAL:** A Primary Health Care Provider (physiotherapist) will be available at both Mildura Lawn Tennis Club and at the Red Cliffs Tennis Club during the tournament.
- OTHER TOURNAMENTS:** For a list of other Australian Ranking tournaments around the 2011 Optus 12s & 14s National Grasscourt Championships, download the latest Australian Ranking tournament calendar available via the following link - <http://www.tennis.com.au/tournaments>
- OVER LAPPING DATES:** Some Australian Ranking tournaments overlap with the 2011 Optus 12s & 14s National Grasscourt 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:** Due to the Men's & Women's Pro Tour event being held at the Mildura Lawn Tennis Club, all athletes entered into the tournament will have access to the Red Cliffs Lawn Tennis Club on Monday 21<sup>st</sup> February 2011 for practice at no cost. Bookings can be made through Tennis Australia once the draw and schedule is released on Friday 18<sup>th</sup> February, not before.
- Practice courts prior to matches on February 22 - 27 will be allocated on a per state basis based on the amount of athletes entered from each state and territory. These practice court allocations will be announced on Friday 18<sup>th</sup> February.
- 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 [www.tennis.com.au](http://www.tennis.com.au) > About Us > Policies



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- 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 events.
- FOOD & BEVERAGES:** Athletes will be able to purchase food and beverages at either the Mildura Lawn Tennis Club or the Red Cliffs Lawn Tennis Club when matches are played at the venue.
- TRAVEL INFORMATION:** Qantas, Virgin Blue and Rex have flights to Mildura. It is approximately 11km (or 15min drive) from Mildura Airport to the Mildura Lawn Tennis Club.
- To view prices and flight schedules, go to [www.webjet.com.au](http://www.webjet.com.au)
- For directions to the Mildura or Red Cliffs Lawn Tennis Club 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 Mildura, please visit <http://www.visitmildura.com.au/>
- NEARBY ACCOMMODATION:**
- Quality Hotel Mildura Grand  
Seventh Street  
MILDURA VIC 3500  
Ph: (03) 5023 0511  
Fax: (03) 5022 1801  
Email: [info@qualityhotelmilduragrand.com.au](mailto:info@qualityhotelmilduragrand.com.au)
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Email: [admin@hotelmildura.com.au](mailto:admin@hotelmildura.com.au)  
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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 the 2011 Optus 12s & 14s National Grasscourt 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 – 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.