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tournament fact sheet





December Showdown 2011

Melbourne Park, Melbourne, Victoria

Tournament Fact Sheet

Tournament Dates

Australian Open 2012 Playoff

Tuesday 6th December to Sunday 11th December 2011
(All details relating to the AO Playoff are listed in a separate fact sheet)

Optus 18s Australian Championships

Qualifying: Sunday 27th November & Monday 28th November 2011
Main Draw: Tuesday 29th November to Sunday 4th December 2011

Optus 16s Australian Championships

Qualifying: Monday 5th December & Tuesday 6th December 2011
Main Draw: Wednesday 7th December to Sunday 11th December 2011

Optus 14s Australian Championships

Qualifying: Monday 28th November 2011
Main Draw: Tuesday 29th November to Sunday 4th December 2011

Optus 12s Australian Championships

No Qualifying
Main Draw: Sunday 11th December to Friday 16th December 2011

Optus 14s Australian Teams Championships

Wednesday 23rd November to Sunday 27th November 2011

Optus 12s Australian Teams Championships

Monday 5th December to Friday 9th December 2011

Australian Tennis Magazine AMT Platinum #2

Qualifying: Monday 14th November 2011
Main Draw: Tuesday 15th November to Friday 18th November 2011

Tennis Australia AMT Platinum \$10,000

Qualifying: Saturday 10th December & Sunday 11th December 2011
Main Draw: Monday 12th December to Wednesday 14th December 2011

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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	Francis Soyer	Wayne McKewen	Tuesday 22 nd November 2011 @ 11:59pm AEDST
Optus 18s Australian Championships	Francis Soyer	Asitha Attygala	Monday 7 th November 2011 @ 11:59pm AEDST
Optus 16s Australian Championships	Francis Soyer	Scott Ray	Thursday 10 th November 2011 @ 11:59pm AEDST
Optus 14s Australian Championships	Francis Soyer	Marcia O'Shea	Monday 7 th November 2011 @ 11:59pm AEDST
Optus 12s Australian Championships	Francis Soyer	Jan Walczak	Thursday 10 th November 2011 @ 11:59pm AEDST
Australian Tennis Magazine AMT Platinum #2	Ross Davis	TBC	Tuesday 25 th October 2011 @ 11:59pm AEDST
Tennis Australia \$10,000 AMT	Francis Soyer	Scott Ray	Saturday 26 th November 2011 @ 11:59pm AEDST
Optus 14s Australian Teams Championships	Francis Soyer	Marcia O'Shea	Monday 7 th November 2011 @ 11:59pm AEDST
Optus 12s Australian Teams Championships	Francis Soyer	Jan Walczak	Monday 14 th November 2011 @ 11:59pm AEDST

Eligibility

To be eligible to enter the 2011 Optus Australian Championships, you must be at or under the required age as at the 31st December 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 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

Francis Soyer

Ph: (03) 9914-4198

Email: fsoyer@tennis.com.au

Tournament Control (during event only)

Office (during play): TBC

Tournament Mobiles (available only after 6pm): 0413 387 203

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 31st October 2011 rankings release
2. Remaining (if any) ATP/WTA ranked athletes in ranking order;
3. Australian Ranking (End of October)

Optus 18s Australian Championships	Main Draw Singles (16)	Qualifying Singles (16)	Main Draw Doubles (16)
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	-	-

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



Optus 14s Australian Championships	Main Draw Singles (64)	Qualifying Singles (32)	Main Draw Doubles (32)
Direct Acceptances	40	28	32 Teams (from main draw acceptances)
Discretionary Wildcards	4	4	-
State-Based Wildcards	8	-	-
International Wildcards	4 (not guaranteed, to be decided by national selectors)	-	-
Qualifiers	8	-	-

Optus 12s Australian Championships	Main Draw Singles (64)	Qualifying Singles (Not Applicable)	Main Draw Doubles (32)
Direct Acceptances	48	-	32 Teams (from main draw acceptances)
Discretionary Wildcards	2	-	-
State-Based Wildcards	8	-	-
International Wildcards	6 (not guaranteed, to be decided by national selectors)	-	-

Tennis Australia \$10,000 AMT	Main Draw Singles (24)	Qualifying Singles (64)	Main Draw Doubles (24)
Direct Acceptances	14	56	20 (based on combined Australian Ranking)
Discretionary Wildcards	2	8	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, but 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	Sunday 27 th November 2011 at 9:00am	Monday 28 th November 2011 at 5:00pm
Optus 16s Australian Championships	Monday 5 th December 2011 at 9:00am	Tuesday 6 th December 2011 at 5:00pm
Optus 14s Australian Championships*	Sunday 27 th November 2011 at 9:00am	Monday 28 th November 2011 at 5:00pm
Optus 12s Australian Championships*	Friday 9 th December 2011 at 9:00am	Saturday 10 th December 2011 at 5:00pm
Tennis Australia AMT \$10,000	Saturday 10 th December 2011 at 9:00am	Sunday 11 th December 2011 at 5:00pm

* 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 Main Draw (16) – Round-Robin (Stage 1) with knockout draw (Stage 2) Doubles (16) – Knockout	N/A	Qualifying - \$40.00 Main Draw - \$80.00 Doubles - \$25.00 (for non main draw athletes)
Optus 16s Australian Championships	Qualifying (64) – Knockout Draw Main Draw (32) – Knockout Draw. Athletes reaching the QF's will be required to playoff for positions 1 to 8. Doubles (32) – Knockout	Optional sign-in consolation for athletes losing in the 1 st & 2 nd Rd of the main draw singles	Qualifying - \$40.00 Main Draw - \$80.00 Doubles - \$25.00 (for non 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



Tournament Name	Draw Format	Consolation	Entry Fee
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
Tennis Australia \$10,000 AMT	Qualifying (64) – Knockout Draw Main Draw (24) – Knockout Draw Doubles (24) - Knockout	Optional sign-in consolation for athletes losing in the 1 st & 2 nd Rd of the qualifying 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 & Tennis Australia \$10,000 AMT

All matches will 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 2011 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 #2 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 Saturday 26th November.



3. Athletes will be permitted to compete in the Tennis Australia \$10,000 AMT if they have been eliminated from all events in the Optus 16s Australian Championships.
4. Athletes accepted into the main draw of the Optus 12s Australian Championships will not be permitted to compete in the Tennis Australia \$10,000 AMT.
5. 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.
6. Athletes accepted into the qualifying or main draw of the Optus 16s Australian Championships and the Optus 12s Australian Teams 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 Teams Championships and Optus 16s Australian Championships.
7. 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
Tennis Australia \$10,000 AMT	\$2000	\$900	\$450	\$150	\$400	\$200

Note: The tournament may proportionally reduce prize money in the case of a smaller than a 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 2012
 - Wildcard into the Australian Open Playoff*
 - Consideration for wildcards into 2012 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 2012.



Optus 16s Australian Championships

Singles Winners

- Main Draw Singles Wildcard into the Australian Open Junior Championships 2012
- Main Draw Singles Wildcard into the Loy Yang Traralgon Junior ITF International 2012

Singles Finalists

- Main Draw Singles Wildcard into the Loy Yang Traralgon Junior ITF International 2012

Singles Semi-Finalists

- Consideration for wildcards into the Australian Open Junior Championships and Loy Yang Traralgon Junior ITF International for 2012

Schedule (provisional)

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

Optus 18s Australian Championships

	Nov 27	Nov 28	Nov 29	Nov 30	Dec 1	Dec 2	Dec 3	Dec 4
Singles	Q R1 & R2	Qual 3	RR Match	RR Match	RR Match	QF	SF	Finals
Doubles			Rd 1	QF	SF	Finals		

Optus 16s Australian Championships

	Dec 5	Dec 6	Dec 7	Dec 8	Dec 9	Dec 10	Dec 11
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 #2

	Nov 14	Nov 15	Nov 16	Nov 17	Nov 18
Singles	Q R1 & R2	Rd of 64 & Rd of 32	Rd of 16	QF & SF	Finals
Doubles			Rd 1 & 2	QF & SF	Finals

Optus 14s Australian Championships

	Nov 28	Nov 29	Nov 30	Dec 1	Dec 2	Dec 3	Dec 4
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 32	Rd 16	QF	SF	Finals



Optus 12s Australian Championships

	Dec 11	Dec 12	Dec 13	Dec 14	Dec 15	Dec 16
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 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 Tuesday 29th November to Friday 2nd December for the 14s and Sunday 11th December to Wednesday 14th December for the 12s (weather dependant). However, if you win your singles match on Friday 2nd December (14s) or Wednesday 14th December (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



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 2011 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 completing the online wildcard application form that will be made available 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: Scott Draper (Chairperson), Chris Mahony, Liam Smith, David Hodge, Michael Robertson, Milo Bradley, 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 – Tuesday 15th November 2011 at 5pm AEDST
- Optus 16s Australian Championships – Wednesday 23rd November 2011 at 5pm AEDST
- Optus 14s Australian Championships – Tuesday 15th November 2011 at 5pm AEDST
- Optus 12s Australian Championships – Sunday 27th November 2011 at 5pm AEDST
- Australian Tennis Magazine AMT Platinum #2 – Tuesday 1st November 2011 at 5pm AEDST
- Tennis Australia \$10,000 AMT – Monday 28th November 2011 at 5pm 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 **Monday 28th November 2011** following this date rooms will be available subject to availability. To avoid disappointment it is suggested that bookings are made before Monday 28th 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** - \$152 per night
- **One Bedroom** - \$196 per night
- **Two Bedroom (dual key)** - \$369 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 number of car parking spots has reduced in 2011 due to the ongoing redevelopment works.

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 Stations 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 November 28 – 16. 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>)

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://www.tennis.com.au/tournaments> Once you are at this page, look in the online calendar for the 2011 Optus 12s, 14s, 16s or 18s Australian 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 existing 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.

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 6 – 11 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

Tuesday 22nd November 2011 at 4pm

Optus 12s Australian Teams Championships

Sunday 4th December 2011 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. In addition to the player meetings, athletes in the Optus 18s Australian Championships must attend additional workshops on Monday 28th November as outlined below.

Optus 18s Australian Championships

Workshop Day – Monday 28th November

10:30am – Media Training Workshop & Practice (Boys); Portrait photos to be taken (Girls)

11:15am – Media Training Workshop & Practice (Girls); Portrait photos to be taken (boys)

12pm – Lunch (provided by TA)

12:45pm – Video Interviews (Boys); Social Media Workshop (Girls)

1:30pm – Social Media Workshop (Boys); Video Interviews (Girls)

2:15pm – Official event Player Meeting & Draw ceremony

3:00pm – Anti-Doping / Drug & Alcohol Education Session

4:00pm – Finish

Tournament	Player Meeting Date & Time	Venue
Optus 18s Australian Championships	Monday 28 th November 2011 at 2:00pm	Melbourne Park – Media Theatre
Optus 16s Australian Championships	Tuesday 6 th December 2011 at 4:00pm	Melbourne Park – Media Theatre
Optus 14s Australian Championships	Monday 28 th November 2011 at 4:00pm	Melbourne Park – Room TBC
Optus 12s Australian Championships	Saturday 10 th December 2011 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 2012. 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.