



Optus Junior Tour Platinum Series 2012 Optus 12s & 14s National Grasscourt Championships

Mildura & Red Cliffs, Victoria Tournament Fact Sheet

- TOURNAMENTS:** 2012 Optus 12s & 14s National Grasscourt Championships
- DATES:** 12s & 14s – Tuesday 21st February to Sunday 26th February 2012
See Page 2 & 3 regarding new qualifying and main draw formats. 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.
- STATUS:** 14s – Platinum 14/u Australian Ranking Tournament
12s – Platinum 12/u Australian Ranking Tournament
- ENTRIES CLOSE:** Entries close on **Tuesday 24th January 2012 at 11:59pm AEDST**. Entries will only be received online. Please see page 7 for instructions on how to enter online.
- Late entries will not be accepted.** If you do not have Internet access or a credit card, please contact Francis Soyer at Tennis Australia.
- VENUES:**
- 14s – Mildura Lawn Tennis Club
Hugh King Drive
MILDURA, VIC 3500
Phone: (03) 5023 7307 (during tournament only)
- 12s – 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 or 0413 387 203 (tournament only)
- FAX:** (03) 8612 3600
- WEBSITE:** www.tennis.com.au
- E-MAIL:** fsoyer@tennis.com.au



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DRAWS:

12s & 14s Events (Maximum of 56 players accepted in total)

Qualifying Singles	32	Elimination, followed by round-robin consolation event
Main Draw Singles	32	Round-Robin Event, followed by knockout stage
Girls & Boys Doubles	28	Elimination Draw

Note: Regardless of whether they have been accepted into the qualifying or the main draw, each athlete will be guaranteed a minimum of four singles matches during the tournament. Refer to Page 3 for more information.

ELIGIBILITY:

To be eligible to enter the 2012 Optus 12s National Grasscourt Championships, you must be 12 years or younger as at the 29th February 2012.

To be eligible to enter the 2011 Optus 14s National Grasscourt Championships, you must be 14 years or younger as at the 29th February 2012.

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:

Main Draw 12s & 14s:

- 16 Direct Acceptances (based on Australian Ranking)
- 8 Wildcards
- 8 Qualifiers* (see details below)

Qualifying 12s & 14s:

- 26 Direct Acceptances (based on Australian Ranking)
- 2 Wildcards
- 4 International Wildcards (to be decided by selectors)

To determine whether you are in main draw or on the alternate list, you **MUST** check the player acceptance list when it is released on Thursday 26th January 2012.

QUALIFYING:

A 32-draw qualifying event will be played on Tuesday 21st February 2012 in both the 12s and 14s singles events. Two rounds will be played on this day, with eight (8) players then qualifying for the main draw.



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

12/u & 14/u Boys & Girls Events	TUES 21 st FEB	WED 22 nd FEB	THURS 23 rd FEB	FRI 24 th FEB	SAT 25 th FEB	SUN 26 th FEB
Qualifying Singles	Rounds 1 & 2					
Qualifying Singles Consolation		Round 1	Round 2	Round 3 & 4	QF & SF	Finals
Main Draw Singles		Round 1	Round 2 & 3	QF	Semi-Finals & 5 th – 8 th Playoffs	Finals & 3 rd – 8 th Playoffs
Main Draw Singles Consolation				QF	SF	Finals
Main Draw Doubles	Round 1	Rd. of 16	Rest Day	QF	Semi-Finals	Finals

CONSOLATION:

Athletes are reminded that entry into the qualifying or main draw singles events automatically includes entry into the relevant consolation singles events.

QUALIFYING CONSOLATION DRAW FORMAT:

The 24 athletes that fail to qualify for the main draw will be placed into a compulsory round-robin consolation. The 24 athletes will be split into six (6) groups of four (4) players each. Players will compete against all other players in their group (min. of three matches), with the top two of each group moving through to the knockout phase. The four highest ranked players out of the six players that finish first in their group will get a bye into the knockout consolation Quarter-Finals.

MAIN DRAW & MAIN DRAW CONSOLATION DRAW FORMAT:

The 32 athletes that qualify for the main draw will be split into eight (8) groups of four (4) players each. Players will compete against all other players in their group (min. of three matches), with the top player in each group moving through to the quarter-final phase & playoffs.

Players that finish 2nd in the group will play in a knockout draw to determine positions 9 to 16. Players that finish 3rd in the group will play in a knockout draw to determine positions 17 to 24 and players that finish 4th in the group will play in a knockout draw to determine positions 25 to 32. Only one extra match is guaranteed in these knockout draws, but players could play as many as three additional matches.

MAIN DRAW DOUBLES:

DOUBLES IS COMPULSORY FOR ALL ATHLETES IN THE 12s & 14s EVENTS. NON APPEARANCE FOR DOUBLES WILL RESULT IN FORFEIT FROM SINGLES. 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. 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.



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ALL PARTICIPANTS WILL PLAY UNTIL AND INCLUDING FRIDAY 24th FEBRUARY:

Please note that with a full 32-player main draw and a full 32-player qualifying event, the round-robin and consolation formats will guarantee all athletes four (4) singles matches. These will be played from Tuesday 21st Feb to Friday 24th Feb. However, if you win your singles match on Friday 24th February, you will be required to play on Saturday 25th February. If you win your singles match on Saturday 25th February, you will be required to play your final match on Sunday 26th 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 2012, athletes reaching the main draw 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 25th and 26th.

FINALS ALIGNED WITH PRO TOUR FINALS:

As you will notice from the above provisional schedule, the finals day on Sunday 26th 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.

THE FIRST FOUR DAYS OF THE 12/u EVENT WILL BE HELD AT RED CLIFFS LAWN TENNIS CLUB:

Due to the Pro Circuit being held at the Mildura Lawn Tennis Club, all 12/u matches held on February 21st to 25th will be held at the Red Cliffs Lawn Tennis Club, approximately 15 minutes drive away. Depending on weather delays our preference will be to move all matches to the Mildura Lawn TC for the final two days on February 25 & 26.

MATCH SCHEDULE:

To view the schedule for your first match, please check the Tennis Australia web site <http://tournaments.tennis.com.au> from Friday 17th February 2012. Draws and match times will also be posted at the respective venues by 4pm on the day prior to commencement of Main Draw.

WITHDRAWAL DEADLINE: 5.00pm Tuesday 7th February 2012

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 8612 3600) or e-mail fsoyer@tennis.com.au

TRANSPORT:

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.



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- ENTRY FEES:** **\$70.00 (includes singles and doubles)**
- Entry is via the on line entry system. To enter on line, click this link <http://tournaments.tennis.com.au/sport/tournament.aspx?id=DCD9619D-B401-4BB6-875B-BADF9258C70A>
- 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:**
- Qualifying and 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)
- OFFICIAL BALL:** Wilson Australian Open Ball
- 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 2012 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 2012 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.



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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 20th February 2012 for practice at no cost. Bookings can be made through Tennis Australia once the draw and schedule is released on Friday 17th February, not before.

Practice courts prior to matches on February 21 - 26 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 17th 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 > About Us > 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 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

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

TOURIST INFORMATION:

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



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NEARBY

ACCOMMODATION:

Quality Hotel Mildura Grand

Seventh Street

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Fax: (03) 5022 1801

Email: info@qualityhotelmilduragrand.com.au

Hotel Mildura

120 Eighth Street

MILDURA, VIC 3500

Ph: (03) 5051 2500

Fax (03) 5051 2599

Email: admin@hotelmildura.com.au

Web: <http://www.hotelmildura.com.au>

Sunraysia Resort

300 Tenth Street

MILDURA VIC 3500

Ph: (03) 5022 2511

Fax: (03) 5023 7819

E-mail: info@sunraysia-resort.com.au

ENTERING ONLINE:

In 2012, it is mandatory to enter all Australian Ranking tournaments online via <http://tournaments.tennis.com.au>. Please follow the below steps to enter online:

Please also note that athletes must also register for a My Tennis membership number (an 11-digit number that starts with 61) to be eligible to play. If you don't have a My Tennis number, please contact your local tennis club or register online via <http://www.tennis.com.au>

Step 1 – Go to <http://tournaments.tennis.com.au> Once you are at this page, look for the 2012 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.



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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.