



Optus Junior Tour Platinum Series 2012 Optus 12s, 14s & 16s National Claycourt Championships

George Alder Tennis Centre, Ipswich, Queensland Tournament Fact Sheet

TOURNAMENTS:	2012 Optus 12s, 14s & 16s National Claycourt Championships	
DATES:	16s Qualifying – Wednesday 28 th March Main Draw – Thursday 29 th March to Monday 2 nd April (inclusive)	
	14s Qualifying – Tuesday 3 rd April Main Draw Singles – Wednesday 4 th April to Sunday 8 th April (inclusive) Main Draw Doubles – Tuesday 3 rd April to Sunday 8 th April (inclusive)	
	12s Qualifying – Tuesday 10 th April Main Draw Singles – Wednesday 11 th April to Sunday 15 th April (inclusive) Main Draw Doubles – Tuesday 10 th April to Sunday 15 th April (inclusive) 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 5.	
STATUS:	16s – Platinum 16/u Australian Ranking Tournament 14s – Platinum 14/u Australian Ranking Tournament 12s – Platinum 12/u Australian Ranking Tournament	
ENTRIES CLOSE:	16s - Entries close on <u>Tuesday 6th March 2012 at 11:59pm AEDST.</u> 14s - Entries close on <u>Tuesday 6th March 2012 at 11:59pm AEDST.</u> 12s - Entries close on <u>Tuesday 13th March 2012 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 LEICHARDT, 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:	www.tennis.com.au / tournaments@tennis.com.au	

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DRAWS:	16s Event (Maximum of 56 players accepted in total)		
	Qualifying Singles	32	Elimination, followed by compulsory feed-in consolation event
	Main Draw Singles	32	Elimination, followed by compulsory feed-in consolation event
	Girls & Boys Doubles	28	Elimination Draw
	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 (12s and 14s events): 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 5 and 6 for more information.

ELIGIBILITY:

To be eligible to enter the 2012 Optus 16s National Claycourt Championships, you must be 16 years or younger as at the 30th April 2012.

To be eligible to enter the 2012 Optus 14s National Claycourt Championships, you must be 14 years or younger as at the 30th April 2012.

To be eligible to enter the 2012 Optus 12s National Claycourt Championships, you must be 12 years or younger as at the 30th April 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 16s:

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

Qualifying 16s:

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



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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)*

* 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 two days after the close of entries.

WITHDRAWAL DEADLINE: 16s - 5.00pm Wednesday 14th March 2012
14s - 5.00pm Tuesday 20th March 2012
12s - 5.00pm Tuesday 27th March 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

ENTRY FEES: \$70.00 per tournament (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=173778A4-46F0-4C27-876F-81A754E0D292>

14s - <http://tournaments.tennis.com.au/sport/tournament.aspx?id=90E88090-BBC3-4810-824D-396F2C3CF91F>

12s - <http://tournaments.tennis.com.au/sport/tournament.aspx?id=BF37FD05-F305-4C17-9B83-BA07377A7C34>

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



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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 & 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)

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. 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.**

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: Wednesday 28th March 2012 at 9:00am

Doubles Sign-in CLOSES: Wednesday 28th March 2012 at 5:00pm

CONSOLATION:

Athletes are reminded that entry into singles automatically includes entry into the compulsory consolation events.

MATCH SCHEDULE:

To view the schedule for your first match, please check the Tennis Australia web site <http://tournaments.tennis.com.au> three 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 2012 Optus 12s, 14s & 16s National Claycourt Championships and you will be permitted to

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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.

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

14/u Boys & Girls Singles & Doubles	TUES 3 rd APR	WED 4 th APR	THURS 5 th APR	FRI 6 th APR	SAT 7 th APR	SUN 8 th APR
12/u Boys & Girls Singles & Doubles	TUES 10 th APR	WED 11 th APR	THURS 12 th APR	FRI 13 th APR	SAT 14 th APR	SUN 15 th APR
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

16/u Boys & Girls Singles & Doubles	WED 28 th MAR	THURS 29 th MAR	FRI 30 th MAR	SAT 31 st MAR	SUN 1 st APR	MON 2 nd APR
Qualifying Singles	Rounds 1 & 2					
Qualifying Singles Consolation		Round 1	Round 2	Round QF & SF	Finals	
Main Draw Singles		Round 1	Round 2	QF	Semi-Finals & 5 th – 8 th Playoffs	Finals & 3 rd – 8 th Playoffs
Main Draw Singles Consolation			Round 1	Round 2	QF & SF	Finals
Main Draw Doubles		Round 1	Rd. of 16	QF	Semi-Finals	Finals



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12s & 14s 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.

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

We remind all participants that for all Platinum and Gold tournaments 2012, 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.

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

For directions to the George Alder Tennis Centre from your hotel or from the airport, please go to www.whereis.com.au



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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

Email: 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.

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://www.tennis.com.au/tournaments> Once you are at this page, look for the relevant tournament in the tournament calendar 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.