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# December Showdown

November 28 to December 21 2012

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## Australian Open 2013 Playoff Melbourne Park, Victoria Fact Sheet

**Acceptance into this event will be by invitation only**

### Tournament Dates

Monday 10<sup>th</sup> December to Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> December 2012

#### **Main Venue**

Melbourne Park  
Car Park Entrance D  
Olympic Boulevard  
Melbourne, VIC 3000

#### **Secondary Venues (if required)**

Tennis World – Albert Reserve  
Corner of St. Kilda Road & Hanna Street  
Melbourne, VIC 3004

#### **Tournament Director**

Francis Soyser

#### **Tournament Referee**

Wayne McKewen

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#### **Player Liaison**

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#### **Awards**

The winners of the men's and women's Australian Open Playoff will each receive a main draw singles wildcard into Australian Open 2013.

#### **Court Surface**

All matches at the 2013 Australian Open Playoff will be played on Plexicushion

#### **Draw Format**

Both the men's and women's playoff events will be a knockout draw of 16 players.

#### **Scoring Format**

Men's Singles – Best of Five Sets (final set advantage) for all matches  
Women's Singles – Best of Three Sets (final set advantage) for all matches

#### **Official Ball**

The 2013 Wilson Australian Open Ball will be used for this event

#### **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 Policy. 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). Tennis Australia may also issue financial penalties to players competing in the Australian Open Playoff, if warranted.

## Invitations

Tennis Australia will invite athletes to the 2013 Australian Open Playoff. Invitations will be issued at Tennis Australia's discretion. In order to be eligible for an invitation the player must:

- not currently be suspended by Tennis Australia, a Member Association, the ITF, or another applicable tennis authority, or have any outstanding financial liability or otherwise to any of these organizations, or otherwise be ineligible under any applicable code, rule, regulation, policy or procedure;
- be in good standing and of good character and not likely embarrass or bring into ridicule or disrepute Tennis Australia, its Member Association, the applicable tournament and/or the sport of tennis;
- have complied with all applicable rules, regulations, policies or procedures detailed by Tennis Australia; and
- confirm that they are not prohibited or restricted from playing in the tournament as a result of any visa conditions imposed on them by the Australian Immigration Department, or other conditions imposed by the police, any other government authority or court of law.

## Schedule (provisional)

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

### Men's Event

Mon 10 Dec	Tues 11 Dec	Wed 12 Dec	Thurs 13 Dec	Fri 14 Dec	Sat 15 Dec	Sun 16 Dec
Round 16	-	QF	-	SF	-	Final

### Women's Event

Mon 10 Dec	Tues 11 Dec	Wed 12 Dec	Thurs 13 Dec	Fri 14 Dec	Sat 15 Dec	Sun 16 Dec
-	Round 16	-	QF	-	SF	Final

## Seedings

Athletes will be seeded based on the latest ATP/WTA Tour rankings available at the time of the draw ceremony.

## Selectors

Patrick Rafter, David Taylor, Todd Woodbridge, Brent Larkham, Nicole Pratt and Nicole Bradtke

## When are invitations issued to players / Acceptance of Invitation

Athletes will receive an invitation by Monday 12<sup>th</sup> November. Athletes receiving an invitation must acknowledge and accept their invitation by Monday 19<sup>th</sup> November 2012 if they wish to participate.



## **Alternates**

Alternates will be chosen by the Wildcard Selectors. Alternates must sign-in at least 30 minutes prior to the relevant first scheduled match on Monday 10<sup>th</sup> and Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> December 2012. Alternates must sign-in to be eligible for the daily per diem.

## **Player Cafe**

Lunch vouchers will be provided to Athletes on a daily basis while they are competing. Athletes will only be able to redeem their lunch vouchers at the Melbourne Park player cafe. A range of hot meals will be available each day, as well as a sandwich bar and a range of pre-packed sandwiches. Hot and cold drinks will also be available throughout the day.

## **Live Streaming**

At least one match court of the Australian Open Playoff from December 10 – 16 will be broadcasted by live stream, with commentary. Athletes playing on a broadcast court are required to participate in any associated pre and post match interviews and on court formalities.

## **Media & Community Engagement Commitments**

As a condition of entry into the Australian Open Playoff, 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.

## **Use of Image**

By participating in the tournament each athlete understands and agrees that while participating they may be photographed and/or filmed and that their image and/or voice may be broadcast by Tennis Australia or third parties, without any further notice or compensation.

## **Medical**

A physiotherapist will be available for both the men and women participating at the Australian Open Playoff 2013. There will also be a massage therapist available to athletes.

## **Player Meeting (Compulsory)**

In addition to the compulsory draw and player meeting for the Australian Open Playoff, additional workshops will be conducted as outlined below. All athletes accepted are required to attend these workshops on Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> December.

## **Workshop Day – Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> December 2012**

This day will include portrait photos and video interviews with the Tennis Australia Communications Department. The official draw ceremony will be held at 12pm, followed by a compulsory anti-doping education workshop and then lunch. Final details regarding this workshop day will be communicated to invited players closer to the event.



## 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.

## Accommodation Per Diem

Athletes will be eligible for an accommodation per diem of \$60.00 per day commencing on 8 December 2012 and ending when the athlete exits the tournament, provided the Athlete is staying in hotel accommodation.

## 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 **Friday 30<sup>th</sup> November 2012** following this date rooms will be available subject to availability. To avoid disappointment it is suggested that bookings are made before Friday 30<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto:bayviewonthepark@bayviewhotels.com)

**Website:** <http://www.bayviewhotels.com/bayviewonthepark>

#### **Rates:**

- **Standard Room** - \$115 per night
- **Twin Room** - \$115 per night
- **Triple room** - \$145 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](mailto:jolimont.res@mantra.com.au)

#### **Website:**

<http://www.mantra.com.au/victoria/melbourne-and-surrounds/east-melbourne/accommodation/hotels/mantra-on-jolimont/>

#### **Rates:**

- **Studio** - \$135 per night
- **One Bedroom** - \$166 per night
- **Two Bedroom (dual key)** - \$265 per night
- **Extra Person** - \$40.00 per person





## Car Parking / Public Transport

Athletes and their support personnel are encouraged to use public transport to and from Melbourne Park during the December Showdown. Limited parking will be available for AO Playoff competing athletes. Please inform tournament staff if you will be driving to Melbourne Park during the tournament. Melbourne Park will be extremely busy during November and December due to numerous events and the bump-in operations for the Australian Open 2013.

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.yarratrams.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://metrotrains.com.au> to view the timetable.

### Buying your myki card

*(Recommended if you will be in Melbourne for the length of the December Showdown)*

The card price for a full fare myki is \$6 and \$3 for a concession, seniors or child myki.

You can buy a myki:

- online at [www.mymyki.com.au](http://www.mymyki.com.au)
- by calling 1800 800 007
- from a myki machine (full fare myki only) at all metropolitan train stations and selected accessible tram stops and bus interchanges\*
- the ticket window at Premium Stations
- 7-Eleven stores\*
- selected retailers\* where you see the myki sign
- Public Transport Victoria Hub myki Centre
- Public Transport Victoria Hub at Swanston Street

When you buy a myki it has no value on it, so you need to top up before you travel. For more information, see <http://ptv.vic.gov.au/fares-tickets/myki/topping-up-your-myki/#1>

**Please note:** Allow up to seven days for delivery of myki cards ordered either online or from calling 1800 800 007. If you are buying myki online or from 1800 800 007, but decide not to register it, you will still need to provide your postal details so the myki can be sent to you. Your details will then be deleted within 30 days of the myki being sent to you. Register your myki so your balance is protected in case your myki is lost or stolen

### 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](http://www.webjet.com.au)

For directions to Melbourne Park from your hotel or from Melbourne Airport, please go to [www.whereis.com.au](http://www.whereis.com.au)

## **Venue Safety**

Please be aware that Melbourne Park will be in heavy construction mode in preparation for the Australian Open 2013. There are also construction works being carried out in relation to the Melbourne Park redevelopment. We ask that all people coming on-site during the December Showdown take care when moving about the Melbourne Park precinct and adhere to any signage at all times.