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December Showdown

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December Showdown 2012 Melbourne Park, Melbourne, Victoria Tournament Fact Sheet

Tournament Dates

Australian Open 2013 Playoff

Monday 10th December to Sunday 16th December 2012

(Acceptance into this event will be by invitation only. All details relating to the AO Playoff are listed in a separate fact sheet)

Optus 18s Australian Championships

Qualifying: Sunday 2nd December & Monday 3rd December 2012

Main Draw: Tuesday 4th December to Sunday 9th December 2012

Optus 16s Australian Championships

Qualifying: Monday 10th December & Tuesday 11th December 2012

Main Draw: Wednesday 12th December to Sunday 16th December 2012

Optus 14s Australian Championships

Qualifying: Tuesday 4th December 2012

Main Draw: Wednesday 5th December to Sunday 9th December 2012

Optus 12s Australian Championships

Qualifying: Sunday 16th December 2012

Main Draw: Monday 17th December to Friday 21st December 2012

Optus 14s Australian Teams Championships

Wednesday 28th November to Sunday 2nd December 2012

Optus 12s Australian Teams Championships

Monday 10th December to Friday 14th December 2012

Victorian Hardcourt Championships (AMT Platinum)

Qualifying: Monday 26th November & Tuesday 27th November 2012

Main Draw: Wednesday 28th November to Friday 30th November 2012

Tennis Australia AMT Platinum \$10,000

Qualifying: Saturday 15th December & Sunday 16th December 2012

Main Draw: Monday 17th December to Wednesday 19th December 2012

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Main Venue

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

Secondary Venue (if required)

Tennis World
Albert Reserve
Corner of St. Kilda Road & Hanna Street
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Tournament Information

Tournament	Tournament Director	Referee	Entry Closing Date
Australian Open Playoff	Francis Soyer	Wayne McKewen	Invitation Only Event
Optus 18s Australian Championships	Francis Soyer	Scott Ray	Monday 5 th November 2012 @ 11:59pm AEDST
Optus 16s Australian Championships	Francis Soyer	Scott Ray	Monday 12 th November 2012 @ 11:59pm AEDST
Optus 14s Australian Championships	Francis Soyer	Marcia O'Shea	Monday 5 th November 2012 @ 11:59pm AEDST
Optus 12s Australian Championships	Francis Soyer	Jan Walczak	Monday 12 th November 2012 @ 11:59pm AEDST
Victorian Hardcourt Championships*	Tennis Victoria	TBC	Monday 12 th November 2012 @ 11:59pm AEDST
Tennis Australia \$10,000 AMT	Francis Soyer	TBC	Saturday 1 st December 2012 @ 11:59pm AEDST
Optus 14s Australian Teams Championships	David Hearne	Marcia O'Shea	Athletes selected into state teams – Invite Only
Optus 12s Australian Teams Championships	David Hearne	Jan Walczak	Athletes selected into state teams – Invite Only

* - The Victorian Hardcourt Championships will be held at the Nottingham / Pinewood Tennis Club in Glen Waverley. Refer to their fact sheet on <http://tournaments.tennis.com.au> for further information.

Eligibility

To be eligible to enter the 2012 Optus Australian Championships, you must be at or under the required age as at the 31st December 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 Tennis Australia prior to the commencement of the tournament. Failure to do so will result in forfeiture from the event.



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 by the Thursday 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 5th November 2012 rankings release
2. Remaining (if any) ATP/WTA ranked athletes in ranking order;
3. Australian Rankings (End of October)

Optus 12s, 14s, 16s Australian Championships and Platinum AMT events

1. Australian Rankings (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 (32)	Qualifying Singles (32)	Main Draw Doubles (28)
Direct Acceptances	16	26	28 Teams (from main draw acceptances)
Discretionary Wildcards	8	6	-
Qualifiers	8	-	-

Optus 12s Australian Championships	Main Draw Singles (32)	Qualifying Singles (32)	Main Draw Doubles (28)
Direct Acceptances	16	26	28 Teams (from main draw acceptances)
Discretionary Wildcards	8	6	-
Qualifiers	8	-	-



Tennis Australia \$10,000 AMT	Main Draw Singles (24)	Qualifying Singles (64)	Main Draw Doubles (24)
Direct Acceptances	12	56	22 Teams
Discretionary Wildcards	4	8	2
Qualifiers	8	-	-

Awards

Trophies will be awarded to the Winners and Finalists of Singles and Doubles of each tournament. Consolation medallions / trophies will also be awarded where applicable.

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.

Court Surface

All matches at the December Showdown 2012 will be played on Plexicushion

Doubles

Optus 18s & 16s Australian Championships & AMT events

Doubles will be offered on a sign-in entry basis, but it is not compulsory for athletes to play.

Optus 12s & 14s Australian Championships

Doubles will be offered on a sign-in entry basis, but is compulsory for all accepted athletes to play.

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 2 nd December 2012 at 9:00am	Monday 3 rd December 2012 at 5:00pm
Optus 16s Australian Championships	Monday 10 th December 2012 at 9:00am	Tuesday 11 th December 2012 at 5:00pm
Optus 14s Australian Championships*	Monday 3 rd December 2012 at 9:00am	Monday 3 rd December 2012 at 5:00pm
Optus 12s Australian Championships*	Saturday 15 th December 2012 at 9:00am	Saturday 15 th December 2012 at 5:00pm
Tennis Australia AMT \$10,000	Saturday 15 th December 2012 at 9:00am	Sunday 16 th December 2012 at 12:00pm



* 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	Qualifying - Optional sign-in consolation for athletes losing in the 1 st & 2 nd Rd of the qualifying singles Main Draw – Optional sign-in consolation for athletes losing in the 1 st & 2 nd Rd of the main draw singles	Singles - \$80.00 Doubles - \$25.00 (for non singles athletes)
Optus 14s Australian Championships	Qualifying (32) – Knockout Draw Main Draw (32) – Round-Robin Draw. Athletes winning their RR group will playoff for positions 1 to 8. Doubles (28) – Knockout	All athletes will be guaranteed and required to play a minimum of four singles matches (and up to as many as eight matches).	Singles - \$80.00 Doubles – No charge
Optus 12s Australian Championships	Qualifying (32) – Knockout Draw Main Draw (32) – Round-Robin Draw. Athletes winning their RR group will playoff for positions 1 to 8. Doubles (28) – Knockout	All athletes will be guaranteed and required to play a minimum of four singles matches (and up to as many as eight matches).	Singles - \$80.00 Doubles – No charge
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 – Optional sign-in consolation for athletes losing in the 1 st & 2 nd Rd of the main draw singles	Main Draw - \$70.00 Doubles - \$25.00

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.

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.



12s & 14s Events – 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.

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)

AMT, 18s & 16s Main Draw Doubles: Best of two (2) tie-break sets, third set 'Match tie-break (to 10 points). No-Ad scoring will be used.

12s & 14s 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 2012 Australian Ranking Tournament Regulations, athletes are only permitted to enter other overlapping tournaments on the condition that they do not gain entry into the qualifying or 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 Tennis Australia \$10,000 AMT if they have been eliminated from all events in the Optus 16s Australian Championships.
2. Athletes accepted into the qualifying or main draw of the Optus 12s Australian Championships will not be permitted to compete in the Tennis Australia \$10,000 AMT.
3. 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.



4. 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.
5. Athletes accepted into 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 low entry numbers. 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 2013
 - Invitation into the Australian Open Playoff*
 - Consideration for wildcards into 2013 Australian Open Series Events
- * Note – Invitation does not default to finalist if the winner has already been invited into the Australian Open Playoff.

Singles Finalists

- Main Draw Singles Wildcard into one of the Australian Pro Tour events during the first quarter of 2013.

Optus 16s Australian Championships

Singles Winners

- Main Draw Singles Wildcard into the Australian Open Junior Championships 2013
- Main Draw Singles Wildcard into the Loy Yang Traralgon Junior ITF International 2013

Singles Finalists

- Main Draw Singles Wildcard into the Loy Yang Traralgon Junior ITF International 2013



Schedule (provisional)

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

Optus 18s Australian Championships

	Dec 2	Dec 3	Dec 4	Dec 5	Dec 6	Dec 7	Dec 8	Dec 9
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 10	Dec 11	Dec 12	Dec 13	Dec 14	Dec 15	Dec 16
Singles	Q R1 & R2	Q R3	Rd 32	Rd 16	QF	SF	Finals
Doubles			Rd 32	Rd 16	QF	SF	Finals

Tennis Australia \$10,000 AMT Platinum

	Dec 15	Dec 16	Dec 17	Dec 18	Dec 19
Singles	Q R1 & R2	Q R3	Rd of 16	QF & SF	SF & Finals
Doubles		Rd 1	Rd 16 & QF	SF	Finals

Optus 14s Australian Championships

	Dec 4	Dec 5	Dec 6	Dec 7	Dec 8	Dec 9
Qualifying	Q R1 & R2					
Qualifying Consolation		RR 1	RR 2	RR 3 & Rd16	QF & SF	Final
Main Draw		RR 1	RR 2 & 3	QF	SF 5 th – 8 th Playoffs	Finals 3 rd – 8 th Playoffs
Main Draw Consolation				QF	SF	Finals
Doubles	Rd 1	Rd 16	Rest Day	QF	SF	Finals

Optus 12s Australian Championships

	Dec 16	Dec 17	Dec 18	Dec 19	Dec 20	Dec 21
Qualifying	Q R1 & R2					
Qualifying Consolation		RR 1	RR 2	RR 3 & Rd16	QF & SF	Final
Main Draw		RR 1	RR 2 & 3	QF	SF 5 th – 8 th Playoffs	Finals 3 rd – 8 th Playoffs
Main Draw Consolation				QF	SF	Finals
Doubles	Rd 1	Rd 16	Rest Day	QF	SF	Finals

12s & 14s Events – All participants will play for the first four day:

If you are playing the 12s or 14s event, 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 on the first four days of each tournament. However, if you keep winning from that point, you will be required to compete on the final two days. 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 2012 Australian Ranking 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 communicated when the relevant acceptance lists are distributed.

Wildcards Selectors

Optus 12s, 14s, 16s & 18s Australian Championships: Scott Draper (Chairperson), Chris Mahony, Liam Smith, Adam Carey, 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 – Sunday 18th November 2012 at 11:59pm AEDST



- Optus 16s Australian Championships – Monday 26th November 2012 at 11:59pm AEDST
- Optus 14s Australian Championships – Monday 18th November 2012 at 11:59pm AEDST
- Optus 12s Australian Championships – Sunday 2nd December 2012 at 11:59pm AEDST
- Tennis Australia \$10,000 AMT – Saturday 8th December 2012 at 11:59pm AEDST

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.

Grounds for refusing entry

Tennis Australia reserve the right to refuse a player or a member of their entourage entry into the December Showdown event or entry onto Melbourne Park site if the applicable person(s):

- is currently suspended by Tennis Australia, a Member Association, the ITF, or another applicable tennis authority, or has any outstanding financial liability or otherwise to any of these organizations, or is otherwise ineligible under any applicable code, rule, regulation, policy or procedure;
- is not of good standing or character and will likely embarrass or bring into ridicule or disrepute Tennis Australia, its Member Association, the applicable tournament and/or the sport of tennis;
- has failed to comply with all conditions of entry or other applicable rules, regulations, policies or procedures detailed by Tennis Australia; and
- currently has any visa conditions imposed on them by the Australian Immigration Department or is otherwise not permitted to play in a tournament as a result of conditions imposed by the police, any other government authority or court of law.

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 2012 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.

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 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.

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 27th November 2012 at 4pm

Optus 12s Australian Teams Championships

Sunday 9th December 2012 at 4pm



Media & Community Engagement Commitments

As a condition of entry into the December Showdown, 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.

Medical

A Primary Health Care Provider (physiotherapist) will be available for all competing athletes at the December Showdown 2012. There will also be a massage therapist available to athletes via a booking system at the tournament.

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. Athletes in the 12s & 14s Teams event, 18s Australian Championships and AO Playoff will be able to redeem their lunch vouchers at the Melbourne Park player cafe.

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 Sunday 2nd December as outlined below.

Optus 18s Australian Championships Workshop Day – Sunday 2nd December

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

Tournament	Player Meeting Date & Time	Venue
Optus 18s Australian Championships	Sunday 2 nd December 2012 at 2:00pm	Melbourne Park – Media Theatre
Optus 16s Australian Championships	Tuesday 11 th December 2012 at 4:00pm	Melbourne Park – Media Theatre
Optus 14s Australian Championships	Monday 3 rd December 2012 at 4:00pm	Melbourne Park – Room TBC
Optus 12s Australian Championships	Saturday 15 th December 2012 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.

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 30th November 2012** following this date rooms will be available subject to availability. To avoid disappointment it is suggested that bookings are made before Friday 30th 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** - \$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

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. 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
- 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

For directions to Melbourne Park from your hotel or from Melbourne Airport, please go to www.whereis.com.au

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.

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.