

<b>Overview</b>	<p>The Australian Open, Grand Slam of Asia-Pacific, is one of the largest and most prestigious sporting events in the world. Book your place to be there in January 2014 with the Australian Open Asia Pacific Wildcard Playoff (AWP) taking place in Shenzhen, P.R. China. Main Draw Wildcards are on offer for Asia-Pacific's winning Singles and Doubles tennis players.</p>		
<b>Eligibility</b>	<p>The AWP is open to all Nationals from the Asia Pacific region, excluding Australian's, with a World Ranking of 105 or higher for Men and 109 or higher for Women (based on AO cut off for Men of 104 and Women of 108) at the time of the entry closing. If anyone is ranked lower than these stipulated rankings and are concerned about any points they need to defend, you may contact the Tournament Referee for special dispensation to play. There is no applicable cut-off for doubles so all Asia-Pacific players are eligible. However, the successful doubles pairs at the AWP must compete together at the AO. If this does not occur then the wildcard is no longer valid and will be returned.</p>		
<b>Dates</b>	<p><b>Qualifying Singles:</b> Monday 18 to Tuesday 19 November 2013</p> <p><b>Qualifying Doubles:</b> Tuesday 19 November 2013</p>	<p><b>Main Draw Singles:</b> Wednesday 20 to Sunday 24 November 2013</p> <p><b>Main Draw Doubles:</b> Wednesday 20 to Sunday 24 November 2013</p>	
<b>Venue</b>	<p>Luohu Tennis Club No. 48 Jing'er Road, Rosa Road, Luohu District, Shenzhen, Guangdong Province, China 罗湖网球俱乐部 广东省深圳市罗湖区罗沙公路经二路48号</p>	<p>T: +86 755 2541 6885 F: +86 755 2554 6688 <a href="http://www.tennis.com.au/tournaments/asia-pacific-australian-open-wildcard-play-off">http://www.tennis.com.au/tournaments/asia-pacific-australian-open-wildcard-play-off</a></p>	
<b>Prize Money</b>	<p>Prize money (AUD) for the men's and women's singles is: W \$2,000, F \$1,500, SF \$500, QF \$250 Prize money (AUD) for men's and women's doubles is: W \$500 per pair, F \$250, SF \$125</p>		
<b>Tournament Staff</b>	<p>Tournament Director: Alistair McDonald Player Services: Darren Sturgess Event Operations: Zhou Libin (China)</p>	<p><a href="mailto:amacdonald@tennis.com.au">amacdonald@tennis.com.au</a> <a href="mailto:dsturgess@tennis.com.au">dsturgess@tennis.com.au</a> <a href="mailto:xiaozhou@chinatennis.org.cn">xiaozhou@chinatennis.org.cn</a></p>	<p>M: +61 401 640 169 T: +613 9914 4156 M: +61 411 762 258 T: +613 9914 4419 M: +86 139 1104 3797</p>
<b>AO Referee</b>	<p>Wayne McKewen <a href="http://www.mckewen@tennis.com.au">www.mckewen@tennis.com.au</a></p>		
<b>Draw Size and Acceptance Criteria</b>	<p><b>Singles:</b> 16 Draw* - Direct - Top 8 ranked players - Wildcards – 4 players - Qualifiers – 4 players</p> <p><b>Singles Qualifying:</b> 16 Draw* - Direct - Next 8 highest ranked players - Wildcards – 8 players</p> <p>Initial acceptance lists will be released on Tuesday 5 November 2013 and emailed to all entrants as well as being available at <a href="http://www.tennis.com.au">www.tennis.com.au</a>. Final Acceptance List Tuesday 12 November 2013.</p> <p>* Entries based on Monday 4 November rankings. Seedings based on Monday 11 November rankings. All players must have a ATP / WTA ranking (excluding wildcards) to be eligible.</p> <p>Enter: please complete entry form and email to Darren Sturgess on <a href="mailto:dsturgess@tennis.com.au">dsturgess@tennis.com.au</a> Please visit our website to download entry form: <a href="http://www.tennis.com.au/tournaments/asia-pacific-australian-open-wildcard-play-off">http://www.tennis.com.au/tournaments/asia-pacific-australian-open-wildcard-play-off</a></p>		
<b>Wildcards</b>	<p>Main Draw Wildcards Singles Wildcards – 2 WC host association, 2 TA wildcards (application) Qualifying Singles Wildcards – 4 WC host association, 4 TA wildcards (application) Doubles Wildcards - 1 WC host association, 1 TA wildcards (application) Qualifying Doubles Wildcards - 2 WC host association, 2 TA wildcards (application) Applications for Wildcards close 11:59pm, Tuesday 12 November 2013.</p>		
<b>Format Of Play</b>	<p>Singles - Best of three (3) tie break sets. Doubles – Best of two (2) tie-break sets, no-ad scoring, with a third set Match Tie Break if required.</p>		
<b>Entry Close Date</b>	<p>Monday 4 November 2013, Entry is AUD \$40 (approximately 230RMB) includes one or two events (Singles / Doubles) Email Inquiries: <a href="mailto:dsturgess@tennis.com.au">dsturgess@tennis.com.au</a></p>		
<b>Withdrawal Deadline</b>	<p>Monday 11 November 2013</p>		
<b>Surface</b>	<p>Hard Court (Centre Court has a canopy that covers the court)</p>		
<b>Ball</b>	<p>Wilson Australian Open</p>		
<b>Conduct and Behaviour</b>	<p>The tournament will be played under the Grand Slam Code of Conduct.</p>		
<b>Practice Courts</b>	<p>Onsite from Friday 15 November to Sunday 24 November, 9:00am–5:00pm. T: +86 755 2541 6885</p>		
<b>Transport</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Tournament transport to and from tournament hotels and courts will be available from Sunday 17 November until Sunday 24 November 2013. Players are responsible for making their way own way to and from the airport / train station.</li> <li>Transport inquiries can be made to: E: <a href="mailto:xiaozhou@chinatennis.org.cn">xiaozhou@chinatennis.org.cn</a> or T: +86 13 9110 43797.</li> <li>The main airport is Shenzhen Bao'an International Airport (SZX) located 32km from the city or you can fly to Hong Kong (HKG) and take the train to Shenzhen (approximately 1 ½ hours including immigration clearance into China).</li> </ul>		

<p><i>Accommodation and Official Hotels</i></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Main Draw players will be entitled to room only accommodation for a minimum of two nights including the night before they begin play in the tournament and the night that they lose in the tournament.</li> <li>Qualifying Players should book at the official hotels directly. Qualifying players can access one of the official hotels at an official player as listed.</li> <li>The <b>official player hotel</b> is the <b>Sunshine Hotel Shenzhen</b>, No. 2001 Jiabin Road, Shenzhen, Guangdong, 518005 China 深圳阳光酒店 深圳市嘉宾路2001号 <b>T:</b> +86 755 8223 3888 <b>F:</b> +86 755 82226719 <b>Website:</b> <a href="http://www.sunshinehotelshenzhen.cn/">www.sunshinehotelshenzhen.cn/</a> <b>Price:</b> Single Room including 1 breakfast 600-780RMB (\$98-128 USD) / per night. Double / Twin Room including 2 breakfasts 600-820RMB (\$98-134 USD) / per night. Price range is based on availability. 15-17 Nov (780/820 RMB per night), 18-24 Nov (600RMB per night).</li> <li>The alternate hotel is Shenzhen Panglin Hotel, 2002 Jiabin Road, Luohu District, Shenzhen 518001, China <b>T:</b> +86 755-2518 5888 <b>F:</b> +86 755-2518 5999 <b>Website:</b> <a href="http://www.panglin-hotel.com">www.panglin-hotel.com</a> <b>Price:</b> Single Room 550-600RMB (\$90-98 USD) / per night. Price range is based on availability. 15-17 Nov (600 RMB per night), 18-24 Nov (550RMB per night).</li> <li><u>All rooms must be confirmed a minimum of 10 days in advance to secure rate</u></li> <li>The taxi fare from Shenzhen airport to hotel is approximately 120-200 RMB (\$18-30 USD)</li> </ul>
<p><i>Food and Beverage</i></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Café service available onsite daily</li> </ul>
<p><i>Player Services</i></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Player Services is located in the tennis club house <b>T:</b> +86 755 2541 6885 (on-site).</li> </ul>
<p><i>Physiotherapy &amp; Massage Medical</i></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Physiotherapist / massage therapist will be available from Monday 18 November 2013.</li> <li>The official tournament doctor will be available throughout the tournament.</li> </ul>
<p><i>Stringer</i></p>	<p>The Stringer will be available at cost to players. Stringing fees are to be paid direct to the stringer and will be approximately 100 RMB (\$16 USD).</p>
<p><i>Media and Player Appearances</i></p>	<p>Main Draw players, if requested, will be required for a minimum two (2) media / PR appearances of which may take place off site.</p>
<p><b>** VISAS **</b></p>	<p>All players require visa and should contact the CTA (China Tennis Association) and Chinese consulate for information. A letter of invitation from the tournament is required and requests should be sent to Lu Liang who will assist in the processing. Contact details are provided below. You are likely to need to provide the following; first and last names, passport number, nationality, issuing country, date of issue, date of expiry, scanned copy of photo page of passport, digital photo (passport), affiliation (player, coach etc.), arrival date and departure date.</p> <p><u>CONTACT</u>          Name: Lu Liang          Phone: +86 10 6711 7147          E-mail: <a href="mailto:ll@tennis.org.cn">ll@tennis.org.cn</a></p> <p>The following points need to be attention,          1. Players need to provide a clear photocopy or scanned image of their passport photo page.          2. Players must confirm the location in which you will apply to your China visa and also the entry point in which you will enter / arrive into China.          3. All the above information must be provided at a minimum of 10 days in advance of entry into China.</p>