



WIN A WILD CARD RULES AND REGULATIONS

The Win a Wild Card Tennis Tournament (**Tournament**) is organised by Tennis Australia Ltd (ABN 61 006 281 125) of Melbourne Park, Olympic Boulevard, Melbourne, Victoria 3000 (**TA**). TA's State Member Associations (each an '**MA**') will assist TA in the running of the Tournament.

All participants in the Tournament are bound by Part A and Part B of these rules and regulations, the Conditions of Entry, ITF Rules of Play and TA's national policies including, without limitation, the Uniform Tennis Anti-Corruption Program, the TA Code of Behaviour, the TA Member Protection Policy and the TA Anti-Doping Policy, each a '**Policy**.'

Part A: Tournament Entry Guidelines

1. Win a Wild Card Tournament

1.1 The Tournament will consist of the following round robin and knockout mixed doubles tennis tournaments highlighted in **bold** below (each an **Event**) (played in accordance with the Tournament Rules of Play detailed in Part B of these Rules and Regulations) as follows:

WAWC State Events

- (a) Each MA will conduct a State mixed doubles tennis tournament (comprised of separate A Grade, B Grade and C Grade events) (each a **WAWC State Event**).

A Grade – WAWC National Event

- (b) The winning team from each A Grade event in each WAWC State Event will progress to the **WAWC National Event**, held at Melbourne Park on 20 December 2015.
- (c) Interstate A Grade teams travelling to Victoria to participate in the WAWC National Event will each receive a contribution towards travel expenses (that will vary depending on originating city).
- (d) The winner of the A Grade in the WAWC National Event will receive:
- (i) a wildcard entry into the 2016 Australian Open Mixed Doubles Event**; and
 - (ii) associated Australian Open Player benefits as detailed in the Australian Open Main Draw Player Fact Sheet including accommodation, player transport, tournament accreditation and meal allowance during the 2016 Australian Open.

***Entry into the 2016 Australian Open is subject to the conditions set out in the 2016 Australian Open Player Registration Form and additional requirements (including screening and additional consents).*

B and C Grade – WAWC Social Playoff Event

- (e) The winning team from each B and C Grade event in each WAWC State Event will progress to the **WAWC Social Playoff Event** held at Melbourne Park during the second week of 2016 Australian Open**.

***Teams eligible to play at Melbourne Park will be subject to additional requirements (including screening and additional consents).*



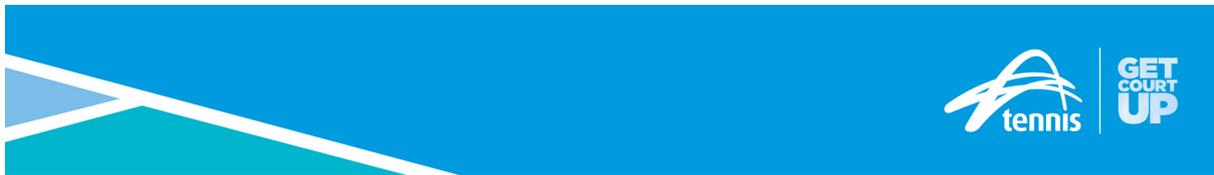
- 1.2 The prizes are not transferable, exchangeable or redeemable for cash. Refunds will not be made in respect to unused services or prizes. Where a prize, or part of a prize, is unavailable, TA retains the right to substitute the prize (or part) with a prize (or part) of equal or greater value.
- 1.3 In the event that for any reason winners do not take an element of the prize at the time stipulated by TA then that element of the prize will be forfeited by the winners and cash will not be awarded in lieu of that element of the prize.
- 1.4 All costs associated with a prize not specifically included in the prize details above including, but not limited to, any transport costs, transfer costs, meals, taxes, insurance and other ancillary costs are the responsibility of the winners.
- 1.5 If any part of the Australian Open is abandoned, called off, varied or postponed for any reason, then at TA's discretion, the relevant winners forfeit all rights to their prize. TA is neither responsible nor liable for any loss or damage suffered in these circumstances.

2. Eligibility to Enter the Tournament

- 2.1 Entries into the Tournament open at 5:00pm on 12 October 2015 AEDST and close in each State at 11:59pm AEDST on the date that is three days prior to the commencement date of the State's respective WAWC State Event (**Tournament Entry Period**) as detailed on www.tennis.com.au/winawildcard (**Tournament Website**).
- 2.2 Entries into the Tournament are open to teams comprised of one male and one female player. Both players must be Australian permanent residents (unless expressly approved in writing by TA) and be 16 years or older as of 1 November 2015. A team may only enter the Tournament once and an individual may only be a part of one team.
- 2.3 Each MA may impose a maximum number of entry spots for its WAWC State Event. Once entries are full no more entries will be accepted.
- 2.4 Entry is only open to persons who comply with all entry restrictions. An entrant can only enter in his or her own name. TA reserves the right to request the winner to provide proof of age, identity and residential address, in order to claim a prize. In the event that an entrant cannot provide suitable proof, the winning team will forfeit the prize.
- 2.5 TA's decision and all matters pertaining to this Tournament will be final. No correspondence will be entered into.
- 2.6 This Tournament is a game of skill and chance plays no part in determining the winners.

3. Entry Method

- 3.1 To enter the Tournament, entrants must, during the Tournament Entry Period:
 - (a) submit a team entry form for their relevant WAWC State Event on the Tournament Website including the names of both players on the team, a contact person, email addresses and the team's preferred Grade of entry. Both entrants from a team must fill out the relevant section of the team entry form and accept all terms and conditions associated with their entry;
 - (b) pay a non-refundable entry fee of \$20.00.
- 3.2 All entries received after the Tournament Entry Period are ineligible for entry into the Tournament and no responsibility will be accepted by TA for lost, late, incomplete, incorrectly submitted, delayed, illegible, corrupted or misdirected entries claims or correspondence.



3.3 Team entries can only be amended up to the end of the Tournament Entry Period. Once the Tournament Entry Period concludes entries may not be amended.

3.4 TA (or the relevant MA) may, in its absolute discretion cancel or modify the format of relevant WAWC State Event, considering the number of teams entered.

4. Format of Events

4.1 Each Event will consist of:

(a) a round robin phase played in pool groupings (with pool size to be determined by the number of entrant teams and pool allocation to be determined randomly); followed by

(b) a knockout phase of the top eight teams (depending on the number of entrant teams) for each Grade.

4.2 The knockout phase will consist of three rounds. Rankings for the phase will be determined according to Part B, Clause 2.1. In the first round, first place will play eighth place (**QF1**), second place will play seventh place (**QF2**), third place will play sixth place (**QF3**) and fourth place will play fifth place (**QF4**). In the second round, the winner of QF1 will play the winner of QF4 (**SF1**) and the winner of QF2 will play the winner of QF3 (**SF2**). In the final round, the winner of SF1 will play the winner of SF2 to find the winning team of the relevant Grade of the WAWC State Event.

4.3 The winner of A Grade in the relevant WAWC State Event will advance to the WAWC National Event. In the event that the winning team is unable to compete in the WAWC National Event, then the WAWC State Event A Grade runner-up may be invited to participate (at TA's absolute discretion).

4.4 The winner of the WAWC National Event will win the wildcard entry into the 2016 Australian Open Mixed Doubles Event and associated prizes as detailed in clause 1.1(d).

4.5 The winners must confirm their eligibility immediately after their relevant wins. If the winners are not eligible or are unable to accept the prize for whatever reason, TA reserves the right to award the relevant prize/s to the runner up.

5. Discontinuance and Disqualification of Tournament

5.1 TA reserves the right to discontinue the Tournament at any time and at its sole discretion may cancel, terminate, suspend or modify the Tournament and/or, if necessary, provide an alternative prize or prizes to the same value as an original prize or prizes.

5.2 Without limiting the foregoing, TA reserves the right to verify the validity of entries and to disqualify an entrant whose entry is not compliant with these terms or who has, in the opinion of TA, engaged in conduct in entering the Tournament which is fraudulent, misleading, deceptive or generally damaging to the goodwill or reputation of the Tournament and/or TA. TA reserves the right in its sole discretion to disqualify any individual who TA has reason to believe has breached any of these conditions, or engaged in any unlawful or other improper misconduct calculated to jeopardise the fair and proper conduct of the Tournament.

6. Image Rights

All entries and materials submitted to TA in connection with this Tournament become the property of TA and each entrant consents to TA and the MA's using the entrant's entry, name, likeness, image, voice and/or participation in the Tournament (including photograph, film and/or recording of the same) in any media for an unlimited period of time without further



notification, remuneration or compensation for the purpose of promoting, publicising or marketing the Tournament (including any outcome), and/or promoting any products or services manufactured, distributed and/or supplied by TA.

7. Exclusion of Liability

- 7.1 To the extent permitted by law, TA makes no representations or warranties as to the quality, suitability or merchantability of any of the goods or services offered as prizes.
- 7.2 TA is not responsible for losses associated with any change of prizes.
- 7.3 To the extent permitted by law, TA, the MAs and their associated agencies and companies will not be liable for any loss suffered or sustained to any person or personal property and including, but not limited to consequential (including economic) loss by reason of any act or omission, deliberate or negligent, by TA, or its servants or agents, in connection with the arrangements for supply, or the supply, of any goods or services by any person to the winners.

Part B: Tournament Rules of Play

1. Conduct and Scheduling of Matches

- 1.1 Each MA will have a State Event Manager who will be responsible for organising and managing the WAWC State Events in their State. There will also be WAWC Committee administering the Tournament which shall make all final decisions in respect of the conduct of the Tournament.
- 1.2 All Tournament Matches will be played at the times and courts specified in the relevant Tournament stage draw prepared by the WAWC State Manager or WAWC Committee as relevant.
- 1.3 All schedules are subject to change at the absolute discretion of the WAWC Committee including but not limited to a team being required to play more or less Matches than originally scheduled per day if required due to inclement weather or any other reason deemed necessary by the WAWC Committee.

2. Match Format & Rules

- 2.1 Each Tournament match will be comprised of one mixed doubles match played as one short set of first to four games with a short tiebreak (first to five points, sudden death at four points all) played if the score reaches three games all (**Match**).
- 2.2 The maximum time permitted for a hit-up before commencement of each Match is three minutes, including serves from each player. Following the Match warm up, players are not permitted to sit down. They may go back to their chair for a drink but must be ready to play within thirty seconds of the conclusion of the warm-up.
- 2.3 A short tiebreak is a tiebreak played as the first to five points, sudden death at 4-4. The first player of team whose turn it is to serve at the commencement of the tiebreak (Team A) will serve two points. The opposing team (Team B) will then serve two points. The second player of Team A will then serve two points. The second player of Team B will then serve the following two points. If the score reaches 4-4, both teams will come to the net and spin the racquet with the winning pair (based off the choice of symbol on the racquet) deciding to either serve or receive, with either player able to serve or receive. Teams will change ends only after the first four points have been played.



- 2.4 All Matches will be played using no-ad scoring, with the receiver choosing the service side when the game reaches deuce.
 - 2.5 No service lets will be played, meaning if the ball hits the net cord on a serve and lands (bounces) within the correct service box, play will continue. In doubles, if the ball hits the net cord on the serve and lands (bounces) within the correct service box, either player can return the ball (eg. the ball hits the net cord and drops over the net, the non-receiver can move across and return the serve).
 - 2.6 When the teams change ends at the end of a game and during a tiebreak game, play shall be continuous and the teams shall change ends with players having to be ready to play within 60 seconds of the previous games completion. Players are not permitted to sit down during the change of ends during a set.
 - 2.7 A maximum of five minutes is permitted between the conclusion of one match and the commencement of the warm-up of the following match.
 - 2.8 **Scoring the round robin phase:** For each Match, one point will be awarded to each team for each game they have won. A minimum of four points and a maximum of seven points will be allocated for each match. The maximum points that a team can receive is four. Winning the tiebreak is worth one point.
 - 2.9 Teams are required to record their match result on the official score sheet at the completion of each match with both pairs having signed the scorecard, and return this to the Tournament score entry official onsite at the first available opportunity directly after the Match has concluded.
 - 2.10 In the event of a Match being incomplete, the score sheet shall be completed as far as practicable and must include each team's name and the score (if any) of each completed or incomplete Match as well as the reasons for the Match not being completed.
- 3. Courts**
- 3.1 Courts of any surface can be used for the Tournament Matches, including the use of multiple surfaces at the any stage.
 - 3.2 The WAWC State Manger may approve additional courts for play if he/she deem it necessary for the completion of a Match whether it is indoor, under lights or change of court surface.
 - 3.3 Where Matches are played on red porous or clay like surfaces, it is the responsibility of the team contact to ensure their team perform any required maintenance (eg. sweeping) of the courts at the conclusion of each set.
- 4. Match Balls**
- 4.1 Wilson tennis balls must be used for all Tournament Matches, unless otherwise approved by the WAWC Committee in their absolute discretion.
 - 4.2 Four new balls will be provided for each round robin group, with this allocation to be used for all matches in that round robin group. Two new balls will be provided for each WAWC State Event Finals Match.
- 5. Tie Breaks**
- 5.1 If a tie break is needed to determine the rankings for top (usually eight) teams to progress to the knockout phase of an Event, the following process will apply:



- (a) if teams have the same points then the higher placed team will be the team that has won more Matches;
- (b) if still tied, then the higher placed team will be the team with the fewest number of games lost; and
- (c) if still equal, the WAWC State Manager or WAWC Committee (as relevant) will arrange for a coin toss to take place to determine the placing of the remaining teams.

6. Match Forfeiture

- 6.1 If a team is forced to retire during a Match for any reason, the Match will be forfeited and all remaining games and associated points will be awarded to the non-retiring pair (ie. If Team A retires against Team B whilst winning 1-0, Team B will be awarded with four points for the remaining games in the set and Team A will receive its one point).
- 6.2 If a team is unable to take to the court for any reason or one or both players fail to appear for the Match at the scheduled time of commencement of the Match, the Match will be ruled a forfeit and four points will be awarded to the non-forfeiting team unless otherwise determined by the WAWC State Manager or WAWC Committee (as relevant) at their absolute discretion.

7. Inclement Weather

- 7.1 Where, prior to Match day, the WAWC State Event Manager or WAWC Committee forms the view that due to the extreme weather conditions or for any other reasonable reason, a WAWC State Event cannot be commenced, the event shall be rescheduled within seven days if venue availability exists, otherwise the WAWC State Event shall be abandoned.
- 7.2 All players must attend the courts unless they were notified by the WAWC State Event Manager prior to Match day that the WAWC State Event would not proceed. In the event a team fails to arrive at the venue as required, that team's Matches shall be ruled defaults, even if the courts are not ready for play.
- 7.3 In the event that the WAWC State Manager or WAWC Committee (as relevant) forms a view that a Match cannot commence, continue, or be completed by reason of inclement weather, or for any other reasonable reason, the WAWC State Manager or WAWC Committee (as relevant) will attempt to relocate the Match to another court (eg; indoor or under lights). If all reasonable efforts to relocate are unsuccessful:
 - (a) the teams must wait for 90 minutes;
 - (b) if, after 90 minutes, the WAWC State Manager or WAWC Committee (as relevant) remains of the view that play cannot commence, the WAWC State Manager will consult with teams onsite to determine whether they want to stand by and wait or abandon the Match;
 - (c) Teams that elect to abandon the Match will be dismissed from the Tournament, and will take no further part in the Tournament;
- 7.4 Once teams are on standby, the WAWC State Manager will consult with teams every 30 minutes to determine whether they want to stand by and wait or abandon the Match.
- 7.5 Teams that elect to abandon the Match will be dismissed from the Tournament and will take no further part in the Tournament.



- 7.6 If the teams remain on standby for two and a half hours (not including the initial 90 minutes) the WAWC State Manager or WAWC Committee (as relevant) must abandon the Match, and each team will receive two points.
- 7.7 Notwithstanding the above, no Match can commence after six hours have elapsed from the scheduled start time of the Match. If at the six hour mark, a Match is in play, it may be completed.
- 7.8 If a Match is affected by inclement weather and the WAWC State Event Manager determines (at his or her absolute discretion) that a Match is unable to be completed, each team will receive two points.

8. Protests

- 8.1 The WAWC State Manager or the WAWC Committee (as relevant) will act as final on-site authority ensuring that all Matches are conducted fairly in accordance with these Rules and Regulations as to all matters arising that require immediate resolution on site. No protests will be accepted for on-court or result issues.
- 8.2 Should a team wish to dispute any matter relating to a Match, this must be received in writing to the WAWC Committee no later than 5pm of the next business day following the Match. The WAWC Committee must adjudicate upon any dispute referred to it for determination within fourteen days of the date of request for such adjudication by any party.

9. Power of the WAWC Committee

- 9.1 The WAWC Committee shall have the widest and most absolute power and discretion relating to the Tournament or any matter or thing arising from or in connection with the Tournament and without limiting the foregoing it shall have the power and discretion at any time without giving or assigning any reasons therefore to:
 - (a) demand from any team any information of any nature relating to any matter or thing arising from any Match;
 - (b) demand the replay of any Match wholly or in part, and to alter or extend the place, day or time for the playing of any Match;
 - (c) suspend or disqualify a player from the Tournament as a result of a player's conduct or behaviour arising from or in connection with a Match; and
 - (d) impose penalties whether by fine, suspension or disqualification or by forfeiture of points for any non-compliance or breach of any of these rules and regulations including any Policy.

10. Dispute Resolution

- 10.1 Subject to these rules any dispute between Tournament participants must be referred for determination to the WAWC Committee in accordance with clause 10.2.
- 10.2 A referral under clause 10.1 must be made in writing and must contain a precise statement of the issue(s) in dispute, the relevant facts giving rise to the dispute, and be sent to the other party. The WAWC Committee must adjudicate upon any dispute referred to it for determination within fourteen days of the date of request for such adjudication by any party.

11. Interpretation of rules and regulations

- 11.1 To the extent that these Tournament Rules of Play conflict with the ITF Rules of Play, these rules will prevail.



- 11.2 Any question arising from or in connection with the WAWC or as to the interpretation or construction of these Rules and Regulations shall be determined by the WAWC Committee in their absolute discretion.
- 11.3 TA may alter or amend these rules and regulations from time to time without prior notice. If updated, every effort will be made to distribute an updated version of the rules and regulations to all teams.