

AO 2019 ASIA-PACIFIC WILDCARD PLAY-OFF FACT SHEET



Overview	<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 in Melbourne in January 2019 with the Australian Open Asia-Pacific Wildcard Play-off (AWP) taking place in Zhuhai, China. Main Draw Wildcards are on offer for Asia-Pacific's winning Singles and Doubles tennis players.</p>		
Eligibility	<p>The AWP is open to all Nationals from the Asia-Pacific region with a World Ranking of 105+ for Men and Women, excluding Australians. Players with a World Ranking of 1-104 for Men and Women may also apply for entry if they are concerned about any points they need to defend. They will need to contact the Tournament Referee for a special exemption 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 be entered and compete together at the AO. If this does not occur then the wildcard is no longer valid and will be returned. AO 2018 Doubles cut-off was 151 combined for Men and 143 combined for Women. All winners (Singles and Doubles) of the Wild Card Play-off will be listed on the Australian Open entry list. To be eligible to participate players must have at least one ATP / WTA Tour ranking point in singles or doubles.</p>		
Dates	<p>Qualifying Singles: Tuesday 27 November 2018</p>	<p>Main Draw Singles: Wednesday 28 November to Sunday 2 December 2018</p>	<p>Main Draw Doubles: Wednesday 28 November to Saturday 1 December 2018</p>
Venue	<p>Zhuhai Hengqin International Tennis Centre Hengqin Avenue, Hengqin New District Zhuhai, Guangdong Province, China 中国广东省珠海市横琴自贸区横琴国际网球中心</p> <p>http://www.ausopenwildcard.com</p>		
Prize Money	<p>Prize money (AUD) for the men's and women's singles is: W \$2,500, F \$2,000, SF \$1,500, QF \$1,000, 1R \$500 Prize money (AUD) for men's and women's doubles is: W \$1,500 per pair, F \$1,000, SF \$500, QF \$250, 1R \$125 Prize money will be paid in Chinese RMB on site.</p>		
Tournament Staff	<p>Tournament Director: Isabelle Gemmel Event Operations (China): Li Chunling (Mily)</p>	<p>igemmel@tennis.com.au lichunling@huafagroup.com</p>	<p>M: +61 403 895 177 T: +613 9914 4029 M: +86 139 2880 7484</p>
AO Referee	<p>Wayne McKewen wmckewen@tennis.com.au</p>		
Draw Size and Acceptance Criteria	<p>Singles: 16 Draw* - Direct – Top 8 ranked players - Wildcards – 4 players - Qualifiers – 4 players</p> <p>Singles Qualifying: 8 Draw* - Direct – Next 4 highest ranked players - Wildcards – 4 players</p> <p>Initial acceptance lists will be released on Tuesday 6 November 2018 and emailed to all entrants as well as being available at http://www.ausopenwildcard.com/. Final Acceptance List Tuesday 13 November 2018.</p> <p>* Entries based on Monday 5 November rankings. Seedings based on Monday 19 November rankings. All players must have an ATP / WTA ranking point (excluding wildcards) to be eligible.</p> <p>To Enter: please complete entry form at https://tatournaments.wufoo.eu/forms/ao2019-asiapacific-wildcard-playoff-entry-form/</p>		
Wildcards	<p>Main Draw Singles Wildcards – 2 CTA (host association) wildcards, 2 Tennis Australia wildcards (application) Qualifying Singles Wildcards – 2 CTA (host association) wildcards, 2 Tennis Australia wildcards (application) Doubles Wildcards - 2 CTA (host association) wildcards, 2 Tennis Australia wildcards (application)</p>		
Format Of Play	<p>Singles – Best of three (3) tie-break sets. 6 Balls – Ball Change 7/9 for main draw. Ball Change for 3rd set in Qualifying. Doubles – Best of two (2) tie-break sets, no-ad scoring, with a third set Match Tie Break if required. 6 Balls – Ball Change 7/9.</p>		
Entry Close Date	<p>Entries to be submitted online at https://tatournaments.wufoo.eu/forms/ao2019-asiapacific-wildcard-playoff-entry-form/ Entries close Monday 5 November 2018, 21:00 CST (GMT+8). Entry fee is AUD \$40 (200RMB) and includes one or two events (Singles / Doubles). Payment can be made online by credit card when signing up, or in cash on site. Email Inquiries: igemmel@tennis.com.au</p>		
Withdrawal Deadline	<p>Monday 12 November 2018</p>		
Surface	<p>Hard Court, Plexipave, AO Blue.</p>		
Ball	<p>Dunlop Australian Open</p>		

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Conduct and Behaviour	The tournament will be played under the Grand Slam Code of Conduct.
Practice Courts	Onsite from Sunday 25 November to Sunday 2 December, 9:00am–5:00pm. Contact: Sherry Wu T: +86139 224 18926 (available from 8:00 am until half an hour after the last match/last practice session).
Transport	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Tournament transport to and from tournament hotels and courts will be available from Monday 26 November until Sunday 2 December 2018. Players are responsible for making their own way to and from the airport / train station. Transport inquiries can be made to Sophie Zuo: E: tenniszhuhai@huafagroup.com or T: +86 189 2691 9944. The nearest mainland airport is Zhuhai Airport (Domestic only) located 60 minutes by taxi to the venue and hotel. Macau International Airport (MFM) is located 10km to the venue and hotel, with a border to be crossed. Hong Kong International Airport (HKG) has a ferry to Zhuhai Jiuzhou Port (approximately 45 minutes by cab to the venue and hotel). The ferry is approximately \$260 HKD / 210 RMB (\$33 USD) and taxi fare from port to venue and hotel is approximately 65-75RMB (\$9-\$11 USD).
Accommodation and Official Hotels	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Main Draw players will be entitled to room and breakfast accommodation for a minimum of two nights from the night before the Main Draw begins until the night of their final match in the tournament. Qualifying Players should book at the official hotels directly and will receive the accommodation benefits upon reaching the Main Draw. Qualifying players can access the official hotel and rates as listed. The official player hotel is: Chimelong Yinghai Hotel and Apartments (长隆迎海酒店公寓), No.1 Rainbow Street, Hengqin New District, Zhuhai City, Guangdong, China T: +86 756 299 3322 F: +86 756 299 8388 Website: http://www.yinghaiapartments.com/EN/ Price: King Room (Single or Double occupancy) including breakfast 398RMB (approx. \$59 USD) per night. Double / Twin Room including breakfast 398RMB (approx. \$59 USD) per night. Price range is based on availability. Accommodation Bookings should be made via the following online link: https://bit.ly/2COOmj0 Accommodation contact on site: Sophie Zuo E: tenniszhuhai@huafagroup.com or T: +86 189 2691 9944 Any accommodation booking, except for main draw players, will require payment of the first night's accommodation prior to arrival. Upon arrival, every room reservation will require a credit card guarantee for additional expenses. <i>All rooms must be confirmed a minimum of 10 days in advance to secure rate.</i>
Food and Beverage Welcome Dinner	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Buffet lunch can be purchased at the player restaurant on site at the cost of 90 RMB. Main draw players receive free lunch from start date of the main draw until elimination. A Player Welcome dinner will be held on Tuesday 27 November 2018 at 18:00, at the Chimelong Hengqin Bay Hotel. Transport to and from the welcome dinner will be provided.
Player Services	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Player Services is located in the tennis club house. Contact: Sherry Wu T: +86 13922418926
Physiotherapy & Massage Medical	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Physiotherapist / massage therapist will be available from the afternoon of Monday 26 November 2018. The official tournament doctor will be available on call throughout the tournament.
Stringer	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 (\$15 USD).
Media and Player Appearances	Main Draw players, if requested, will be required for a minimum two (2) media / PR appearances which may take place off site.
** VISAS **	<p>All players require a visa and should contact the Chinese consulate for information. A letter of invitation may be required and requests should be made online via the following web link: http://visa2019awp.mikecrm.com/yZ4oF5n</p> <p>Via the link, you will need to provide the following; first and last names, passport number, nationality, issuing country, affiliation (player, coach etc.), arrival date and departure date. For any further questions in relation to your visa letter, please CONTACT Name: Zuo Lingyuan (Sophie) Phone: +86 189 2691 9944 E-mail: tenniszhuhai@huafagroup.com</p> <p>Please note: 1. 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. 2. All the above information must be provided at a minimum of 20 days in advance of entry into China.</p>
Scoring and Streaming	Matches at the Tournament may be filmed and performance data may be collected by 3rd parties affiliated with the Tournament organisers for performance purposes, including data aggregation, augmentation, processing, analytics and research.