



2025 ASIA-PACIFIC WILDCARD PLAY-OFF FACT SHEET

OVERVIEW	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 2025 with the Australian Open Asia-Pacific Wildcard Play-off (AWP) taking place in Chengdu, China; with the support of the Chinese Tennis Association. Main Draw Wildcards are on offer for Asia-Pacific's winning Singles and Doubles tennis players.	
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.</p> <p>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 If this does not occur, then the wildcard is no longer valid and will be returned.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 2024 Doubles out-off was 140 combined for Men and 162 combined for Women.</p> <p>All winners (Singles and Doubles) of the Wild Card Play-off will be listed on the Australian Open entry list.</p> <p><i>To be eligible to participate players must have at least one ATP / WTA / ITF World Tour ranking point in singles or doubles.</i></p>	
DATES	Qualifying Singles Monday 25 November	Main Draw Doubles Tuesday 26 November to Friday 29 November
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VENUE	Sichuan International Tennis Centre, Chendu, China	
PRIZE MONEY	Prize money (AUD) for the men's and women's singles is: W \$3,000, F \$2,500, SF \$2,000, QF \$1,500, 1R \$500 Prize money (AUD) for men's and women's doubles is: W \$2,000 per pair, F \$1,500, SF \$1000, QF \$500, 1R \$250 Prize money will be paid in Chinese RMB on site.	
TOURNAMENT STAFF	Tournament Director & Event Operations: Todd Woodbridge Todda.woodbridge@tennis.com.au M: +61413270908 Tournament Organiser: Julia Tranter jtranter@tennis.com.au	
AO REFEREE	Wayne McKewen wmckewen@tennis.com.au	
DRAW SIZE AND ACCEPTANCE CRITERIA	<p>Singles: 16 Draw*</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Direct – Top 8 ranked players- Wildcards – 4 players- Qualifiers – 4 players <p>Singles Qualifying: 8 Draw*</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Direct – Next 4 highest ranked players- Wildcards – 4 players <p>Qualifying Singles Sign In Players on the qualifying acceptance list must sign in on site. Sign in closes Sunday 24 November 2024 at 16:00 CST (UTC+8). On-Site Alternates may sign-in.</p> <p>Initial acceptance lists will be released on Monday 28 October 2024 and emailed to all entrants as well as being available at http://www.ausopenwildcard.com Final Acceptance Monday 4 November 2024.</p> <p>* Entries based on Monday 4 November</p>	<p>Doubles: 12 Draw</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Direct – Top 8 ranked teams- Wildcards – 4 teams <p>Doubles Entries / Sign In Players may enter the doubles event via the entry procedure. Players' best singles or doubles ranking will be used for entry purposes. You may also sign in onsite; entries close Monday 25 November 2024 at 12:00 CST (UTC+8).</p> <p>Preliminary doubles lists will be posted on: http://www.ausopenwildcard.com as entries are received.</p> <p>Alternates / Lucky Losers: QUALIFYING ALTERNATES must sign-in at least 30 minutes prior to the relevant first scheduled QUALIFYING SINGLES matches on Monday 25 November 2024 and DOUBLES ALTERNATES at least 30 minutes prior to the relevant DOUBLES matches on Tuesday 26 November 2024.</p> <p>LUCKY LOSERS must sign-in at least 30 minutes</p>



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	<p>2024 rankings. Seedings based on Monday 18 November 2024 rankings. All players must have an ATP / WTA / ITF World Tour ranking point (excluding wildcards) to be eligible.</p>	<p>prior to the relevant first scheduled SINGLES match on Tuesday 26 November and Wednesday 27 November 2024..</p> <p>To enter for all tournaments: please complete entry form at https://tatournaments.wufoo.com/forms/ao2025-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 3 tie-break sets. The first 2 sets 7 point tiebreak at 6 games all. The final set 10 point tiebreak at 6 games all. 6 Balls – Ball Change 7 / 9 for main draw. Ball Change for 3rd set in Qualifying. Doubles – Best of 2 tie-break sets, no advantage 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.com/forms/ao2025-asiapacific-wildcard-playoff-entry-form/ Entries Close Monday 4 November 2024, 21:00 CST (UTC +*). 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 enquiries jtranter@tennis.com.au</p>	
WITHDRAWAL DEADLINE	<p>Monday 11 November 2024 23:59 CST (UTC+8)</p>	
SURFACE	<p>Hard Court</p>	
BALL	<p>Dunlop Australian Open</p>	
CONDUCT AND BEHAVIOUR	<p>The tournament will be player under the Grand Slam Code of Conduct</p>	
PRACTICE COURTS	<p>Onsite from Saturday 23 November to Saturday 30 November 2024 Practice Contact: TBA closer to the tournament</p>	
TRANSPORT	<p>Players are responsible for making their own way to and from the airport / train station. The Player Hotel is located within the Sichuan International Tennis Centre precinct so is walking distance to the courts.</p>	
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 can access the official hotel and rates as listed and will receive accommodation benefits once reaching the Main Draw. <p>Official Player Hotel: Sichuan Tennis International Hotel China, Sichuan, Chengdu, Shuangliu, 金河路66号 邮政编码: 610203 T: +86 28 8589 9999 Price: King or Twin Room 450RMB (approx.. 65USD) per night Accommodation booking requests should be made via the following link: https://tatournaments.wufoo.com/forms/asiapacific-wildcard-playoff/</p> <p>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></p>	



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FOOD AND BEVERAGE WELCOME DINNER	Meals on site will be provided by the tournament for all Main draw players from the start of Main Draw until elimination. A Player Welcome function will be held on Monday 25 November at a location TBC. Transport to and from the function will be provided if necessary.
PLAYER SERVICES	Player Services will be located on site during the tournament. For anything pre tournament please contact todda.woodbridge@tennis.com.au
PHYSIOTHERAPY AND MASSAGE MEDICAL	Physiotherapist / massage therapist will be available from the afternoon of Sunday 24 November 2024. The official tournament doctor will be available on call throughout the tournament.
STRINGER	Stringing will be available on site at a cost to players. String fees are to be paid directly to the stringer. Price TBC.
MEDIA AND PLAYER APPEARANCES	Main Draw players, if requested, will be required for a minimum of 2 media / PR appearances which may take place off site.
VISAS	All players should contact the Chinese consulate for information regarding your visa requirements. A letter of invitation may be required and requests can be made by emailing todda.woodbridge@tennis.com.au
SCORING AND STREAMING	Matches of the Tournament may be filmed and performance data may be collected by 3 rd parties affiliated with the Tournament Organisers for performance purposes, data aggregation, augmentation, processing, analytics and research.