

Australian Tennis Championships 2018

Tennis for people with an intellectual impairment

TOURNAMENT DETAILS

*Albert Reserve & Melbourne Park
Wednesday 24th – Saturday 27th January 2018*

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GENERAL INFORMATION

Organiser

Tennis Australia – www.tennis.com.au
Inas Sanctioned



Partners

Sport Inclusion Australia Inc.



Tournament Director

Nick Crispin

Assistant Director

Egon Loh



TAC Head Referee

Tony Warland

Dates/Times

Arrive:	9.30am	Wednesday 24 th January <i>or day before</i> Tuesday 23 th
Sign In/Registration:	9.30am	Wednesday 24 th January
Opening Ceremony:	10.30am	Wednesday 24 th January
Tournament:	11.00am	Wednesday 24 th to 5.00pm Saturday 27 th January
Official Function:	7.15am	Thursday 25 th January
Depart:	8.00pm	Saturday 27 th January

Venue

Albert Park Reserve, corner Hannah St & St Kilda Rd, MELBOURNE
Melbourne Park, Batman Ave, MELBOURNE

Surface

Plexicushion

Official Ball

Wilson

Series

This tournament is a Platinum level tournament. Points will be determined based upon the number of entries.

Events

This year sees the addition of a mixed doubles event. Please see prize money below for all events.

Prize money

AUD \$6,000 - The total prize money pool has been increased this year. The amounts have been declared and will not vary if the Australian Dollar appreciates or depreciates against other currencies.

Event	Winner	Runner-up
Men's & Women's Singles	AUD \$850.00	AUD \$400.00
Men's & Women's Doubles	AUD \$400.00 each	AUD \$250.00 each
Mixed Doubles	AUD \$300.00 each	AUD \$150.00 each

ELIGIBILITY

Players competing in the Australian Tennis Championships must be eligible according to Sport Inclusion Australia/Inas guidelines. If unsure, please contact the Sport Inclusion Australia office 03 5762 7494 immediately or download forms at www.sportinclusionaustralia.org.au

ENTRY FEE

Player Entry Fee AUD\$120 (incl. GST)

Includes:

- Entry fee (singles/doubles/mixed)
- Photo Accreditation including entry to Melbourne Park (Monday 22nd – Saturday 27th Jan)
- Transport (Between Airport, Parkview Hotel and Melbourne Park)
- Lunch from: Wed 24th - Fri 26th Jan*
- Player pack/gift
- Official Function (Thursday 25th Jan)

**Athletes still competing on Saturday 27th January will be provided lunch at Melbourne Park*

NOTE: Athletes that are competing in the finals will also receive **2** extra ground passes for supporters to enter Melbourne Park for Saturday 27th Jan. (Finalists in more than one event will still only receive 2 extra ground passes)

ENTRY SUBMISSION

Entries must be returned to Sport Inclusion Australia and received by **5.00pm, Friday 24th November, 2017**. Please ensure that you complete all forms and include payment of player fees **AUD\$120 (per player)** in order for your entry to be accepted.

Sport Inclusion Australia will then invoice you for any accommodation and additional purchases.

DRAW AND MATCH FORMAT

Matches will begin on Wednesday 24th Jan at 11:00am (AEDT).

Match Calls

Matches will be called from the tournament desk at Albert Park Reserve on the public address system. It is each player's responsibility to go to the court assigned upon hearing the match called.

Match Format

Men & Women Singles – one set, tiebreak at six games all.

Men & Women Singles Finals – best of three tiebreak sets. Third set a super tiebreak up to 10 points.

Men & Women Doubles – one set, tiebreak at six games all.

Men & Women Doubles Finals – best of three tiebreak sets. Third set a super tiebreak up to 10 points.

Mixed Doubles – one set, tiebreak at six games all.

Mixed Doubles Final – best of three short sets to four games, tiebreak at four games all. Third set a super tiebreak up to 10 points.

Daily Schedule

The schedule of play will be released by the Tournament Director. It will be posted online, on notice boards at Albert Reserve and available at St Kilda Road Parkview Hotel reception.

**Please be aware that ALL match times are approximations only and can vary on many factors including but not limited to weather, length of previous matches, court availability etc.*

PLAYER SERVICES

Accreditation*

- Accreditation will be distributed at Sign-In on Wednesday 24th Jan if not previously collected at Melbourne Park.
- Players may enter Melbourne Park at any stage during the period of their accreditation and will have the equivalent access of a ground pass. (Monday 22nd – Saturday 27th Jan)
- ONE supporter per competing athlete will be provided an accreditation pass to enter the grounds of Melbourne Park with their athlete between Monday 22nd – Saturday 27th Jan.
- Players competing in the finals on Saturday 27th Jan at Melbourne Park will be entitled to a maximum of **two** extra ground passes. Passes will be distributed at Albert Reserve on Friday 26th Jan.
- No additional accredited passes will be granted at a later stage - ground passes can be purchased at Melbourne Park on the day.

**All accreditation passes are non-transferable and must be worn at all times.*

Note: Supporters that are getting accreditation will need to supply their Date of Birth on the player form below and photo identification to Sport Inclusion Australia – these are essential for accreditation passes.

Practice

Practice courts at Albert Reserve may be available from Saturday 20th – Tuesday 23rd. Up until 6pm courts may be booked via contacting the AO practice desk on (03) 9914 4580. **You will be required to quote your accreditation number so please ensure you have collected your accreditation.** Further to this, there may be designated practice courts reserved for ATC players on Monday 22nd and Tuesday 23rd between certain times, however you will still have to call and be allocated a court through the AO practice desk – these times will be communicated with you closer to the event.

For practice after 6pm please email awebb@tennis.com.au who will advise of available times and courts – please mention you are part of the Australian Tennis Championships. Players can book a maximum of one hour per day.

Physiotherapist/Masseur

A physiotherapist will be available only for those athletes in need of medical attention at specified times.

Towels

Each player will be permitted a maximum of two towels per day. All towels must be returned at the end of each day and marked off by a member of staff. Charges will apply for unreturned or badly stained towels at AUD\$30 each.

Fluids – Players only

Water will be provided from Wednesday 24th – Sat 27th Jan. It is recommended that you bring your own sports drink powder or bottle. Alternatively, Powerade can be purchased from the Pro Shop Café.

FUNCTIONS

Official Tournament Function

The Official Tournament Function will be held at Parkview Hotel on Thursday, 25th Jan at 7.15am. Player guests are welcome at an additional charge of AUD\$35 (can be secured by indicating on the additional purchases form below). A buffet breakfast will be provided. It is recommended that all players attend. Due to demand and available space ONLY players and paying guests will be able to attend the function.

Ceremonies

The opening ceremony will be conducted at Albert Reserve on Wednesday 24th Jan at 10:30am (AEDT).

A presentation ceremony will follow the final match of the tournament on the afternoon of Saturday 27th Jan at Melbourne Park, at approximately 4:30pm.

ACCOMMODATION, TRANSPORT and MEALS

Accommodation – Room ONLY

Official Hotel: St Kilda Road Parkview Hotel
562 St Kilda Rd, Melbourne, 3004
Phone: (+61) 3 9529 8888

It is recommended that players and supporters stay at the official hotel from Wed 24th – Sat 27th Jan. To reserve your accommodation please complete the accommodation booking form. Additional nights' accommodation must be indicated on the booking form and will be added to your invoice.

Any additional costs (mini-bar, movies etc.) incurred must be paid on check out or direct to the hotel. BREAKFAST IS OPTIONAL (AUD\$20) – please tick booking form clearly if you would like breakfast at Parkview.

If you are sharing a room with another player or family – please indicate this on your accommodation form.

ROOM ONLY (PLAYER or SUPPORTER) – 3 nights	
Single	AUD \$597
Twin	AUD \$298.50 <i>per person</i>
Triple	AUD \$244 <i>per person</i>
Extra night rate: Additional nights are available – Mon 22nd, Tue 23rd and/or Sat 27th Jan	
Single	\$199.00 per room
Twin	\$ 99.50 per person
Triple	\$ 82.00 per person
Bedding Configurations	
Single	1 x King bed (1 person)
Twin	2 x Double or 2 x King singles (2 persons)
Triple	1 x Queen & 1 x Single (3 persons)

Transport

Official AO Transport will be provided for accredited players and immediate family members (travelling with athlete) and will be available to/from the airport and between Parkview Hotel and Melbourne Park. Athletes must provide their flight details and indicate their need for transport in the form below. Transport MUST be booked in advance.

Taxis are available at all times (24 hours) from the airport. Approximate taxi fare from the airport to the city is AUD\$75.

NOTE: Please book return flights on Saturday, 27th Jan (after 8:00pm) to accommodate for closing ceremony/function and presentations. Under no circumstances will matches be altered due to earlier flights.

Meals

Lunch packs will be provided at Albert Reserve from Wednesday 24th - Friday 26th January for all players. You can indicate on the form below your preference for lunch and any dietary requirements you may have. Additional lunch packs for supporters can be ordered and paid for via the additional purchases form. Lunch will be provided at Melbourne Park only for those athletes still competing on the day.

TOURNAMENT CONDITIONS

- The tournament will be conducted under the Rules of Tennis as approved by the rules and regulations of Tennis Australia.
- The 2018 Australian Tennis Championships is sanctioned by Inas, (International Sports Federation for Athletes with an intellectual impairment).
- Players are required to meet the eligibility criteria (Inas) to compete.
- Entries must be on an Official Entry Form and all entry fees must be paid and signed at the time of entry. No player shall be allowed to play in any event unless the entry fee has been paid.
- The Tournament Committee hereinafter referred to, as “the Committee” shall have the entire control and management of the Tournament.
- Play will commence punctually as notified each day. Whatever the state of the weather competitors must be on the grounds ready to play.
- If for any reason a match is not commenced at the time appointed, competitors must be ready to play immediately when called upon by the Referee. Any competitor being not ready or refusing to play 15 minutes from the time appointed, or when called upon by the Referee, may be disqualified from the event and the match awarded to their opponent if they are present and willing to play. Should either competitors or pairs be absent or refuse to play, either competitors or pairs may be disqualified from the event.
- Players must report to the tournament desk 15 minutes before scheduled match.
- No player should leave the tournament area without permission.
- The code of conduct as approved by Tennis Australia will be enforced during this tournament. By the way of entering this tournament, all players are bound by this code of conduct.
- The Committee reserves the right to cancel any event if the entry is deemed unsatisfactory or alter the type of match played.
- The Wilson Australian Open balls will be used throughout the event.
- The use of ripple or bar soled shoes, or heels, or spikes is prohibited.
- Recognised tennis costume must be worn. Coloured tennis garments and footwear may be worn at the discretion of the Referee. Any player while competing in a match shall not wear articles such as sweatshirts, dress shirts, tee shirts and Bermuda shorts. Tracksuits may be worn during the course of the match, at the discretion of the Referee. Prominent advertising or lettering in any form on tennis dress is not permitted, however, a small company logo, or a motif, measuring not more than two square inches may be approved.
- All players must abide by the Prevention for Heat Illness guidelines attached.
- The tournament desk will notify players of the time of their first match. Match schedules for the following day will be available from Tournament control from 8:00pm. It is the responsibility of all players to find out their following match times.
- Matches will commence at Albert Reserve on Wednesday 24th January 2018. Finals will be played at Melbourne Park on Saturday 27th January 2018.
- Depending on the number of entries the draws will be played as round robin or a compass draw. For example, if there are 16 players there will be four groups of four players in a round robin. The winners of each group will progress to the semi-final and the winners from the semi-final will go to the final.