

Postponement of Australian Ranking Tournaments

Effective immediately Tennis Australia and its Member Associations are postponing all Tennis operated events, competitions and tournaments until further notice.

Tennis has made the decision to take further precautions in the interest of the health and wellbeing of our community.

Our goal is to avoid bringing crowds together in order to help contain the spread of coronavirus (COVID-19) and minimise the inevitable strain on our healthcare system.

This decision is based on expert medical advice and is in line with the recommendations of the global tennis community.

We realise this may cause inconvenience in the short-term however, our objective is ensuring our community remains healthy and strong.

We will continue to keep you updated and thank you for your cooperation during this difficult time for all of us.

*Kind Regards,
Tennis Australia Tournaments & Officiating team*

Australian Ranking Tournaments 2020 Calendar

(January 1st to December 31st, 2020)

Australian Open / Australian Open Series Events

Australian Pro Tour

Australian Money Tournaments (AMTs)

Australian Junior ITF Tournaments (ITFs)

Junior Tournaments (JT) and Wheelchair Tournaments

Sorted by Calendar Month

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1) **CALENDAR UPDATES**

Updates to this calendar will be made on a weekly basis until the 25 November 2019 and then only on the following dates –

- (a) ~~Friday 6th March 2020~~ – after this date, no changes will be made for tournaments listed to start between 1st April – 30th June 2020
- (b) ~~Friday 15th May 2020~~ – after this date, no changes will be made for tournaments listed to start between 1st July – 30th September 2020
- (c) Friday 7th August 2020 – after this date, no changes will be made for tournaments listed to start between 1st October – 31st December 2020

Note – Australian Pro Tour events, National Junior Championships and Junior ITF's are subject to change outside of the above timelines. Please also note that major event movements can have an effect on AMT's and JT's placed as part of a circuit with these events. Tennis Australia aims to keep this calendar as up-to-date and as accurate as possible, however we recommend that when entering tournaments you refer to the details listed on <http://tournaments.tennis.com.au> and on the tournament fact sheet. Alternatively, contact the tournament director to confirm specific details.

2) **UPDATES TO ALSO OCCUR WEEKLY**

To gain inclusion on this calendar, tournaments had to apply and be approved by Tennis Australia and the relevant Member Association. In addition, those tournaments that were approved were required to submit a tournament match plan, a copy of the Tournament Director's Working with Children's card and a National Police Check. Tournaments also had to ensure that all outstanding invoices have been settled or in the process of being settled during 2020. Those tournaments that have not complied with this requirement are currently not being shown on the calendar. Once they submit these documents, we will publish their tournament on the calendar. Updates will occur weekly throughout October and November.

3) **ESTABLISHING THE TOURNAMENT STRUCTURE**

The goal of the Tournaments team is simplifying and improving the customer's tournament experience as well as competitive opportunities for aspiring Australian tennis players.

The Australian Money Tournaments (AMTs) and Junior Tournaments (JTs) are the cornerstones of the Australian Ranking system, which currently lists 4007 males and 2146 females based on performances in tournaments over the past 12 months. Alex De Minaur and Ashleigh Barty currently hold the title of Australia's top ranked male and female player.

Each year, discussions take place between Tennis Australia, its Member Associations and other key stakeholders to evaluate the Australian Ranking tournament structure. Using the insights of customers (parents and players), coaches, tournament organisers and officials, Tennis Australia will be reinforcing / implementing the following:

- Ensuring tournaments and competitions can successfully co-exist by separating them into specific blocks during the year (this will occur gradually in some areas of Australia)
- Junior Tournaments and low-level Australian Money Tournaments to avoid clashes with school days (limited exemptions will apply for national championship and international tournaments)
- Continue to have the Fast4 and Best of 2 scoring formats implemented for singles & doubles events at the Bronze AMT and Bronze & Silver JT levels to reduce the length of tournaments. Tournaments have the choice to implement a Fast4 scoring format. Fast4 tournaments are indicated with FAST4 at the beginning of the tournament name. EG **FAST4 - 2020 Bronze Ripper F4 AMT**
- Restrict entry numbers into Platinum and Gold AMT and JT events to ensure these events only cater for the high-performance player market
- Increase the amount of officials at tournaments, with tournaments required to nominate staff, club members or volunteers to undertake these roles for their events
- Each tournament will be required to submit a tournament match plan with their sanctioning application to help organisers better plan and schedule their tournament(s)
- Continue to trial the "First-In, First-Served" entry procedure at JT events (Silver/Bronze). These tournaments must either have applied for a "First-In, First-Served" tournament during the sanctioning process or requested to conduct a "First-In, First-Served" entry procedure through their relevant Member Association before the relevant entry open date of the tournament. "First-In, First-Served" tournaments are indicated with FIFS at the beginning of the tournament name and a double asterisks (**) at the end of the tournament name. EG **FIFS - 2020 Lauriston Junior Tournament****

Further detail regarding the above changes will be provided when the complete **2020 Australian Ranking Tournament Rules and Regulations** are released later in the year on <http://www.tennis.com.au/tournaments/officials/regulations>

4) MANDATORY ONLINE ENTRY & MY TENNIS MEMBERSHIP REQUIREMENT

It will continue to be compulsory for all players wishing to enter an Australian Ranking tournament (Australian Money Tournament or Junior Tournaments) to submit and pay their entry online via <http://tournaments.tennis.com.au>

It will also be a mandatory requirement for all players to have a valid *My Tennis* membership number, which are the 11-digit membership numbers that start with "61". To register or find your *My Tennis* number, please contact the Tennis Australia Customer Service team by phone: 1800 752 983.

Submitting entries online and ensuring every player is registered with a unique identifier will allow Tennis Australia to automate a number of tournament systems, including the Australian Rankings. Failure to submit your entry online or be registered with a valid *My Tennis* membership number may result in rejection of your entry or non-awarding of Australian Ranking points.

5) JUNIOR TOURNAMENTS

The tournaments under the Junior Tournaments will offer points across the 12/u, 14/u and 16/u age groups. Select tournaments will also offer points in the 18/u age group. The top level of tournament is the Australian Junior Championships in December and the Grasscourt and Claycourt Championships (12/u and 14/u age groups only) in April and October. These tournaments will be classified in the points table as Platinum events. The level of points then depreciate to Gold, Silver and Bronze, which offers the lowest amount of points within each age group.

6) AUSTRALIAN MONEY TOURNAMENTS

The hugely popular AMTs will continue to be spread across five tiers - Platinum, Gold, Silver and Bronze Series AMT's. The Platinum level tournaments will offer prizemoney between \$10,000 and \$20,000, \$7,500 (Gold), \$3,000 (Silver) and \$2,000 (Bronze). Each tier of AMT must adhere to strict minimum prizemoney distributions but can also go above this if they choose to. Select tournaments will also offer points in the 18/u age group, but no prizemoney.

7) DECEMBER SHOWDOWN 12/U, 14/U & 16/U STATE QUALIFYING EVENTS

Since its inception in 2008, the December Showdown has grown to become an integral part of the Australian tennis season with the purpose to offer an important competitive opportunity for athletes within each age group to showcase their abilities for the tennis community. In 2020, there will be additional opportunities for 12/u, 14/u & 16/u athletes around the country to earn a place into this prestigious event, by qualifying within their state.

The closed state qualifying events will not offer AR points, doubles or consolation events. Victoria, New South Wales and Queensland will offer draw sizes of 32 players, while South Australia and Western Australia will offer 16 positions into their state 12/u and 14/u qualifying events. While all above mentioned States will offer 16 positions into their 16/u qualifying event. Athletes will only be permitted to compete in their state of residency. More details and entries into these events will be available on the <http://tournaments.tennis.com.au> website.

Some states and territories will also schedule qualifying events for the 12/u & 14/u Australian Claycourt and Australian Grasscourt Championships during the year.

8) FAST4 TOURNAMENTS

To ensure that tennis tournaments remain an attractive product for all types of tennis players, Tennis Australia and its Member Associations will continue to promote a shortened tournament format at selected Bronze Series events in 2020. The objective of the Fast4 tournaments is to offer a product that reduces the commitment for everyone involved in what is now a fast-paced society.

The Fast4 tournaments will still offer Australian Ranking points as well as prizemoney. These tournaments are indicated with FAST4 at the beginning of the tournament name in this calendar, as per the example below:

FAST4 - 2020 Bronze Ripper F4 AMT

9) FIRST-IN, FIRST-SERVED ENTRY PROCEDURE

There are a number of tournaments that will be using the "first-in, first-served" entry procedure for 2020. A player's entry into an event is based on the timing of their entry. Once the allocated entry number has been reached no additional entries will be accepted for that event.

These tournaments are indicated in the Australian Ranking tournament calendar with an FIFS at the beginning of the tournament name and a doubles asterisks (**) at the end of the tournament name, as per the example below:

FIFS - 2020 Lauriston Junior Tournament**

AUSTRALIAN RANKING TOURNAMENTS

2020 Calendar

AO Series, Australian Pro Tour, ITF World Tennis Tour Juniors, Australian Money Tournaments, Australian Junior Tournaments & Australian Wheelchair Tournaments

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FAST4 - indicates tournaments that are using the FAST4 scoring format

FIFS and ** - indicates tournaments that are implementing the "First-In, First-Served" entry procedure



TOURNAMENT START DATE	TOURNAMENT FINISH DATE	QUAL	TOURNAMENT NAME	VENUE	STATE	TYPE	AMT	12/U	14/U	16/U	18/U	\$\$	SURFACE	ENTRY OPENING DATE	ENTRY CLOSING DATE
13-Nov-20	15-Nov-20		2020 Australian National Wheelchair Tennis Championships	Melbourne Park - National Tennis Centre	VIC	WC-AMT							Hard	01-Sep-20	02-Nov-20
15-Nov-20	17-Nov-20		FAST4 - 2020 Bronze Rocket F4 AMT	State Tennis Centre WA	WA	AMT	Bronze					\$2,000	Hard	04-Oct-20	05-Nov-20
16-Nov-20	20-Nov-20	Y	2020 Tennyson Classic AMT	Queensland Tennis Centre	QLD	AMT	Gold					\$7,500	Hard	05-Oct-20	02-Nov-20
23-Nov-20	26-Nov-20	Y	2020 Griffith University Open	Griffith University Tennis Centre	QLD	AMT	Gold					\$7,500	Hard	12-Oct-20	09-Nov-20
23-Nov-20	27-Nov-20	Y	2020 Victorian Hardcourt Championships	TBC	VIC	AMT	Platinum					\$15,000	Hard	12-Oct-20	09-Nov-20
DECEMBER															
28-Nov-20	06-Dec-20	Y	2020 Boroondara Champions AMT	Boroondara Tennis Centre	VIC	AMT	Silver				Bronze	\$3,000	Syn Grass	17-Oct-20	14-Nov-20
28-Nov-20	06-Dec-20		2020 Hume Tennis and Community Centre JT Silver Multi-Weekend	Hume Tennis and Community Centre	VIC	JT		Silver	Silver	Silver			Hard	17-Oct-20	14-Nov-20
29-Nov-20	03-Dec-20		2020 Australian Schools Tennis Challenge (ASTC)	Albury Tennis Association	NSW	JT							Natural Grass	Invite Only	Invite Only
05-Dec-20	07-Dec-20		2020 Shoalhaven Junior Championships	Shoalhaven District Tennis Association	NSW	JT		Bronze	Bronze	Bronze			Syn Grass	24-Oct-20	25-Nov-20
05-Dec-20	12-Dec-20	Y	2020 18s Australian Championships - December Showdown	Melbourne Park	VIC	JT					Platinum		Hard	01-Jul-20	09-Nov-20
08-Dec-20	13-Dec-20		2020 14s Australian Championships - December Showdown	Melbourne Park	VIC	JT			Platinum				Hard	01-Jul-20	25-Oct-20
11-Dec-20	13-Dec-20		FIFS - 2020 Bendigo Rising Sun Bronze JT & AMT**	Fosterville Gold Tennis Centre	VIC	AMT/JT	Bronze	Bronze	Bronze	Bronze	Bronze	\$2,000	Hard	30-Oct-20	27-Nov-20
11-Dec-20	14-Dec-20		2020 Wollongong Summer JT	Wollongong City Tennis Club	NSW	JT		Bronze	Bronze	Bronze			Various	30-Oct-20	01-Dec-20
12-Dec-20	16-Dec-20	Y	2020 Queensland Junior Teams Carnival	UQ - St Lucia	QLD	JT		Silver	Silver	Silver	Silver		Hard	31-Oct-20	28-Nov-20
12-Dec-20	15-Dec-20	Y	2020 MAPEI AMT Championships	Gold Coast Albert Junior Tennis Club	QLD	AMT	Bronze					\$2,000	Hard	31-Oct-20	28-Nov-20
13-Dec-20	16-Dec-20	Y	2020 Peake Gardens Gold AMT	Peake Gardens Riverside Tennis Club	SA	AMT	Gold					\$7,500	Hard	01-Nov-20	02-Dec-20
14-Dec-20	20-Dec-20		2021 Australian Open Wildcard Playoff	Melbourne Park	VIC								Hard	Invite Only	Invite Only
15-Dec-20	20-Dec-20		2020 12s Australian Championships - December Showdown	Melbourne Park	VIC	JT		Platinum					Hard	01-Jul-20	28-Oct-20
16-Dec-20	19-Dec-20		2020 East Fremantle Junior Tennis Classic	East Fremantle Lawn Tennis Club	WA	JT		Bronze	Bronze	Bronze			Various	04-Nov-20	06-Dec-20
16-Dec-20	18-Dec-20		2020 Northshore Open	Northshore Tennis Park	QLD	AMT	Bronze					\$2,000	Syn Grass	04-Nov-20	02-Dec-20
16-Dec-20	20-Dec-20		2020 16s Australian Championships - December Showdown	Melbourne Park	VIC	JT				Platinum			Hard	01-Jul-20	29-Oct-20
17-Dec-20	20-Dec-20		2020 Centrecourt Tennis Championships	Happy Valley Tennis club	SA	AMT/JT	Bronze	Silver	Silver	Silver		\$2,000	Hard	05-Nov-20	06-Dec-20
17-Dec-20	20-Dec-20		2020 Griffith University Age	Griffith University Tennis Centre	QLD	JT		Silver	Silver	Silver			Hard	05-Nov-20	03-Dec-20
16-Dec-20	19-Dec-20		FIFS - 2020 Northern NSW Championships - Coffs Harbour**	Westside Tennis Centre	NSW	AMT/JT	Bronze	Bronze	Bronze	Bronze	Bronze	\$2,000	Syn Grass	04-Nov-20	06-Dec-20
18-Dec-20	21-Dec-20	Y	2020 Macquarie Uni AMT 2	Macquarie Uni Tennis Courts	NSW	AMT	Silver					\$3,000	Various	06-Nov-20	08-Dec-20
19-Dec-20	21-Dec-20		FIFS - 2020 Frankston Junior End of Year Championships**	Frankston Tennis Club	VIC	JT		Bronze	Bronze	Bronze			En-Tout-Cas	07-Nov-20	05-Dec-20
19-Dec-20	23-Dec-20	Y	2020 Ballarat Open Platinum AMT & Gold 18s	Ballarat Regional Tennis Centre	VIC	AMT	Platinum				Gold	\$15,000	Hard	07-Nov-20	05-Dec-20
19-Dec-20	23-Dec-20	Y	2020 Excel WithUs Education Victorian Schoolboys & Schoolgirls Championships	Boroondara Tennis Centre	VIC	JT		Silver	Silver	Silver			Various	07-Nov-20	05-Dec-20
20-Dec-20	23-Dec-20		2020 Robertson Park Junior Tournament	Robertson Park Tennis Centre	WA	JT		Silver	Silver	Silver	Silver		Various	08-Nov-20	10-Dec-20
20-Dec-20	23-Dec-20		2020 Northshore Junior Age	Northshore Tennis Park	QLD	JT		Bronze	Bronze	Bronze			Syn Grass	08-Nov-20	06-Dec-20
20-Dec-20	23-Dec-20	Y	2020 Bathurst Summer Gold JT	Bathurst Tennis Centre	NSW	JT		Gold	Gold	Gold	Gold		Syn Grass	08-Nov-20	10-Dec-20
26-Dec-20	29-Dec-20	Y	2020 Elite Tennis International Gold AMT	Sunshine Coast Regional Tennis Centre	QLD	AMT	Gold					\$7,500	Various	14-Nov-20	12-Dec-20
27-Dec-20	31-Dec-20	Y	2020 Mt Lawley WA State Grasscourt Championships & Junior Silver	Mt Lawley Tennis Club	WA	AMT/JT	Gold	Silver	Silver	Silver		\$7,500	Various	15-Nov-20	17-Dec-20
27-Dec-20	29-Dec-20		FIFS - 2020 Essendon Junior JT**	Essendon Tennis Club	VIC	JT		Bronze	Bronze	Bronze			Various	15-Nov-20	13-Dec-20
27-Dec-20	29-Dec-20		2020 ETA AMT Bronze (December)	Mornington Tennis Centre	VIC	AMT	Bronze					\$2,000	Clay	15-Nov-20	13-Dec-20
27-Dec-20	29-Dec-20	Y	FIFS - 2020 SETA Tennis Academy EOY Classic BRONZE JT**	Dingley Tennis Club	VIC	JT		Bronze	Bronze	Bronze			En-Tout-Cas	15-Nov-20	13-Dec-20
27-Dec-20	30-Dec-20		FAST4 - 2020 Just 4 Tennis New Years Open**	Tea Tree Gully Tennis Club	SA	AMT/JT	Silver	Bronze	Bronze	Bronze	Bronze	\$3,000	Hard	15-Nov-20	16-Dec-20
27-Dec-20	30-Dec-20		2020 The Rockdale New Years Gift	Illawarra Tennis Centre	NSW	AMT	Bronze					\$2,000	Syn Grass	15-Nov-20	17-Dec-20
27-Dec-20	31-Dec-20	Y	2020 PMH Warrnambool Grasscourt Championships	Warrnambool Lawn Tennis Club	VIC	AMT/JT	Silver	Gold	Gold	Gold		\$3,000	Natural Grass	15-Nov-20	13-Dec-20
27-Dec-20	31-Dec-20	Y	2020 Victorian Grasscourt Championships	Geelong Lawn Tennis Club	VIC	AMT	Platinum					\$15,000	Natural Grass	15-Nov-20	13-Dec-20
27-Dec-20	31-Dec-20	Y	2020 Clarke and Humel Manly Seaside Championships	Manly Tennis Centre	NSW	AMT	Gold					\$7,500	Syn Grass	15-Nov-20	17-Dec-20