

2023
DECEMBER
SHOWDOWN

FEATURING THE AUSTRALIAN JUNIOR TOUR MASTERS

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16U AUSTRALIAN CHAMPIONSHIPS

- ✓ Singles – Qualifying (Stage 1): 11 December
 - ✓ Four Round Robin pools with three players in each pool. The top player in each round robin pool advance to the Main Draw (Stage 2)
 - ✓ Best of two (2) tie-break sets & 10-point match tie-break
- ✓ Singles – Main Draw (Stage 2): 12 – 16 December
 - ✓ Four Round Robin pools with four players in each pool. The top player in each round robin pool advance to the knockout stage
 - ✓ Best of two (2) tie-break sets & 10-point match tie-break
 - ✓ Best of three (3) tie-break sets for the Championship Draw
- ✓ Doubles – Main Draw: 12 – 16 December
 - ✓ Knockout draw, no match play
 - ✓ Best of two (2) tie-break sets & 10-point match tie-break. No-Ad scoring will be used

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2022 HONOUR ROLL

Event	Singles	Doubles
16U Girls' Champions	Gabby Gregg NSW	Bridget Mihulka VIC & Ava-Monet Sycamore NSW
16U Girls' Finalists	Gabrielle Villegas VIC	Cassidy Mataia QLD & Elim Yan SA
16U Boys' Champions	Thomas Gadecki QLD	Lachlan McFadzean NSW & Boyd Schreiber NSW
16U Boys' Finalists	Brendan Loh SA	Rohan Hazratwala QLD & Oliver James King QLD

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2023 CHAMPIONS PRIZES

- ✓ THE SINGLES champions of the 16U Australian Championships will be awarded
 - ✓ Australian Championships trophy & gift
 - ✓ Name etched on the perpetual trophy
 - ✓ Wildcards into Main Draw of the J300 Traralgon & AO24 Junior Championships
- ✓ THE SINGLES finalists of the 16U Australian Championships will be awarded
 - ✓ Australian Championships trophy & gift
- ✓ THE DOUBLES champions of the 16U Australian Championships will be awarded
 - ✓ Australian Championships trophy & gift
 - ✓ Name etched on the perpetual trophy
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 - ✓ Australian Championships trophy & gift

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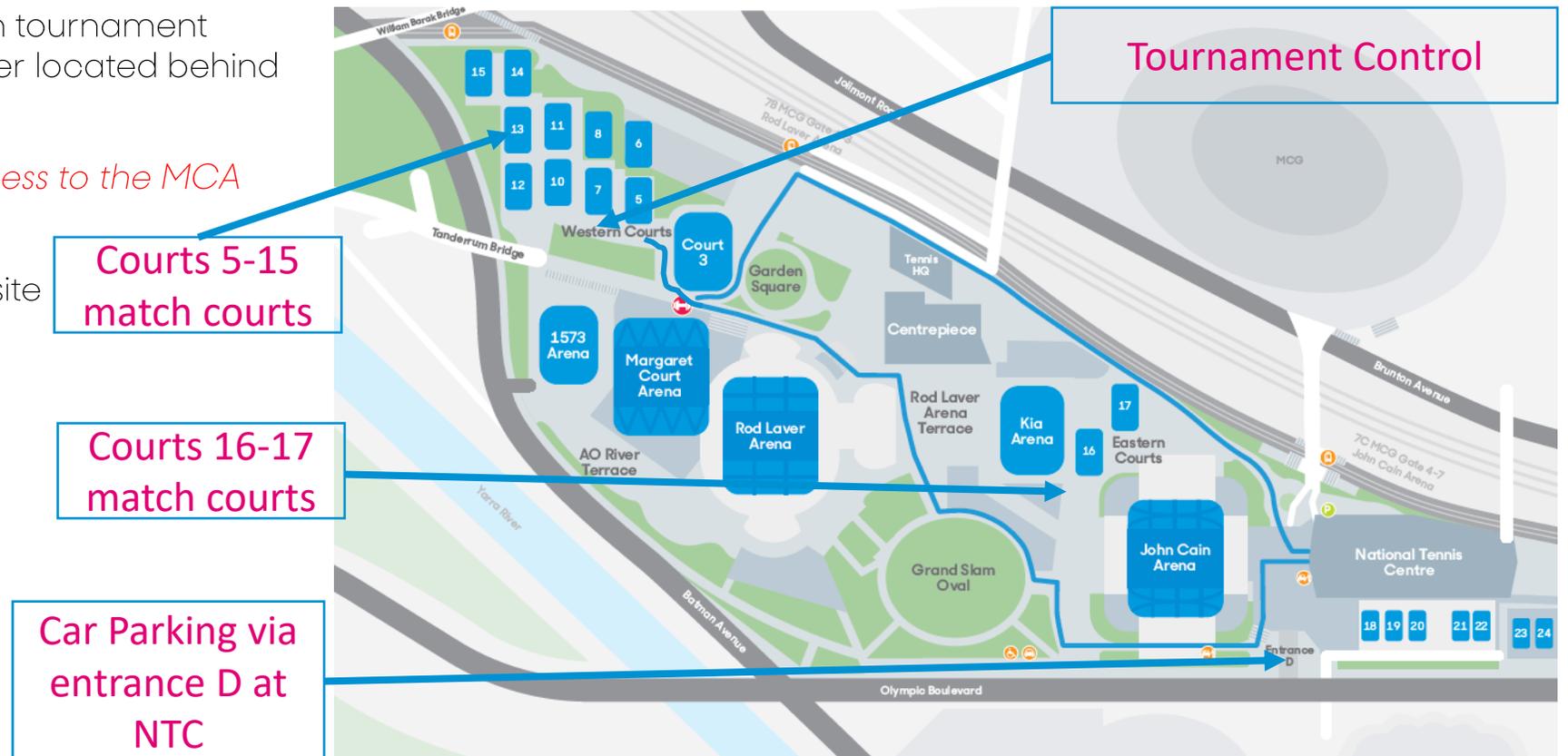


TOURNAMENT CONTROL

This year the December Showdown tournament control will be in a portable container located behind court 7 facing the MCA & Court 2.

PLEASE NOTE: We will not have access to the MCA undercroft area like previous years.

Player seating will be located opposite Tournament Control.



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VENUE SAFETY

- ✓ Please be aware that Melbourne Park will be in heavy construction mode during the December Showdown in preparation for the Australian Open 2024
- ✓ We ask all people coming onsite to take care when moving around Melbourne Park
- ✓ Always adhere to the signage around the Precinct
- ✓ If you see anything that does not look safe around the Precinct, please report it to Tournament Control immediately

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CAR PARKING

- ✓ We are encouraging all players, parents & coaches to utilise the public transport services available to and from Melbourne Park.
- ✓ The best drop-off and pick-up points are outside John Cain Arena on Olympic Boulevard.
- ✓ If you need to drive, car parking is subject to availability in the multi-level Eastern car park. You can access this via Entrance D off Olympic Boulevard.
- ✓ Be sure to turn right at the round-a-bout as there is no access if you turn left due to the AO Site build.
- ✓ Cost for "Non-Event" days is **\$7.50** but will increase to **\$30.00** per day when major events are held within the precinct.
- ✓ You can pre-book a car park on major event days for \$20.00 via the [prebooking link](#).

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PUBLIC TRANSPORT

- ✓ Tram – the number 70 tram (Waterfront City Docklands – Wattle Park) stops outside the City Entrance of Melbourne Park. Go to <http://www.yarratrams.com.au> to view the timetable or download the PTV or tramTRACKER App
- ✓ Train – Richmond Station & Jolimont Station are the closest train stations to Melbourne Park. Each station is a short 5-10 minute walk to Melbourne Park. Go to <http://metrotrains.com.au> to view the timetable or download the PTV App

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MELBOURNE PARK MAJOR EVENT DAYS

Date	Event	Location
10 December	Soccer – Melbourne United v Brisbane Bullets	AAMI Park
14 December	Basketball – SE Melbourne Phoenix v Melbourne United	John Cain Arena
16 December	Soccer – Melbourne Victory v Sydney FC	AAMI Park

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MAIN DRAW BENEFITS

Lunch Voucher

Main draw singles and doubles players will have access to a \$25 voucher each day they are still in the main draw to be used at the Tennis HQ Level 2 café.

Parent Coffee Card

As a thank you to your parents, they can access one coffee card for the duration of the tournament to be used at the Tennis HQ Level 2 café.

T-Shirt

All main draw players will receive a complimentary December Showdown player t-shirt, wear it with pride!

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DOUBLES PARTNER NOMINATIONS

- ✓ Doubles is compulsory for all players accepted into the Australian Junior Tour Masters
- ✓ There will be **NO** onsite sign-in for doubles
- ✓ Players must nominate via email decembershowdown@tennis.com.au their doubles partner
 - ✓ Noting that both players need to send through confirmation for the pairing to be confirmed
- ✓ Both nominations **MUST** be received prior to 12:00noon on Sunday 10 December
- ✓ Players not nominating a doubles partner will be allocated a partner as per the [2023 Australian Competitive Play Junior Regulations](#)

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CHAIR UMPIRES / BALLKIDS

- ✓ Tennis Australia will be aiming to employ Chair Umpires and Lines People for all 16U main draw matches at the December Showdown
- ✓ Whilst we will endeavour to have Chair Umpires for all 16U main draw matches, there may be some matches during the tournament that will be played without a Chair Umpire
- ✓ Please be aware of the specific procedures for matches played without a Chair Umpire via the following [link](#)

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MATCH PROCEDURES

- ✓ Check in at Tournament Control before your match
- ✓ Matches will be called directly to court
- ✓ Chair Umpires will meet players on court for the match
- ✓ PLAY THE MATCH
- ✓ Chair Umpire will collect tennis balls and report the score to Tournament Control
- ✓ Reminder to players to update the scoreboards on the court fence at the change of ends

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ORDER OF PLAY

- ✓ Each age group will be allocated a select number of courts to complete their matches each day
- ✓ Schedule will be presented in a court grid format, so you will follow matches on the court allocated
- ✓ However, be aware that court changes can occur throughout the day, so if leaving the venue for any reason, please check at Tournament Control to ensure no changes to the schedule are being made.

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TENNIS BALLS

- ✓ 2024 Dunlop Australian Open Official Ball
- ✓ Main Draw events will have 4 new balls at the start of each match, changed every 9 and 11 games
 - ✓ Chair Umpires will control the distribution of tennis balls
- ✓ Qualifying events will have 4 new balls at the start of each match, changed every 9 and 11 games
 - ✓ Chair Umpires will control the distribution of tennis balls

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TENNIS ATTIRE

- ✓ Please be sure to review the [Tennis Australia Dress code](#) before taking to the court
- ✓ As part of the education process of competing at an Australian Championships there might be some flexibility on the first day, but not for any following days

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CODE OF BEHAVIOUR

- ✓ The Tennis Australia Code of Behaviour: Competitive Play will be in use during this tournament
 1. Code Violation first offence – Warning
 2. Code violation second offence – Point Penalty
 3. Code violation third offence – Game Penalty
 4. Any subsequent offences – Game Penalty or Match Default
- ✓ Please show respect to your fellow competitors, tournament staff, officials and court service personnel. You are responsible for your own actions.
- ✓ If you are unfamiliar with the [Tennis Australia Code of Behaviour: Competitive Play](#) please review it before taking to the court

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SPORTSMANSHIP AWARDS

- ✓ Awards will be presented to players throughout the tournament that showcase the values of Compete, Commit and Respect.
- ✓ Recipients will be announced throughout and at the completion of the tournament.
- ✓ Nominations will be submitted by tournament officials or staff.
- ✓ If you see a player showcase the values of Compete, Commit and Respect, please bring this to the attention of the Tournament Staff.



COMPETE

- Fight for every point from start to finish
- Take responsibility for all of your actions - no excuses
- Focus on effort and finding solutions



COMMIT

- Work hard and dedicate yourself to every aspect of your journey
- Be willing to learn, accept feedback and implement with conviction
- Strive to be better every day and be courageous



RESPECT

- Show respect for yourself, opponents and people supporting you including family, coaches, peers, your team, officials and property
- Respect the game overall
- Respect your opportunity

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DAILY COMMUNICATIONS

- ✓ Players and their private coaches will be sent an email each night during the tournament, this will include
 - ✓ Updated draws and schedule
 - ✓ Important reminders
 - ✓ Warm up times / courts
 - ✓ Weather forecast
 - ✓ Event day reminders
- ✓ Please ensure to read these emails carefully as new details may be included each night

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LIVE SCORING

- ✓ You can view live scoring for the December Showdown for all matches that have a Chair Umpire
- ✓ Live scores will be available via the ScoreBuzzer App or the following website:

<https://tennisau.scorebuzzer.com/national-championships-2023>

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RESTRINGING SERVICES

- ✓ Tennis Lab will be providing restringing services
- ✓ Location will change, please be aware
 - ✓ 11 – 16 December POP UP service located behind court 5
- ✓ Operating Hours are 8:30am to 4:00pm each day
 - ✓ Estimated turnaround time is 6 hours
 - ✓ Racquets dropped off after 2pm will be ready the following day
- ✓ \$30 per racquet with own string

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PRACTICE COURTS

- ✓ There will be limited practice courts available at Melbourne Park during the December Showdown
- ✓ We will have limited access to practice courts at Albert Reserve during the tournament
- ✓ Resurfacing of the National Tennis Centre during week two of the December Showdown will be 11 – 16 December
- ✓ All practice bookings must be made through Tournament Control
 - ✓ Bookings will only be taken for the following day after 5pm when the schedule has been released

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MATCH FOOTAGE

- ✓ The Tennis Australia Performance Team will be recording matches at the December Showdown
- ✓ To gain access to the match footage, parents must activate a Swing Vision account
- ✓ As a one-off gesture on the part of Swing Vision, they have offered a one-time only USD50 reduction in the pro subscription which will now stand at USD100
- ✓ Some further details regarding how to sign-up and activate the USD50 discount be found here: <https://swing.tennis/c/tajunior50>
- ✓ The Tennis Australia Performance Team will be in a portable container located behind court 5 facing the MCA & Court 2 if you have any questions.

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PHOTOGRAPHER

- ✓ There will be official photographers taking photos throughout the tournament.
- ✓ These photographers will be identifiable via a media bib that they will be wearing.
- ✓ If you do not wish to have your photo taken, please notify either the Tournament Director or Referee before your match.
- ✓ We will endeavour to make these images available to players at the completion of the December Showdown via a shareable link.
- ✓ There will also be photos taken during the final's presentations.

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MEDIA / PUBLIC RELATIONS

- ✓ Tennis Australia media and public relations staff will also be on-site throughout the tournament and may ask you to participate in stories for the website or social media channels.
- ✓ This may occur after your match or any other time during the tournament.
- ✓ Don't forget to use *#DecemberShowdown* when promoting on your own social media channels throughout the tournament.

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SPORTS PHYSIOTHERAPISTS

- ✓ Will be located at the National Tennis Centre (NTC) in the classroom
 - ✓ For access enter the indoor court enclosure and the door is immediately to your left
- ✓ Priority Order during the tournament is as follows:
 1. Players with upcoming matches
 2. Players still in the tournament, but not playing
 3. Players out of the tournament
- ✓ The Physio team will be onsite one hour before play starts and up to 30 minutes after play finishes
- ✓ A roving Physio will be located at the Western courts while matches are in progress, their priority will be court calls only

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DEPARTURE TIMES

- ✓ Please provide this information to Tournament Control, especially if you have booked an early departure flight on the final day
- ✓ We will do our best to accommodate these requests, but please note that they can't always be honoured