

AO 2020 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 2020 with the Australian Open Asia-Pacific Wildcard Play-off (AWP) taking place in Zhuhai, 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.</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 If this does not occur, then the wildcard is no longer valid and will be returned.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 2019 Doubles cut-off was 141 combined for Men and 137 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 / ITF World Tour ranking point in singles or doubles.</p>		
Dates	<p>Qualifying Singles: Tuesday 03 December 2019</p> <p>Main Draw Singles: Wednesday 04 December to Sunday 08 December 2019</p>	<p>Main Draw Doubles: Wednesday 04 December to Saturday 07 December 2019</p>	
Venue	<p>Zhuhai Hengqin International Tennis Center Hengqin Avenue, Hengqin New District Zhuhai, Guangdong Province, China http://www.ausopenwildcard.com 中国广东省珠海市横琴自贸区横琴国际网球中心</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>Qualifying Singles Sign In Players on the qualifying acceptance list must sign in on site. Sign in closes Monday 02 December 2019 at 16:00 CST (UTC+8). On-Site Alternates may sign-in.</p> <p>Initial acceptance lists will be released on Tuesday 12 November 2019 and emailed to all entrants as well as being available at http://www.ausopenwildcard.com/. Final Acceptance List Tuesday 19 November 2019.</p> <p>* Entries based on Monday 11 November 2019 rankings. Seedings based on Monday 25 November 2019 rankings. All players must have an ATP / WTA / ITF World Tour ranking point (excluding wildcards) to be eligible.</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>		

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Entry Close Date	Entries to be submitted online at https://tournaments.wufoo.eu/forms/ao2020-asiapacific-wildcard-playoff-entry-form/ Entries close Monday 11 November 2019, 21:00 CST (UTC+8). Entry fee is AUD \$40 (200 RMB) 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: igemmel@tennis.com.au
Withdrawal Deadline	Monday 18 November 2019 23:59 CST (UTC+8).
Surface	Hard Court, Plexipave, AO Blue.
Ball	Dunlop Australian Open
Conduct and Behaviour	The tournament will be played under the Grand Slam Code of Conduct.
Practice Courts	Onsite from Sunday 01 December to Sunday 08 December 2019, 09:00–17:00 CST (practice bookings available from 08:00 CST until half an hour after the last match / last practice session). Contact: Sherry Wu T: +86 139 2241 8926
Transport	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Tournament transport to and from tournament hotels and courts will be available from Sunday 01 December until Sunday 08 December 2019. Players are responsible for making their own way to and from the airport / train station. Transport enquiries 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 45 minutes by taxi to the venue and hotel. Macau International Airport (MFM) is located approximately 15km to the venue and hotel but has a border to be crossed. Hong Kong International Airport (HKG) has a bus connection to Hong Kong-Zhuhai-Macau Bridge Hong Kong Port then either a bridge bus to Zhuhai Port or a ferry service to Zhuhai Jiuzhou Port. Taxis from both ports to the hotel take approximately 30 minutes and cost 50-60 RMB (\$7-\$9 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: Huafa Place (华发会展行政公寓), 1663 Yinwan Road, Wanzai, Xiang Zhou District, Zhuhai, Guangdong, 519030 China T: +86 756 681 9999 F: +86 756 681 6666 W: http://huafaplace.com/en/index.html Price: Business King Bed Room including 1 breakfast 500 RMB (approx. \$70 USD) per night. Standard Twin Room including 2 breakfasts 520 RMB (approx. \$73 USD) per night. Standard Suite (1 bedroom and 1 living room) including 1 breakfast 600 RMB (approx. \$84 USD) per night. Price range is based on availability. Accommodation Bookings should be made via the following online link: http://hotel2020awp.mikecrm.com/wbrKum0 Accommodation contact on site: Sophie Zuo E: tenniszhuhai@huafagroup.com or T: +86 189 2691 9944 Upon arrival, every room reservation will require a credit card guarantee for additional expenses. All rooms must be confirmed a minimum of 10 days in advance to secure rate.
Food and Beverage Welcome Dinner	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Buffet lunch can be purchased from Sunday 01 December to Sunday 08 December 2019 at the player restaurant on site at the cost of 100 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 03 December 2019 at 18:00 CST, at the venue TBC. Transport to and from the welcome dinner will be provided if necessary.
Player Services	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Player Services is located in the tennis club house. Contact: Sherry Wu T: +86 139 2241 8926
Physiotherapy and Massage Medical	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Physiotherapist / massage therapist will be available from the afternoon of Monday 02 December 2019. 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 100 RMB (\$15 USD) approximately.
Media and Player Appearances	Main Draw players, if requested, will be required for a minimum 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://visa2020awp.mikecrm.com/yZ4oF5n</p> <p>Via the link, you will need to provide the following: full name, affiliation (player, coach etc.), nationality, the location in which you will apply for your China visa and the arrival location into China, estimated arrival / departure dates and passport number.</p> <p>For any further questions in relation to your visa letter, please contact: Zuo Lingyuan (Sophie) T: +86 189 2691 9944 or E: tenniszhuhai@huafagroup.com</p> <p>Please note: All the above information must be provided 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 3 rd parties affiliated with the Tournament organisers for performance purposes, including data aggregation, augmentation, processing, analytics and research.