

# **Event Regulations**

#### **Event Cancellation**

Please note that the event is subject to cancellation, either due to unavailability of Australian Open players, weather or scheduling issues that may arise.

### **Acceptance Criteria**

Tennis Australia will have full discretion on determining the 16 players (8 Male and 8 Female) that will be invited to compete. Tennis Australia will consider player entry submission, UTR, Age, Gender, whether the player is in good standing, as well as any other criteria that is justified.

### **Eligibility**

To be eligible to compete in the AO25 1 Point Slam, players must have the following:

- Competitive Player Profile (CPP) This can be obtained by going to https://www.tennis.com.au/competitiveplay/competitive-player-profile
- Be 14 years of age or older as of 9 January 2025
- Have a current active Universal Tennis Rating of 4.0 or higher
- Be in good standing with Tennis Australia and its Member Associations.

#### **Prizes**

The overall winner of the AO25 1 Point Slam will receive AUD\$60,000. Any other prizes that will be made available will be communicated prior to the start of the event.

#### **Travel and Accommodation Costs**

Participants are responsible for any costs associated in participating in the event. This includes flights, car and accommodation expenses if travelling from outside of Melbourne.

### **Australian Open Accreditation / Ground Passes**

Participants will be provided with a one-day accreditation pass for the Australian Open to compete on Thursday 9 January, subject to acceptance and compliance of the Australian Open's accreditation conditions, which will be provided at the time of collection. 2 family members / player support team members will be given ground pass accreditation/tickets to support on the day.

#### **Playing Conditions**

There will be a coin toss before each match. The winner will have the choice to determine if they will serve or receive.

The winner of the point will be determined by the chair umpire. No appeal will be permitted.

Amateur players will be allowed to have 2 serves. Professional players will only be allocated 1 serve.

Apart from the above, all other rules of tennis will be adhered to in determining the outcome of each point.



#### **Draw Format**

The draw format will be a 32-player elimination draw.

The 16 amateur players will be matched up with the 16 professional players in Round 1.

Winners will move through the draw until an overall winner is determined.

#### **Seedings Criteria**

Seedings will be prepared in line with the most recently available verified UTR Ratings (released weekly on a Tuesday).

#### **Scheduling**

All matches will be played on Thursday 9 January. Players must be available for the whole day with scheduled match times and any media commitments pre and post event to be communicated prior to the day.

Match times are fixed by the event director and are not negotiable. All players entering an event are considered available to play all times throughout the published dates and times of the event.. It is each player's responsibility to find out when they are required to play. This information will be published on the <u>tennis.com.au website</u>. If you have not been informed via the website when you are playing within 48 hours of the start of the event, please contact the event director.

## Wildcards

The event organiser reserves the right to issue wildcards, in accordance with the Tennis Australia Competitive Play Regulations. These documents can be found on the tennis.com.au website.

#### Withdrawal Process

All withdrawals must be submitted by the player in writing (via email) or via the player's account in which they entered the event. Events need not issue a refund if the withdrawal procedure is not followed. Withdrawals via SMS will NOT be accepted. All withdrawals after the withdrawal deadline will be issued with a code violation and/or disciplinary points. Further information on the withdrawal process can be found on the tennis.com.au website.

#### **Tennis Etiquette**

All players are expected to follow the basic tennis etiquette:

- Players are expected at all times to shake hands or tap racquets with their opponent(s) at the completion of a match.
- Players (normally the server) are expected at all times to calling the score aloud before each point is played.
- Players are expected at all times to call aloud if the ball is out. If hand signals are
  used to call the status of the ball, they should only be used as a secondary
  notification after the physical calling of the ball.
- Do not enlist the aid of spectators, including parents, coaches in making line calls, or attempting to determine the score or other on-court matters.
- Wait until a point is over before walking behind a court where a match is in progress.



- To retrieve a ball from another court or to return a ball to another court, wait until the players have completed a point.
- Do not stall, sulk, complain or practice gamesmanship.
- In doubles, when returning service, the partner of the receiver should generally call the service line. The receiver should generally call the centre and side service lines. The call needs to be loud enough to stop their opponents/partner playing.

It is recommended that all player/parents/guardians/coaches watch the following <u>tennis</u> etiquette video.

### **Spectator Behaviour**

You should inform your supporters of Tennis Australia's expectations regarding spectator behaviour. You are responsible for the conduct of your supporters. Inappropriate spectator behaviour may result in disciplinary action in accordance with the <a href="Code of Behaviour:">Code of Behaviour:</a>
<a href="Competitive Play">Competitive Play</a>
including denial of entry to future events in Australia. Regulated spectator behaviour includes, but is not limited to, behaviour at tennis venues, event hotels and in transport vehicles.

### **Complaints**

If you are unhappy with any matter in connection with the event, you may raise the matter verbally with the event director or referee. If you are still not satisfied, a written complaint may be lodged with Tennis Australia using the <u>contact us form</u>. Tennis Australia will determine what further action, if any, should be taken, including referring the matter to another party such as a club/centre, member association or the Tennis Australia Integrity team. For the avoidance of doubt, the results of all matches connected to the complaint will stand in any event.

#### Liability

All players who enter this event use the venue and compete at their own risk. Neither the event, its officials nor the venue, its staff, management or committee will be responsible for death, personal injury, or loss of or damage to property whether occurring on the premises or otherwise.

#### Ownership

Ownership of the event lies with Tennis Australia. Any correspondence in relation to the event shall be directed to Tennis Australia.

#### **Rules Governing the Event**

The event is sanctioned by Tennis Australia and will be run in strict accordance with the Australian Competitive Play Junior Regulations or the Australian Competitive Play Open Regulations, including the Code of Behaviour: Competitive Play (as each may be amended from time to time). By submitting an entry to this event you acknowledge and agree that you are subject to the Regulations of Tennis Australia including the application of the Australian Competitive Play Regulations (including the Code of Behaviour: Competitive Play, the uniform tennis anti-corruption program, anti-doping policy, the Tennis Australia member protection policy and any other policy, rule, procedure or regulations of which Tennis Australia may notify the relevant club/centre/association from time to time).

The event committee may alter or add to these rules in which case they will post written details on the event notice board and/or the tournament website. The event referee shall however have general discretionary powers in interpreting any rule or regulation relating to the event and in situations not specifically covered by any applicable rules or regulations governing this event.



### **Safeguarding Information**

Tennis Australia is committed to ensuring the sport of tennis is a safe and friendly environment for children and young people.

The event referee will be a Tennis Australia Officiating Member who will act as the events welfare officer. If you have any concerns regarding a child or adult at risk, or anyone's behaviour towards a child or adult at risk during the event you can speak to the event referee, event director or the Tennis Australia Integrity Team directly by reporting a safeguarding concern.

For further information on safeguarding, including information for young people on competing and information for parents can be found on the <u>tennis.com.au website</u>.

## **Refusal of Entry**

Tennis Australia or the respective Member Association reserve the right to refuse a player or other participants entry into Australian Competitive Play Events and/or venues for such an event where Tennis Australia or that Member Association determines that the applicable player or participant:

- Is currently suspended by Tennis Australia, a Member Association, the ITF, or another applicable tennis authority, or has any outstanding financial liability or otherwise to any of these organisations, or is otherwise ineligible under any applicable code, rule, regulation, policy or procedure.
- Is not of good standing or character or has or will likely embarrass or bring into ridicule or disrepute Tennis Australia, the Member Association, the applicable event and/or the sport of tennis.
- Has failed to comply with any conditions of entry or other applicable rule, regulation, policy or procedure from the respective Member Association, providing that Tennis Australia has approved any such Member Association decision to refuse a player or participant's entry
- Is not permitted to play in an event for prize money as a result of visa conditions imposed on them by the Australian Immigration Department or is otherwise not permitted to play in an event as a result of conditions imposed by the police, any other government authority or court of law.

### **Data Protection Statement/Privacy Policy**

In addition to any specific consent provided under these conditions, you consent to the collection, storage, use and disclosure of your personal information in accordance with TA's Privacy Statement (http://www.tennis.com.au/privacy-statement) and Privacy Policy (http://www.tennis.com.au/privacy), which contains information about how you may access and seek correction of your personal information, how you can complain about a breach of your privacy rights, and how a complaint will be dealt with. Any personal information shared by TA to M&OP will be handled in accordance with M&OP's Privacy Policy (https://mopt.com.au/privacy/).



## **Emergency Medical Treatment Provision**

In consideration of Tennis Australia or the Event Host accepting your entry into an endorsed event, you:

- consent to the Event Host or TA's doctors and other health service providers (including but not limited to primary health care providers and physiotherapists) consulting with, screening and treating you, and providing emergency assistance or transport
- agree to pay any costs accumulated from the use of such health service providers during the course of the event, unless agreed otherwise.

Further information is set out in more detail in our entry terms and conditions on the tennis.com.au website.

## Media & Photography Policy

By entering you acknowledge that you may be involved in any filming of, and publicity connected with, the event, including on-court video recording, media interviews, photographs, TV footage, and live streaming of matches. You grant and assign to TA and its commercial partners the right in perpetuity throughout the world to make, use, show and reproduce moving pictures, still pictures and live, taped or filmed television, sound recordings and any other reproductions of any description of you during or in connection with the tournament. You agree that your name, voice, likeness, image and biographical material may also be used and reproduced in any way for the purpose of providing information and news in relation to the tournament, audio visual coverage, distribution and broadcast of the tournament, archival purposes, and publicising, promoting and advertising TA and the tournament. You acknowledge and agree that this usage, including for commercial purposes, is without compensation or notice to you, heirs, executors, administrators or assigns.

Unofficial photography and video recording is not permitted without the prior consent of the event referee, any players involved in such photography/video footage and (in the case of players under 18 years of age) their parent or legal guardian. To avoid disruption to play, requests must be made with sufficient notice as consent will not normally be sought from players once a match (including warm-up) has commenced.

Further information is set out in more detail in our entry terms and conditions on the tennis.com.au website.