

**CITY OF PLAYFORD
TENNIS
INTERNATIONAL
BALLKID PROGRAM
PROGRAM OUTLINE**



Welcome

Welcome and thank you for your interest in the City of Playford Tennis Ballkid Program. In this booklet, you will find all of the relevant information for the upcoming event, as well as the expectations of ballkids as they move forward in the process.

City of Playford Tennis International

Tennis SA and Tennis Australia, in conjunction with the City of Playford, TennisGear and Playford Tennis Club, will host the Australian Pro Tour event from Monday 31 December 2018 to Sunday 6 January 2019.

The brand new international-standard Playford City Tennis Centre will once again play host to the combined Men's Challenger and Women's ITF Futures tournament following an extremely successful inaugural event in January 2018.

The event has in the past attracted the likes of world No.35 Daniil Medvedev (RUS), former world No.2 Vera Zvonareva (RUS) and South Australia's very own world No.160 Alex Bolt.

Selection and training process

1. Expressions of interest

Children are required to register by emailing saballkids@tennis.com.au. Registrations close on **Friday 19 October**.

2. Trial

Children will be required to attend a trial on Sunday 4 November.

Date: Sunday 4 November

Time: 9.30 am-11.30 am

Venue: Playford City Tennis Centre, Spruance Road, Elizabeth East

What to bring:

- Non-marking shoes (running/street shoes are not acceptable)
- Comfortable leisure/sports clothing is to be worn
- Hat
- Water bottle

3. Training days

The squad will be required to attend the following training days:

Date: Sunday 18 November

Time: 9.30 am-12.00 noon

Venue: Playford City Tennis Centre, Spruance Road, Elizabeth East

Date: Sunday 9 December

Time: 9.30 am-12.00 noon

Venue: Tennis SA Centre Courts, War Memorial Drive, North Adelaide

What to bring:

- Non-marking shoes (running/street shoes are not acceptable)
- Comfortable leisure/sports clothing is to be worn
- Hat
- Water bottle
- Tennis racquet

It is recommended that ballkids access additional training materials prior to these training days, available at:

- www.worldtennischallenge.com
- <http://ballkids.tennis.com.au/>

Event schedule

The City of Playford Tennis International is held over seven days, with approximately 60 Ballkids required for the tournament. The first five days of the tournament are particularly busy, with up to nine courts in play around the venue.

Prior to the tournament, there will be an opportunity to advise your availability however it is expected that all Ballkids will make themselves available as reasonably possible for these days. Many hands make light work!

Ballkids are generally required on site from 9.30 am, until the end of play. Times vary from day-to-day depending on the match schedule.

A typical Ballkid day would like something like this:

9.30 am - Sign in with Ballkid Managers

9.40 am - Ballkid briefing

10.00 am - Matches start (45 or 60 minute shifts depending on weather conditions)

6.00 pm (approx.) - Matches finish

Lunch, snacks and water will be provided throughout the each day.

Communication

Prior to the tournament, communication to Ballkids will be via the saballkids@tennis.com.au email address, however during the tournament we recommend that all parents download What's App for more immediate daily group updates.

Uniforms

All Ballkids will receive a Pro Tour polo shirt and hat. Black shorts or skirt should be worn with provided uniform items, along with predominately white tennis shoes.

Inclement weather

In the event of inclement weather, please keep an eye on your emails for updates regarding cancellations, changes to sign in times, etc.

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