



Australian Open Junior Championships 2008

Melbourne Park, Victoria, Australia

Fact Sheet

TOURNAMENT:	Australian Open Junior Championships (AOJC)	
DATE:	Qualifying: Thursday 17 th & Friday 18 th January 2008 Player Meeting: Saturday 19 th January at 5:30pm at the Bayview on the Park Hotel (official hotel) Main Draw: Sunday 20 th January – Saturday 26 th January 2008	
STATUS:	ITF Grade A Junior Grand Slam	
ENTRY CLOSE:	Friday 7 th December 2007	
VENUE:	Boys & Girls Qualifying:	Thursday 17 th & Friday 18 th January 2008 Nottinghill Pinewood Tennis Club 1 – 5 Baker Ave GLEN WAVERLEY
	Main Draw:	Sunday 20 th January – Saturday 26 th January 2008 Melbourne Park Batman Avenue MELBOURNE
TOURNAMENT OFFICE:	AOJC Tournament Office Basement level - Vodafone Arena Melbourne Park	
PHONE:	Tennis Australia: +61 3 9914 4198 AOJC Tournament Office (from 19 th January): +61 3 9914 4575	
EMAIL:	fsoyer@tennis.com.au	
WEBSITES:	www.aonline.org/junior or www.tennis.com.au	
EVENTS DRAW SIZE:	Boys Singles Qualifying	32
	Boys Singles Main Draw	64
	Boys Doubles	32 pairs
	Girls Singles Qualifying	32
	Girls Singles Main Draw	64
	Girls Doubles	32 pairs

SIGN-IN:	<p>Qualifying - Sign-in 9.00am – 3.00pm <u>Wednesday 16th January 2008</u> Nottinghill Pinewood Tennis Club</p> <p>Main Draw Singles - There is no sign-in for Main Draw Singles.</p> <p>Doubles - Sign-in opens 10.00am <u>Thursday 17th January 2008</u></p> <p>Sign-in closes 1.00pm <u>Sunday 20th January 2008</u> AOJC Tournament Office Vodafone Arena, Melbourne Park</p>
ELIGIBILITY:	<p>To be eligible to enter the 2008 Australian Open Junior Championships, you must be a minimum of 13 years of age at the time of the tournament and 18 years old or younger (born between <u>1st January 1990 and 31st December 1995</u>).</p> <p>Please note – International players must provide their passports at sign-in to verify your date of birth and nationality. Players will not be able to sign-in without the passport being seen.</p>
ACCEPTANCES:	<p>46 direct acceptances (based on ITF World Junior Rankings) 2 Special Exempt Positions 8 Wildcards 8 Qualifiers</p> <p><u>Doubles Acceptances (32)</u> 28 Direct Acceptances (based on combined ITF World Junior Rankings & draw status) 4 Wildcards</p> <p>To determine whether you have been directly accepted or on the qualifying or alternate list, you MUST check the player acceptance list on the Tennis Australia website (www.tennis.com.au > tournaments > juniors > acceptances), at the following link on or after Wednesday 12th December 2007 at 2pm AEDST.</p>
PLAYER MEETING:	<p><u>ALL</u> players must attend the pre-tournament Player Meeting at 5.30pm on Saturday 19th January at the Bayview Hotel (official hotel for the Australian Junior Open). The draw and schedule for the first day of play will be released at this meeting.</p>
BALLS:	Wilson Australian Open Tennis Ball
SURFACE:	Plexicushion
MATCH COURTS:	Up to 12 Plexicushion

PRACTICE: Plexicushion practice courts will be available, weather permitting, from Saturday 19th January 2008 at Albert Reserve, cnr St Kilda Rd and Hanna St, Melbourne and Melbourne Park (see bus timetable on Pg: 7). Bookings can be made directly through the Junior Practice desk at Melbourne Park from Saturday 19th January 2008 at 9:00am.

Practice balls will be available upon request at the Junior Practice desk or on site at Albert Reserve.

Prior to these dates practice is available at Nottingham TC, venue of the Optus Nottingham International (ITF Grade 1 event) as well as at the practice venue for this event. Bookings for these practice courts can be made at the Nottingham Tennis Club.

AOJC TOURNAMENT DIRECTOR: Francis Soyer

AUSTRALIAN OPEN REFEREE: Wayne McKewen

AOJC REFEREE Scott Ray

AOJC ASSISTANT REF. Lisa O'Shea

ASSISTANT TOURNAMENT DIRECTORS TBC

PRACTICE DESK TBC

DAILY ALLOWANCES: Each main draw player and official National Federation coach staying at the tournament hotel is entitled to the daily allowance to cover accommodation, breakfast and dinner commencing Saturday 19th January, until and including the day the player is eliminated from the tournament. The allowance is based on 'twin-share' accommodation.

Daily allowances are available to a maximum of two coaches, one boy's coach and one girl's coach, per Federation. Only coaches nominated by their Federation and whose application is received by Friday 7th December 2007 will be granted hospitality. No other coaches or accompanying persons shall be guaranteed hospitality.

Each player and coach is responsible for paying their own hotel account. Daily allowances will be paid upon presentation of the paid hotel account to the Tournament Director. Hotel accounts must be in the name/s of all persons seeking daily allowance payments and must be received before Saturday 26th January 2008.

Request for daily allowances at hotels other than the tournament hotel will be considered individually. Daily allowances are not available to players who live in Melbourne or who are staying privately with families.

MEALS: A meal allowance of \$35 per day will also be placed on players' accreditation commencing **Sunday 20th January 2008**, until and including the day the player is eliminated from the tournament.

Photo passes must be shown for each food purchase. Once the daily allowance has been spent the difference must be paid for in cash.

WITHDRAWALS: **Main Draw Withdrawal Deadline is 5.00pm (AEDST) Saturday 5th January 2008**

Qualifying players may withdraw without penalty up until qualifying sign-in, providing that the Tournament Director/Referee is informed. Late withdrawals will be penalized on accordance with the Junior ITF Code of Conduct. All withdrawals must be made in writing, by facsimile to Francis Soyer at Tennis Australia on +61 3 9650 1040 or e-mail: fsoyer@tennis.com.au

Players are advised to keep a paper copy of any withdrawal made. It is the responsibility of the sender to ensure that the withdrawal has been received.

ACCOMMODATION: Bayview on the Park Melbourne has been designated as the AOJC Official Tournament Hotel. It is very close to Albert Reserve practice courts, opposite Albert Park Lake and golf course and is offered at a very attractive rate

TO BOOK YOUR ACCOMMODATION

To reserve accommodation please complete the accommodation booking form online via the website – www.aonline.org/junior by Friday 7th December 2007.

Bay view on the Park, Melbourne (4 Star)
52 Queens Road
MELBOURNE
Phone: +61 3 9243 9999 or Fax: +61 3 9243 9800

Single	AUD\$110.00 (incl. GST) per night
Double/Twin	AUD\$110.00 (inc. GST) per night
Triple (limited availability)	AUD\$137.50 (incl. GST) per night

Each player is responsible for paying their own hotel account. Approval for the issue of daily allowance cheques will be given upon presentation of the paid hotel account to the Tournament Director. Accommodation accounts must be in the names of all persons seeking daily allowance payments.

PLAYER MEETING / PARTY: The player party will be held on Saturday 19th January 2008, from 5.30pm in conjunction with the Player Meeting at the Bayview on the Park (tournament hotel).

Players and Coaches can sign-up to attend the party at the tournament desk located at the Nottingham Pinewood Tennis Club up until Friday 19 January. The player party will be held at Bayview on the Park, the tournament's official hotel. The function will conclude by 9.30pm.

IPIN	<p>Effective from the first tournament of the 2008 ITF Junior Circuit, it is a <u>compulsory</u> requirement for all players entering and participating in ITF Junior Circuit tournaments to have an IPIN and to have paid an annual IPIN membership fee.</p> <p>The cost to a junior player for an IPIN Membership is US\$20.00 per year. Any junior player who wishes to compete on an ITF Pro Circuit tournament will have the option to pay the full IPIN membership fee, which is US\$45.00, at the start of the calendar year or can upgrade to this level at any stage during the year by paying the US\$25.00 difference.</p> <p>Players must register for their IPIN at www.itftennis.com/IPIN and pay the fee using a credit card. Players will be able to register for their IPIN and pay the IPIN membership fee from December 2007.</p> <p>Any player (including on-site alternates) who enters a tournament without a valid IPIN and without paying the IPIN membership fee will have his/her entry <u>rejected</u>.</p>						
CODE OF CONDUCT	<p>The ITF Code of Conduct will be used during the tournament. The point penalty schedule for violations is:</p> <table border="0" style="margin-left: 20px;"> <tr> <td>First Offence</td> <td>Warning</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Second Offence</td> <td>Loss of point</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Third Offence</td> <td>Game</td> </tr> </table>	First Offence	Warning	Second Offence	Loss of point	Third Offence	Game
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LUCKY LOSER	<p>Players who lose in qualifying, but who wish to be considered for any lucky loser positions in the Main Draw Singles, must sign-in and obtain Lucky Loser details at the qualifying venue on Friday 18th January 2008.</p>						
SINGLES QUALIFYING/ MAIN DRAW DOUBLES	<p>Players in singles qualifying who wish to be considered for main draw doubles must sign-in and obtain details at the qualifying venue on Thursday 17th or Friday 18th January 2008.</p>						
SCHEDULING:	<p>Matches will be scheduled on a "followed-by" basis.</p>						
FORMAT:	<p>Singles matches will be the best of three sets. First two (2) sets a tiebreak, third set advantage.</p> <p>Doubles matches will be Best of 2 tie-break sets. If one set all, a match tie-break (10 point) will be used to decide the match. Games will feature no ad scoring.</p>						
MATCH CALLS:	<p>Matches will be called from Tournament Control on the public address system that can be heard only in the dressing rooms, player café, lounge and tournament control.</p> <p>It is each player's responsibility to go to court upon hearing his or her match called. The 15 minute default rule shall apply from the time the match is called.</p> <p>Please note players will need to be ready to play as soon as their name is called due to the distance between Vodafone Arena and match courts.</p>						

MATCH CONDITIONS

Six balls will be provided on court with a change at 7 and 9 games.
There will be a chair umpire provided for every match.
There will be at least four linespersons for every match.
There will be at least three ballpersons provided for every match.

PRESENTATIONS:

Trophies will be awarded to the winners and finalists of the singles and doubles events. Players receiving awards are expected to be available for the presentations at the conclusion of their match.

DAILY SCHEDULE:

The schedule of play will be released by the Tournament Referee as part of the complete Australian Open schedule.
It will be posted on the AOJC Office noticeboard by 7pm each night.
Every effort will be made to post the schedule earlier if possible.
A copy will also be displayed at the AOJC Hotel, the Bayview on the Park, each night.

AO HEAT RELATED GUIDELINES:

1. Ice Vest Policy, when the Wet Bulb Globe Temperature (WBGT) is equal to or above 26, ice vests are to be distributed to the courts. Chair Umpires are to make the players aware of the availability of the ice vests.
2. Supplement for Women's Singles and Junior Singles only, to allow a 10 minute break between the 2nd and 3rd sets when a WBGT 28 reading has been reached prior to the calling of the match by Tournament Control. Readings are continually made throughout the day.
3. The 10 minute break will not apply between the 2nd and 3rd sets, if play had previously been suspended after the 1st set due to the EHP.
4. When the WBGT reading reaches 30, it will then be closely monitored by the Tournament Referee and the EHP will be implemented at his discretion.
5. When the EHP has been implemented, the Tournament Referee will suspend the calling of any further matches on outside courts.
6. Any matches currently in progress on outside courts will continue until the end of the current set. At the completion of the set, play will be suspended.
7. Where play has commenced in any match on Rod Laver Arena or Vodafone Arena (with the roof open) and the EHP has been invoked, the match will continue until the completion of the set. At the end of the set a decision may be made by the Referee to close the roof for the remainder of the match and the following matches, when the EHP is still in effect.
8. A roof will only be closed because of extreme heat if a decision has been made by the Referee to suspend the completion or commencement of matches on the outside courts.

The Australian Open Extreme Heat Policy will be applied at the Referee's discretion and may be altered at any time.

ACCREDITATION:

Each junior Main Draw competitor and Official National Federation Coaches (one boys & one girls coach) will be issued with a photopass which provides access to Melbourne Park and the Vodafone Arena player facilities area. Main draw players may also nominate immediate family members for guest pass status, which can be issued at the same time.

Photos will only be taken at the accreditation office from **Friday 18th January 2008**. You will need to report to the **Satellite Accreditation** (next to Vodafone Arena at Melbourne Park) before gaining access to Melbourne Park and the accreditation office.

The accreditation pass gives access to the grounds and the basement level player facilities area of Vodafone Arena and administration areas of Rod Laver Arena only from the day of issue till the completion of the AOJC.

In the past, junior accreditation passes provided access to player seating on allocated days. Unfortunately access to Rod Laver Arena and Vodafone Arena will not be available in 2008. For night sessions, players may be able to obtain a Rod Laver Arena ticket from the AOJC Office **if** available.

Each main draw competitor may request one (1) complimentary Ground Pass for family or friends. Their pass will be valid for the day of issue. Ground passes provide access to outside courts only. The ground pass will be given to players upon request and will be subject to approval by the AOJC Tournament Director and availability.

WEEKLY SCHEDULE:

Subject to change if required in the tournament's best interests.

	GIRLS SINGLES	GIRLS DOUBLES	BOYS SINGLES	BOYS DOUBLES
Thursday Jan 17 NB 9am (Nottingham)	Qualifying 1 st Round 16		Qualifying 1 st Round 16	
Friday 18 Jan NB 9am (Nottingham)	Qualifying 2 nd Round 8		Qualifying 2 nd Round 8	
Saturday 19 Jan	Rest Day			
Sunday 20 Jan NB 11am	1 st Round 16		1 st Round 16	
Monday 21 Jan NB 11am	1 st Round 16	1 st Round 16	1 st Round 16	1 st Round 16
Tuesday 22 Jan NB 11am	2 nd Round 16	2 nd Round 8	2 nd Round 16	2 nd Round 8
Wednesday 23 Jan NB 11am	3 rd Round 8	Quarter Finals 4	3 rd Round 8	Quarter Finals 4
Thursday 24 Jan NB 11am	Quarter Finals 4	Semi Finals 2	Quarter Finals 4	Semi Finals 2
Friday 25 Jan NB 3pm	Semi Finals 2	Final 1	Semi Finals 2	Final 1
Saturday 26 Jan NB 1:30pm	Final 1		Final 1	

TRANSPORT from 20/1:

A shuttle service will operate between the official hotel, Bayview on the Park, and Melbourne Park. A timetable of shuttle times, commencing from Sunday 20th January 2008, will be provided at the Tournament Office and in the hotel reception.

Outside the hours of the shuttle service, and from 20 January, courtesy cars may be available to AOJC players.

BAYVIEW ON THE PARK - MELBOURNE PARK					
<i>19 January 2008</i>					
SCHEDULED DEPARTURE TIMES			SCHEDULED DEPARTURE TIMES		
Departing Bayview on the Park			Departing Melbourne Park		
7.30am	12noon	4.30pm	7.30am	12noon	4.30pm
8.00am	12.30pm	5.00pm	8.00am	12.30pm	5.00pm
8.30am	1.00pm	5.30pm	8.30am	1.00pm	5.30pm
9.00am	1.30pm	6.00pm	9.00am	1.30pm	6.00pm
9.30am	2.00pm	6.30pm	9.30am	2.00pm	6.30pm
10.00am	2.30pm	7.00pm	10.00am	2.30pm	7.00pm
10.30am	3.00pm	7.30pm	10.30am	3.00pm	7.30pm
11.00am	3.30pm	8.00pm	11.00am	3.30pm	8.00pm
11.30am	4.00pm		11.30am	4.00pm	

BAYVIEW ON THE PARK - MELBOURNE PARK					
<i>20 - 26 January 2008</i>					
SCHEDULED DEPARTURE TIMES			SCHEDULED DEPARTURE TIMES		
Departing Bayview on the Park			Departing Melbourne Park		
7.30am		4.00pm	7.30am		4.00pm
8.00am		4.30pm	8.00am		4.30pm
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9.00am		5.30pm	9.00am		5.30pm
9.30am		6.00pm	9.30am		6.00pm
10.00am		6.30pm	10.00am		6.30pm
10.30am		7.00pm	10.30am		7.00pm
11.00am		7.30pm	11.00am		7.30pm
11.30am		8.00pm	11.30am		8.00pm
12noon			12noon		

MELBOURNE PARK - ALBERT RESERVE (Mini Bus)

9 - 23 January 2008

SCHEDULED DEPARTURE TIMES

Departing Melbourne Park

7.30am	1.30pm
8.30am	2.30pm
9.30am	3.30pm
10.30am	4.30pm
11.30am	5.30pm
12.30pm	6.30pm

SCHEDULED DEPARTURE TIMES

Departing Albert Reserve

8.10am	2.10pm
9.10am	3.10pm
10.10am	4.10pm
11.10am	5.10pm
12.10pm	6.10pm
1.10pm	7.10pm