



2010 AO Junior Championships Qualifying – Bendigo, Victoria

QUALIFYING SINGLES

Tennis Australia would like to advise all National Federations that singles qualifying for the Australian Open Junior Championships 2010 will take place in Bendigo, Victoria on the same Plexicushion surface used for the main draw at Melbourne Park.

The location of singles qualifying is approximately 150km (1.5 to 2 hour drive) from Melbourne. Bendigo is located approximately 300km from Traralgon (3.5 to 4 hour drive).

The dates for qualifying in Bendigo are:

Thursday 21st January and Friday 22nd January 2010

Qualifying Sign-in will be on Wednesday 20th January 2010 between 4pm and 6pm.

Address: Nolan Street, Bendigo, VIC 3550

The Bendigo Tennis Complex has 13 Blue Plexicushion courts and 17 Blue Plexipave courts. All qualifying matches will be played on the Plexicushion courts, with practice courts available on the similar Plexipave courts until matches are completed for the day. After a majority of the qualifying matches are completed for the day, teams will be permitted to book practice on the Plexicushion courts.

PRE-QUALIFYING SINGLES (for Australian players only)

Tennis Australia will be conducting a pre-qualifying event at the Bendigo Tennis Centre for 4 qualifying wildcards into the AO Junior Championships from January 18 – 20, 2010. This event is open only to Australian players.

64 boys and 64 girls will be accepted into the event (based on the latest Australian Rankings), with the final four players in each event being awarded with qualifying wildcards into the event starting in Bendigo on January 21.

All matches will be played using the "Best of Three sets" format. 18/u silver level Australian Ranking points will be on offer for the event, with an optional sign-in consolation offered for losers in the 1st and 2nd rounds.

Entries will only be accepted online via the following link –

<http://tournaments.tennis.com.au/sport/tournament.aspx?id=9225B2A7-9417-4A6C-AB7C-FEAF859E3278>

Entry fee is \$40.00. Entries will close on Monday 28th December 2009 at 11:59pm AEDST. No late entries will be accepted.

For Australian players wishing to gain direct entry into the Australian Open Main Draw or direct entry into the qualifying event, you must register and enter via your IPIN account on www.itftennis.com/ipin. If you want to give yourself the chance to gain direct entry into the Australian Open, entries close on Tuesday 15th December 2009 at 14:00 GMT.





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TRANSPORT TO BENDIGO

Players and coaches competing in Traralgon will be able to travel on the courtesy bus to Bendigo that will be provided on the morning and early afternoon of Wednesday 20th January 2010. Players that would like to travel to Bendigo prior to this date must organise their own travel to Bendigo. Assistance will be provided at the tournament office in Traralgon.

Players and coaches arriving directly into Melbourne that are in the qualifying event will need to make their own way to Bendigo from Melbourne Airport. The easiest way to do this is to get the Skybus from Melbourne Airport to Southern Cross Train Station and then travel on a train to Bendigo. Assistance can be provided at Melbourne Airport.

ACCOMMODATION IN BENDIGO

Players and coaches will need to book accommodation in Bendigo if they are accepted into the qualifying event of the AO Junior Championships.

To gain the best rates available, all accommodation bookings must be processed online through the Bendigo Visitor Information Centre via <http://www.bendigotourism.com>

If you have any queries regarding accommodation, you can contact the Bendigo Visitor Information Centre via the following:

Email via: tourism@bendigo.vic.gov.au

Phone: 1800 813 153 (inside Australia) or +61 3 5434 6060 (if outside Australia)

The closest accommodation within walking distance to the Bendigo Tennis Complex is

- Langley Hall Bed and Breakfast – 484 Napier Street, Bendigo.
- Anchorage By The Lake – 300 Napier Street, Bendigo.
- Lakeview Resort Bendigo – 286 Napier Street, Bendigo.
- Tea House Motor Inn – 280 Napier Street, Bendigo.
- Julie-Anna Inn – 286 Napier Street, Bendigo.

Once accommodation at these locations is full, the Bendigo Visitor Information Centre will recommend the next closest accommodation to the tennis courts. Refer to the Bendigo accommodation map for locations of other hotels.

CONTACT DETAILS

If you have any questions regarding the qualifying or pre-qualifying event in Bendigo, please do not hesitate to contact Francis Soyer at Tennis Australia on +61 3 9914-4198 or email: fsoyer@tennis.com.au





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