



2026 AUSTRALIAN OPEN

Wheelchair Tournament Preview

In 2002, the first Grand Slam wheelchair tournament was held at the Australian Open, with Robin Ammerlaan and Esther Vergeer winning the inaugural men's and women's wheelchair singles events. The first Australian Open quad wheelchair singles and doubles events were contested in 2008, with Peter Norfolk becoming the first Australian Open quad singles champion.

These are the 25th editions of the Australian Open men's and women's wheelchair singles events and the 19th edition of the Australian Open quad wheelchair singles event. The 2026 Australian Open is the 114th edition of the event overall and is being played at Melbourne Park for the 39th time, having first been played here in 1988, when the venue was known as Flinders Park.

The men's and women's wheelchair singles draws were expanded to 16 players for the first time in 2023, and the quad wheelchair singles draw were expanded from 8 to 16 players for the first time in 2024. Qualifying for all 3 singles events (with draws of 4 players) have been held since 2025. The Australian Open junior wheelchair event also began last year.

50 YEARS OF WHEELCHAIR TENNIS

Brad Parks founded the sport of wheelchair tennis in California, USA in 1976. The sport has gone from strength to strength since then, becoming a full Paralympic medal sport at Barcelona 1992. At the Paris 2024 Wheelchair Tennis Event, record crowds at Roland Garros witnessed historic medal-winning moments.

Wheelchair tennis made its Grand Slam debut at the Australian Open in 2002. By 2007, all four Grand Slam tournaments included wheelchair competitions as part of the ITF Wheelchair Tennis Tour. Since then, draw sizes and prize money have increased across all divisions, with matches regularly played on show courts, further raising the sport's profile on tennis's biggest stages.

The UNIQLO Wheelchair Tennis Tour delivers more than 160 tournaments across over 40 countries, offering more than \$6.7 million in prize money. This year will also see the start of the ITF's new Premier Tier level of competition, comprising more than 25 UNIQLO Wheelchair Tennis Tour events, and with more than 10 set to take place alongside and integrated with Tour-level tournaments.

WHEELCHAIR TENNIS HALL OF CHAMPIONS

To recognise the 50th anniversary of wheelchair tennis, the ITF has launched the [Wheelchair Tennis Hall of Champions](#) – a digital platform celebrating players, coaches and contributors who have played a pivotal role in the growth of the sport.

The first group of inductees (below) will be celebrated on Rod Laver Arena on Tuesday 27 January before the wheelchair event begins here on Wednesday. The inductees feature Australians who have made significant contributions to the wheelchair game at an international and domestic level, alongside some of the sport's biggest names, several of whom have previously been inducted into the International Tennis Hall of Fame. More inductees will be announced throughout 2026, and annually thereafter.

Hall of Champions inductees: Dylan Alcott (AUS), Mick Connell (AUS), Greg Crump (AUS), Daniela Di Toro (AUS), Rick Draney (USA), David Hall (AUS), Monique Kalkman (NED), John Newcombe (AUS), Brad Parks (USA), Brian Tobin (AUS), Randy Snow (USA), Chantal Vandierendonck (NED), Esther Vergeer (NED), Francois Vogelsberger (AUS) and Graeme Watts (AUS).

TOKITO CHASES THE ‘ODA SLAM’

After winning the titles at Roland Garros, Wimbledon and the US Open last year, Tokito Oda is bidding to become the 2nd player in men’s wheelchair tennis history to win 4 consecutive Grand Slam singles titles.

Since 2017, when all 4 Grand Slam events held singles events for the first time, the now-retired Shingo Kunieda is the only player to have recorded a streak of 4 consecutive men’s wheelchair singles titles – winning the title all 4 Grand Slam events from the 2021 US Open through to 2022 Wimbledon. Prior to the introduction of the singles events at Wimbledon, Kunieda also recorded a streak of 12 consecutive Grand Slam titles in 2007-11 and a streak of 6 consecutive Grand Slam titles in 2014-15.

Across all wheelchair tennis categories, Oda would become the 4th player to record a streak of 4 consecutive Grand Slam singles titles since 2017 – after Kunieda, Dylan Alcott (who won 5 consecutive major titles in 2018-19 and another 5 consecutive major titles in 2020-21) and Diede De Groot (who won 4 consecutive major titles in 2018-19 and 15 consecutive major titles in 2021-24).

At 19 years 269 days, Oda will become the youngest man in professional tennis history to hold all 4 Grand Slam singles titles simultaneously if he wins the title here – ahead of Don Budge, who completed the Grand Slam in men’s singles at the 1938 US Championships aged 22 years 363 days. He would become the 2nd-youngest player, man or woman, to hold all 4 Grand Slam singles titles simultaneous – after Steffi Graf, who completed the Grand Slam in women’s singles at the 1988 US Open aged 19 years 89 days.

ODA AIMS FOR MORE HISTORY IN 2026

Oda became the 3rd player to complete the career Grand Slam in men’s wheelchair singles, after Kunieda and Alfie Hewett, by winning his first US Open title last year.

Having won Paralympic singles gold at Paris 2024, Oda also became the 2nd player to complete the career Golden Slam in men’s wheelchair singles, after Kunieda, by winning his first US Open title last year. He also became the 4th player to achieve the feat in singles across all wheelchair tennis categories, after Kunieda, Diede de Groot in women’s singles, and Dylan Alcott in quad singles.

Players who have completed the career Golden Slam in wheelchair tennis singles

Player	Category	Aus Open	Roland Garros	Wimbledon	US Open	Paralympics
Shingo Kunieda	Men’s	2007	2007	2022	2007	2008
Dylan Alcott	Quad	2015 2016	2019 2020	2019 2021	2015 2018	2016 2020
Diede de Groot	Women’s	2018	2019	2017	2018	2020
Tokito Oda	Men’s	2024	2023	2023	2025	2024

The event at which the Career Golden Slam was achieved is indicated in **bold**

Note: 2017 was the first season when all four Grand Slam tournaments held men’s and women’s wheelchair singles events.

The quad wheelchair singles events have been held at all four Grand Slam tournaments since 2019

HEWETT DEFENDS MEN’S SINGLES TITLE

Hewett became the 4th player to win multiple Australian Open men’s wheelchair singles titles by defeating Oda in the final here last year. Hewett and Gustavo Fernandez both enter this tournament bidding to become the 3rd player to win 3 or more Australian Open men’s wheelchair singles titles – after 11-time champion Kunieda and 3-time champion David Hall.

If either Oda or Gordon Reid win the title here this year they will join Kunieda, Hall, Fernandez and Hewett as the 5th player to win multiple Australian Open men’s wheelchair singles titles.

Most Australian Open men’s wheelchair singles titles

Player	Australian Open singles titles
Shingo Kunieda	11
David Hall	3
Gustavo Fernandez	2
Alfie Hewett	2

Players competing at the 2026 Australian Open in **bold**

HEWETT LEADS ACTIVE PLAYERS IN MEN'S CATEGORY

Kunieda enjoys a healthy lead at the top of the all-time list for most Grand Slam wheelchair singles titles (in any category), having retired at the start of 2023 with 28 Grand Slam titles to his name – including victories at the Australian Open, Roland Garros and Wimbledon in 2022.

Hewett claimed sole ownership of 2nd place on the list for most Grand Slam men's wheelchair singles titles by winning his 6th major title at the 2022 US Open in 2022 and has since won 4 more Grand Slam singles titles to move to 10 titles overall.

Oda claimed sole ownership of 3rd place when he won his 6th Grand Slam title at Wimbledon last year before winning his 7th at the US Open, while Fernandez is in 4th place with 5 titles. Houdet will look to equal Fernandez in 4th place by winning a 5th Grand Slam title. Should 2-time Grand Slam champions Gerard or Reid win the title here this year, they will equal Robin Ammerlaan and David Hall in 6th place on the list.

Most Grand Slam men's wheelchair singles titles	
Player	Grand Slam singles titles
Shingo Kunieda	28
Alfie Hewett	10
Tokito Oda	7
Gustavo Fernandez	5
Stephane Houdet	4

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KAMIJI LOOKS TO BUILD ON CAREER YEAR

Yui Kamiji won her 3rd Australian Open women's wheelchair singles title in 2025, adding to her victories here in 2017 and 2020. She went on to enjoy one of the most successful years of her career, winning the singles titles at both Roland Garros and the US Open and finishing runner-up at Wimbledon. It was the 2nd time in her career that she had won 3 Grand Slam singles titles in a year, having also achieved the feat in 2017.

Kamiji is bidding to retain a Grand Slam singles title for the 2nd time. Her only successful title defence at a Grand Slam came at Roland Garros, where she won back-to-back titles in 2017 and 2018.

WANG BIDS TO MAKE MORE HISTORY FOR CHINA

Wang Ziyang's title-victory at 2025 Wimbledon saw her become the first Chinese player to win a wheelchair singles title – and just the 2nd Chinese player to win a Grand Slam singles title in any professional tennis category after 2-time Grand Slam women's singles champion Li Na.

Wang is one of 4 Chinese players in the women's wheelchair singles here, alongside Guo Luoyao, Li Xiaohui and Zhu Zhenzhen.

DE GROOT MAKES AUSTRALIAN OPEN RETURN

De Groot makes her Australian Open return this year after missing the tournament last year due to hip surgery. She had previously won the title here on 4 consecutive occasions in 2021-24 and has won 6 titles here overall. De Groot is in 2nd place on the list for most women's wheelchair singles titles here, behind Esther Vergeer.

Aniek van Koot, who won the title here in 2013, will become the 5th player to win multiple Australian Open women's wheelchair singles titles if she wins a 2nd title here this year.

Most Australian Open women's wheelchair singles titles	
Player	Australian Open singles titles
Esther Vergeer	9
Diede de Groot	6
Yui Kamiji	3
Jiske Griffioen	2

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DE GROOT LEADS THE WAY IN WOMEN'S CATEGORY

De Groot claimed sole ownership of the record for most Grand Slam women's wheelchair singles titles, ahead of Vergeer, by winning the title at 2024 Wimbledon. Three other players competing here are in the Top 5 on the list for most Grand Slam women's wheelchair singles titles – Kamiji in 3rd place, Jiske Griffioen in 4th place and Van Koot in 5th place.

Most Grand Slam women's wheelchair singles titles	
Player	Grand Slam singles titles
Diede de Groot	23
Esther Vergeer	21
Yui Kamiji	11
Jiske Griffioen	4
Aniek van Koot	3

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SCHRODER BIDS FOR FIVE-IN-A-ROW IN QUAD SINGLES

Sam Schroder defeated Alcott in the Australian's last Grand Slam tournament prior to retirement to win his first title here in 2022 – and Schroder has successfully defended his titles here in 2023, 2024 and 2025. Should he win a 5th consecutive title here, he will become the 3rd player to record a streak of 5 Australian Open wheelchair singles titles.

Longest Australian Open wheelchair singles title-winning streaks		
Player	Length of streak	Years
Dylan Alcott	7	2015-21
Shingo Kunieda	5	2007-11
Sam Schroder	5??	2022-26??
Diede de Groot	4	2021-24
Esther Vergeer	4	2006-09
David Hall	3	2003-05
Shingo Kunieda	3	2013-15
Peter Norfolk	3	2008-10
Esther Vergeer	3	2002-04

VINK EYES CAREER SLAM

Niels Vink has attempted to complete the career Grand Slam at the Australian Open for the last 2 years – he fell to Guy Sasson in the semifinals in 2024 and to Schroder in the final last year. He will make his 3rd attempt to complete the career Grand Slam here this year.

If he claims his first Australian Open singles title here this year, Vink will join Alcott, De Groot, Hewett, Kunieda and Oda as the only players to have completed the career Grand Slam in wheelchair singles – and the 2nd to do so in quad wheelchair tennis after Alcott. He would also become the first player to complete the career Grand Slam in wheelchair singles at the Australian Open.

Players to have won the Grand Slam in wheelchair singles

Player	Australian Open titles	Roland Garros titles	Wimbledon titles	US Open Titles
Dylan Alcott	7	3	2	3
Diede de Groot	6	5	6	6
Alfie Hewett	2	3	1	4
Shingo Kunieda	11	8	1	8
Tokito Oda	1	3	3	1
Niels Vink	0	2	3	2

Note: 2017 was the first season when all four Grand Slam tournaments held men's and women's wheelchair singles events. The quad wheelchair singles events have been held at all four Grand Slam tournaments since 2019.

Aged 23 years 57 days, Vink would also become the 3rd youngest player to complete the career Grand Slam in wheelchair singles.

Age at which players complete the Grand Slam in wheelchair tennis

Player	Age completed	Event where completed
Tokito Oda	19 years 122 days	2025 US Open
Diede de Groot	22 years 171 days	2019 Roland Garros
Niels Vink??	23 years 57 days??	2026 Australian Open??
Alfie Hewett	26 years 221 days	2024 Wimbledon
Dylan Alcott	28 years 222 days	2019 Wimbledon
Shingo Kunieda	38 years 139 days	2022 Wimbledon

SASSON DISRUPTS DUTCH DOMINANCE IN QUAD DIVISION

The rivalry between Schroder and Vink has dominated the quad division since Alcott's retirement at the 2022 Australian Open, with the pair winning 13 of the 15 available Grand Slam titles since the start of the 2022 season. The pair have contested 10 Grand Slam finals in that time.

However, Sasson, who made his Grand Slam debut at the 2023 US Open, has disrupted that dominance. He reached his first Grand Slam singles final at the 2024 Australian Open, falling to Schroder, before winning his first Grand Slam singles title by defeating Schroder in the final at 2024 Roland Garros. He successfully defended his Roland Garros title by defeating Vink in the final last year.

Grand Slam wheelchair quad singles finals since the 2022 Australian Open

Year	Australian Open	Roland Garros	Wimbledon	US Open
2022	Schroder d. Alcott	Vink d. Schroder	Schroder d. Vink	Vink d. Schroder
2023	Schroder d. Vink	Vink d. Schroder	Vink d. Davidson	Schroder d. Vink
2024	Schroder d. Sasson	Sasson d. Schroder	Vink d. Schroder	-
2025	Schroder d. Vink	Sasson d. Vink	Vink d. Schroder	Vink d. Schroder
2026	???	???	???	???

SCHRODER AIMS TO MOVE PAST NORFOLK

Schroder is aiming to claim sole ownership of 2nd place on the list for most Australian Open quad wheelchair singles titles – ahead of Peter Norfolk. Should any player in the quad singles draw other than Schroder win the title here this year, they will become the 5th quad player to win an Australian Open singles title – after Alcott, Norfolk, Schroder and David Wagner.

Australian Open quad wheelchair singles titles

Player	Australian Open singles titles
Dylan Alcott	7
Peter Norfolk	4
Sam Schroder	4
David Wagner	3

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THE RACE TO CATCH ALCOTT

Alcott retired having won a total of 15 Grand Slam quad wheelchair singles titles. Schroder and Vink are both bidding to win an 8th Grand Slam title here and claim sole ownership of 2nd place on the list. Sasson and Andy Laphorne are both bidding to become the 6th player to win 3 or more Grand Slam quad wheelchair singles titles here.

Most Grand Slam quad wheelchair singles titles

Player	Grand Slam singles titles
Dylan Alcott	15
Sam Schroder	7
Niels Vink	7
Peter Norfolk	6
David Wagner	6
Andy Laphorne	2
Guy Sasson	2

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GRAND SLAM PREPARATION

Most of the field competing at the Australian Open this week have played at the Victorian Wheelchair Open and the Melbourne Wheelchair Open over the last 2 weeks, with both events having been contested at the Hume Tennis Centre in the north of Melbourne.

Victorian Wheelchair Open (12-16 Jan) – final results

Event	Champion	Runner-up
Men's singles	Gustavo Fernandez	Gordon Reid
Women's singles	Wang Ziyang	Diede de Groot
Quad singles	Leon Els*	Donald Ramphadi

*Not competing at the 2026 Australian Open

Melbourne Wheelchair Open (18-23 Jan) – final results

Event	Champion	Runner-up
Men's singles	Tokito Oda	Alfie Hewett
Women's singles	Yui Kamiji	Momoko Ohtani
Quad singles	Sam Schroder	Niels Vink

2025 LEADERS LOOK TO CONTINUE THE MOMENTUM

Martin de la Puente topped the list for most men's wheelchair singles victories in 2025, ahead of Fernandez and Hewett. Oda was in 4th place but, having won 35 of the 36 matches he played last year, had the best win percentage (97.22%) of all players on Tour.

2025 men's wheelchair singles win-loss (ITF 2 Series and above)

Rank	Player	2025 win-loss
1.	Martin de la Puente	49-18
2.	Gustavo Fernandez	42-14
3.	Alfie Hewett	39-6
4.	Tokito Oda	35-1
5.	Casey Ratzlaff	32-25

Kamiji led the women's wheelchair singles tour for most match-wins last year, marginally ahead of Van Koot in 2nd place and Li in 3rd place. Just 3 victories separated the Top 3 on the list.

2025 women's wheelchair singles win-loss (ITF 2 Series and above)

Rank	Player	2024 win-loss
1.	Yui Kamiji	42-7
2.	Aniek van Koot	41-14
3.	Li Xiaohui	39-11
4.	Wang Ziyang	29-11
5.	Diede de Groot	26-5

Vink ended 2025 with the most quad wheelchair singles match-wins, one victory ahead of Schroder. Sasson was in the 3rd place on the list.

2025 quad wheelchair singles win-loss (ITF 2 Series and above)

Rank	Player	2024 win-loss
1.	Niels Vink	41-3
2.	Sam Schroder	40-8
3.	Guy Sasson	28-10
4=	Ahmet Kaplan	22-15
	Ymanitu Silva	22-23

YOUNGEST AND OLDEST

Aged 15 years 269 days in 2025, quad singles wild card Jin Woodman became the youngest wheelchair player to ever contest a Grand Slam. He is competing as a direct acceptance this year and is once again the youngest player competing in the wheelchair tournament. He is more than 38 years younger than the oldest player, Houdet (55 years 73 days).

By competing here last year, Woodman broke the record for the youngest wheelchair player to contest a Grand Slam set by Tokito Oda, who made his Grand Slam debut aged 16 years 27 days at 2022 Roland Garros. (NB ages calculated on final day of the tournament)

Youngest and oldest players in Australian Open wheelchair events

Event	Youngest player (age)	Oldest player (age)
Men's singles	Tokito Oda (19 years 269 days)	Stephane Houdet (55 years 73 days)
Women's singles	Ksenia Chasteau (19 years 326 days)	Jiske Griffioen (40 years 289 days)
Quad singles	Jin Woodman (16 years 276 days)	Guy Sasson (45 years 278 days)

NB ages calculated on final day of the tournament

HOME FAVOURITES

Two Australian players have won Australian Open wheelchair singles titles – Alcott won 7 consecutive quad wheelchair singles titles here in 2015-21, while Hall won 3 men's wheelchair singles titles here in 2003-05.

Among the 4 Grand Slam tournaments, the Australian Open has the 2nd most-recent home champion in a wheelchair singles event, after Hewett's 2024 Wimbledon title saw him become the first British player to win a wheelchair singles event at Wimbledon since Gordon Reid in 2016. Australian Alcott won the quad singles event here in 7 consecutive years from 2015-2021.

Most-recent home wheelchair singles champions

Grand Slam	Most-recent home wheelchair' singles champion
Australian Open	Dylan Alcott (2021)
Roland Garros	Stephane Houdet (2013)
Wimbledon	Alfie Hewett (2024)
US Open	David Wagner (2017)

There are 5 Australian players competing in the wheelchair tournament here this year – Anderson Parker in men's singles, and Finn Broadbent, Heath Davidson, Benjamin Wenzel and Woodman in the quad singles.

WILD CARDS

Two of the 4 wild cards across the 3 wheelchair singles draws here went to Australian players – to Parker in men's singles and to Broadbent in quad singles. The 2 women's singles wild cards went to Netherlands' Jinte Bos and China, P.R.'s Guo.

QUALIFIERS

The 6 players to have earned their places in this year's Australian Open main draws via the qualifying events are: Alexander Cataldo and Daniel Rodrigues (men's), Momoko Ohtani and Maayan Zikri (women's) and Leandro Pena and Ymanitu Silva (quad).

COUNTRY COUNTDOWN

A total of 16 nations are represented in the wheelchair singles draws at the 2026 Australian Open, with Netherlands having the most players competing across the 3 events overall. Israel and Netherlands are the only nations with representatives in each of the men's, women's and quad wheelchair events here.

Nation	Men's singles	Women's singles	Quad singles	Total
Netherlands	2	5	2	9
Australia	1	0	4	5
China, P.R.	1	4	0	5
Japan	2	3	0	5
Great Britain	2	0	2	4
Brazil	1	0	2	3
Israel	1	1	1	3
Argentina	1	0	1	2
Chile	1	0	1	2
France	1	1	0	2
South Africa	0	1	1	2
Spain	2	0	0	2
Canada	0	0	1	1
Colombia	0	1	0	1
Turkiye	0	0	1	1
USA	1	0	0	1

AUSTRALIAN OPEN HONOUR ROLL

A total of 22 players have won an Australian Open wheelchair singles title – 10 in the men's category, 8 in the women's category and 4 in the quad category. Of the 22 champions, 10 have won the title here on multiple occasions.

Australian Open wheelchair singles honour roll

Year	Men's singles champion	Women's singles champion	Quad singles champion	Boys' singles champion	Girls' singles champion
2002	Robin Ammerlaan	Esther Vergeer	no tournament	no tournament	no tournament
2003	David Hall	Esther Vergeer	no tournament	no tournament	no tournament
2004	David Hall	Esther Vergeer	no tournament	no tournament	no tournament
2005	David Hall	Mie Yaosa	no tournament	no tournament	no tournament
2006	Michael Jeremiasz	Esther Vergeer	no tournament	no tournament	no tournament
2007	Shingo Kunieda	Esther Vergeer	no tournament	no tournament	no tournament
2008	Shingo Kunieda	Esther Vergeer	Peter Norfolk	no tournament	no tournament
2009	Shingo Kunieda	Esther Vergeer	Peter Norfolk	no tournament	no tournament
2010	Shingo Kunieda	Korie Homan	Peter Norfolk	no tournament	no tournament
2011	Shingo Kunieda	Esther Vergeer	David Wagner	no tournament	no tournament
2012	Maikel Scheffers	Esther Vergeer	Peter Norfolk	no tournament	no tournament
2013	Shingo Kunieda	Aniek van Koot	David Wagner	no tournament	no tournament
2014	Shingo Kunieda	Sabine Ellerbrock	David Wagner	no tournament	no tournament
2015	Shingo Kunieda	Jiske Griffioen	Dylan Alcott	no tournament	no tournament
2016	Gordon Reid	Jiske Griffioen	Dylan Alcott	no tournament	no tournament
2017	Gustavo Fernandez	Yui Kamiji	Dylan Alcott	no tournament	no tournament
2018	Shingo Kunieda	Diede de Groot	Dylan Alcott	no tournament	no tournament
2019	Gustavo Fernandez	Diede de Groot	Dylan Alcott	no tournament	no tournament
2020	Shingo Kunieda	Yui Kamiji	Dylan Alcott	no tournament	no tournament
2021	Joachim Gerard	Diede de Groot	Dylan Alcott	no tournament	no tournament
2022	Shingo Kunieda	Diede de Groot	Sam Schroder	no tournament	no tournament
2023	Alfie Hewett	Diede de Groot	Sam Schroder	no tournament	no tournament
2024	Tokito Oda	Diede de Groot	Sam Schroder	no tournament	no tournament
2025	Alfie Hewett	Yui Kamiji	Sam Schroder	Charlie Cooper	Vitoria Miranda
2026	???	???	???	???	???