

AUSTRALIAN OPEN ASIA PACIFIC WILDCARD PLAYOFF FACT SHEET		
	<p><b>The Australian Open, Grand Slam of Asia-Pacific, is one of the largest and most prestigious sporting events in the world. Book your place to be there in January 2013 with the inaugural Australian Open Asia Pacific Wildcard Playoff (AWP) taking place in Nanjing, P.R. China. Main Draw Wildcards are on offer for Asia's best Singles and Doubles tennis players.</b></p>	
ELIGIBILITY	<p>The AWP is open to all Nationals from the Asia Pacific region, excluding Australian's, with a World Ranking of 105 or higher for Men and 109 or higher for Women (based on AO cut off for Men of 104 and Women of 108) at the time of the entry closing. There is no applicable cut-off for doubles so all Asia-Pacific players are eligible. However, the successful doubles pairs at the AWP must compete together at the AO. If this does not occur then the wildcard is no longer valid and will be returned.</p>	
DATES OF PLAY	<p><b>Qualifying Singles:</b> Monday 15 to Wednesday 17 October 2012  <b>Qualifying Doubles:</b> Tuesday 16 October 2012</p>	<p><b>Main Draw Singles:</b> Thursday 18 to Sunday 21 October 2012  <b>Main Draw Doubles:</b> Wednesday 17 to Sunday 21 October 2012</p>
VENUE	<p>Tennis Academy of China (in Nanjing Sport Institute)          No.8 Linggusi Road          NANJING, CHINA 210014          中国江苏省南京市灵古寺路8号 (please keep this information for your arrival)</p>	<p>Tel: +86 25 84755203          Fax: +86 010-67125074  <a href="http://www.tennis.com.au/tournaments/asia-pacific-australian-open-wildcard-play-off">http://www.tennis.com.au/tournaments/asia-pacific-australian-open-wildcard-play-off</a></p>
PRIZE MONEY	<p>Prize money for the men's and women's singles is: W \$2,000, F \$1,500, Semi \$1,000, Qtr \$500          Prize money for men's and women's doubles is: W \$500 per pair, F \$250</p>	
TOURNAMENT STAFF	<p>Tournament Director: Alistair McDonald <a href="mailto:amacdonald@tennis.com.au">amacdonald@tennis.com.au</a>          Player Services: Darren Sturgess <a href="mailto:dsturgess@tennis.com.au">dsturgess@tennis.com.au</a>          Event Operations: Zhou Libin (China) <a href="mailto:xiaozhou@chinatennis.org.cn">xiaozhou@chinatennis.org.cn</a></p>	<p>M: +61 401 640 169 T: +613 9914 4156          M: +61 411 762 258 T: +613 9914 4419          M: +8613 9110 43797</p>
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DRAW SIZE & ACCEPTANCE CRITERIA	<p><b>Singles Main Draw (16 elimination):</b>          Top 4 ranked athletes gain direct MD acceptance*          8 Wildcards#          2 Qualifiers          Top 2 seeds receive a Bye in 1st Round</p> <p><b>Singles Qualifying Draw (32 elimination):</b>          Next 16 ranked athletes gain direct QS acceptance*          8 Wildcards          Top 2 seeds start at QF          Seeds 3 &amp; 4 start at R16          Remaining 20 athletes commence at R32</p> <p>Initial acceptance lists will be released on Tuesday 2 October 2012 and emailed to all entrants as well as being available at <a href="http://www.tennis.com.au">www.tennis.com.au</a>. Final Acceptance List Tuesday 9 October</p> <p>* Based on Monday 1 October 2012 ATP / WTA rankings release</p> <p>Enter: please complete entry form and email to Darren Sturgess on <a href="mailto:dsturgess@tennis.com.au">dsturgess@tennis.com.au</a>          Please visit our website to download entry form:  <a href="http://www.tennis.com.au/tournaments/asia-pacific-australian-open-wildcard-play-off">http://www.tennis.com.au/tournaments/asia-pacific-australian-open-wildcard-play-off</a></p>	<p><b>Doubles Main Draw (16 elimination):</b>          Top 4 ranked teams gain direct MD acceptance*          6 Wildcards          4 Qualifiers          Top 2 seeds receive a Bye in 1st Round</p> <p><b>Doubles Qualifying Draw (16 elimination):</b>          Next 12 ranked teams gain direct QS acceptance*          4 Wildcards</p> <p><b>Alternates / Lucky Loser:</b>          ALTERNATES must sign-in at least 30 minutes prior to the relevant first scheduled SINGLES match on Monday 15 October and DOUBLES match on Tuesday 16 October 2012.</p> <p>LUCKY LOSERS must sign-in at least 30 minutes prior to the relevant first scheduled SINGLES match on Thursday 18 October and DOUBLES match on Wednesday 17 October 2012.</p>
WILDCARDS#	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Main Draw Wildcards have been issued to the respective National Associations (NA) and will be issued at their discretion</li> <li>• Singles Wildcards – 2 x China, 2 x India, 2 x Japan, 1 x Chinese-Taipei &amp; 1 x Thailand; Doubles Wildcards - 3 x China, 1 x India, 1 x Japan, &amp; 1 x Thailand</li> <li>• Qualifying Wildcards have been issued to the National Association of China to be issued at their discretion.</li> <li>• Applications for wildcards from the NA close on 4<sup>th</sup> October 2012. Players must contact one of the NA's above in regard to potential wildcards.</li> </ul>	
FORMAT OF PLAY	<p>Singles - Best of three (3) tie break sets.          Doubles – Best of two (2) tie-break sets, no-ad scoring, with a third set Match Tie Break if required.</p>	
ENTRY CLOSE DATE WITHDRAWAL	<p><b>ENTRY CLOSES:</b> Monday 1 October 2012 <b>WITHDRAWAL DEADLINE:</b> Monday 8 October 2012          Entry is AUD \$40 includes one or two events (Singles / Doubles)          Email Inquiries: <a href="mailto:dsturgess@tennis.com.au">dsturgess@tennis.com.au</a></p>	
SURFACE	Hard Court (Indoor courts may be used at the discretion of the Referee)	
BALL	Wilson Australian Open Ball	
CONDUCT & BEHAVIOUR	The tournament will be played under the conditions of the ITF Code of Conduct and in accordance to the principles of the Tennis Australia Code of Behaviour.	
WELCOME FUNCTION & OFFICIAL DRAW	The Player Welcome Function and Draw will take place at Jinling Hotel, Xin Jie Kou Square, Nanjing 210005, China, 6.30pm-8.30pm Sunday October 14 <sup>th</sup> . Attendance is optional. Light refreshments will be served.	
PRACTICE	Onsite from Friday 12 October to Sunday 21 October, 9:00am–5:00pm. T: +86 25 84755203	
TRANSPORT	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Tournament transport to and from tournament hotels and courts will be available from Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> October until Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> October 2012. Players are responsible for making their way own way to and from the airport / train station.</li> <li>• Transport inquiries can be made to: E: <a href="mailto:xiaozhou@chinatennis.org.cn">xiaozhou@chinatennis.org.cn</a> or T: +86 13 9110 43797.</li> </ul>	
ACCOMMODATION AND OFFICIAL HOTELS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Main Draw players will be entitled to room only accommodation for a minimum of two nights including the night before they begin play in the tournament and the night that they lose in the tournament.</li> <li>• Qualifying Players should book at the official hotels directly.</li> <li>• The official player hotel is to be confirmed (TBC) and will be listed on the website</li> <li>• Qualifying players can access the one of the official hotels at an official player rate TBC</li> </ul>	
FOOD & BEVERAGE	Café service available onsite daily from 11:30am-1:30pm and 5:30-7:30pm	

<b>PLAYER SERVICES</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Player Services is located in the tennis club house <b>T:</b> +86 25 84755203(on-site). Please contact <b>E:</b> <a href="mailto:xiaozhou@chinatennis.org.cn">xiaozhou@chinatennis.org.cn</a></li> </ul>
<b>PHYSIO / MASSAGE MEDICAL</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Physiotherapist / massage therapist will be available from Monday 15 October 2012.</li> <li>• The official tournament doctor will be available throughout the tournament</li> </ul>
<b>STRINGER</b>	The Stringer will be available at cost to players. Stringing fees are to be paid direct to the stringer.
<b>MEDIA &amp; PLAYER APPEARANCES</b>	Main Draw players, if requested, will be required for a minimum two (2) media / PR appearances of which may take place off site.
<b>** VISAS **</b>	All players require visa and should contact the Chinese consulate for information. A letter of invitation from the tournament is required and requests should be sent to <a href="mailto:xiaozhou@chinatennis.org.cn">xiaozhou@chinatennis.org.cn</a> . You are likely to need to provide the following; first and last names, passport number, nationality, issuing country, date of issue, date of expiry, scanned copy of photo page of passport, digital photo (passport), affiliation (player, coach etc.), arrival date and departure date.