

# AO Summer Information Sheet

## for the Junior Playing Group



## WELCOME

All of us here at Tennis Australia are so excited to welcome you to Melbourne Park in January.

2021 has not been easy for anyone and while the challenges brought on by the pandemic are not completely behind us, restrictions are lifting in Victoria and elsewhere in Australia. This means we can look forward to a glorious summer of sunshine, tennis and capacity crowds, as we celebrate the return of a full Australian summer of tennis. Our team has worked hard over the past 12 months to bring international tennis back to our country and we are delighted that we will be able to stage events not just in Melbourne but in other capital cities and regional Victoria.

### AUSTRALIAN SUMMER OF TENNIS INFORMATION

EVENT	LOCATION	CATEGORY	DATES	DRAW SIZES
<b>WEEK 1</b>				
ATP CUP	Ken Rosewall Arena & Qudos Bank Arena SYDNEY	ATP Cup	Event: 1-9 January	16 teams
ADELAIDE INTERNATIONAL 1	Memorial Drive ADELAIDE	WTA 500 ATP 250	MD: 3-9 January   Q: 2-3 January MD: 3-9 January   Q: 2-3 January	30 MD   24 Q   16 D 28 MD   16 Q   24 D
MELBOURNE SUMMER EVENTS	Melbourne Park MELBOURNE	WTA 250 WTA 250 ATP 250	MD: 4-9 January   Q: 3-4 January MD: 4-9 January   Q: 3-4 January MD: 4-9 January   Q: 3-4 January	28 MD   16 Q   24 D 32 MD   24 Q   16 D 32 MD   24 Q   16 D
BENDIGO INTERNATIONAL	BENDIGO Victoria	ITF 60k ATP 80	MD: 3-9 January   Q: 2-3 January MD: 3-9 January   Q: 2-3 January	32 MD   32 Q   16 D 48 MD   16 Q   16 D
TRARALGON INTERNATIONAL	TRARALGON Victoria	ITF 60k ATP 80	MD: 3-9 January   Q: 2-3 January MD: 3-9 January   Q: 2-3 January	32 MD   32 Q   16 D 48 MD   16 Q   16 D
VICTORIAN WHEELCHAIR OPEN	HUME TENNIS CENTRE Victoria	ITF Wheelchair Tour	8-12 January	24 M   16 W   16 Q
<b>WEEK 2</b>				
AO QUALIFYING	Melbourne Park MELBOURNE	Grand Slam qualifying	10-14 January	
SYDNEY TENNIS CLASSIC	Sydney Olympic Park Tennis Centre SYDNEY	WTA 500 ATP 250	MD: 10-15 January   Q: 9-10 January MD: 10-15 January   Q: 9-10 January	30 MD   24 Q   16 D 28 MD   16 Q   24 D
ADELAIDE INTERNATIONAL 2	Memorial Drive ADELAIDE	WTA 250 ATP 250	MD: 10-15 January   Q: 9-10 January MD: 10-15 January   Q: 9-10 January	32 MD   24 Q   16 D 28 MD   16 Q   24 D
MELBOURNE WHEELCHAIR OPEN	HUME TENNIS CENTRE Victoria	ITF Wheelchair Tour	15-19 January	32 M   24 W   24 Q
TRARALGON JUNIORS	TRARALGON Victoria	ITF Junior J1	MD: 14-19 January   Q: 12-13 January	
<b>WEEKS 3/4</b>				
AUSTRALIAN OPEN	Melbourne Park MELBOURNE	GRAND SLAM	17-30 January	
AO Junior Championships		ITF Junior JA	MD: 22-29 January   Q: 19-20 January (Qualifying - Traralgon, Victoria)	
AO Wheelchair Championships		ITF Wheelchair Tour	23-27 January	

Alongside main draw singles, doubles and mixed doubles, AO Qualifying and Juniors will return to Melbourne Park in 2022 and wheelchair lead-in draws return to their regular sizes.

As you might imagine, the situation in Australia is changing regularly as restrictions ease and we all begin to adapt to a new phase of managing the impact of the pandemic.

Please also note that the information applies to all players competing at the Australian Open (singles, qualifying, doubles, mixed doubles, wheelchair and juniors, unless otherwise indicated).

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## BEFORE YOU GET HERE

### VISA APPLICATIONS

It is essential that you, and all your Player Support Team (PST) members, register on the AO Participant Portal <https://participant.tennis.com.au>.

A visa invitation letter can be generated by each player and their PST in the AO Participant Portal.

Then apply for your visa by following the process outlined in the Visa Information Factsheet.

The visa grant/approval deadline is Tuesday 30 November. Please contact our team at [VisaAssist@Tennis.com.au](mailto:VisaAssist@Tennis.com.au) if you have any questions.

Please note that all junior main draw and junior qualifying players may bring one PST member in total. Each National Association is permitted to bring one official boys and one official girls coach if there is representation.

Australian citizens and permanent residents and New Zealand citizens do not require a visa or entry exemption to enter Australia. If you have any questions regarding this process, please contact our team at [VisaAssist@Tennis.com.au](mailto:VisaAssist@Tennis.com.au).

Please be aware that children of PST members are not able to travel to Australia at this time.

### TRAVEL REQUIREMENTS AND AO TRAVEL FORM

Once you have applied for your visa, please complete your AO Travel Form in the AO22 Participant Portal.

You, and your PST members, will need to provide information about your preferred travel arrangements.

Once you have submitted your form, one of our AO Travel team members will contact you and your agent regarding your arrangements.

### ACCREDITATION

You will receive a link to complete your accreditation requirements for you and for your PST members.

### AUSTRALIAN TRAVEL DECLARATION

An Australian Travel Declaration must also be completed, it can be done when you have your confirmed travel itinerary, up to 7 days prior and at least 72 hours before departure for Australia. You will be required to upload evidence of vaccination or valid medical exemption and declare that the certificate is true.

This declaration can be used to prove your vaccination status when checking-in around Melbourne and Sydney.

The Australian Travel Declaration can be completed here: <https://covid19.homeaffairs.gov.au/australia-travel-declaration>.

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## VACCINATION REQUIREMENTS

Only fully vaccinated individuals will be provided an exemption to enter Australia and you must bring with you to Australia a vaccine certificate confirming you are vaccinated. Below we set out the key things you need to know.

### What does it mean to be fully vaccinated?

At present, the Australian authorities define 'fully vaccinated' individuals as those that have received:

- ▶ Two doses at least 14 days apart of:
  - AstraZeneca Vaxzevria
  - AstraZeneca COVISHIELD
  - Pfizer/Biontech Comirnaty
  - Moderna Spikevax
  - Sinovac Coronavac
  - Bharat Covaxin
  - Sinopharm BBIBP-CorV (for ages 18-60 only)
- ▶ One dose of Johnson & Johnson / Jansseen-Cilag COVID Vaccine.

Seven days must have passed since the final dose of a vaccine prior to entering Australia. Mixed doses are acceptable provided the vaccines are both from the list above.

Children aged 12 and under at the time of travel are considered fully vaccinated for the purpose of travel. Once in Australia, anyone aged over 12 *and 2 months* will be required to be fully vaccinated to enter venues.

### What are the requirements for vaccination certificates?

Vaccination certificates will need to:

- ▶ Be issued by a national or state/provincial-level authority or an accredited vaccination provider.
- ▶ Be written in English or accompanied by a certified translation.
- ▶ Contain at a minimum:
  - your name as it appears in your passport
  - either date of birth or passport number
  - the vaccine brand name (truncated brand names are acceptable – e.g. 'AstraZeneca'), and
  - the date of each dose or the date on which a full course of immunisation was completed.

Paper and digital certificates are acceptable.

Full guidance on the vaccination certificate requirements is available here: <https://www.passports.gov.au/guidance-foreign-vaccination-certificates>.

### What if you have received vaccination doses in different countries?

If you have received vaccination doses in different countries, you can present multiple certificates. You can also present one certificate that lists your vaccination doses received in different countries. A certificate does not have to be issued by the country in which the vaccination was administered.

### What if the name in a vaccination certificate is different to the passport name?

As long as your name on the certificate is not materially different to your name on your passport it will be accepted (e.g. it will not be a problem if a middle name is not on your vaccination certificate). If your name on the certificate is materially different to your passport (e.g. your married name is different), it won't be a problem as long as you can show you are the person named on the certificate, such as a marriage certificate or driver licence.

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### **What if a person has recovered from COVID-19 and has not received a dose or only received one dose of an approved vaccine?**

The current advice from the Australian Government is that people who have been infected from COVID-19 and have not had two doses of an approved vaccine are not considered fully vaccinated (unless the vaccine was Johnson & Johnson). Anyone in this situation will require a medical exemption before entering the country.

The grounds for exemptions in Australia are limited and set out below. Currently, individuals who have previously had COVID-19 and have recovered from the illness are not considered exempt from receiving the full dose of an approved vaccine, but we are seeking urgently clarity on this position from the Australian Government and will provide more information as soon as possible.

### **What are the grounds for medical exemptions in Australia?**

The published grounds for a medical exemption in Australia are:

- ▶ History of anaphylaxis to a component of all approved vaccines
- ▶ Serious adverse event attributed to a first dose of an approved vaccine. An event is considered serious if it led to hospitalization or resulted in significant disability / incapacity
- ▶ Currently suffering from an acute medical condition
- ▶ Inflammatory cardiac illness in the past 6 months.

The following are not considered exemptions:

- ▶ Family history of adverse events
- ▶ Chronic underlying medical condition
- ▶ Expected side effects to previous vaccine
- ▶ Allergies to other vaccines
- ▶ Pregnancy
- ▶ Preference for another vaccine.

Anyone entering Australia under a medical exemption will need to provide an exemption certificate, which will need to include:

- ▶ Your name as it appears in your passport
- ▶ Date of medical consultation and details of your medical practitioner, and
- ▶ Details that clearly explain you have an accepted medical reason which means you cannot receive a COVID-19 vaccination.

We recognise there are many questions regarding this issue and the availability of exemptions. Please contact our Chief Medical Officer, Dr Carolyn Broderick via: [Carolyn.Broderick@Tennis.com.au](mailto:Carolyn.Broderick@Tennis.com.au) for any questions you may have around vaccination and exemption requirements.

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## GETTING TO AUSTRALIA

### FLIGHTS

#### Charter Flights

To assist all players and PST members with travelling to Australia, we will be chartering flights from Dubai and Los Angeles. These flights are scheduled to **leave** on 9 or 10 January. Final departure details and times will be made available shortly.

Each junior main draw and junior qualifying player will receive one economy seat from a designated charter hub to Australia. Official National Association coaches will also receive one economy seat. PST members travelling with junior players can obtain a seat on the charter flight, but this must be paid for. See costs below:

Charter Hub	Flight Type	Price in A\$
Dubai	Economy	\$1,300.00
	Business	\$5,500.00
	<i>Upgrade to Business</i>	\$4,200.00
Los Angeles	Economy	\$2,000.00
	Business	\$6,000.00
	<i>Upgrade to Business</i>	\$4,000.00

Please indicate your preferences in the AO Travel form and the team will contact you to confirm your travel.

#### Why choose a charter flight?

Tennis Australia's chartered flights are a good option for a number of reasons. We have committed to spacing our flights to both minimise risk and maximise comfort, and by choosing a charter you will have confidence around your departure. You will also have greater luggage allowances than on commercial flights. Pricing for PST is competitive and has been built on current commercial prices, and the AO Travel team can coordinate your whole journey, including connections, to ensure a streamlined trip to Australia.

If you wish to travel on a Tennis Australia charter, please select this option on the AO Travel Form.

#### Commercial Flights

If you wish to travel on a commercial flight to Australia these are now available, but no travel grant will be provided.

Our AO Travel team can assist you with your commercial flights, or you can arrange flights yourself. Please indicate your preference on the AO Travel Form.

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## PRE-DEPARTURE TESTING

You, and all those travelling to Australia, will be required to take a COVID-19 test (currently a PCR test) up to 72 hours before your first flight towards Australia. We encourage you to take extra precautions to minimise any risk of infection during the post test period and prior to boarding.

On our charter flights, advanced hygiene protocols will be in place at the airports and on the flights, including the wearing of masks in transit and on the flight.

## ARRIVING IN AUSTRALIA

### TESTING

You will be required to undergo a PCR test on arrival. We will arrange for testing to be conducted as soon as possible following your arrival.

You will not be required to isolate while waiting for the result of your arrival test (e.g. you may leave the hotel and go to restaurants etc). However, you will not be allowed access to the tournament and practice venues until you test negative.

There is also currently a requirement for a Day 5-7 PCR test which we are still discussing with Government authorities.

You will not be subject to any other testing unless you are a close contact or develop COVID-19 symptoms.

Our AO Team will assist you in coordinating any testing required to make sure this is a smooth and easy process for everyone.

### TESTING POSITIVE TO COVID-19

If you test positive at any time, current Government rules are that you will be required to isolate for up to 10 days.

### CLOSE CONTACTS

Close contacts are only required to isolate until they receive a negative PCR test. We are working closely with testing lab providers to ensure PCR tests can be processed as soon as possible to ensure any period of isolation is minimized.

Close contacts on flights will be limited to those within the two rows (in front, behind and beside) of a confirmed positive case and will only need to isolate until receiving a negative COVID-19 PCR test result. All other passengers will not be considered a close contact.

The only situation in which you would have to isolate for longer (7 days if fully vaccinated or 14 days if not vaccinated), is be if you share accommodation with a person who tests positive (e.g. a hotel room or a house). We strongly recommend that you do not share rooms to avoid any potential close contact implications.

### HOTELS

We are committed to providing a safe environment for you in every city where you play. We have secured great hotels in each city where we will provide specific player facilities as part of a minimised risk environment.

**Melbourne:** Our designated junior player hotel in Melbourne will be confirmed shortly. Hotels in Traralgon will be listed on the fact sheets.

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All AO Junior main draw, qualifying players and Official National Association coaches are entitled to one standard hotel room at one of the designated hotels from the night the first of our charter flights arrives until the day after their exit from the AO. This will help minimise the risk of isolation as a close contact.

Additional rooms can be booked at A\$300 per night. Please submit any specific requests and hotel requirements prior to departure for Australia.

Should you wish to stay at another hotel or other location, you may do so, however all associated costs will be at your expense and you will not receive an accommodation per diem.

Accommodation bookings for Melbourne can be made now via the AO Accommodation team. Please visit: <https://accommodation.ausopen.com/>. Please email [Accommodation@Tennis.com.au](mailto:Accommodation@Tennis.com.au) if you have any questions.

### **LIFE IN AUSTRALIA**

You and your team will be able to leave your hotel and enjoy Australia as normal, however, we would encourage you all to take all sensible precautions to minimise the risk to you and your team from the virus.

QR code check-ins are commonplace at all indoor venues in Australia (e.g. restaurants). Indoor venues will also ask for proof of your vaccination, so this will need to be carried at all times (digital vaccination certificates on your smartphone will be accepted).

## **DURING THE AO JUNIOR CHAMPIONSHIPS**

### **BUS TRANSPORT**

For the AO, all players will have access to our official AO bus transport service available from the official hotels. Our new transport app can be used to book transport in Melbourne.

### **FOOD**

Our usual range of excellent catering options at Melbourne Park for the AO will be up and running again in 2022.

- ▶ All AO Junior main draw players will receive a daily electronic meal allowance on their accreditation from the day before the start of the AO Junior main draw until the day of their exit from the AO.

### **PRACTICE**

Practice courts will be available in Traralgon from Monday 10 January 2022. Booking procedures will be communicated shortly.

## **GETTING HOME**

Please contact our AO Travel team via the AO Travel Form for any assistance you need organising your departure flights from Australia. If you require any COVID-19 testing as a requirement of your departure flight, we will facilitate testing either on-site or at a suitable location nearby.