

AO22

Participant Update

AO JUNIOR CHAMPIONSHIPS

Hi everyone,

We are very excited to have the Junior Championships return for AO22.

We know you may have many questions and we would like to answer these in a timely manner. Please join either of the following video calls at the time that suits you best.

Call one: Americas

Friday 26 November 2021: 7am Melbourne

Thursday 25 November 2021: 12pm Los Angeles / 2pm Chicago / 3pm New York

Zoom Meeting Link:

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/83922046421?pwd=SVQyMU9iS3FNaUVLLzZMdGFWOG8vdz09>

Meeting ID: 839 2204 6421

Passcode: 450561

Call two: Europe

Friday 26 November 2021 – 8pm Melbourne / 1pm Dubai / 10am Paris / 9am

London / 6pm Tokyo

Zoom Meeting Link:

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/84056243773?pwd=VHc5a2dsVWt5Ym4zaHR0NFY4czJQUT09>

Meeting ID: 840 5624 3773

Passcode: 004193

TRAVEL PROCESS

To make the process of travelling to Australia as easy as possible for you we have created the **AO Participant Portal**.

STEP 1 – COMPLETE THE VISA AND ENTRY FORM

- Create an account in the **AO22 Participant Portal**:
<https://participant.tennis.com.au/>
- Complete and submit **the Visa and Entry form**
- Our team will send you and your agent your visa invitation letter.

Read the following step-by-step guides for more information:

<https://www.tennis.com.au/wp-content/uploads/2021/10/AO22-PARTICIPANT-PORTAL-Logging-into-the-Portal-for-the-first-time.pdf>

STEP 2 - APPLY FOR YOUR VISA

Remember this process can take up to 3 weeks so make sure you submit your application now via: <https://online.immi.gov.au/lusc/login>.

STEP 3 – COMPLETE THE AO TRAVEL FORM AND CONFIRM YOUR PLAYER SUPPORT TEAM MEMBERS

This can all be done in the **AO22 Participant Portal**:

<https://participant.tennis.com.au/>

CHARTER FLIGHTS

We will be chartering flights from Dubai and Los Angeles, that will be free cost for players accepted into the main draw or qualifying of the Australian Open Junior Championships. These flights are scheduled to depart on 9 or 10 January. Final departure details and times will be made available shortly.

Official National Association coaches (1 boys and 1 girls coach) will also obtain a seat on the charter flights if they have players accepted into the main draw or qualifying. PST members travelling with junior players can obtain a seat on the charter flight, but this must be paid for. The charter flight cost for PST members will be confirmed shortly. There will be additional costs associated with all upgrades so 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 has been built on current commercial prices, and the AO Travel team can coordinate your whole journey, including connections, to ensure a streamlined trip Down Under.

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. However, 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.

PRE-DEPARTURE TESTING

You 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.

AUSTRALIAN TRAVEL DECLARATION

An Australian Travel Declaration must also be completed at least 72 hours prior to departure for Australia. You will be required to upload evidence of vaccination or valid medical exemption and declare that the certificate is true. The Australian Travel Declaration can be completed here: <https://covid19.homeaffairs.gov.au/australia-travel-declaration>.

If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to get in touch directly or via Services@Tennis.com.au. We have a team working around the clock to ensure you get here safely.

Look forward to chatting soon.

Thanks,
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