

AO 2018 ASIA-PACIFIC WILDCARD PLAY-OFF FACT SHEET



Overview	<p>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 in Melbourne in January 2018 with the Australian Open Asia-Pacific Wildcard Play-off (AWP) taking place in Zhuhai, China. Main Draw Wildcards are on offer for Asia-Pacific's winning Singles and Doubles tennis players.</p>		
Eligibility	<p>The AWP is open to all Nationals from the Asia-Pacific region with a World Ranking for Men of 105+ and Women 109+, excluding Australians.</p> <p>Players with a World Ranking of 1-104 for Men and 1-108 for Women (based on the 2017 AO cut-off for Men of 104 and Women of 108) may also apply for entry if they are concerned about any points they need to defend. They will need to contact the Tournament Referee for a special exemption to play.</p> <p>There is no applicable cut-off for doubles so all Asia-Pacific players are eligible. However, the successful doubles pairs at the AWP must be entered and compete together at the AO. If this does not occur then the wildcard is no longer valid and will be returned. AO 2017 Doubles cut-off was 144 combined for Men and 157 combined for Women.</p> <p>All winners (Singles and Doubles) of the Wild Card Play-off will be listed on the Australian Open entry list.</p> <p>To be eligible to participate players must have at least one ATP / WTA Tour rankings point in singles or doubles.</p>		
Dates	<p>Qualifying Singles: Tuesday 28 November 2017</p>	<p>Main Draw Singles: Wednesday 29 November to Sunday 3 December 2017</p>	<p>Main Draw Doubles: Wednesday 29 November to Sunday 3 December 2017</p>
Venue	<p>Zhuhai Hengqin International Tennis Centre Hengqin Avenue, Hengqin New District Zhuhai, Guangdong Province, China 中国广东省珠海市横琴自贸区横琴国际网球中心</p> <p>http://www.ausopenwildcard.com</p>		
Prize Money	<p>Prize money (AUD) for the men's and women's singles is: W \$2,500, F \$2,000, SF \$1,500, QF \$1,000, 1R \$500 Prize money (AUD) for men's and women's doubles is: W \$1,500 per pair, F \$1,000, SF \$500, QF \$250 Prize money will be paid in Chinese RMB on site.</p>		
Tournament Staff	<p>Tournament Director: Isabelle Gemmel Event Operations (China): Li Chunling (Mily)</p>	<p>igemmel@tennis.com.au lichunling@huafagroup.com</p>	<p>M: +61 403 895 177 T: +613 9914 4029 M: +86 139 2880 7484</p>
AO Referee	<p>Wayne McKewen wmckewen@tennis.com.au</p>		
Draw Size and Acceptance Criteria	<p>Singles: 16 Draw*</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Direct – Top 8 ranked players - Wildcards – 4 players - Qualifiers – 4 players <p>Singles Qualifying: 8 Draw*</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Direct – Next 4 highest ranked players - Wildcards – 4 players <p>Initial acceptance lists will be released on Tuesday 7 November 2017 and emailed to all entrants as well as being available at http://www.ausopenwildcard.com/. Final Acceptance List Tuesday 14 November 2017.</p> <p>* Entries based on Monday 6 November rankings. Seedings based on Monday 20 November rankings. All players must have an ATP / WTA ranking (excluding wildcards) to be eligible.</p> <p>To Enter: please complete entry form at https://tournaments.wufoo.eu/forms/ao2018-asiapacific-wildcard-playoff-entry-form/</p>		
Wildcards	<p>Main Draw Singles Wildcards – 2 CTA (host association) wildcards, 2 Tennis Australia wildcards (application) Qualifying Singles Wildcards – 2 CTA (host association) wildcards, 2 Tennis Australia wildcards (application) Doubles Wildcards - 2 CTA (host association) wildcards, 2 Tennis Australia wildcards (application)</p>		
Format Of Play	<p>Singles – Best of three (3) tie-break sets. 6 Balls – Ball Change 7/9. Doubles – Best of two (2) tie-break sets, no-ad scoring, with a third set Match Tie Break if required. 6 Balls – Ball Change 7/9.</p>		
Entry Close Date	<p>Entries to be submitted online at https://tournaments.wufoo.eu/forms/ao2018-asiapacific-wildcard-playoff-entry-form/ Entries close Monday 6 November 2017. Entry fee is AUD \$40 (200RMB) and includes one or two events (Singles / Doubles). Payment can be made online by credit card when signing up, or in cash on site. Email Inquiries: igemmel@tennis.com.au</p>		
Withdrawal Deadline	<p>Monday 13 November 2017</p>		
Surface	<p>Hard Court, Plexipave, AO Blue.</p>		
Ball	<p>Wilson Australian Open</p>		

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Conduct and Behaviour	The tournament will be played under the Grand Slam Code of Conduct.
Practice Courts	Onsite from Sunday 26 November to Sunday 3 December, 9:00am–5:00pm. Contact: Sherri Wu T: +86139 224 18926 (available from 8:00 am until half an hour after the last match/last practice session).
Transport	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Tournament transport to and from tournament hotels and courts will be available from Monday 27 November until Sunday 3 December 2017. Players are responsible for making their own way to and from the airport / train station. Transport inquiries can be made to Sophie Zuo: E: tenniszhuhai@huafagroup.com or T: +86 189 2691 9944. The nearest mainland airport is Zhuhai Airport (Domestic only) located 60 minutes by taxi to the venue and hotel. Macau International Airport (MFM) is located 29-30km to the venue and hotel. Hong Kong International Airport (HKG) has a ferry to Zhuhai Jiuzhou Port (approximately 35 minutes by cab to the venue and hotel). The ferry is approximately \$340 HKD / 290 RMB (\$30-\$40 USD) and taxi fare from port to venue and hotel is approximately 50-60RMB (\$6-\$8 USD).
Accommodation and Official Hotels	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Main Draw players will be entitled to room and breakfast accommodation for a minimum of two nights including the night before the Main Draw begins until the night of their final match in the tournament. Qualifying Players should book at the official hotels directly and will receive the accommodation benefits upon reaching the Main Draw. Qualifying players can access the official hotel and rates as listed. The official player hotel is: Huafa Place (华发会展行政公寓), 1663 Yinwan Road, Wanzai, Xiang Zhou District, Zhuhai, Guangdong, 519030 China T: +86 756 681 9999 F: +86 756 681 6666 Website: http://huafaplace.com/en/index.html Price: Single Room including 1 breakfast 430RMB (approx. \$66 USD) per night. Double / Twin Room including 2 breakfasts 430RMB (approx. \$66 USD) per night. Price range is based on availability. Accommodation Bookings can be made with Sophie Zuo E: tenniszhuhai@huafagroup.com or T: +86 189 2691 9944 <i>All rooms must be confirmed a minimum of 10 days in advance to secure rate.</i>
Food and Beverage Welcome Dinner	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Buffet lunch can be purchased at the player restaurant on site. A Player Welcome dinner will be held on Tuesday 28 November 2017 at 18:00, at the Sheraton Hotel, Zhuhai, within walking distance from the Official Hotel Huafa Place.
Player Services	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Player Services is located in the tennis club house. Contact: Sherry Wu T: +86 13922418926
Physiotherapy & Massage Medical	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Physiotherapist / massage therapist will be available from the afternoon of Monday 27 November 2017. The official tournament doctor will be available throughout the tournament.
Stringer	The Stringer will be available at cost to players. Stringing fees are to be paid direct to the stringer and will be approximately 100 RMB (\$15 USD).
Media and Player Appearances	Main Draw players, if requested, will be required for a minimum two (2) media / PR appearances which may take place off site.
** VISAS **	<p>All players require a visa and should contact the Chinese consulate for information. A letter of invitation may be required and requests should be made online via the following web link: http://cn.mikecrm.com/Qjmvfet</p> <p>Via the link, you will 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.</p> <p>For any further questions in relation to your visa letter, please CONTACT Name: Zuo Lingyuan (Sophie) Phone: +86 189 2691 9944 E-mail: tenniszhuhai@huafagroup.com</p> <p>Please note:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Players need to provide a scanned image of their passport photo page. 2. Players must confirm the location in which you will apply to your China visa and also the entry point in which you will enter / arrive into China. 3. All the above information must be provided at a minimum of 10 days in advance of entry into China.