



THE PLAYOFFS 2015 FACT SHEET

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Dates:	26 – 27 January 2014
Venue:	Melbourne Park, Melbourne Victoria
Surface:	Plexicushion
Balls:	Wilson Australian Open
ATL Referee:	Mark Crawley
AO Referee:	Wayne McKewen

Recommended Hotels:

- The Rydges Melbourne – Exhibition Street (an official shuttle bus will run from this hotel)
- The Parkview Hotel – St Kilda Road (this hotel is located directly behind the Bayview on the Park, where the shuttle bus will run from)

Accommodation:

Each interstate / international team is provided with an accommodation subsidy of \$2,100. This has been organised with your team manager. Please consult your team manager for more information.

Teams have access to the Australian Open booking website to book accommodation if they choose to book with our recommended hotels. <https://www.aoaccommodation.net/Login.aspx>

You must register all your details and then you will receive a username and password to log into the website. When registering your details, be sure to select Asia-Pacific Tennis League as the category to get access to the appropriate hotels. Should players choose to book through the website listed above, this must be done by no later than **December 31st 2014**.

Wildcard Players

This year, teams will be able to apply for one wildcard player. This application must be received by no later than Saturday 24 January 2015. This wildcard player must not have competed or been listed on another teams list that has qualified for the 2015 ATL Playoffs. Players that have played for teams that have not qualified for the 2015 ATL Playoffs **are eligible** to be submitted as wildcards. Please be aware that players that are competing in an Australian Open main draw event will only be able to participate if the Australian Open Tournament Director and Referee agree, and if scheduling permits.

Accreditation:

Players and team members will be required to show photo ID to be able to pick up their accreditation. Accreditation will be able to be picked up from **Sunday 15th January**. Accreditation

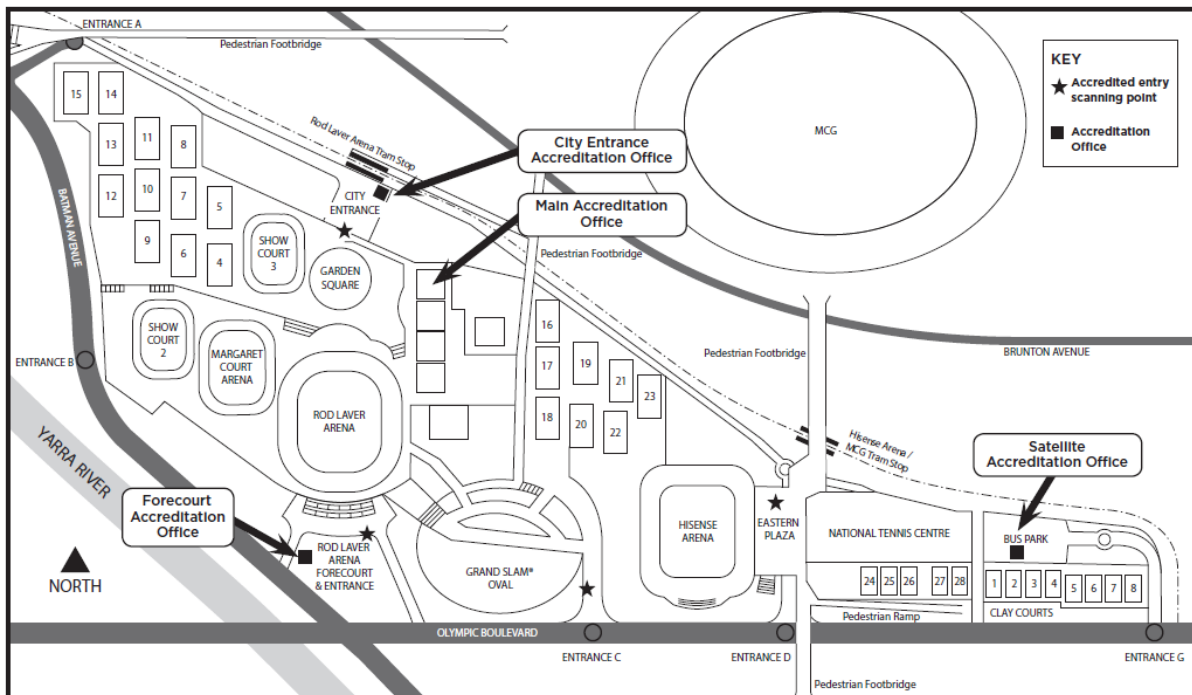
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offices can be found at the City Entrance Accreditation Office (located at the tram stop entrance), Forecourt Accreditation Office (Rod Laver Arena entrance) or the Satellite Accreditation office located behind the clay court (east of Hisense Arena) (see below map).

Players and team members will be given a temporary access sticker and directed to the Main accreditation office to receive their permanent accreditation pass. All players are required to wear their accreditation at all times when they are in or accessing an accredited area of Melbourne Park. Accreditation must be secured to or inside a player's bag whilst on court. If a player loses their accreditation, they will not have any access to any accredited area. All accredited people will have complimentary access to the Yarra Tram network. Simply hop onboard the tram and, show your accreditation to the ticket inspector if required.

Accredited persons do not have access to either Rod Laver Arena or Hisense Arena with their accreditation. At no stage is any ATL player, coach or accredited persons permitted to approach, make contact with, request autographs or photographs with any Australian Open Main Draw or Australian Open Legend players. Failure to obey this rule may result in that player being ejected from all accredited areas and their accreditation permanently confiscated.



Transport:

An official Australian Open shuttle bus will run from the Rydges Hotel and the Bayview on the Park to Melbourne Park according to the following schedule. The bus will depart at the scheduled time and players should be aware of these times in advance.

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*Please be aware that this schedule is subject to change at any time. Every effort will be made to advise teams if the bus schedule changes. Players will need to make their own way to Melbourne Park on Sunday 25th January as no official transport is available.

RYDGES – GRAND HYATT - MELBOURNE PARK			
Rydges		Melbourne Park	
7.20am	2.05pm	7.50am	2.35pm
8.05am	2.50pm	8.35am	3.20pm
8.50am	3.35pm	9.20am	4.05pm
9.35am	4.20pm	10.05am	4.50pm
10.20am	5.05pm	10.50am	5.35pm
11.05am	5.50pm	11.35am	6.20pm
11.50am	6.35pm	12.20pm	7.05pm
12.35pm	7.20pm	1.05pm	
1.20pm		1.50pm	

BAYVIEW ON THE PARK - MELBOURNE PARK			
Bayview		Melbourne Park	
7.30am	4.00pm	8.00am	4.00pm
8.30am	4.30pm	8.30am	4.30pm
9.00am	5.00pm	9.00am	5.00pm
9.30am	5.30pm	9.30am	5.30pm
10.00am	6.00pm	10.00am	6.00pm
10.30am	6.30pm	10.30am	6.30pm
11.00am	7.00pm	11.00am	7.00pm
11.30am	7.30pm	11.30am	7.30pm
12.00pm		12.00pm	8.00pm

Walking:

The Rydges Melbourne is about a 15-20 minute walk from Melbourne Park. Simply walk down Exhibition Street which becomes Batman Avenue. Once you are on Batman Avenue, simply follow the direction of the tram line which will lead you directly to the Melbourne Park entrance.

Change Rooms:

Players will have access to Change Rooms for the competition days only.

Practice Courts:

To book practice courts, please ring: (03) 9914 4580.

There is no guarantee that practice courts will be available, however please see the practice desk located adjacent to the Player Cafe, **only the captain/team manager can book practice courts** and only one per team. Practice courts will not be booked until the schedule of play has been released for the following day. Players may have to share courts and may be limited to 30 minutes at a time depending on availability. Player must be prepared to practice at an official Australian Open offsite venue if required along with all AO participants.

Team Managers/Captains Meeting:

A team managers/captains meeting will be held on the afternoon of Sunday 25th January. The time and location will be confirmed closer to the date. This meeting is to explain the logistics of the event and the rules for the playoffs. Each team is required to have the captain and coach / manager attend this meeting. It is expected that these representatives will inform the team of all logistical matters.

Officiating:

Every rubber will be officiated by a Chair Umpire and linespersons.

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Ballkids:

Every rubber will have a full squad of ballkids. For those players that are not familiar with having ballkids on-court, the ballkids will be responsible for the collection and distribution of all balls for players.

Inclement Weather:

Every effort will be made to play the ATL once the weather returns to suitable playing conditions. The Australian Open Referee, in consultation with the ATL Referee, will determine when the courts are suitable for play to re-commence. The Australian Open referee has the sole discretion to cancel the ATL if deemed necessary. In discussion with the ATL Referee, the Australian Open Referee may determine that a reduced format will be required to complete the event. Once any decision has been made, every effort will be made to advise each team. Every effort will be made to complete the ATL finals with priority on those competing for first place. If matches cannot be completed for minor positions (i.e. 3rd to 7th) then the ATL Director has the ability to divide the prize money between the teams competing for the respective positions as outlined in the ATL Rules and Regulations.

Extreme Heat Policy:

The Australian Open Extreme Heat Policy (EHP) will be applied at the Referee's discretion and may be altered at any time.

Results:

Full results will be available by visiting atl.tennis.com.au

Player Cafe:

ATL players will have access to the main player cafe located adjacent to the practice desk. Please be aware that this is an accredited area and accreditation must be worn in this area.

Player Payment:

No base player payments will be paid for the ATL final playoffs.

Prize Money:

Prize money will be paid to all teams which will be scaled dependant on their finishing position in the competition. Prize money will be paid to the club to distribute at its discretion. The following is the prize money break down for both the men's and women's leagues.

Position	Amount
Winner	\$20,000
Finalist	\$12,500
Third Place	\$7,500
Fourth Place	\$5,000
Equal Fifth Place	\$3,500
Equal Seventh Place	\$1,500

Match Schedule:

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Due to the large demand for courts (from all Australian Open events, including the ATL) at the Australian Open, the number of courts cannot be officially confirmed until closer to the event. It is the intent of the ATL Playoffs to guarantee each team two matches. All teams that win their Quarter Final will play a total of three matches, with those teams that lose at the Quarter Final stage only being guaranteed one two matches.

Draw:

The ATL Playoffs will be played using a 'Monrad Draw' which ensures that each team will playoff for each position, meaning at the conclusion of the competition, teams will be ranked from 1 through to 7.

Example:

- Teams who win the first two (2) rounds will play each other for first and second place;
- Teams who win the first round and lose the second round will play each other for third and fourth place;
- Teams who lose the first round and win the second round will finish equal fifth place; and
- Teams who lose two (2) rounds will finish equal seventh place.

Draft Order of Play

Day 1:

Time	Courts TBA	Courts TBA	Courts TBA
11:00AM	Men's QF	Women's QF	Women's QF
2:00PM	Women's QF	Men's QF	Men's QF
5:00PM	Men's QF	Women's QF	

Day 2:

Time	Courts TBA	Courts TBA	Courts TBA	Courts TBA
11:00AM	Women's SF	Men's SF	Women's SF	Men's SF
2:00PM	Women's 5-8	Men's 5-8	Women's 5-8	Men's 5-8
5:00PM	Men's Final	Women's Final	Men's 3-4	Women's 3-4

Match Format:

The ATL Playoffs will use a unique match format which was used during the Australian conferences. Some of the unique rules that will be used in the ATL Playoffs include:

- Best of 3 short sets with a short tiebreaker at 3-3 in singles
- Best of 2 short sets with a short tiebreaker at 3-3 in doubles. A match tiebreak will be played if players split sets
- No service lets will be played (if the ball hits the net cord on the serve and lands in the correct service box, play will continue). In doubles either player can return the ball if it hits the net cord and lands in the correct service box
- No sitting down at the change of ends
- No-ad scoring
- 3 minute warm-up (including serves)

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All rules will be detailed in the ATL Rules and Regulations which will be sent out to team managers closer to the event. A full explanation of the rules (both on and off court) will be detailed at the ATL Managers Meeting on Sunday 25th January.

Uniform:

All teams are required to wear their team uniform. Failure to wear full team uniform will result in penalties being applied. The team uniform must be approved by Tennis Australia by no later than Sunday 11th January 2015. Please note that team uniforms will be subject to approval by Tennis Australia. All teams must submit a photo of the uniforms to TA for prior approval.

Guest passes:

Each player will have access to 2 (two) guest passes, per day of the ATL tournament (Monday 26th and Tuesday 27th). These will be issued when you pick up your accreditation. No additional tickets will be available outside of the allocated tickets. Any additional tickets will have to be purchased by the team.

EMA:

Players will be provided with an Electronic Meal Allowance (EMA) each day, which will be automatically added to each player's accreditation. This EMA can be used at all catering outlets at the Australian Open. Players will have access to the main Player Cafe as well as the staff cafe. Please be aware that no discount is offered through this EMA; however, to access food at discounted prices, it is recommended that players use the staff cafe. The player EMA for the ATL is \$25 per player per competition day. Players must personally present their pass when purchasing any items.

Physio:

The ATL has access to a physio for both the Men's and Women's events for the treatment of injuries only. Please be aware that (as with all tournaments) waiting for a physio or receiving treatment is no excuse to be late for your match. You will be defaulted if you do not turn up to your court on time.

Player Gym:

ATL players will not have access to any on-site gym. For more information for gym services please contact the player services area.

On-Court Drinks:

Players will be supplied with drinks on-court. Please be aware that the allocation in the on-court fridge is for the duration of the team match, and may not be replenished until the commencement of the following team match.