



## ***Rules & Regulations***

### ***AO26 Community Events***

#### **Background**

Tennis Australia is the owner and organiser of the 1 Point Slam, a unique tennis tournament that brings professional and amateur tennis players together on the one court to compete during the Australian Open.

The tournament involves a preliminary stage, where amateur players compete at 'Community Events' for the opportunity to participate in the Main Draw held on 14 January 2026.

Tennis Australia reserves the right to alter the conditions of the AO 1 Point Slam event if required. It is a player's responsibility to ensure they are available for the specified dates of play, both at a community event and subsequent rounds they qualify into.

#### **Accepting Entries for 1 Point Slam Community events**

Once a Host has been verified to host a 1 Point Slam community event, Tennis Australia will create an event on the Tournaments website and list all events on the Tennis website at: [tennis.com.au/one-point-slam](https://tennis.com.au/one-point-slam).

#### **Eligibility**

To be eligible to compete in the AO 1 Point Slam, players must have the following:

- Competitive Player Profile (CPP) – This can be obtained by going to <https://www.tennis.com.au/competitiveplay/competitive-player-profile>
- Be in good standing with Tennis Australia and its Member Associations.

#### **Entry Fees**

Tennis Australia will not be mandating an entry fee be charged for 1 Point Slam Community events. Should a club or venue wish to charge a small entry fee to help raise funds for the club, then they are entitled to do. Each Community host will be responsible for collecting any entry fees as this will not be made available through the TA 1 Point Slam platform.

#### **Entry Opening and Closing Dates**

Tennis Australia will liaise with the approved Community event host to ensure entries are open for a minimum of two (2) days. Entries must close three (3) days prior to the start of the event.

#### **Draw Administration**

Tennis Australia will release the draws for the Community event two (2) days prior to the start of the event.



### **Withdrawal Process**

All withdrawals must be completed online through the Community Event submitted to the Community Host Event via the advertised email on the event page. We ask that participants be respectful to community event hosts and withdraw in an appropriate and timely manner.

### **Replacing Withdrawn players**

Once the draws for the event have been published and sent to the Event Host, no changes can be made. If players withdraw or no-show before the start or during the event, the opponent is advanced to the next round via a walkover.

### **Draw Format**

There must be a minimum of 8 players for a Community Event to be played. Tennis Australia will determine the maximum draw size permitted based on the total number of courts available during the proposed times from the Community host.

For ease of administration, Tennis Australia reserves the right to create multiple draws to be played on multiple courts, with the winners of these draws qualifying through into the final match(es).

### **Seedings**

Players will not be seeded at Community Events.

### **Scheduling**

All Community Event matches must be completed by Thursday 18 December 2025. Players must be available for the whole day with scheduled match times and any media commitments pre and post event to be communicated prior to the day.

Match times are fixed by the event host and are not negotiable. All players entering an event are considered available to play all times throughout the published dates and times of the event. It is each player's responsibility to find out when they are required to play. This information will be published on the [tournaments.tennis.com.au](https://tournaments.tennis.com.au) website. If you have not been informed via the website when you are playing within 48 hours of the start of the event, please contact the event host.

### **Match Rules**

The Host will determine the most appropriate way to determine who will have the right to serve. This can either be determined by a coin toss or rock, paper, scissors game before each match. The winner will have the choice to determine if they will serve or receive. The loser of this process can choose which end to receive from.

The match will consist of 1 point only. Any disputes regarding the outcome of the point will be determined by the Event Host nominated organiser. No appeal will be permitted.

Each player is primarily responsible for line calls on their side of the net. If in doubt, the player must give the benefit of any doubt to his/her opponent, in particular regarding line



calls. All “out” or “fault” calls should be made promptly after the ball has bounced and must be loud enough for the opponent to hear.

If a player incorrectly calls a ball “out” and then realises that the ball was good, the point should be replayed, unless it was a point winning shot or unless that player made an incorrect “out” call earlier in the match. In these circumstances, the player who called “out” loses the point.

All players competing at a 1 Point Slam Community event will be permitted to have 2 serves. The only exception will be any player with a current ATP / WTA ranking who will only be permitted 1 serve.

Apart from the above, all other current rules of tennis as determined by the International Tennis Federation ([2025-rules-of-tennis-english.pdf](#)) will be adhered to in determining the outcome of each point.

### **Confirmation of Community Event winners**

Event Hosts will be required to communicate the winner of their event within 3 days of the event’s completion or by no later than 8pm on Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> December 2025. This can be done by publishing the results to the [tournaments.tennis.com.au](#) website or sending a completed draw to [onepointslam@tennis.com.au](mailto:onepointslam@tennis.com.au)

### **Community Event Winners – Selection into AO26 1 Point Slam Main Draw**

Players that win their community event will be placed into their respective State Championship event to be held on Saturday 20 December.

The events will take place at a venue to be advised in each capital city. State champions winners will receive return economy airfares from their closest capital city, 2 nights’ accommodation in an AO Player Hotel (Tuesday 13 & Wednesday 14 January 2026) and exclusive AO Player access to Melbourne Park.

The winner of the State Championship event will also receive a \$5,000 grant for their nominated club, coaching business or school.

### **Prizes**

The overall winner of the AO26 1 Point Slam will receive AUD\$1,000,000. The affiliated club, association, school or coach that is represented by the winner will receive a \$50,000 grant to be invested into tennis facilities or program. The affiliated club, association, school or coach that is represented by the 8 State Champions will receive a \$5000 grant to be invested into tennis facilities or program. Any other prizes that will be made available will be communicated prior to the start of the event.

### **Event Cancellation**

Please note that the event is subject to cancellation, either due to unavailability of Australian Open players, weather or scheduling issues that may arise.

### **Travel and Accommodation Costs**

All Participants, except for the 8 State Champions that win entry into the Grand Finale directly are responsible for any costs associated in participating in the event. This includes flights, car and accommodation expenses if travelling from outside of Melbourne.



## **Australian Open Accreditation / Ground Passes**

Participants competing in the Main Draw event will be provided with an accreditation pass for the Australian Open to compete on Wednesday 14 January 2026, subject to acceptance and compliance of the Australian Open accreditation conditions, which will be provided at the time of collection. 2 family members / player support team members will be given ground pass accreditation/tickets to support on the day.

## **Tennis Etiquette**

All players are expected to follow the basic tennis etiquette:

- Players are expected at all times to shake hands or tap racquets with their opponent(s) at the completion of a match.
- Players are expected at all times to call aloud if the ball is out. If hand signals are used to call the status of the ball, they should only be used as a secondary notification after the physical calling of the ball.
- Do not enlist the aid of spectators, including parents, coaches in making line calls, or attempting to determine the score or other on-court matters.
- Wait until a point is over before walking behind a court where a match is in progress.
- To retrieve a ball from another court or to return a ball to another court, wait until the players have completed a point.
- Do not stall, sulk, complain or practice gamesmanship.

It is recommended that all player/parents/guardians/coaches watch the following [tennis etiquette video](#).

## **Officials**

No Officials are required for a 1 Point Slam Community event

## **Spectator Behaviour**

You should inform your supporters of Tennis Australia's expectations regarding spectator behaviour. You are responsible for the conduct of your supporters. Inappropriate spectator behaviour may result in disciplinary action in accordance with the [Code of Behaviour: Competitive Play](#) including denial of entry to future events in Australia. Regulated spectator behaviour includes, but is not limited to, behaviour at tennis venues, event hotels and in transport vehicles.

## **Complaints**

If you are unhappy with any matter in connection with the event, you may raise the matter verbally with the event host. If you are still not satisfied, a written complaint may be lodged with Tennis Australia using the [contact us form](#). Tennis Australia will determine what further action, if any, should be taken, including referring the matter to another party such as a club/centre, member association or the Tennis Australia Integrity team. For the avoidance of doubt, the results of all matches connected to the complaint will stand in any event.

## **Liability**

All players who enter this event use the venue and compete at their own risk. Neither the event, its officials nor the venue, its staff, management or committee will be responsible for





death, personal injury, or loss of or damage to property whether occurring on the premises or otherwise.

### **Ownership**

Ownership of the event lies with Tennis Australia. Any correspondence in relation to the event shall be directed to Tennis Australia.

### **Rules Governing the Event**

The event is sanctioned by Tennis Australia and will be run in strict accordance with the Australian Competitive Play Junior Regulations or the Australian Competitive Play Open Regulations, including the Code of Behaviour: Competitive Play (as each may be amended from time to time). By submitting an entry to this event you acknowledge and agree that you are subject to the Regulations of Tennis Australia including the application of the Australian Competitive Play Regulations (including the Code of Behaviour: Competitive Play, the uniform tennis anti-corruption program, anti-doping policy, the Tennis Australia member protection policy and any other policy, rule, procedure or regulations of which Tennis Australia may notify the relevant club/centre/association from time to time).

Tennis Australia may alter or add to these rules in which case they will post written details on the event notice board and/or the tournament website. The event host shall however have general discretionary powers in interpreting any rule or regulation relating to the event and in situations not specifically covered by any applicable rules or regulations governing this event.



## **Refusal of Entry**

Tennis Australia or the respective Member Association reserve the right to refuse a player or other participants entry into the 1 Point Slam Community Events where Tennis Australia or that Member Association determines that the applicable player or participant:

- Is currently suspended by Tennis Australia, a Member Association, the ITF, or another applicable tennis authority, or has any outstanding financial liability or otherwise to any of these organisations, or is otherwise ineligible under any applicable code, rule, regulation, policy or procedure.
- Is not of good standing or character or has or will likely embarrass or bring into ridicule or disrepute Tennis Australia, the Member Association, the applicable event and/or the sport of tennis.
- Has failed to comply with any conditions of entry or other applicable rule, regulation, policy or procedure from the respective Member Association, providing that Tennis Australia has approved any such Member Association decision to refuse a player or participant's entry
- Is not permitted to play in an event for prize money as a result of visa conditions imposed on them by the Australian Immigration Department or is otherwise not permitted to play in an event as a result of conditions imposed by the police, any other government authority or court of law.

## **Data Protection Statement/Privacy Policy**

In addition to any specific consent provided under these conditions, you consent to the collection, storage, use and disclosure of your personal information in accordance with TA's Privacy Statement (<http://www.tennis.com.au/privacy-statement>) and Privacy Policy (<http://www.tennis.com.au/privacy>), which contains information about how you may access and seek correction of your personal information, how you can complain about a breach of your privacy rights, and how a complaint will be dealt with. Any personal information shared by TA to M&OP will be handled in accordance with M&OP's Privacy Policy (<https://mopt.com.au/privacy/>).

## **Emergency Medical Treatment Provision**

In consideration of Tennis Australia or the Event Host accepting your entry into an endorsed event, you:

- consent to the Event Host or TA's doctors and other health service providers (including but not limited to primary health care providers and physiotherapists) consulting with, screening and treating you, and providing emergency assistance or transport
- agree to pay any costs accumulated from the use of such health service providers during the course of the event, unless agreed otherwise.

Further information is set out in more detail in our entry terms and conditions on the [tennis.com.au](http://tennis.com.au) website.



### **Media & Photography Policy**

By entering you acknowledge that you may be involved in any filming of, and publicity connected with, the event, including on-court video recording, media interviews, photographs, TV footage, and live streaming of matches. You grant and assign to TA and its commercial partners the right in perpetuity throughout the world to make, use, show and reproduce moving pictures, still pictures and live, taped or filmed television, sound recordings and any other reproductions of any description of you during or in connection with the tournament. You agree that your name, voice, likeness, image and biographical material may also be used and reproduced in any way for the purpose of providing information and news in relation to the tournament, audio visual coverage, distribution and broadcast of the tournament, archival purposes, and publicising, promoting and advertising TA and the tournament. You acknowledge and agree that this usage, including for commercial purposes, is without compensation or notice to you, heirs, executors, administrators or assigns.

Unofficial photography and video recording is not permitted without the prior consent of the event referee, any players involved in such photography/video footage and (in the case of players under 18 years of age) their parent or legal guardian. To avoid disruption to play, requests must be made with sufficient notice as consent will not normally be sought from players once a match (including warm-up) has commenced.

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