

# 2021 Australian Tennis Championships

The country's pinnacle tournament for people with an intellectual impairment,  
autism or deaf/hard of hearing

*13 – 16 April 2021  
Melbourne Park*

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## GENERAL INFORMATION

### Organiser

Tennis Australia



### Partners

Sport Inclusion Australia Inc. (Virtus sanctioned)  
Special Olympics Australia  
Deaf Sports Australia



### Supported By

Victorian State Government



### Dates

Tuesday 13 April to Friday 16 April



### Venue

Melbourne Park  
Olympic Boulevard  
Melbourne VIC 3001



### Tournament Director

Jennifer Johnson

### Assistant Tournament Director

Ben Dew



### TA Head Referee

Tony Warland

### Physiotherapist / Sports Trainer

A physiotherapist will be available only for those players in need of medical attention at specified times. Treatment times will be displayed at the tournament.

### Surface

Plexicushion

### Official Ball

Dunlop Australian Open ball

### Tournament Series

This is a Platinum level tournament. Points will be determined based upon the number of entries.

### Prize Money

As we are still developing II – 2, II - 3 and Deaf/Hard of Hearing tournament divisions, prizemoney will be determined and communicated to players after registrations close.

## ELIGIBILITY

Players competing in the Australian Tennis Championships (ATC 2021) must be eligible according to Sport Inclusion Australia/Virtus or Deaf Sports Australia guidelines. If unsure, please contact the Sport Inclusion Australia office (03 5762 7494) or download eligibility forms at [www.sportinclusionaustralia.org.au](http://www.sportinclusionaustralia.org.au) or Deaf Sports Australia at <https://deafsports.org.au/pathways/athlete-eligibility/>

### ATC 2021 Division Classification

Class	Classification	Criteria	Tournament Divisions Offered
II – 1	Players with an intellectual disability	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Full scale IQ of 75 or lower</li> <li>• Significant limitations in adaptive behaviour</li> <li>• Onset before age 18</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Men's &amp; Women's Singles</li> <li>• Men's &amp; Women's Doubles</li> <li>• Junior Boy's &amp; Girl's (18&amp;U)</li> </ul>
II – 2	Players with a more significant impairment – Athletes with an intellectual disability and associated physical condition e.g. Down syndrome	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• A formal diagnosis of Trisomy 21 or Translocation Down syndrome;</li> <li>• For safety, athletes must not have symptomatic Atlantoaxial Instability (AAI)</li> <li>• Athletes with Mosaic Down syndrome are not eligible under II-2 but may be eligible to compete in II-1 above.</li> </ul> <p><i>Note: The criteria for this group will be revised and expanded as the project progresses and research data becomes available.</i></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Men's &amp; Women's Singles</li> <li>• Men's &amp; Women's Doubles</li> <li>• Junior Boy's &amp; Girl's (18&amp;U)</li> </ul>
II – 3	Players with high functioning Autism	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• A Full-Scale IQ score of above 75, OR a diagnosis of no intellectual disability, and</li> <li>• A formal diagnosis of Autism or ASD</li> </ul> <p><i>Note: Athletes with Autism who meet the criteria for II – 1 intellectual disability will be classified in that class.</i></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Men's &amp; Women's Singles</li> <li>• Men's &amp; Women's Doubles</li> <li>• Junior Boy's &amp; Girl's (18&amp;U)</li> </ul>
AU1 & AU2	Deaf/Hard of Hearing	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Players must have a hearing level loss of 40 dB or more 3FAHL in their better ear.</li> <li>• Hearing aids or cochlear implants are not to be worn during matches. (excluding Juniors)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Men's &amp; Women's Singles</li> <li>• Men's &amp; Women's Doubles</li> <li>• Junior Boy's &amp; Girl's (18&amp;U)</li> </ul>

**Please Note:** Some divisions may be combined depending on the number of players entered, this will be communicated prior to the event.

## ONLINE REGISTRATION

ALL PLAYERS NEED TO COMPLETE THESE 2 STEPS TO REGISTER FOR THE ATC 2021

**STEP 1:** Complete the following [ATC 2021 Player Information Form](#) by **Friday 5 March**.  
(you can also access this form by scanning this QR code with your mobile device.)



**STEP 2:** Officially enter the ATC 2021 by completing the online registration on [ATC 2021 Tournament](#) page and pay your entry fee online by **Friday 19 March**.  
(you can also access this page by scanning this QR code with your mobile device.)



## ENTRY FEE

### Player Entry Fee – \$95 (incl. GST)

Included in the entry fee;

- Entry into the tournament (singles and doubles)
- Lunch on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday
- Player Gift Pack
- Official Player Function
- Melbourne Park & National Tennis Centre Tour (TBC – subject to COVID restrictions)

### Please Note:

- Players will need a **Tennis ID** in order to enter online. This can be obtained by contacting **1800 PLAY TENNIS** (1800 752 983) or email [play@tennis.com.au](mailto:play@tennis.com.au) to check your status or register!
- All players must confirm their classification and provide eligibility information after the close of entries.
- For further information on eligibility and please visit [Sport Inclusion Australia](#) or [Deaf Sports Australia](#) or contact them directly.
- All classification and eligibility forms need to be processed and approved through Sport Inclusion Australia or Deaf Sports Australia **BEFORE** competing at ATC 2021.

## PROVISIONAL EVENT SCHEDULE

DATE	TIME	WHAT	WHERE
<b>Tuesday 13 April</b>	8.30am 9.00am 10.00am 10.45am	Players Arrive Onsite Player Check In / Registration ATC 2021 Opening Ceremony Day 1 Matches Commence	Melbourne Park (Garden Square Entrance) Tournament Desk (next to Court 3) Court 3 Courts 2 – 13
<b>Wednesday 14 April</b>	8.30am 9.00am 5.30pm 6.30pm	Player Check In Day 2 Matches Commence Mixed Doubles Showdown Dinner options provided	Tournament Desk (next to Court 3) Courts 2 – 13 Courts 18 – 21 (over near the NTC) Eastern Courts Promenade
<b>Thursday 15 April</b>	8.30am 9.00am 6.30pm	Player Check In Day 3 Matches Commence ATC 2021 Official Dinner	Tournament Desk (next to Court 3) Courts 2 – 13 TBC
<b>Friday 16 April</b>	8.30am 9.00am 3.00pm 4.00pm	Player Check In Day 4 Matches Commence ATC 2021 Presentation Ceremony Players Depart	Tournament Desk (next to Court 3) Courts 2 – 13 Court 3 Home

**Note:** It is recommended that all players from interstate arrive in Melbourne on Monday 12 April and depart no earlier than 7pm on Friday 16 April. This event schedule is provisional only and may change slightly.

### ACCOMMODATION

We are in the process of securing some accommodation packages close to Melbourne Park for those who require assistance with booking your accommodation. Please indicate on the **ATC 2021 Player Information form** (see link above) if you require assistance with organising your accommodation then we will provide you with some further information.

### MEALS

**Breakfast** – Hotel or own choice each morning

**Lunch** – Player lunch packs will be provided at Melbourne Park from Tuesday to Thursday for all players. Please indicate on the ATC 2021 Player Information form (see link above) your preference for lunch and any dietary requirements you may have.

**Dinner** – We will provide some options for dinner on Monday/Tuesday night then dinner will be provided on Wednesday and Thursday nights

**Please Note:** Lunch will NOT be provided on **Friday 16 April**.

### TRANSPORT & PARKING

Players need to make their own travel arrangements to Melbourne. Tennis Australia and Sport Inclusion Australia are currently investigating how we may be able to support interstate players with transport from the airport on Monday 12 April. Otherwise Taxis are always available (24 hours) from the airport. Approximate taxi fare from the airport to the city is AUD\$75.

There will be FREE parking onsite over at the National Tennis Centre for the duration of the event (details to follow).

### ACCREDITATION

This year no accreditation is required to access Melbourne Park.

## LOCAL SPORTING CHAMPIONS GRANT

Sport Australia's [Local Sporting Champions](#) program provides financial assistance for coaches, officials and competitors aged 12-18 participating in state, national or international championships. If successful, applicants will receive \$500 – \$750 towards the cost of attending their championships.

We encourage all players and team managers/coaches to apply before attending the ATC 2021 to be eligible.

Visit the following link for more information about the grants [eligibility criteria](#).

## MATCH FORMAT & ORDER OF PLAY

### Match Calls

It is each player's responsibility to go to the court assigned upon being notified of the match being called.

### Match Formats

CLASS	DIVISION	FORMAT
II - 1	Men's Singles Top 8 Men's Singles Top 8 Final Men's Singles Division 2 Women's Singles Women's Singles Final	Best of two tiebreak sets, with a 10-point match tiebreak. Best of three tiebreak sets. One set, tiebreak at six games all. One set, tiebreak at six games all. Best of three tiebreak sets.
II - 2	Men's & Women's Singles Men's & Women's Singles Finals	One set, tiebreak at six games all. Best of three tiebreak sets.
II - 3	Men's & Women's Singles Men's & Women's Singles Finals	One set, tiebreak at six games all. Best of three tiebreak sets.
AU 1 & 2	Men's & Women's Singles Men's & Women's Singles Finals	Best of two tiebreak sets, with a 10-point match tiebreak. Best of three tiebreak sets.
ALL	Men's & Women's Doubles Men's & Women's Doubles Finals	One set, tiebreak at six games all. Best of two tiebreak sets, with a 10-point match tiebreak.
ALL	Boy's & Girl's Singles & Doubles Boy's & Girl's Singles & Doubles Finals	One set, tiebreak at six games all. Best of two tiebreak sets, with a 10-point match tiebreak.

**Note:** Match formats are subject to change at any time at the discretion of the Tournament Committee. Any such changes will be communicated to all players soon after the decision has been made.

### Order of Play

The daily schedule of play will be released by the Tournament Director via the [ATC 2021 Tournament page](#) and also sent out to all players via email the night prior to each day's play.

**Note:** Please be aware that ALL match times are approximations only and can vary on many factors including but not limited to weather, length of previous matches, court availability etc.

## TOURNAMENT CONDITIONS

- The tournament will be conducted under the Rules of Tennis as approved by the rules and regulations of Tennis Australia.
- The 2021 Australian Tennis Championships is sanctioned by Virtus, (International Sports Federation for Athletes with an intellectual impairment).
- Players are required to meet the national eligibility criteria (Virtus) to compete in II – 1, II – 2 or II – 3 divisions or national eligibility criteria (Deaf Sports Australia) to compete in deaf/hard of hearing divisions.
- Entries must be done through the online registration form and all entry fees must be paid and at the time of entry. No player shall be allowed to play in any event unless the entry fee has been paid.
- The Tournament Committee hereinafter referred to, as “the Committee” shall have the entire control and management of the Tournament.
- Play will commence punctually as notified each day. Whatever the state of the weather competitors must be on the grounds ready to play.
- If for any reason a match is not commenced at the time appointed, competitors must be ready to play immediately when called upon by the Referee. Any competitor being not ready or refusing to play 15 minutes from the time appointed, or when called upon by the Referee, may be disqualified from the event and the match awarded to their opponent if they are present and willing to play. Should either competitors or pairs be absent or refuse to play, either competitors or pairs may be disqualified from the event.
- Players must report to the tournament desk 15 minutes before scheduled match.
- No player should leave the tournament area without permission.
- The [Tennis Australia Code of Behaviour](#) will be enforced during this tournament. By the way of entering this tournament, all players are bound by this code of conduct.
- The Committee reserves the right to cancel any event if the entry is deemed unsatisfactory or alter the type of match played.
- The Dunlop Australian Open balls will be used throughout the event.
- The use of ripple or bar soled shoes, or heels, or spikes is prohibited.
- Recognised tennis costume must be worn. Coloured tennis garments and footwear may be worn at the discretion of the Referee. Any player while competing in a match shall not wear articles such as sweatshirts, dress shirts, tee shirts and Bermuda shorts. Tracksuits may be worn during the match, at the discretion of the Referee. Prominent advertising or lettering in any form on tennis dress is not permitted, however, a small company logo, or a motif, measuring not more than two square inches may be approved.
- All players must abide by the [Tennis Australia Extreme Weather Policy](#) throughout the tournament.
- The tournament desk will notify players of the time of their first match. Match schedules for the following day will be available from Tournament control from 8.00pm. It is the responsibility of all players to find out their following match times.
- Matches will commence at Melbourne Park on Tuesday 13 April 2021. Finals will be played on Thursday 15 April and Friday 16 April 2021.