

# AUSTRALIAN OPEN 2018 WHEELCHAIR CHAMPIONSHIPS FACT SHEET



<b>Dates</b>	Wednesday 24 January – Saturday 27 January 2018		
<b>Venue</b>	Melbourne Park Batman Avenue Melbourne, VIC 3000	T: +613 9914 4400 F: +613 9650 1040 <a href="http://players.ausopen.com">players.ausopen.com</a> <a href="http://australianopen.com.au">australianopen.com.au</a>	
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<b>AOWC Referee</b>	Phillip Goodman	M: +614 32 520 605	
<b>Draw Size</b>	<b>Singles</b> Men's: 8 Players - Top 7 ranked players plus 1 wildcard Women's: 8 Players - Top 7 ranked players plus 1 wildcard Quad Singles: 4 players - Top 3 ranked players plus 1 wildcard  Please note: To be eligible for the Doubles Draw, players must have been accepted into the Singles Draw	<b>Doubles</b> Men's: 4 Teams Women's: 4 teams Quad: 2 Teams	
<b>Player Sign In / Draw Announcement</b>	Player sign in – 9:30AM at the Player Café (west end) on Monday 22 January. A light breakfast will be served The Draw Announcement will follow on court at Margaret Court Arena, Melbourne Park at 10:15AM Player attendance is compulsory		
<b>Surface</b>	Plexicushion		
<b>Ball</b>	Wilson Australian Open		
<b>Entry Close Date</b>	Monday 4 December 2017. All players are required to submit their entries online at <a href="https://players.ausopen.com/">https://players.ausopen.com/</a>		
<b>Format Of Play</b>	Singles – Best of three tie-break sets Doubles – Best of two sets, match tie-break at one set all and no add scoring		
<b>Prize Money</b>	Details of Australian Open Wheelchair Championships 2018 prize money will be announced in November 2017 All prize money will be paid onsite in Australian Dollars at the prize money office located in the Player Facilities area <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The prize money amount will not vary if the Australian Dollar appreciates or depreciates against other currencies</li> <li>All players are required to obtain an ABN. Applications can be completed on arrival at the Accreditation Office</li> </ul>		
<b>Per Diem</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Players will be entitled to a per diem of AUD\$300 per night</li> <li>Players per diem commences Wednesday 24 January 2018 including the day of elimination, plus three days</li> <li>Per diem payments will be paid to players when they receive their prize money</li> </ul>		
<b>Meal Allowance</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Players EMA commences Monday 22 January 2018 and ends one day after the player's final match</li> </ul>		
<b>Accommodation</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Australian Open accommodation office is open from Sunday 1 October 2017</li> <li>Accommodation booking requests deadline is Monday 4 December 2017</li> <li>The Australian Open Player Hotel is the Grand Hyatt Melbourne</li> <li>To book accommodation and for further information visit <a href="http://players.ausopen.com">players.ausopen.com</a></li> </ul>		
<b>Accreditation</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Accreditation is available for collection onsite at Melbourne Park from Saturday 20 January 2018. On arrival at Melbourne Park all players, coaches and guests are required to visit the Player Accreditation Office to collect their security pass</li> <li>Each player is entitled to nominate the following individuals for accreditation: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Two (2) guests, and</li> <li>One (1) ITF endorsed Coach may be nominated and is subject to approval by the Tournament Director</li> </ul> </li> <li>Players must be present or have completed the online registration form prior to arriving onsite to nominate coaches and/or guests before these passes can be provided</li> <li>No accreditation will be provided unless the Australian Open Player Registration Form is signed</li> <li>Players will only be able to collect their Accreditation pass once they have successfully applied for an Australian Business Number (ABN).</li> </ul>		
<b>Transport</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Tournament transport will be available from Saturday 20 January until Monday 29 January 2018.</li> <li>Reservations can be made online at <a href="http://players.ausopen.com">players.ausopen.com</a>, by emailing <a href="mailto:aotransport@tennis.com.au">aotransport@tennis.com.au</a> or by calling +613 9914 4641</li> <li>All airport transport must be booked in advance. Wheelchair players and their official coaches are eligible for airport pick up. Coaches must travel with their player to be eligible for these transfers. Transport is available from 6:45AM and last Melbourne Airport pick up will be at 10:30PM</li> <li>Courtesy car service is not available for transfers from Avalon Airport</li> </ul>		
<b>Practice Courts</b>	For bookings visit <a href="http://players.ausopen.com">players.ausopen.com</a> or call +61 3 9914 4580		
	<i>Melbourne Park</i>	<i>Albert Reserve</i>	<i>Scotch College</i>
	Monday 22 – Saturday 27 January 2018 8:00AM – 8:00PM	Sunday 21 – Tuesday 23 January 2018 8:00AM – 7:00PM	Monday 15 – Tuesday 23 January 2018 8:00AM – 6:00PM
	<i>Date</i>	<i>Time</i>	<i>Location</i>
<b>Player Services</b>	Monday 1 January – Sunday 7 January 2018	9:00AM – 6:00PM	Player Lounge T: +61 3 9914 4578 E: <a href="mailto:playerservices@tennis.com.au">playerservices@tennis.com.au</a>

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	Monday 8 January – Sunday 14 January 2018	8:00AM – 9:00PM or 30 minutes after the completion of play		
	Monday 15 January – Friday 26 January 2018	8:00AM – 30 minutes after the completion of play		
	Saturday 27 January – Sunday 28 January 2018	9:00AM – 30 minutes after the completion of play		
<i>Visa</i>	Please ensure you have applied for the correct visa when travelling to Australia. For further information please visit <a href="http://www.players.ausopen.com">www.players.ausopen.com</a>			
<i>Match Analysis</i>	All match courts will be covered by AO host broadcast for AO2018. To request your match footage please visit the Match Analysis Desk located at Transport.			
<i>Medical</i>	Monday 22 January – Saturday 27 January 2018	9:00AM – 30 minutes after the completion of play	RLA ground level	T: +613 9914 4698
<i>Physio / Massage Therapists</i>	Monday 22 January – Saturday 27 January 2018	One hour before commencement of play – 30 minutes after the completion of play or as required	Change Room A & B	
<i>Stringer</i>	Monday 22 January – Saturday 27 January 2018	7:00AM – one hour after end of play	South of Court 6	T: +613 9914 4583
<i>Repair Station</i>	Tuesday 23 January – Saturday 27 January 2018	9:00AM – 30 minutes after the completion of play		
<i>Laundry</i>	Monday 8 January 2018 – Day of player's final match	Times posted in change room	Change Room A & B	
<i>Terms and Conditions</i>	Participation in the Australian Open 2018 is subject to the terms and conditions of the Player Registration Form			