

AUSTRALIAN PADEL OPEN

14 - 18 January 2026 | Game4Padel Docklands

FACTSHEET





TOURNAMENT DETAILS

Dates: 14 - 18 January 2026

Level: Cupra FIP Tour | Silver

Prizemoney: \$AU 35,000

Balls: Bullpadel Next (new balls every match)

Website: [View here](#)

Email: info@padelaus.com.au

Entry Fee: \$AU 70.00 (per player)

Entries Open: 3 December 2025

Entries Close: 1 January 2026, 3:00 am AEDT

**PADEL AUSTRALIA
TOURNAMENT OPERATIONS
TEAM**

Tournament Lead: Nick Eades

Tournament Director: Michael Jackson

Tournament Official: Phil Waight

EVENT CATEGORIES

Event	Men's Doubles	Women's Doubles
Qualification	32 (30 DA, 2 WC)	32 (30 DA, 2 WC)
Main Draw	32 (26 DA, 4 QUAL, 2 WC)	32 (26 DA, 4 QUAL, 2 WC)

WILD CARDS

Wild card requests must be submitted [here](#) and competition@padelfip.com before the entry closing date.

VENUE DETAILS

Address: 206 Lorimer St, Docklands
VIC 3008

Website: [View here](#)

Turf Colour: Blue

Court Conditions: Undercover

Floodlights: Yes

Livestreaming: Yes

Match Courts: 4

Practice Courts: Practice courts will be available prior to the commencement of play + 1 practice court throughout the day.

ENTRY INFORMATION

Entry Fee: *Men's & Women's Doubles:* \$AU 70.00 (per player)

- (Payable when submitting your entry via Padel Australia)
 - **Note:** An additional entry through FIP PADEL UNO is also required.

Entries Open: 3 December 2025

Entries Close: 1 January 2026, 3:00 am AEDT

- **Note:** Late entries will not be accepted.

Withdrawal Deadline

- Two (2) days prior to commencement of the qualifying draw. Withdrawals made after this date will not receive a refund and may incur fines or penalties.

ENTRY CRITERIA

Player Acceptance Order:

1. International (FIP) Ranking
2. National Ranking
3. Tournament Committee Discretion

Rankings as of 31 December 2025 will be used.

- Players entering without a nominated partner may be paired with another player at the Tournament Committee's discretion.

Eligibility Requirements, players must:

- Be at least 15 years old as of 1 January 2026
- Not be suspended or ineligible under FIP or national federation rules
- Be of good standing and character
- Not be restricted by visa or legal conditions preventing participation

ENTRY METHOD & PADEL LICENSES

All players must enter via both FIP Padel UNO and Padel Australia:

FIP Padel UNO

- Submit entry through: uno.padelfip.com
- To register, email registration@padelfip.com with your full details (name, surname, DOB, gender, email, and national license number).
- FIP will then provide login credentials for Padel UNO.
- A valid national player license is required.
 - Australian players: Obtain through pa.tournamentsoftware.com/memberships
 - International players: Contact your national federation.

Padel Australia

- Submit entry through: [View here](#)
- Required to process entry fee and allocate Australian Padel Tour (APT) Ranking Points.
- If you encounter any registration issues, please email info@padelaus.com.au

EVENT DATES

Draw	Men’s Doubles	Women’s Doubles
Qualification	Wednesday 14 Jan	
Main Draw	Thursday 15 Jan – R32 Friday 16 Jan – R16 Saturday 17 Jan – QF & SF Sunday 18 Jan - F	Thursday 15 Jan – R32 Friday 16 Jan – R16 Saturday 17 Jan – QF & SF Sunday 18 Jan - F
Consolation	Not applicable	

- Finals will begin from Sunday 18 January at 11:00 am.

FORMAT OF PLAY

Men’s & Women’s Doubles		
Draw	Size	Format
Qualifying	32 pairs (Elimination)	Best of 3 tiebreak sets (Golden Point)
Main Draw	32 pairs (Elimination)	Best of 3 tiebreak sets (Golden Point)

- Order of Play grids will be published daily. Matches may move courts depending on duration.

PLAYER PROCEDURES

- Check in 30 minutes prior to scheduled match.
- Report scores and return match balls after completion.

DAILY COMMUNICATIONS

- Players will receive daily email updates with draws, schedules, reminders, and warm-up details.
- A WhatsApp group will also be created for real-time updates and urgent notifications. Please ensure your mobile number is provided during entry.

OFFICIAL DRAW & SCHEDULE

Date: Sunday 11 January 2026
Scheduling requests may be submitted to info@padelaus.com.au.

Please note:

- Not all scheduling requests can be accommodated.
- Players must be prepared to play at their scheduled time.
- Matches may be moved between courts as required.

SEEDINGS

- Seeding determined by:
 - International (FIP) Ranking
 - National Ranking
 - Tournament Committee Discretion
- Rankings as of 1 January 2026 will apply. All discretionary decisions are final and binding.

PRIZE MONEY & RANKING POINTS

Men's & Women's Doubles (\$AU 35,000 total \$AU 17,500 per event)			
Round	FIP Points	Per Pair	Per Round
Winner	80	\$AU 3,494.75	\$AU 3,494.75
Finalist	45	\$AU 1,750.00	\$AU 1,750.00
Semi Finals	25	\$AU 1,134.00	\$AU 2,268.00
Quarter Finals	14	\$AU 695.19	\$AU 2,780.75
Round of 16	8	\$AU 396.59	\$AU 3,172.75
Round of 32	5	\$AU 252.11	\$AU 4,033.75
Bonus Qualy	1	N/A	
Last Qualy	3	N/A	
Q2	2	N/A	

- Prize money awarded based on the above.
- Prize money will be paid in \$AU via electronic transfer.
- Players must complete an online payment form before the end of the tournament.
- Details will be provided during the tournament.

RULES & OFFICIATING

- Matches will be conducted under FIP Official Rules.
- The Padel Australia Entry Conditions apply to all players, coaches, and support staff.

VISA

All international participants require a visa to enter Australia for the 2026 Australian Summer of Tennis and Australian Open. You require a Letter of Invitation citing your correct visa category, then you need to apply for a visa through Australia's Department of Home Affairs.

Step 1 | Request your Letter of Invitation

To apply for and to be approved for a visa as an invited participant, you will need a Letter of Invitation from Tennis Australia. Absolute Immigration will manage your request and you can submit it through this link.

Request your Letter of Invitation | [View here](#)

Step 2 | Check Visa Information

Visa information and requirements depend on your participant category and personal circumstances. It is important to apply for the correct visa and we have outlined your visa options here.

Visa Information | [View here](#)

Step 3 | Apply now for your visa

There are two options to apply for your visa:

- Directly with the Department of Home Affairs by creating an ImmiAccount, or
- By engaging our services to manage the visa application on your behalf.

Visa Application | [View here](#)

- All players should select "Professional Player"
- All Coaches/Trainers should select "PSTs"
- All family members should select "Direct Players' Family Member"

Please follow the instructions and where possible through the process, note your purpose is for the Australian Padel Open. Should you have any issue please be in contact.

AO ACCREDITATION

AO accreditations will be granted to players who reach the Quarter Finals, valid for January 18–20. This accreditation provides grounds pass access for players to enjoy the first three days of the AO main draw.

PROMOTIONAL APPEARANCES

- Players may be requested to attend tournament promotional activities.
- Requests will be reasonable and will not conflict with match commitments.

PLAYER ATTIRE

- Teams are encouraged (but not required) to wear matching outfits.
- Avoid wearing logos from competing tours or conflicting brands.
- If both teams wear similar colours, the higher-ranked team has priority.

FACILITIES & SERVICES

Players will have access to a range of on-site facilities designed for comfort, preparation, and recovery:

- Warm-Up Area
- Complimentary Wi-Fi
- Physiotherapy Services

WELCOME FUNCTION

There will be a Welcome Function on 13 January, 6:00 pm at Game4Padel Docklands, further details will be provided closer to the date.

FOOD & DRINKS

- Players should bring their own water and snacks.
- There will be an onsite food vendor

ACCOMMODATION

Players are responsible for arranging their own accommodation. To assist, the tournament organisers have negotiated special rates at two recommended options listed below.

Official Tournament Hotel: Nesuto Docklands

Reservation Dates: 12 January 2026 – 19 January 2026

Room Types:

Premium Apartment, choice of:

- 1x King Bed
- 2 Single Beds (available upon special request during booking)

Total Rooms: 25

Special Rate: \$AU 195 per room, per night (Room only)

Reservation & Cancellation Deadline: Monday, 5 January 2026

How to Book: Please book via the official Australian Padel Open booking link [\[here\]](#).

Proximity:

- Melbourne Airport: Approx 20km / 20 min drive
- Tournament Venue: Approx 5 km / 10 min drive

Official Tournament Hotel: AC by Marriott Southbank
Reservation Dates: 12 January 2026 – 19 January 2026
Room Types: Deluxe Room – King Bed
Total Rooms: 10
Special Rate: \$AU 238 per room, per night (buffet breakfast included)
Reservation & Cancellation Deadline: Monday, 5 January 2026
How to Book: Please book via the official Australian Padel Open booking link [\[here\]](#).
Proximity:

- Melbourne Airport: Approx 24km / 25 min drive
- Tournament Venue: Approx 2 km / 4 min drive

LOCAL AUTHORITIES & EMERGENCY SERVICES

Emergency Number (Australia): 000		
Melbourne West Police Station	The Royal Melbourne Hospital	Victoria Harbour Medical Centre
313 Spencer St, Docklands, VIC 3008	300 Grattan St, Parkville, VIC, 3050	850 Collins St, Docklands, VIC, 3008
(03) 8379 0800	(03) 9342 7000	(03) 9629 1414
Approx. 10 min drive / 42 min walk from venue	Approx. 15 min drive from venue	Approx. 10 min drive / 30 min walk from venue

TRANSPORT SERVICES

Players are responsible for their own transport. Please see details below for closest public transport options:

Nearest Airport	Nearest Tram	Nearest Train	Nearest Bus
Melbourne Airport (MEL) – International & Domestic	Tram Stop D11 – Stadium Precinct (Harbour Esplanade / La Trobe St)	Southern Cross Station – All Major Metro & V/Line Services	Tram Stop D11 – Stadium Precinct / La Trobe St & Harbour Esplanade
Melbourne Airport, Tullamarine, VIC, 3045	Docklands, VIC, 3008	Spencer Street, Docklands, VIC 3008	Docklands, VIC, 3008
Approx. 18 km / 16–20 min drive	Approx. 2–3 min walk Serviced by routes: 35 (City Circle), 70, 75, 86, 96, 109	Approx. 1 km / 10–12 min walk	Approx. 2–3 min walk Serviced by routes: 35 (City Circle), 70, 75, 86,