

MELBOURNE PADEL OPEN

7 - 11 January 2026 | iPadel

FACTSHEET





TOURNAMENT DETAILS

Dates: 7 – 11 January 2026

Level: Cupra FIP Tour | Bronze

Prizemoney: \$AU 20,000

Balls: Bullpadel Next (new balls every match)

Website: [View here](#)

Email: info@padelaus.com.au

Entry Fee: \$AU 70.00 (per player)

Entries Open: 27 November 2025, 3:00 am AEDT

Entries Close: 25 December 2025, 3:00 am AEDT

**PADEL AUSTRALIA
TOURNAMENT OPERATIONS
TEAM**

Tournament Lead: Nick Eades

Tournament Director: Michael Jackson

Tournament Official: Phil Waight

VENUE DETAILS

Venue Name: iPadel Melbourne

Address: 3B Newlands Rd, Reservoir, Victoria, 3073

Website: [View here](#)

Turf Colour: Blue

Court Conditions: Indoor

Floodlights: Yes

Livestreaming: Yes

Match Courts: 4

Practice Courts: Practice courts will be available prior to the commencement of play. Additional practice opportunities will be provided during designated intervals between matches. ***Practice schedule to be provided closer to tournament date.***

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 emailed to competition@padelfip.com before the entry closing date.

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: 27 November 2025

Entries Close: 25 December 2025, 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 25 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:
 - **PA License Holders:** [Complete here](#)
 - **International License Holders:** [Complete 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 7 Jan | Not applicable |
| Main Draw | Thursday 8 Jan – R32 Friday 9 Jan – R16 Saturday 10 Jan – QF & SF Sunday 11 Jan - F | Thursday 8 Jan – R32 (N/A) Friday 9 Jan – R16 Saturday 10 Jan – QF & SF Sunday 11 Jan - F |
| Consolation | Not applicable | |

*Finals will begin from Sunday 11 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 (Star Point) |
| Main Draw | 32 pairs (Elimination) | Best of 3 tiebreak sets (Star 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.

OFFICIAL DRAW & SCHEDULE

Date: Sunday 4 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 25 December 2025 will apply. All discretionary decisions are final and binding.

PRIZE MONEY & RANKING POINTS

| Men's & Women's Doubles (\$AU 20,000 total \$AU 10,000 per event) | | | |
|---|------------|---------------|---------------|
| Round | FIP Points | Per Pair | Per Round |
| Winner | 40 | \$AU 3,800.00 | \$AU 3,800.00 |
| Finalist | 22 | \$AU 2,100.00 | \$AU 2,100.00 |
| Semi Finals | 14 | \$AU 1,000.00 | \$AU 2,000.00 |
| Quarter Finals | 8 | \$AU 525.00 | \$AU 2,100.00 |
| Round of 16 | 5 | N/A | |
| Round of 32 | 3 | N/A | |
| Last Qualy | 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 Melbourne Padel 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"
- Select "ITF" player Tour

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

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, including:

- Ice Bath
- Sauna
- VIP Lounge
- Gym and/or Warm-Up Area
- On-site Restaurant/Café
- Pro Shop
- Complimentary Wi-Fi
- Physiotherapy Services

WELCOME FUNCTION

There will be a Welcome Function on 7 January, 6:00 pm at iPadel, further details will be provided closer to the date.

FOOD & DRINKS

- Players should bring their own water and snacks.
- There is an on-site restaurant, menu can be found [here](#).

ACCOMMODATION

Official Tournament Hotel: Adina Apartment Hotel Pentridge Melbourne

Reservation Dates: 5 January 2026 – 12 January 2026

Room Types: 1-Bedroom Apartments (includes in-room laundry facilities)

- 20 Single rooms (Queen bed)
- 20 Twin rooms (2 Single beds)
- Total Rooms: 40

Special Rate: \$AU 210.00 per room, per night (Room only)

Breakfast: Available at \$AU 30.00 per person, per day

Reservation & Cancellation Deadline: Monday, 29 December 2025

How to Book: Please email reservations.pentridge@adinahotels.com.au and reference Melbourne Padel Open in your booking request.

Proximity to Melbourne Airport: Approx 15km / 16-25 min drive

Proximity to Venue: Approx 3km / 5 min drive or 17 min by 561 bus route

TRANSPORT SERVICES

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

| Nearest Airport | Nearest Train | Nearest Bus |
|--|--|---|
| Melbourne Airport (MEL) – International & Domestic | Reservoir Station – Mernda Line | Henty St / Newlands Rd |
| Melbourne Airport, Tullamarine, VIC 3045 | Broadway / High Street, Reservoir VIC, 3073 | Reservoir, VIC, 3073 |
| Approx. 18 km / 16–25 min drive to venue | Approx. 3 km / 5 min drive or 30 min walk to venue | Approx. 1 min walk to venue Serviced by routes: 553, 561 |

LOCAL AUTHORITIES & EMERGENCY SERVICES

| Emergency Number (Australia): 000 | | |
|---|---|--------------------------------------|
| Reservoir Police Station | Austin Hospital (Heidelberg) | Northern Hospital (Epping) |
| 67–73 Mahoneys Rd, Reservoir, VIC, 3073 | 145 Studley Road, Heidelberg, VIC, 3084 | 185 Cooper Street, Epping, VIC, 3076 |
| (03) 9460 6744 | (03) 9496 5000 | (03) 8405 8000 |
| Approx. 5 min drive from venue | Approx. 20 min drive from venue | Approx. 15 min drive from venue |