



AUSTRALIAN OPEN 2026

Open & Women's Open Singles & Doubles



Monday 5 January to Tuesday 13 January 2026
Royal Melbourne Tennis Club, 18 Sherwood Street, Richmond, VIC, 3121
Email: pros@rmtc.com.au

Open matches will be the best of five six-game sets. The Open Singles will be limited to up to the best sixteen players while the Open Doubles draw will be restricted to a maximum of the eight best pairs. Qualifying matches may be held at ARTA's discretion and will be held on Sunday 4 January. This will be confirmed at the time of the draw. Women's Open matches will be best of three six-game sets; we reserve the right to split women's entries into grades if needed.

Entries close at **5pm (AEST) on Friday 12 December 2025**. A public streamed draw under the control of the Australian Real Tennis Association will be held at the Royal Melbourne Tennis Club within 72 hours of the closure of entries. Streaming time and details will be advised nearer the time to all competitors and on the ARTA Facebook page.

The Tournament starts on Monday 5 January 2026, with practice courts available on Saturday 3 January and Sunday 4 January; please book these directly with the club. Two courts per player per day will be made available if possible. The Singles Finals will be held on Monday 12 January and the Doubles Finals on Tuesday 13 January.

Entry forms must be returned by post or e-mail to Royal Melbourne Tennis Club at the address above by **5pm (AEST) Friday 12 December 2025**. Entries will not be accepted without payment details below.

ENTRY FORM

I wish to enter The Australian Open Singles and Doubles 2026, The Australian Women's Open Singles and Doubles 2026

Name:	Handicap:
Doubles Partner:	Handicap:
Telephone (Mob)	
Email:	
I do / do not require accommodation. Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> If yes, from _____ to _____	

Amateur Entry Fees (incl GST)

<input type="checkbox"/> Open Singles	\$60	<input type="checkbox"/> Women's Open Singles	\$40
<input type="checkbox"/> Open Doubles	\$40	<input type="checkbox"/> Women's Open Doubles	\$30

Payment Details

Visa/MasterCard No: ____/____/____/____ Expiry Date: __/____

Name on Card: _____ Signature: _____

Conditions of Entry

I agree to play my matches when scheduled, abide by the above conditions and the ARTA Rules of Real Tennis in Australia (at www.realtennisaustralia.com.au).

Signed: _____ Date: _____



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PLAYER INFORMATION

Prize Money

Total prize money is a minimum of A\$40,000, split 60%-40% between the Singles and Doubles and RMTC hopes to increase this further. A final prize pool will be confirmed no later than 48 hours before the close of entries. A prize pool will be confirmed for the Australian Open Women's events by 30 October. Prize money will be paid to overseas professionals via the IRTPA in the usual way.

Player Availability

All professionals are required to mark one match per tournament entered. Any sponsor and media requirements will be advised closer to the event.

Social Events

All professionals are invited as guests of the Royal Melbourne Tennis Club to the Boomerang Cup Opening Cocktail Party on Monday 12 January. Dress is smart casual.

Match Schedule

Matches will be scheduled using a daily 'order of play' and players are advised that they will be required to be on court within 15 minutes of the conclusion of the previous match.

Seedings

The World Rankings will be used to seed those entrants in the Singles who have a ranking within the top 15 of the World Rankings as at the close of entries on Friday 12 December 2025. Thereafter, seedings will be based on the singles handicaps displayed on the RTO Website (www.realtennisonline.com) at the closing date for entries.

For the doubles, seedings will be based on the players' World Doubles Rankings as at the close of entries on Friday 12 December 2025, followed by combined doubles handicaps calculated using the T&RA Calculator for Doubles Handicaps.

Dress Code

RMTC accepts predominantly white clothing only on court. Any requirements for sponsor's clothing will be advised at the time of the draw.

RMTC Heat Policy

RMTC has a Heat Policy, which can be found at the following link:

[RMTC Heat Policy](#)

It is considered highly unlikely that the club's heat policy will be triggered. However, should the weather forecast indicate an extended period of severe heat during the Open, ARTA reserves the right to reschedule matches if required.

Billeting

Billets are available for all visiting players; please ensure you complete the relevant section of the Entry Form.

Need further information?

Please contact the Club, pros@rmtc.com.au