

**AUSTRALIAN OPEN
MELBOURNE, AUSTRALIA
14 - 27 JANUARY 2008
AUS\$20,600,000
128 DRAW / # 06-580**

TOURNAMENT INFORMATION

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SIGN-IN: **SINGLES QUALIFYING SIGN-IN DEADLINE:** SIGN-IN FOR ALTERNATES WILL CLOSE 30 MINUTES BEFORE THE FIRST SCHEDULED MATCH ON WEDNESDAY 9 JANUARY, 2008 AT TOURNAMENT CONTROL. SINGLES QUALIFYING MATCHES: WEDNESDAY 9 JANUARY – SATURDAY 12 JANUARY. **DOUBLES MAIN DRAW SIGN-IN DEADLINE:** SIGN-IN CLOSSES AT 4:00PM ON MONDAY 14 JANUARY, 2008 AT TOURNAMENT CONTROL. **MIXED DOUBLES MAIN DRAW SIGN-IN DEADLINE:** SIGN-IN CLOSSES AT 4:00PM ON WEDNESDAY 16 JANUARY, 2008 AT TOURNAMENT CONTROL.

SCHEDULE: THE SINGLES MAIN DRAW WILL BE CONDUCTED AND MADE PUBLIC ON FRIDAY 11 JANUARY AT MELBOURNE PARK. COMPETITORS ARE WELCOME TO ATTEND. THE SCHEDULE IS PROVISIONAL AND SUBJECT TO ALTERATION WITHOUT NOTICE IF NECESSARY DUE TO ADVERSE WEATHER CONDITIONS OR OTHER REASONS. FROM MONDAY 14 JANUARY, MATCHES WILL COMMENCE AT 11:00AM ON ALL COURTS. ON FRIDAY 25 AND SUNDAY 27 JANUARY MATCHES WILL COMMENCE AT 3:00PM AND 4:00PM RESPECTIVELY ON ALL COURTS. ON SATURDAY 26 JANUARY, MATCHES WILL COMMENCE AT 12:00PM ON OUTSIDE COURTS AND AT 1:30PM ON ROD LAVER ARENA. NIGHT MATCHES HAVE BEEN SCHEDULED ON ROD LAVER ARENA EACH NIGHT FROM MONDAY 14 JANUARY TO SUNDAY 27 JANUARY, WITH THE EXCEPTION OF SATURDAY 26 JANUARY WHEN THERE IS A DAY SESSION ONLY. NIGHT MATCHES WILL COMMENCE AT 7:30PM. NIGHT MATCHES HAVE BEEN SCHEDULED ON MARGARET COURT ARENA EACH NIGHT FROM MONDAY 14 JANUARY TO SATURDAY 19 JANUARY (INCLUSIVE). THE FIRST NIGHT MATCH WILL COMMENCE ON MARGARET COURT ARENA NOT BEFORE 7:30PM (THIS MATCH MAY BE MOVED TO VODAFONE ARENA AT THE DISCRETION OF THE REFEREE, EITHER PRIOR TO MATCH STARTING OR DURING MATCH IF INTERRUPTED DUE TO ADVERSE WEATHER CONDITIONS). IN THE EVENT OF A MATCH EXTENDING PAST 11:00PM, A DECISION WILL BE MADE AT 11:00PM BY THE REFEREE REGARDING THE FOLLOWING SCHEDULED MATCH.

NEW INITIATIVES IN 2008, THE MEN'S SINGLES QUALIFYING TOURNAMENT WILL START ONE DAY EARLIER ON WEDNESDAY 9 JANUARY.
SIGN IN FOR MEN'S DOUBLES CHAMPIONSHIP WILL CLOSE AT 4:00PM ON MONDAY 14 JANUARY. PLAYERS WILL BE ALLOWED TO UTILIZE A CUSTOMISED LIMITED CHALLENGE SYSTEM AT THE AUSTRALIAN OPEN 2008 ON ROD LAVER ARENA AND VODAFONE ARENA ONLY. THIS SYSTEM WILL NOW ALLOW PLAYERS A MAXIMUM OF THREE INCORRECT CHALLENGES IN A SET, WITH ONE ADDITIONAL CHALLENGE AVAILABLE FOR TIE-BREAKS.
THE COURT SURFACE IN 2008 WILL BE PLEXICUSHION.
IN 2008, THE COLOUR OF THE COURT WILL BE BLUE.
IN 2008, THE HEAT POLICY WILL BE APPLIED AT THE REFEREE'S DISCRETION. ANY MATCHES CURRENTLY IN PROGRESS WHEN THE POLICY IS IMPLEMENTED WILL NOW BE SUSPENDED AT THE COMPLETION OF THE SET.

PRACTICE COURTS: 22 OUTDOOR COURTS AND 2 INDOOR AVAILABLE ON-SITE STARTING FRIDAY 4 JANUARY.

HOTEL ACCOMMODATION

MAIN DRAW PLAYERS' PER DIEM AUS\$196 PER NIGHT. QUALIFYING PLAYERS' PER DIEM AUS\$98 PER NIGHT

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RATES: 7-27 JANUARY: AUS\$216 (PLAYER RATE ONLY – PLAYERS WILL BE LIMITED TO 2 STANDARD ROOMS AT THIS RATE).
7-27 JANUARY: AUS\$240 PLAYER AFFILIATED RATE

HOTEL: **LANGHAM HOTEL MELBOURNE**
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RATES: 7-27 JANUARY: AUS\$310

