

# AO Summer Information Sheet

## for the Junior Playing Group



## WELCOME

All of us here at Tennis Australia are so excited to welcome you to Melbourne Park in January.

2021 has not been easy for anyone and while the challenges brought on by the pandemic are not completely behind us, restrictions are lifting in Victoria and elsewhere in Australia. This means we can look forward to a glorious summer of sunshine, tennis and capacity crowds, as we celebrate the return of a full Australian summer of tennis. Our team has worked hard over the past 12 months to bring international tennis back to our country and we are delighted that we will be able to stage events not just in Melbourne but in other capital cities and regional Victoria.

### AUSTRALIAN SUMMER OF TENNIS INFORMATION

EVENT	LOCATION	CATEGORY	DATES	DRAW SIZES
<b>WEEK 1</b>				
ATP CUP	Ken Rosewall Arena & Qudos Bank Arena SYDNEY	ATP Cup	Event: 1-9 January	16 teams
ADELAIDE INTERNATIONAL 1	Memorial Drive ADELAIDE	WTA 500 ATP 250	MD: 3-9 January   Q: 2-3 January MD: 3-9 January   Q: 2-3 January	30 MD   24 Q   16 D 28 MD   16 Q   24 D
MELBOURNE SUMMER EVENTS	Melbourne Park MELBOURNE	WTA 250 WTA 250 ATP 250	MD: 4-9 January   Q: 3-4 January MD: 4-9 January   Q: 3-4 January MD: 4-9 January   Q: 3-4 January	28 MD   16 Q   24 D 32 MD   24 Q   16 D 32 MD   24 Q   16 D
BENDIGO INTERNATIONAL	BENDIGO Victoria	ITF 60k ATP 80	MD: 3-9 January   Q: 2-3 January MD: 3-9 January   Q: 2-3 January	32 MD   32 Q   16 D 48 MD   16 Q   16 D
TRARALGON INTERNATIONAL	TRARALGON Victoria	ITF 60k ATP 80	MD: 3-9 January   Q: 2-3 January MD: 3-9 January   Q: 2-3 January	32 MD   32 Q   16 D 48 MD   16 Q   16 D
VICTORIAN WHEELCHAIR OPEN	HUME TENNIS CENTRE Victoria	ITF Wheelchair Tour	8-12 January	24 M   16 W   16 Q
<b>WEEK 2</b>				
AO QUALIFYING	Melbourne Park MELBOURNE	Grand Slam qualifying	10-14 January	
SYDNEY TENNIS CLASSIC	Sydney Olympic Park Tennis Centre SYDNEY	WTA 500 ATP 250	MD: 10-15 January   Q: 9-10 January MD: 10-15 January   Q: 9-10 January	30 MD   24 Q   16 D 28 MD   16 Q   24 D
ADELAIDE INTERNATIONAL 2	Memorial Drive ADELAIDE	WTA 250 ATP 250	MD: 10-15 January   Q: 9-10 January MD: 10-15 January   Q: 9-10 January	32 MD   24 Q   16 D 28 MD   16 Q   24 D
MELBOURNE WHEELCHAIR OPEN	HUME TENNIS CENTRE Victoria	ITF Wheelchair Tour	15-19 January	32 M   24 W   24 Q
TRARALGON JUNIORS	TRARALGON Victoria	ITF Junior J1	MD: 14-19 January   Q: 12-13 January	
<b>WEEKS 3/4</b>				
AUSTRALIAN OPEN	Melbourne Park MELBOURNE	GRAND SLAM	17-30 January	
AO Junior Championships		ITF Junior JA	MD: 22-29 January   Q: 19-20 January (Qualifying - Traralgon, Victoria)	
AO Wheelchair Championships		ITF Wheelchair Tour	23-27 January	

Alongside main draw singles, doubles and mixed doubles, AO Qualifying and Juniors will return to Melbourne Park in 2022 and wheelchair lead-in draws return to their regular sizes.

As you might imagine, the situation in Australia is changing regularly as restrictions ease and we all begin to adapt to a new phase of managing the impact of the pandemic.

Please also note that the information applies to all players competing at the Australian Open (singles, qualifying, doubles, mixed doubles, wheelchair and juniors, unless otherwise indicated).

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## BEFORE YOU GET HERE

### VISA APPLICATIONS

It is essential that you, and all your Player Support Team (PST) members, register on the AO Participant Portal <https://participant.tennis.com.au>.

A visa invitation letter can be generated by each player and their PST in the AO Participant Portal.

Then apply for your visa by following the process outlined in the Visa Information Factsheet.

The visa grant/approval deadline is Tuesday 30 November. Please contact our team at [VisaAssist@Tennis.com.au](mailto:VisaAssist@Tennis.com.au) if you have any questions.

Please note that all junior main draw and junior qualifying players may bring one PST member in total. Each National Association is permitted to bring one official boys and one official girls coach if there is representation.

Australian citizens and permanent residents and New Zealand citizens do not require a visa or entry exemption to enter Australia. If you have any questions regarding this process, please contact our team at [VisaAssist@Tennis.com.au](mailto:VisaAssist@Tennis.com.au).

Please be aware that children of PST members are not able to travel to Australia at this time.

### TRAVEL REQUIREMENTS AND AO TRAVEL FORM

Once you have applied for your visa, please complete your AO Travel Form in the AO22 Participant Portal.

You, and your PST members, will need to provide information about your preferred travel arrangements.

Once you have submitted your form, one of our AO Travel team members will contact you and your agent regarding your arrangements.

### ACCREDITATION

You will receive a link to complete your accreditation requirements for you and for your PST members.

### AUSTRALIAN TRAVEL DECLARATION

An Australian Travel Declaration must also be completed, it can be done when you have your confirmed travel itinerary, up to 7 days prior and at least 72 hours before departure for Australia. You will be required to upload evidence of vaccination or valid medical exemption and declare that the certificate is true.

This declaration can be used to prove your vaccination status when checking-in around Melbourne and Sydney.

The Australian Travel Declaration can be completed here: <https://covid19.homeaffairs.gov.au/australia-travel-declaration>.

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## VACCINATION REQUIREMENTS

Only fully vaccinated individuals will be provided an exemption to enter Australia and you must bring with you to Australia a vaccine certificate confirming you are vaccinated. Below we set out the key things you need to know.

### What does it mean to be fully vaccinated?

At present, the Australian authorities define 'fully vaccinated' individuals as those that have received:

- ▶ Two doses at least 14 days apart of:
  - AstraZeneca Vaxzevria
  - AstraZeneca COVISHIELD
  - Pfizer/Biontech Comirnaty
  - Moderna Spikevax
  - Sinovac Coronavac
  - Bharat Covaxin
  - Sinopharm BBIBP-CorV (for ages 18-60 only)
- ▶ One dose of Johnson & Johnson / Jansseen-Cilag COVID Vaccine.

Seven days must have passed since the final dose of a vaccine prior to entering Australia. Mixed doses are acceptable provided the vaccines are both from the list above.

Children aged 12 and under at the time of travel are considered fully vaccinated for the purpose of travel. Once in Australia, anyone aged over 12 *and 2 months* will be required to be fully vaccinated to enter venues.

### What are the requirements for vaccination certificates?

Vaccination certificates will need to:

- ▶ Be issued by a national or state/provincial-level authority or an accredited vaccination provider.
- ▶ Be written in English or accompanied by a certified translation.
- ▶ Contain at a minimum:
  - your name as it appears in your passport
  - either date of birth or passport number
  - the vaccine brand name (truncated brand names are acceptable – e.g. 'AstraZeneca'), and
  - the date of each dose or the date on which a full course of immunisation was completed.

Paper and digital certificates are acceptable.

Full guidance on the vaccination certificate requirements is available here: <https://www.passports.gov.au/guidance-foreign-vaccination-certificates>.

### What if you have received vaccination doses in different countries?

If you have received vaccination doses in different countries, you can present multiple certificates. You can also present one certificate that lists your vaccination doses received in different countries. A certificate does not have to be issued by the country in which the vaccination was administered.

### What if the name in a vaccination certificate is different to the passport name?

As long as your name on the certificate is not materially different to your name on your passport it will be accepted (e.g. it will not be a problem if a middle name is not on your vaccination certificate). If your name on the certificate is materially different to your passport (e.g. your married name is different), it won't be a problem as long as you can show you are the person named on the certificate, such as a marriage certificate or driver licence.

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### **What if a person has recovered from COVID-19 and has not received a dose or only received one dose of an approved vaccine?**

The current advice from the Australian Government is that people who have been infected from COVID-19 and have not had two doses of an approved vaccine are not considered fully vaccinated (unless the vaccine was Johnson & Johnson). Anyone in this situation will require a medical exemption before entering the country.

The grounds for exemptions in Australia are limited and set out below. Currently, individuals who have previously had COVID-19 and have recovered from the illness are not considered exempt from receiving the full dose of an approved vaccine, but we are seeking urgently clarity on this position from the Australian Government and will provide more information as soon as possible.

### **What are the grounds for medical exemptions in Australia?**

The published grounds for a medical exemption in Australia are:

- ▶ History of anaphylaxis to a component of all approved vaccines
- ▶ Serious adverse event attributed to a first dose of an approved vaccine. An event is considered serious if it led to hospitalization or resulted in significant disability / incapacity
- ▶ Currently suffering from an acute medical condition
- ▶ Inflammatory cardiac illness in the past 6 months.

The following are not considered exemptions:

- ▶ Family history of adverse events
- ▶ Chronic underlying medical condition
- ▶ Expected side effects to previous vaccine
- ▶ Allergies to other vaccines
- ▶ Pregnancy
- ▶ Preference for another vaccine.

Anyone entering Australia under a medical exemption will need to provide an exemption certificate, which will need to include:

- ▶ Your name as it appears in your passport
- ▶ Date of medical consultation and details of your medical practitioner, and
- ▶ Details that clearly explain you have an accepted medical reason which means you cannot receive a COVID-19 vaccination.

We recognise there are many questions regarding this issue and the availability of exemptions. Please contact our Chief Medical Officer, Dr Carolyn Broderick via: [Carolyn.Broderick@Tennis.com.au](mailto:Carolyn.Broderick@Tennis.com.au) for any questions you may have around vaccination and exemption requirements.

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## GETTING TO AUSTRALIA

### FLIGHTS

#### Charter Flights

To assist all players and PST members with travelling to Australia, we will be chartering flights from Dubai and Los Angeles. These flights are scheduled to **leave** on 9 or 10 January. Final departure details and times will be made available shortly.

Each junior main draw and junior qualifying player will receive one economy seat from a designated charter hub to Australia. Official National Association coaches will also receive one economy seat. PST members travelling with junior players can obtain a seat on the charter flight, but this must be paid for. See costs below:

Charter Hub	Flight Type	Price in A\$
Dubai	Economy	\$1,300.00
	Business	\$5,500.00
	<i>Upgrade to Business</i>	\$4,200.00
Los Angeles	Economy	\$2,000.00
	Business	\$6,000.00
	<i>Upgrade to Business</i>	\$4,000.00

Please indicate your preferences in the AO Travel form and the team will contact you to confirm your travel.

#### Why choose a charter flight?

Tennis Australia's chartered flights are a good option for a number of reasons. We have committed to spacing our flights to both minimise risk and maximise comfort, and by choosing a charter you will have confidence around your departure. You will also have greater luggage allowances than on commercial flights. Pricing for PST is competitive and has been built on current commercial prices, and the AO Travel team can coordinate your whole journey, including connections, to ensure a streamlined trip to Australia.

If you wish to travel on a Tennis Australia charter, please select this option on the AO Travel Form.

#### Commercial Flights

If you wish to travel on a commercial flight to Australia these are now available, but no travel grant will be provided.

Our AO Travel team can assist you with your commercial flights, or you can arrange flights yourself. Please indicate your preference on the AO Travel Form.

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On our charter flights, advanced hygiene protocols will be in place at the airports and on the flights, including the wearing of masks in transit and on the flight.

## ARRIVING IN AUSTRALIA

### TESTING

You will be required to undergo a PCR test on arrival. We will arrange for testing to be conducted as soon as possible following your arrival.

You will not be required to isolate while waiting for the result of your arrival test (e.g. you may leave the hotel and go to restaurants etc). However, you will not be allowed access to the tournament and practice venues until you test negative.

There is also currently a requirement for a Day 5-7 PCR test which we are still discussing with Government authorities.

You will not be subject to any other testing unless you are a close contact or develop COVID-19 symptoms.

Our AO Team will assist you in coordinating any testing required to make sure this is a smooth and easy process for everyone.

### TESTING POSITIVE TO COVID-19

If you test positive at any time, current Government rules are that you will be required to isolate for up to 10 days.

### CLOSE CONTACTS

Close contacts are only required to isolate until they receive a negative PCR test. We are working closely with testing lab providers to ensure PCR tests can be processed as soon as possible to ensure any period of isolation is minimized.

Close contacts on flights will be limited to those within the two rows (in front, behind and beside) of a confirmed positive case and will only need to isolate until receiving a negative COVID-19 PCR test result. All other passengers will not be considered a close contact.

The only situation in which you would have to isolate for longer (7 days if fully vaccinated or 14 days if not vaccinated), is be if you share accommodation with a person who tests positive (e.g. a hotel room or a house). We strongly recommend that you do not share rooms to avoid any potential close contact implications.

### HOTELS

We are committed to providing a safe environment for you in every city where you play. We have secured great hotels in each city where we will provide specific player facilities as part of a minimised risk environment.

**Melbourne:** Our designated junior player hotel in Melbourne will be confirmed shortly. Hotels in Traralgon will be listed on the fact sheets.

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All AO Junior main draw, qualifying players and Official National Association coaches are entitled to one standard hotel room at one of the designated hotels from the night the first of our charter flights arrives until the day after their exit from the AO. This will help minimise the risk of isolation as a close contact.

Additional rooms can be booked at A\$300 per night. Please submit any specific requests and hotel requirements prior to departure for Australia.

Should you wish to stay at another hotel or other location, you may do so, however all associated costs will be at your expense and you will not receive an accommodation per diem.

Accommodation bookings for Melbourne can be made now via the AO Accommodation team. Please visit: <https://accommodation.ausopen.com/>. Please email [Accommodation@Tennis.com.au](mailto:Accommodation@Tennis.com.au) if you have any questions.

### **LIFE IN AUSTRALIA**

You and your team will be able to leave your hotel and enjoy Australia as normal, however, we would encourage you all to take all sensible precautions to minimise the risk to you and your team from the virus.

QR code check-ins are commonplace at all indoor venues in Australia (e.g. restaurants). Indoor venues will also ask for proof of your vaccination, so this will need to be carried at all times (digital vaccination certificates on your smartphone will be accepted).

## **DURING THE AO JUNIOR CHAMPIONSHIPS**

### **BUS TRANSPORT**

For the AO, all players will have access to our official AO bus transport service available from the official hotels. Our new transport app can be used to book transport in Melbourne.

### **FOOD**

Our usual range of excellent catering options at Melbourne Park for the AO will be up and running again in 2022.

- ▶ All AO Junior main draw players will receive a daily electronic meal allowance on their accreditation from the day before the start of the AO Junior main draw until the day of their exit from the AO.

### **PRACTICE**

Practice courts will be available in Traralgon from Monday 10 January 2022. Booking procedures will be communicated shortly.

## **GETTING HOME**

Please contact our AO Travel team via the AO Travel Form for any assistance you need organising your departure flights from Australia. If you require any COVID-19 testing as a requirement of your departure flight, we will facilitate testing either on-site or at a suitable location nearby.

# Visa Information

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## VISA INFORMATION FOR THE 2022 AUSTRALIAN OPEN JUNIORS

All persons attending AO2022 will require an Australian visa.

Listed below are the current visa options available to participants of the 2022 Australian Junior Tennis Championships

Please read through the below information to ensure that you apply for the appropriate visa type according to your role or the activities to be undertaken at the event. Any participants found to be holding an incorrect visa may be refused entry to Australia, have their visa cancelled, or may not be permitted to participate at the event.

Visitor Visa (sc600 – tourist stream, sc601, sc651 – tourist stream)	Temporary Activity Visa (sc408 Invited participant)
<b>Who?</b>	<b>Who?</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Amateur/Junior tennis player</li><li>Competitors under 18 years of age will require a completed form 1229 – ‘consent to grant a visa to a person under 18 years of age’</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Player Support Team (professional Coach, Physiotherapist, Trainer or Agent)</li></ul>
<b>What you need?</b>	<b>What you need?</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Letter of invitation</li><li>Satisfy other evidentiary and documentary requirements (eg. copy of passport, etc)</li><li>Competitors under 18 years of age will require a completed form 1229 – ‘consent to grant a visa to a person under 18 years of age’</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Letter of invitation</li><li>Satisfy other evidentiary and documentary requirements (eg. copy of passport, etc)</li><li>AUD \$315 visa application fee</li></ul>
<b>Important Information!</b>	<b>Important Information!</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>For information regarding Visitor (sc600 tourist stream) visa see: <a href="https://immi.homeaffairs.gov.au/visas/getting-a-visa/visa-listing/visitor-600/tourist-stream-overseas">https://immi.homeaffairs.gov.au/visas/getting-a-visa/visa-listing/visitor-600/tourist-stream-overseas</a></li><li>For information regarding an Electronic Travel Authority – ETA (sc601) see: <a href="https://immi.homeaffairs.gov.au/visas/getting-a-visa/visa-listing/electronic-travel-authority-601">https://immi.homeaffairs.gov.au/visas/getting-a-visa/visa-listing/electronic-travel-authority-601</a></li><li>For information regarding an eVisitor (sc651 tourist stream) visa see: <a href="https://immi.homeaffairs.gov.au/visas/getting-a-visa/visa-listing/evisitor-651">https://immi.homeaffairs.gov.au/visas/getting-a-visa/visa-listing/evisitor-651</a></li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Click for more information <a href="https://immi.homeaffairs.gov.au/visas/getting-a-visa/visa-listing/temporary-activity-408/invited-for-other-social-and-cultural-activity">https://immi.homeaffairs.gov.au/visas/getting-a-visa/visa-listing/temporary-activity-408/invited-for-other-social-and-cultural-activity</a></li></ul>

**You cannot work or participate at the Australian Open 2022 and/or any Australian Open 2022 lead-in events unless you have been granted an appropriate Australian Visa.**

## BIOMETRICS REQUIREMENT

Applicants lodging a visa application from certain countries and selected locations may be required to provide biometrics in support of their visa application.

Please note: This may add additional time required to process your visa application.

Please click the following link to see if the biometrics requirement applies to you:

<https://immi.homeaffairs.gov.au/help-support/meeting-our-requirements/biometrics>

## ALREADY HOLD A VALID VISA?

If you currently hold a visa to enter Australia, you may check the Visa Entitlement Verification Online (VEVO) to check your visa validity details and visa conditions. Applying for a new visa may cancel any visas that you currently hold, so please check before applying. For further information see: <https://immi.homeaffairs.gov.au/visas/already-have-a-visa/check-visa-details-and-conditions/overview>

**Apply with sufficient time to ensure your visa is approved in time.**



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## VISITOR VISA INFORMATION

sc601 Electronic Travel Authority	sc651 eVisitor visa	sc600 Visitor visa Tourist Stream
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<p>To apply for an ETA online through this website, you must hold a passport from one of the following countries or regions:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Brunei - Darussalam</li> <li>• Canada</li> <li>• Hong Kong (SAR PRC)</li> <li>• Japan</li> <li>• Malaysia</li> <li>• Singapore</li> <li>• Korea, Rep of (South)</li> <li>• United States.</li> </ul> <p><b>Please note:</b> The Electronic Travel Authority – ETA (subclass 601) cannot be applied for through the normal Home Affairs website, or through an airline or travel agent now, but you can use AustralianETA (app) to apply for an ETA from your mobile device if you are eligible for an ETA. You can download AustralianETA for free from the <a href="#">App Store (Apple)</a> or <a href="#">Google Play store (Android)</a></p>	<p>You must be a citizen of and hold a valid passport from one of these countries to be eligible for the eVisitor:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Austria</li> <li>• Belgium</li> <li>• Bulgaria</li> <li>• Croatia</li> <li>• Cyprus</li> <li>• Czech Republic</li> <li>• Denmark</li> <li>• Estonia</li> <li>• Finland</li> <li>• France</li> <li>• Germany</li> <li>• Greece</li> <li>• Hungary</li> <li>• Iceland</li> <li>• Ireland</li> <li>• Italy</li> <li>• Latvia</li> <li>• Liechtenstein</li> <li>• Lithuania</li> <li>• Luxembourg</li> <li>• Malta</li> <li>• Monaco</li> <li>• The Netherlands</li> <li>• Norway</li> <li>• Poland</li> <li>• Portugal</li> <li>• Romania</li> <li>• Republic of San Marino</li> <li>• Slovak Republic</li> <li>• Slovenia</li> <li>• Spain</li> <li>• Sweden</li> <li>• Switzerland</li> <li>• United Kingdom – British Citizen</li> <li>• Vatican City</li> </ul> <p>You cannot apply with:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• a non-citizen passport, certificate of identity or other travel document</li> <li>• a British National Overseas, British Dependent Territories Citizen, British Overseas Citizen, British Protected Person or British Subject passport.</li> </ul>	<p>All other passport holders.</p>
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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• AUD \$20 visa application fee</li> <li>• Click for more information: <a href="#">601 Electronic Travel Authority</a></li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Free visa application fee</li> <li>• Click for more information: <a href="#">651 eVisitor Visa</a></li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• AUD \$145 visa application fee</li> <li>• Click for more information: <a href="#">600 Visitor Visa Tourist Stream</a></li> </ul>

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# Participant Update

## AO JUNIOR CHAMPIONSHIPS

Hi everyone,

We are very excited to have the Junior Championships return for AO22.

We know you may have many questions and we would like to answer these in a timely manner. Please join either of the following video calls at the time that suits you best.

### Call one: Americas

Friday 26 November 2021: 7am Melbourne

Thursday 25 November 2021: 12pm Los Angeles / 2pm Chicago / 3pm New York

Zoom Meeting Link:

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/83922046421?pwd=SVQyMU9iS3FNaUVLLzZMdGFWOG8vdz09>

Meeting ID: 839 2204 6421

Passcode: 450561

### Call two: Europe

Friday 26 November 2021 – 8pm Melbourne / 1pm Dubai / 10am Paris / 9am

London / 6pm Tokyo

Zoom Meeting Link:

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/84056243773?pwd=VHc5a2dsVWt5Ym4zaHR0NFY4czJQUT09>

Meeting ID: 840 5624 3773

Passcode: 004193

## TRAVEL PROCESS

To make the process of travelling to Australia as easy as possible for you we have created the **AO Participant Portal**.

### STEP 1 – COMPLETE THE VISA AND ENTRY FORM

- Create an account in the **AO22 Participant Portal**:  
<https://participant.tennis.com.au/>
- Complete and submit **the Visa and Entry form**
- Our team will send you and your agent your visa invitation letter.

Read the following step-by-step guides for more information:

<https://www.tennis.com.au/wp-content/uploads/2021/10/AO22-PARTICIPANT-PORTAL-Logging-into-the-Portal-for-the-first-time.pdf>

### STEP 2 - APPLY FOR YOUR VISA

Remember this process can take up to 3 weeks so make sure you submit your application now via: <https://online.immi.gov.au/lusc/login>.

## **STEP 3 – COMPLETE THE AO TRAVEL FORM AND CONFIRM YOUR PLAYER SUPPORT TEAM MEMBERS**

This can all be done in the **AO22 Participant Portal**:

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### **CHARTER FLIGHTS**

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If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to get in touch directly or via [Services@Tennis.com.au](mailto:Services@Tennis.com.au). We have a team working around the clock to ensure you get here safely.

Look forward to chatting soon.

Thanks,  
Francis Soyer

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