

AUSTRALIAN OPEN SINGLES AND DOUBLES CHAMPIONSHIPS

Adelaide, SA

SATURDAY 31 OCTOBER – Sunday 08 NOVEMBER 2009

commencing at 8am

Entries: On official entry form available on the ACA website

Entry Fees: **Singles:** \$120 **Doubles:** \$65 per player

Draw: The draw will be conducted by the ACA Executive Director in conjunction with the ACA Tournament and Selection Committees on 19 October 2009. Players will be re-seeded for the knock-out phase based on final placings in initial block.

Catering: Morning and afternoon teas, lunch available.

Prizes:

Singles -	Winner: \$1000	Runner-up: \$500	3 rd place: \$300
	4 th Place: \$150	5 th Place: \$100	Winner of Plate: \$50
Doubles -	Winner: \$200 each	Runner-up: \$100 each	

AB Morrison Encouragement Award - \$50

CONDITIONS OF PLAY

(full details will be in the Tournament Program)

1. All events will be played under the sixth Edition of the laws of Association Croquet amended 2008.
2. Open to players within the handicap range of -3 to 7. Acceptance of players on higher handicaps will depend on the number of entries received. Maximum of 64 entries (Singles), determined by the World Ranking current at the time of the Draw, and 32 pairs (Doubles). This is a seeded event.
3. Venues: North Adelaide (4 courts); Norwood (4); Hutt Road/South Terrace (4); Brighton (2); Holdfast Bay (2).
4. **DOUBLES CHAMPIONSHIP**
Initial Blocks: Four blocks of eight, single games. The winners of each block (based on games won, then net points) will proceed to the knockout stage.
Knockout: matches will be best of three games.
5. **OPEN SINGLES CHAMPIONSHIP**
Initial Blocks: Eight blocks of eight, single games. Players placed 1 to 4 in each block (based on games won, then net points) will proceed to the knockout stage.
Knockout: XYZ event, all matches up to semi-finals to be Best of Three games; semi-finals and final to be Best of Five.
Plate: Players who do not proceed to the knockout are eligible to play in the Plate event. Preferably blocks of 8, single games, followed by knockout. Final will be Best of Three games.
6. If players are still tied for a place in the knockout stage of the above events, then the Tournament Manager will determine the method of breaking the tie.
7. Time limits for the above events will apply. Single games: 2 ½ hours; Best of 3's: 3 – 2½ - 2 hours (cumulative); Best of 5's: 3 – 3 – 2½ - 2 - 1½ hours (cumulative).
8. Formats may change at the time of the Draw depending on the number of entries received.
9. Hoops are to be set as near as possible to 3 11/16 inches. To allow for inaccuracies in gauges, balls, hoops and setting techniques, a tolerance of ± 1/32 inch is allowed.
10. Law 53 (b) (3) replaces Law 35 (b).
11. Dawson International balls will be used.
12. Practice on the day before the tournament commences will be allowable from **1pm** onwards at the discretion of the Venue Manager/s. Courts may be available for practice up to 7.50am each day and after the completion of play for the day (at the discretion of the Venue Manager).
13. A 5-minute warm up before games will only be allowed before a player's first game of the day at a particular venue.
14. Games will be double banked as required.
15. The Tournament Manager in consultation with the ACA Executive may make any alterations to the program, draw and other arrangements as are necessary in order to complete the tournament in the time available.
16. Programs will be available from Tournament Headquarters (Hutt Road) at Registration 2 – 5pm Friday 30 October 2009. Courts will be available for practice at HQ from 2 – 5pm on the same day.