



SPORTS INFORMATION GUIDE: COMPETITION VERSION 1.0

Tennis.

REGISTRATION STATUS - CLOSED

1.0 Competition Dates

Tennis competition for World Masters Games 2017 (WMG2017) consists of Singles and Doubles and Mixed in A Grade Open and B Grade Recreational divisions at one competition venue.

The Tennis competition schedule for WMG2017 is as follows:

GENDER	DIVISION	AGE CATEGORY	EVENT	DATES
Men's / Women's	A Grade Open / B Grade Recreational	All	Doubles Matching Day	Friday 21 April
		40+, 60+ only	Doubles Matching Day	Wednesday 26 April
		30+	Singles	22 April – 26 April
			Doubles	23 April – 26 April
			Mixed Doubles	24 April – 26 April
		35+	Singles	22 April – 26 April
		40+	Singles	26 April – 30 April
			Doubles	27 April – 30 April
			Mixed Doubles	28 April – 30 April
		45+	Singles	26 April – 30 April
		50+	Singles	22 April – 26 April
			Doubles	23 April – 26 April
			Mixed Doubles	24 April – 27 April
		55+	Singles	22 April – 26 April
		60+	Singles	26 April – 30 April
Doubles	27 April – 30 April			
Mixed Doubles	28 April – 30 April			
65+	Singles	26 April – 30 April		
70+	Singles	22 April – 26 April		
	Doubles	23 April – 26 April		
	Mixed Doubles	24 April – 26 April		
75+	Singles	22 April – 26 April		
80+	Singles	22 April – 25 April		
	Doubles	23 April – 26 April		
	Mixed Doubles	24 April – 26 April		

2.0 Venue Details

WMG2017 Tennis competition takes place at the below competition venue;

Venue Name	Albany Tennis Centre
Venue Information	Oteha Valley Rd, Albany, Auckland 0632; located just under 18km north of central Auckland.
Competition Hosted	All Grades
Transport Information	Will be available on the WMG2017 website soon

2.1 Amenities

Albany Tennis Centre will have a range of hot and cold food as well as beverage options available.

The Centre Court Café, located on site, offers breakfast, lunch and dinner, a range of drinks and of course, a happy hour! The Café will be open 8am – 8pm throughout the games and can also take bookings for evening dinner table reservations. On Wednesday 26 April there will also be a Tennis social evening so bring your dancing shoes!

The Albany Tennis Centre Indoor Court building has toilets, changing areas and showers available during tournament operation hours (7am – 9pm). There will be an allocated area near the lounge/café for players bags to be placed, however these won't be locked away due to the nature of the room. Please keep valuables with you. Alternatively, the gym has a limited number of lockers that can be provided at a cost.

The gym is available for use within the Indoor Court building for a small fee.

2.2 Medical Services

Medical services will be provided at all WMG2017 competition venues at a level appropriate to the sport being conducted. There are physio and massage services available on venue. Onsite Physio services will include Strapping, Triage Support, Pre and Post Sports Massage. All Ancillary Medical Services will be provided to athletes on a USER PAYS model.

Athletes will be able to book in for treatments by presenting themselves to the Games Venue Medical Post.

2.3 Parking – Hooton Reserve Carpark 1

Parking for tennis participants, supporters and public is at Hooton Reserve Carpark 1 on Oteha Valley Road. This is accessed at the roundabout at the Oteha Valley Road / Appian Way intersection. There will be signs on Oteha Valley Road showing the entrance to the tennis parking. There is a path directly from the carpark to court 6 and this will be signposted.

Access to the Albany Tennis Centre carpark off Oteha Valley Road Extension is for vehicles with an official WMG Tennis carpark sticker only. Access is restricted to officials, WMG2017 personnel, emergency and maintenance vehicles.

3.0 Competition Format

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- a) Preliminary round robin competition will be in pools of four players (four pairs in doubles) followed by championship and consolation events in all grades.

Top two players (or pairs) from each round robin pool qualify for the championship event.

The championship events will be single elimination (knock out) with any playoffs required for medal positions. Where the number of entries is not a multiple of four, round robin pools may be three players (pairs).

- b) Please note that the competition format may change dependent on final entry numbers. However every effort will be made to provide 3 matches for each competitor (pair) in each event.

- a) Preliminary round robin matches will be best of two sets with a 'match tie-break' to be played if required. Championship singles matches will be the best of three tie-break sets. Doubles and mixed doubles matches will use ITF approved Pro circuit doubles scoring for all matches. This is two sets and a match tiebreaker at one set all with deciding point at deuce in each game.

Match length may be altered by the Technical Delegate depending on circumstances.

3.2 Age categories

Event	Division	Age Category
Singles	A Grade Open	Men's / Women's: 30+, 35+, 40+, 45+, 50+, 55+, 60+, 65+, 70+, 75+, 80+
	B Grade Recreational	
Doubles	A Grade Open	Men's / Women's: 30+, 40+, 50+, 60+, 70+, 80+
	B Grade Recreational	
Mixed Doubles	A Grade Open	Men's / Women's: 30+, 40+, 50+, 60+, 70+, 80+

Event	Division	Age Category
	B Grade Recreational	

For the Games, your age is determined as at 31 December 2017. In line with the sport-specific rules, an athlete can compete in a younger age group, however can only enter one age category and division per event. For doubles events the age of the youngest player in the doubles pair will determine the age category.

3.3 Hours of Competition

It is anticipated that competition will start at 0830 hours each day and continue until approximately 2000 (8pm) each day. On Anzac Day (25 April) play will not start before 1200.

3.4 Registrations and Medals

Where there are insufficient entries in an age category or grade, the categories may be combined in order to conduct a viable competition. The awarding of medals will not be affected, that is, team will still be awarded medals in the age category in which they originally entered.

4.0 Competition Standards and Rules

The WMG2017 Tennis event will be conducted according to the Rules of Tennis 2017, in line with the competition rules of the International Tennis Federation (ITF) and Tennis New Zealand, under the Tennis New Zealand Code of Conduct or as otherwise specified in this document.

4.1 Doubles Partner Matching Days

Friday 21 April 9am to 4pm for all age groups and Wednesday 26 April 9am to 12pm for 40+ and 60+ only.

This is an opportunity for players looking for doubles/mixed partners to meet and decide who they would like to pair with and notify the tournament office. If you did not nominate your doubles partner at Games Registration and have decided on your partner prior to Doubles Partner Matching Day please email us at tennis@wmg2017 with the details. As a last resort the tournament committee will pair players.

4.2 Doubles Pair Sign-in Deadlines

If you entered online with your partner your entry will show on the tournament website and you do not need to do anything further. The deadlines apply to players who have not previously confirmed their partners. Notification of doubles/mixed pairings for Age Groups 30+, 50+ and 70+ close on Saturday 22 April at 1200. Age Groups 40+ and 60+ close on Wednesday 26 April at 1200. Any players who have not notified their pairing by the deadline will be paired by the tournament committee.

4.3 Player Eligibility

4.3.1 Players are considered eligible to play if they have registered in accordance to the WMG2017 Registration guidelines.

4.3.2 Any player under suspension by the Tennis Organising Committee or the recognised Tennis association, in which the player is registered, will be deemed ineligible to play until that suspension is served.

4.4 Umpires

Athletes will be required to call their own lines in the early stages of the competition. Umpires will be used in the championship finals. Court supervisors/assistant referees will watch matches and deal with any on court situations in matches played without an umpire.

4.5 Disciplinary Committee/Protest Procedures

The TNZ Code of Conduct will apply. The Technical Delegate will convene a disputes committee to hear any protests or disciplinary matters in accordance with the TNZ Code of Conduct.

4.6 Technical Delegate

The International Tennis Federation has endorsed the appointment of Tony Glentworth (NZL) to act in the role of Technical Delegate for the WMG2017 Tennis competition. The Technical Delegate will oversee the implementation of all sport specific rules and requirements at the Games. He will also act as the tournament referee for the competition.

4.7 Other Information – Tournament Personnel

Competition Manager – Patrick O'Rourke

Venue Manager – David Frank

Event Co-ordinator – Jessica Rhodes

5.0 Equipment

Each athlete is required to bring their own tennis racquet. It is the responsibility of each player to bring or hire practice balls. Match balls will be provided. The Wilson Australian Open ball will be used for matches. New balls will be provided for first matches in round robin sections and for all Championship knockout matches. (2 balls per match).

Players are advised to bring their own water bottles and strapping tape

6.0 Clothing / Uniforms

Players must wear generally accepted tennis attire. See the Tennis NZ Code of Conduct for details. Players of the same team are encouraged to wear team uniforms of the same colour.

7.0 Practice Facilities

7.1 Practice Days and Times

The courts at Albany Tennis Park are available for practice free of charge on Friday 21 April from 0900 to 1700. Courts may be booked for a maximum of ONE hour, one booking per player, four players per court. A booking sheet will be available at the tournament office on the day. Advance bookings can be made by email to Jess at tennis@wmg2017.

Courts may be available for hire for days prior to Friday 21 April. Bookings and payment for days up to and including 20 April are to be made through the Pro Shop at Albany Tennis Park. (+649 414 5530)

7.2 Competition Day Warm Up

The tournament referee will advise about warm-up times each day. Two courts may be available during the day for a maximum of 30 minutes for warmup for those playing later in the day.

8.0 Results

8.1 Results display

All results will be displayed at the venue on noticeboard and online via the WMG website. The TNZ tournament website will be used to show draws, schedules and results daily. Link will be provided once live.

8.2 Medal Ceremonies

Medal ceremonies for 30, 35, 50, 55, 70, 75+ age categories will occur on 26 April in the afternoon following the finals from 2pm. Medal Ceremonies for the 40, 45, 60, 65 age categories will occur on 30 April at the conclusion of the competition. The medal ceremony for the 50+ mixed doubles may be held on 27 April.

9.0 Anti-Doping

Drug Free Sport New Zealand is the recognised National Anti-Doping Organisation (NADO) in New Zealand and will implement the WMG2017 anti-doping programme on behalf of the International Masters Games Association (IMGA). In accordance with the Participation Terms and Conditions, all Participants are subject to the IMGA Anti-Doping Rules. Participants should also be familiar with sport-specific anti-doping rules.

10.0 Registration / Check-in

Match times will be shown on draws and the match schedule published online at the TNZ tournaments website <http://tnz.tournamentsoftware.com/> (Link not live until March 2017). Please report to the tournament office 15 minutes before your first scheduled match each day. Other than the first match of the day times are “not before times” and the actual start time depends on the finishing time of earlier matches.

11.0 Insurance

It is the athlete’s responsibility to secure private travel and medical insurance to cover any liabilities associated with their travel and accommodation in relation to attending or participating in their sport/event.

12.0 Further Information

All participants are encouraged to monitor the WMG2017 website at www.worldmastersgames2017.co.nz and other Games communication channels to find out all of the latest information.

11.1 Enquiries

General enquiries - contactus@wmg2017.co.nz

Tennis related enquiries - tennis@wmg2017.co.nz

11.2 Ceremonies and Social Events

The Opening Ceremony is scheduled for the evening of Friday 21 April 2017 with the Closing Ceremony on the evening of Sunday 30 April 2017.

On Wednesday 26 April there will be a Tennis social following the days play at the Albany Tennis Centre. Please follow [this link](#) for the WMG2017 Entertainment Hub programme.

11.3 Games Accreditation

Accreditation will be required to access the Opening Ceremony, participant-only social functions and in some cases the Competition area for particular sports.

11.4 Links

[Link](#) to WMG Community

[Link](#) to Albany Tennis Centre website