

AUSTRALIAN OPEN PACIFIC PATHWAY 2025

Instructions and guidelines to Pacific Member Nations.

The Australian Open and Tennis Australia have prepared criteria for the application process for the AO Pacific Pathway 2025 – please review the application process below.

Pacific Member Nations should note that applications will be assessed only on the criteria listed in the application form and no funds will be released under the 2025 program until all reporting and acquittal requirements for 2024 grants have been received.

Applications will **open on Friday the 14th of February** and should be submitted to Hailie Cuthbertson via Hailie.cuthbertson@tennis.com.au **by Friday the 28th of February**.

Member Nations will be notified of the outcome of their application by return email by **Friday the 7th of March**.

Funding and equipment grants will be made available for the Member Nations' programs based on the following priorities:

1. Does the proposed program adequately meet the application criteria?
2. Is the program designed for the development of introductory Hot Shots schools' programs for children aged 7, 8 and 9 years of age, or across two-year levels in school for children aged 7, 8 or 9?
3. Does the program provide ongoing competitive opportunities within school and for interschool competitions?
4. Will tournament planner software be used to record results at competitive opportunities?
5. Will there be a regional red ball schools' teams challenge or other program aimed at transitioning from school to club participation?
6. Does the proposed grant continue a program that was set-up under the previous AO Pacific Pathway funding?

Equipment packs may be provided to Member Nations in addition to a grant, the timing of delivery is to be confirmed. Please indicate on the application form if you would like to request this pack. Packs provided in 2024 should be utilised until this year's shipment is available.

Member Nations should ensure they read the information in this document carefully, complete all of the application form and indicate whether they require an equipment pack.

No late applications will be considered. If you require any further information, please contact Hailie Cuthbertson.

Kind regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "V Reid".

Vicki Reid
Head of Government, Community and Stakeholder Relations
Tennis Australia

APPLICATION GUIDELINES

AO PACIFIC PATHWAY BACKGROUND AND OBJECTIVES

The Australian Open Pacific Pathway Tennis Development Program (**AO Pacific Pathway**) aims to encourage the development of junior tennis programs for children aged 4-10 years in Member Nations of the Oceania Tennis Federation (**Member Nations**). The AO Pacific Pathway will provide grants in the form of cash payments and equipment (**Grant**) to selected Member Nations to be put towards:

- the creation and implementation of junior tennis development programs in schools
- advocating participation in tennis for junior school aged children, and
- providing those children with opportunities to continue to play tennis in competitions.

GRANT DETAILS

The maximum grant amount available to successful Member Nations under the 2025 AO Pacific Pathway is \$3,000 AUD.

Additionally, modified Hot Shots tennis equipment will be distributed to Member Nations upon request.

The Grants may be awarded to up to 10 Member Nations. The recipients of the Grants will be determined once all applications have been received.

The recipients' junior development program **must focus on delivery of Hot Shots tennis in schools** for children aged 4-10 years, but preference will be given to programs that emphasise on 7-, 8- and 9-year-old age groups.

APPLYING FOR A GRANT

Eligibility Criteria

To be eligible for a Grant, a Member Nation must:

- be a financial member of the Oceania Tennis Federation
- hold the necessary local approvals to deliver Hot Shots programs at the Member Nation's schools, and
- complete the attached Grant Application Form.

Application Criteria

In the Grant Application Form, the Applicant should demonstrate how it will comply with the aims and objectives of the AO Pacific Pathway. The Applicant must demonstrate how its proposed junior development program will provide a development pathway for children aged 4-10.

Specifically:

- how many schools and how many children will be involved in the program, and
- how the Member Nation will incorporate the proposed school program into the Member Nation's development program including details of:
 - specific activities
 - duration of the activity sessions
 - number of sessions and classes

- how these activity sessions in schools will be incorporated into ongoing development programs, and
- how these programs will emphasise 7, 8 and 9 year old age groups.

The Grant will be distributed to selected Member Nations, based on the quality of the Grant Application received, in accordance with the Grant Distribution timetable set out below.

GRANT CONDITIONS

Successful Member Nations must:

- use the Grant to implement proposed junior development tennis programs and competition with the use of tournament planner in a proper, thorough, competent and efficient manner, including providing all necessary infrastructure, administrative and other support that may be required to deliver within school settings
- prepare and submit a six month interim and final report providing updates on the implementation of proposals
- prepare and submit half yearly and final accounts setting out how the Grant has been used and distributed and setting out any other costs associated with the proposals, and
- comply with the attached AO Pacific Pathway Conditions and Guidelines.

APPLICATION TIMETABLE

Applications open: Friday 14 February 2025

Applications close: **Friday 28 February 2025**

Applications assessed & notified by: Friday 7 March 2025

Grant Distribution timetable: 50% of monetary Grant to be paid upon receipt of tax invoice.

50% after receipt of the 6-month report and financial acquittal (**due 15 August 2025**) to TA and consecutive receipt of tax invoice.

Applications should be directed to:

Hailie Cuthbertson

Program Support Officer, Tennis Australia

via email hailie.cuthbertson@tennis.com.au

AO Pacific Pathway Conditions

1. These conditions must be read together with the Application Information (**Application Guidelines**). By applying for a Grant the Member Nation agrees to be bound by these Conditions.
2. The organiser of the AO Pacific Pathway is Tennis Australia Limited (ABN 61 006 281 125) (**TA**), the owner and promoter of the Australian Open Tennis Championships (**AO**).
3. Applications will be assessed by TA having regard to the way that Grant Application Form addresses the Application Criteria. Each successful Member Nation will be notified in writing using the contact details provided on its Grant Application Form.
4. Not all Member Nations that meet the Application Criteria will receive a Grant. TA's decision is final.
5. The Grant will be distributed in accordance with the Grant Distribution Timetable.
6. It is a condition of accepting a Grant that successful Member Nations use the Grant in accordance with the information provided in its Grant Application Form unless otherwise agreed by TA. The Grant (or any part) is not transferable or exchangeable.
7. TA reserves the right, at its absolute discretion, at any time, to vary, withdraw, postpone, amend or cancel a Grant, including without limitation, in circumstances where it cannot award any part of the Grant for any reason beyond its control.
8. If Member Nation does not comply with these Conditions, TA may, in its sole and absolute discretion, require the Member Nation to repay and return all or part of the Grant and withhold any future payments.
9. TA may recover any, or all, of the Grant if the Member Nation has used the Grant for anything other than as stipulated in its Grant Application Form or has supplied TA with information that is false or misleading.
10. Each Member Nation that is awarded a Grant must prepare and submit a report to TA every six (6) months during the AO Pacific Pathway (in accordance with a template provided by TA).
11. Each Member Nation warrants and represents that all information it has provided is accurate and it meets all the eligibility requirements to participate.
12. TA is not liable for any loss, damage and/or personal injury suffered or sustained in connection with, or as a result of, the AO Pacific Pathway Program or the Member Nation's use of a Grant.
13. Each Member Nation agrees to indemnify (and keep indemnified) TA (and any of its officers, employees and agents) against any loss, liability, injury or death incurred by TA (including any loss or expense incurred by the AO in dealing with any claim against the Member Nation) arising from any acts, omissions and/or negligence of the Member Nation, or the Member Nation's employees or agents in connection with the AO Pacific Pathway.
14. Each Member Nation warrants that it has obtained consents of all participants in the AO Pacific Pathway sponsored junior development tennis programs, to the taking, retaining and reproducing images or likenesses obtained during the participants' participation in the program, in photographs, electronic images, sound recordings and video footage and to use such images or likenesses for the purposes of any TA, ITF and Oceania Tennis Federation's promotional, advertising, research or marketing materials (including for the promotion of the AO Pacific Pathway).
15. TA will collect, store, use and disclose personal information it collects in accordance with its privacy policy located at <http://www.tennis.com.au/privacy>, which also contains information about how individuals may access and seek correction of personal information or complain about a breach of privacy by TA, and how TA will deal with that complaint. TA may disclose personal information to other parties in accordance with its privacy policy and to the extent permitted by law, including TA's related companies, other Australian Tennis Organisations, and third parties who provide TA services. From time to time, those third parties may be located overseas, including in the USA and the Netherlands.
16. The AO Pacific Pathway and the terms and conditions of these Conditions shall be governed by and construed in accordance with the laws of Victoria, Australia and the Member Nation irrevocably and unconditionally consents to the exclusive jurisdiction of the state and federal courts of Victoria, Australia.

GRANT APPLICATION FORM

Applicant Information			
Name of Member Nation:			
Contact person:		Job title:	
Address:			
Phone:	()	E-mail:	

APPLICATION CRITERIA

Provide details on how your proposed junior development program will meet the aims and objectives of the AO Pacific Pathway.

How will the program be delivered in schools? Include details of:

- specific activities
- duration of the activity sessions
- number of classes
- anticipated number of children per class
- number of sessions per class
- emphasis on children aged 7, 8 and 9 years

How many schools will be involved in the program?

Approximately how many children will be involved in the program?

Will the proposed program offer competitive opportunities with the use of Tournament Software?

Yes ☐
No ☐

List the key areas where the grant money will be spent?

Do you wish to be considered for an equipment pack to assist program delivery?	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>	Have you been a previous recipient of an AO Pacific Pathway grant? If yes, what year/s?	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> Year/s No <input type="checkbox"/>
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DECLARATION

On behalf of the Member Nation, I declare that I have read and understood the AO Pacific Pathway Conditions and the Application Information. I acknowledge and agree that this Grant Application Form and any Grant Awarded to my Member Nation is subject to these conditions. I declare that I am authorised to make this application on behalf of the Member Nation.

Signature: _____

Name: _____

Position with National Federation: _____

Email Address: _____

Date: _____

Closing date for applications is Friday 28 February 2025