

2012 NZMT 5 Canterbury Championships

3rd February 2012 (Qualifying), 4th – 6th January 2012 (Main draw)



~ **FACT SHEET** ~ (as @ 10 January 2012)

OBJECTIVE	The New Zealand Money Tournaments (NZMT's) provide players with the opportunity to compete in high level tournaments as part of the Tennis NZ Peak Performance Pathway. New Zealand's leading players, emerging and post-juniors, along with international players have the opportunity to play the NZMT's throughout the summer season gaining valuable match play.
DATES	3 rd February 2012 <i>Singles Qualifying</i> 4-6 th February 2012 <i>Main Draw</i>
VENUE	Cashmere Tennis Club, Valley Rd, Christchurch Phone number (prior to tournament): +64 3 389 6484 ext 803 Phone number (during tournament): +64 27 464 2399 Fax number (during tournament): +64 3 389 5205 Email Address: info@canterburytennis.co.nz
CONTACT	Hamish Cain, Email: hamish.cain@canterburytennis.co.nz
WEBSITE	www.canterburytennis.co.nz & www.tennisnz.com
ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA	International & Open entry. Players must be affiliated to a club from their respective country
ENTRY DEADLINE	NZMT 5 is 16:00hrs (4pm) on the Monday 30th January 2011 (NZ local time). Please note: late entries may be accepted at the discretion of the tournament officials, but once the acceptance list is released, late entries must go directly into the qualifying or alternate list.
FEE/S	<i>The appropriate entry fee is to be paid with the entry</i> On-line entry fees One Event (singles): NZ\$70 Manual entry fees One Event (singles): NZ\$70
ACCEPTANCE LISTS	Acceptance lists will be available on the host's website (www.canterburytennis.co.nz) and the Tennis NZ website (www.tennisnz.com) under Tournaments/NZMT by Tuesday 31 st January 2012 If you do not have access to the internet, please ph +64 3 389 6484.

SIGN-IN	Qualifying 3 rd February 2012 between 9am – 10am Main draw **NEW - There will be no <u>main draw</u> sign in. All players who are listed in the main draw acceptance list will be put into the draw which is done on the afternoon of 3 rd February 2012 *NZ local time
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PRACTICE COURTS Practice courts, when possible will be available on the day prior to the tournament starting and at least one hour before play starts each day. When possible, practice courts will be available during the tournament.

PRACTICE BALLS Practice balls will not be available

OFFICIAL BALL Wilson Australian Open – Three balls, new balls third set main draw

MATCH FORMAT Best of 3 tiebreak sets (*Tournament Officials have the right to alter the length of matches if circumstances make it necessary*). Please note: the scoring system for qualifying will be determined by the number of entrants.

START TIMES Match start times will be available on the host's website www.canterburytennis.co.nz and Tennis NZ website (www.tennisnz.com). It is the player's responsibility to check their playing time each day.

OFFICIALS A qualified Referee will be present each day. Chair umpires for the semifinals onwards. All other matches to be self-umpired. **please note this may change depending on the number of entrants etc.*

SURFACE Hardcourts

PRIZE MONEY

Prize money Breakdown	NZ\$
Singles Winner	\$1,000
Runner Up	\$450
Losing Semi (each receive)	\$225
5 th Place	\$100
Consolation	\$75

Please note: No player will receive prize money if they have not played a match. The prize money for all categories will be reduced if entries are not full.

SEEDING Seedings will be determined by the latest available rankings and overseas players National rankings will also be taken into account. The ranking must be authentic and Tennis NZ & Referee shall be the sole judges as to its authenticity

RESULTS All results will be available on www.canterburytennis.co.nz & www.tennisnz.com

CONFIGURE RANKINGS All matches and results between two New Zealand players will be recorded in the Configure Ranking system.

DRAW SIZE

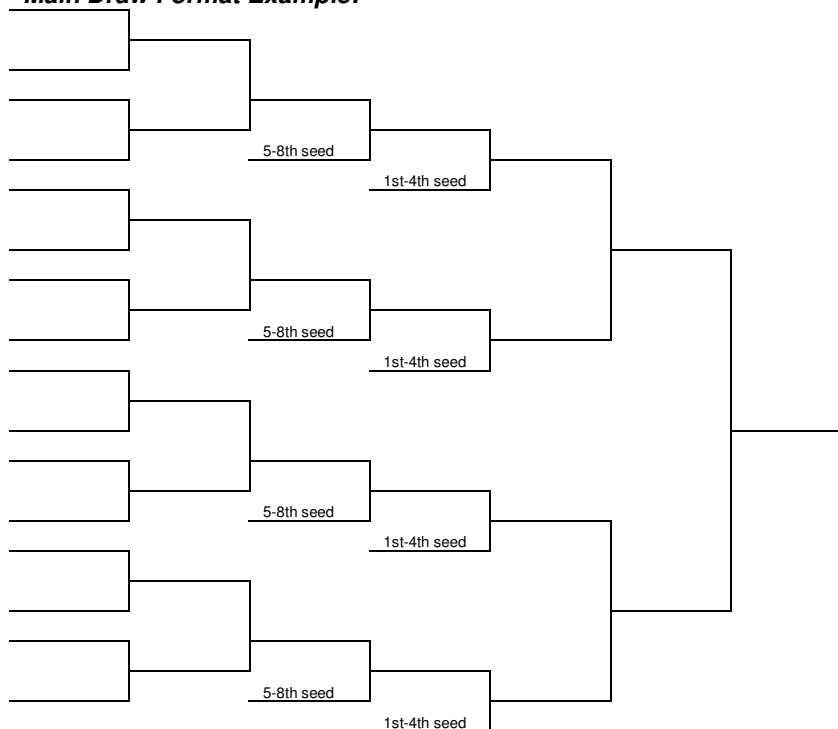
Singles Main Draw - 24 draw size (if required a 32 qualifying draw will be held)

DRAW FORMAT

Main Draw

1st – 4th Seeds will feed in the 4th Round. 5th – 8th Seeds will feed in the 3rd Round. The 9th-24th players will start in the first Round. Feed in Consolation.

Main Draw Format Example:



SCHEDULE

Friday 3rd February 2012

9am – 10am	Qualifying Sign-In
	Qualifying matches to follow
Approx 5pm	Main draw and schedule to be conducted. There is NO main draw sign-in.

Saturday 4th February 2012

Main Draw - Round 1 & 2
Feed-In Consolation

Sunday 5th February 2012

Main Draw - Round 3 & 4 (quarters)
Feed-In Consolation

Monday 6th February 2012

Main Draw - Round 5 (semis) & Round 6 (finals)
Feed-In Consolation

Following the sign-ins, the draws will be available to view from 7pm on websites: www.canterburytennis.co.nz and www.tennisnz.com will also be available at the tournament venue. Under normal circumstances, players should not be expected to play more than three singles per day and the consolation rounds are subject to change.

ACCEPTANCES

Singles Main draw acceptance will be determined by the following:

24 Player Draw (played over 3 days):

- Between 8-24* direct acceptances as follows:
 1. Highest ATP/WTA Ranking selected in accordance with the most recently published rankings as at the entry deadline.
 2. Highest approved official National Rankings from any country as at the entry deadline. The ranking must be authentic and Tennis NZ & Tournament Director shall be the sole judges as to its authenticity. Players will be sorted into groups of same nationality and ranked within those groups and will be proportionally fed into the acceptance list. Ties between players within those groups will be broken by a draw.
 3. Highest TOPDOG Grading as at entry deadline
 4. Further places will be filled by unranked players drawn by lot
- Up to 2* Special Exempts (If a player is playing in the final of another NZMT/International Event and these places will be determined at the discretion of the Referee/Tournament Director)
- Up to 2* of the highest NZ Junior ITF ranked 18 year players who have entered and ranked 500 or better as at the entry deadline
- Up to 4* Wild Cards (at the discretion of Tennis NZ in consultation with the Tournament Director)
- 4** qualifiers (subject to qualifying being held) should entries dictate qualifying will be a 32 draw with 8 qualifiers.

Please note:

* if wild cards, special exempt or ITF 18's ranking positions are not filled, then it/they must be filled by the next direct acceptances

** if a qualifying draw is not conducted then the positions must be filled by the next direct acceptances

Singles Qualifying acceptance will be determined by the following:

16 or 32 Player Draw (played over 1 day):

- Between 28-32* direct acceptances as follows:
 1. Highest ATP/WTA Ranking selected in accordance with the most recently published rankings as at the entry deadline.
 2. Highest approved official National Rankings from any country as at the entry deadline. The ranking must be authentic and Tennis NZ & Referee shall be the sole judges as to its authenticity. Players will be sorted into groups of same nationality and ranked within those groups and will be proportionally fed into the acceptance list. Ties between players within those groups will be broken by a draw.
 3. Highest TOPDOG Grading as at entry deadline
 4. Further places will be filled by unranked players drawn by lot
- Up to 4* Wild Cards (at the discretion of Tennis NZ in consultation with the Tournament Director)

Please note:

- The Qualifying Draw is to be done in 4/8 qualifying sections.
- Seeds 1-4/8 placed on the top line of each section.

WILDCARDS

Notes on Wildcards:

- Wild cards will be determined by Tennis NZ in consultation with the Host
- Wild cards do not necessarily have to be awarded to entered players.
- Wild cards are to be nominated prior to the draw taking place. Once the draw is made, wild cards can only be replaced with alternates or Lucky Losers.
- Wild cards may be seeded.

LUCKY LOSER /
ALTERNATE SIGN-IN

- Lucky Loser and Alternate Sign-ins will take place half an hour before the scheduled start of play.

Lucky Losers/Alternates may be included in the draw if a vacancy is known during the week prior to Main Draw commencing, and they have signed-in (this may be over the phone). They may also be drawn at the same time as qualifiers if a vacancy is available.

-Players who have not entered the tournament are not eligible to play qualifying (if applicable) except where they have been granted a wild card or a player is an on-site alternate sign-in but will be placed at the end of the list. If there is more than one on-site alternate sign-in, they will be placed in order of merit.

WITHDRAWALS

- Where a player withdraws from Main Draw prior to the draw being made and the commencement of qualifying (if applicable), the next eligible alternate will be included on the acceptance list.

- Once qualifying has commenced the eligible Lucky Loser will fill any vacant Main Draw position.

WITHDRAWALS,
DEFAULTS &
RETIREMENTS

1. Any player who wishes to withdraw, must do so 6 days prior to the commencement of the tournament in writing (preferably by email – info@canterburytennis.co.nz or Fax 03 3895205

Players who withdraw six (6) days or less before the tournament commences shall forfeit the entry fee, except where withdrawal is for medical reasons (medical certificate must be supplied) or family bereavement.

2. When a player enters a tournament they agree to be available for the complete duration of the tournament and for all scheduled matches, both main draw and consolation. This will involve play through to the last days of the tournament.

3. If withdrawal from tournament is not for medical or family bereavement reasons the player will incur suspension points.

4. If withdrawal from the tournament is for medical reasons a valid medical certificate must be given to the tournament referee when advising a request to default.

DRESS CODE

All players shall dress and present themselves in an appropriate manner for tennis. Clean and customarily acceptable tennis attire shall be worn. The referee in consultation with tournament management has the final decision if the clothing worn is appropriate. Please refer to Tennis NZ Player Handbook or Players Code of Conduct for further clarification.

PRIZE GIVING

Prize giving(s) will be held at appropriate times during the tournament. For sponsorship reasons for the finalists of the singles events it is compulsory to attend the prize giving.

RULES

The tournament will be played in accordance with the Rules and Regulations of Tennis NZ, ITF Rules of Tennis, Tennis NZ Player Code of Conduct, Tournament Fact Sheet & Tournament Conditions set down by Tennis NZ & Tournament Committee. These are available from Tennis NZ on request.

NEAREST AIRPORT

The nearest international and local airport is Christchurch.

ACCOMMODATION

Useful accommodation websites:

<http://www.travelbug.co.nz/> (*bookings can be made up to 12 months*)

<http://www.wotif.com>

<http://www.tourism.net.nz>

Accommodation is the player's responsibility. The link below outlines some Christchurch accommodation options:

<http://www.canterburytennis.co.nz/downloads/jun-itf-accom.pdf>

Please note:

- Whilst all details in the TNZ Calendar are accurate at the time of printing, Tennis New Zealand reserves the right to make any changes that are deemed in the best interests of the overall conduct of events on the New Zealand Tournament Calendar.
- It is the player's responsibility to check the specific details of each individual NZMT and the most up to date fact sheet