



## Seamaster 2019 World Tour Platinum Australian Open

<b>CITY:</b>	Geelong, Australia
<b>SITE:</b>	Geelong Arena, 110 Victoria Street, North Geelong VIC 3215, Australia
<b>DATE:</b>	09 Jul - 14 Jul 2019
<b>PLAYERS:</b>	105 men 84 women 189 total
<b>COUNTRIES:</b>	32
<b>TABLES:</b>	8
<b>TABLE BRAND:</b>	Double Fish Volant King
<b>BALL BRAND:</b>	DHS 40+
<b>FLOOR BRAND:</b>	Stag (Red)
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### Introduction

Welcome to the Seamaster 2019 World Tour Platinum Australian Open.

The Australian Open is a Platinum Series event on the ITTF World Tour, which is the former of the two tiers (Platinum & Regular).

The Australian Open is the fourth out of six Platinum Series, as the players fight for points to qualify for the season ending Seamaster 2019 ITTF World Tour Grand Final from 12-15 December.

There are five titles on offer: Men's Singles, Women's Singles, Men's Doubles, Women's Doubles & Mixed Doubles

This media kit is designed to provide an update on the Seamaster 2019 Australian Open. Enclosed are statistics and notes that will be of assistance during the tournament. Players' biographies as well as statistical, historical and personal data can be found on ITTF.com. Please make player interview requests through a member of the ITTF and OC media staff located in the press room.

### Key Dates/Times

09 July 2019, 10:00am @ Geelong Arena – Qualification Day 1  
10 July 2019, 10:00am @ Geelong Arena – Qualification Day 2  
11 July 2019, 10:00am @ Geelong Arena – Main Draw Day 1  
12 July 2019, 10:00am @ Geelong Arena – Main Draw Day 2  
13 July 2019, 01:00pm @ Geelong Arena – Doubles Finals  
13 July 2019, 10:00am @ Geelong Arena – Finals

Schedule: [Qualification](#) | [Main Draw](#)



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## Playing System

**Men's Singles:** Main draw round of 32

16 seeded players + 16 players coming from the qualifications  
players competing for 16 qualification slots in a Knock Out Format

**Women's Singles:** Main draw round of 32

16 seeded players + 16 players coming from the qualifications  
players competing for 16 qualification slots in a Knock Out Format

**Men's Doubles:** Main draw round of 16

8 seeded players + 8 players coming from the qualifications  
pairs competing for 8 qualification slots in a Knock Out Format

**Women's Doubles:** Main draw round of 16

8 seeded players + 8 players coming from the qualifications  
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**Mixed Doubles:** Main draw round of 16

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## Seamaster 2019 ITTF World Tour Events and Winners

There has been 4 World Tour so far, 3 Platinum (Qatar, China, Japan), 3 Regular series (Hungary, Hong Kong, Korea).

Type	Location	Men's Singles			Women's Singles		
Regular	Korea	XU Xin		CHN	CHEN Meng		CHN
Platinum	Japan	XU Xin		CHN	SUN Yingsha		CHN
Regular	Hong Kong	LIN Gaoyuan		CHN	WANG Yidi		CHN
Platinum	China	MA Long		CHN	CHEN Meng		CHN
Platinum	Qatar	MA Long		CHN	WANG Manyu		CHN
Regular	Hungary	LIN Gaoyuan		CHN	CHEN Meng		CHN

Type	Location	Men's Doubles				Women's Doubles			
Regular	Korea	FAN Zhendong	CHN	XU Xin	CHN	CHEN Meng	CHN	WANG Manyu	CHN
Platinum	Japan	FAN Zhendong	CHN	XU Xin	CHN	SUN Yingsha	CHN	WANG Manyu	CHN
Regular	Hong Kong	LIANG Jingkun	CHN	LIN Gaoyuan	CHN	CHEN Ke	CHN	MU Zi	CHN
Platinum	China	Timo BOLL	GER	Patrick FRANZISKA	GER	GU Yuting	CHN	LIU Shiwen	CHN
Platinum	Qatar	HO Kwan Kit	HKG	WONG Chunting	HKG	SUN Yingsha	CHN	WANG Manyu	CHN
Regular	Hungary	LIANG Jingkun	CHN	XU Xin	CHN	WANG Manyu	CHN	ZHU Yuling	CHN

Type	Location	Mixed Doubles					
Regular	Korea	WONG Chun Ting		HKG	DOO Hoi Kem		HKG
Platinum	Japan	XU Xin		CHN	ZHU Yuling		CHN
Regular	Hong Kong	LIN Yun-Ju		TPE	CHENG I-Ching		TPE
Platinum	China	LIN Yun-Ju		TPE	CHENG I-Ching		TPE
Platinum	Qatar	XU Xin		CHN	LIU Shiwen		CHN
Regular	Hungary	XU Xin		CHN	LIU Shiwen		CHN



### Race to Seamaster 2019 ITTF World Tour Grand Finals

The players are all battling it out for points to secure their qualification to the Seamaster 2019 World Tour Grand Finals, 12-15 Dec 2019.

#### How does it work?

##### Men's & Women's Singles

**Places available:** 15 players with the most points from the Seamaster 2019 World Tour events, plus one host country player that meets the below criteria. If the player from the host association is already amongst the 15 invited players or does not meet the participation criteria, the 16<sup>th</sup> player in order will be invited.

**Criteria:** Have to play in a minimum of 5 events

##### Men's, Women's & Mixed Doubles

**Places available:** 7 doubles pairing with the most points, plus one host country player that meets the below criteria. If the pair from the host association is already amongst the 7 invited players or does not meet the participation criteria, the 8<sup>th</sup> pair in order will be invited.

**Criteria:** Have to play in a minimum of 4 events (playing together)

**Criteria:** For XD, maximum of 1 pair per NOC

Full criteria: <https://bit.ly/2QqmA3e>

#### Points system (Platinum)

### WORLD TOUR PLATINUM

QAT . CHN . JPN . AUS . GER . AUT					
	MS	WS	MD	WD	XD
Winner	500 pts	500 pts	300 pts	300 pts	300 pts
Finalist	300 pts	300 pts	150 pts	150 pts	150 pts
SF	200 pts	200 pts	75 pts	75 pts	75 pts
QF	100 pts	100 pts	38 pts	38 pts	38 pts
R16	50 pts	50 pts	19 pts	19 pts	19 pts
R32	25 pts	25 pts			

Full Points allocation: <https://bit.ly/2C47sTR>

**Current Race to World Tour Grand Final Standings (after KOR Open):**
**Men's Singles**

Rank	Events	Player	Country	Points
1	4	MA Long	CHN	1225
2	5	XU Xin	CHN	1213
3	5	LIN Gaoyuan	CHN	1150
4	5	HARIMOTO Tomokazu	JPN	481
5	6	LIN Yun-Ju	TPE	441
6	4	FAN Zhendong	CHN	394
7	6	LIANG Jingkun	CHN	360
8	5	FALCK Mattias	SWE	280
9	5	MIZUTANI Jun	JPN	239
10	6	WANG Chuqin	CHN	219
11	5	JANG Woojin	KOR	207
12	4	CALDERANO Hugo	BRA	206
13	2	SUN Wen	CHN	200
14	6	WONG Chun-Ting	HKG	198
15	3	BOLL Timo	GER	181
16	3	OVTCHAROV Dimitrij	GER	150

**Women's Singles**

Rank	Events	Player	Country	Points
1	4	CHEN Meng	CHN	1200
2	5	WANG Manyu	CHN	1026
3	5	SUN Yingsha	CHN	819
4	5	LIU Shiwen	CHN	779
5	5	ITO Mima	JPN	481
6	4	DING Ning	CHN	475
7	5	WANG Yidi	CHN	383
8	4	ZHU Yuling	CHN	381
9	5	HIRANO Miu	JPN	379
10	5	CHEN Xingtong	CHN	239
11	6	FENG Tianwei	SGP	230
12	5	CHENG I-Ching	TPE	229
13	6	HE Zhoujia	CHN	182
13	5	SATO Hitomi	JPN	182
15	4	GU Yuting	CHN	175
16	5	ISHIKAWA Kasumi	JPN	172

**Men's Doubles**

Rank	Events	Player	Country	Points
1	2	FAN Zhendong / XU Xin	CHN	500
2	2	BOLL Timo / FRANZISKA Patrick	GER	450
3	3	HO Kwan Kit / WONG Chun Ting	HKG	375
4	3	LIANG Jingkun / LIN Gaoyuan	CHN	294
5	3	JEOUNG Youngsik / LEE Sangsu	KOR	250
6	3	JANG Woojin / LIM Jonghoon	KOR	225
7	1	LIANG Jingkun / XU Xin	CHN	200
8	3	DUDA Benedikt / QIU Dang	GER	175

**Women's Doubles**

Rank	Events	Player	Country	Points
1	2	SUN Yingsha / WANG Manyu	CHN	450
2	2	WANG Manyu / ZHU Yuling	CHN	350
3	1	GU Yuting / LIU Shiwen	CHN	300
3	1	CHEN Meng / LIU Shiwen	CHN	300
5	1	CHEN Ke / MU Zi	CHN	200
5	1	CHEN Meng / WANG Manyu	CHN	200
7	3	KIHARA Miyuu / NAGASAKI Miyu	JPN	163
8	1	DING Ning / WANG Yidi	CHN	150

**Mixed Doubles**

Rank	Events	Player	Country	Points
1	6	LIN Yun-Ju / CHENG I-Ching	TPE	688
2	3	XU Xin / LIU Shiwen	CHN	600
3	6	WONG Chun Ting / DOO Hoi Kem	HKG	470
4	1	XU Xin / ZHU Yuling	CHN	300
5	6	HO Kwan Kit / LEE Ho Ching	HKG	201
6	2	HARIMOTO Tomokazu / HAYATA Hina	JPN	163
7	5	SZUDI Adam / PERGEL Szandra	HUN	157
8	1	MORIZONO Masataka / ITO Mima	JPN	150

The full standings for the race to the 2019 ITTF World Tour Grand Finals can be found here:

<https://bit.ly/2HPzENg>



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## Australian Open Seeded Players & 2019 Stats

### Men's Singles

Players name	Date of Birth	Age	Hand	Grip	Pl. Style	Seed	JUL 2019 WR	% Won	2019 WT Statistics	
									Played	Won
FAN Zhendong CHN	22/01/1997	22	R	Shakehand	Attack	1	3	71%	14	10
LIN Gaoyuan CHN	19/03/1995	24	L	Shakehand	Attack	2	2	86%	22	19
XU Xin CHN	08/01/1990	29	L	Penhold	Attack	3	1	86%	22	19
HARIMOTO Tomokazu JPN	27/06/2003	15	R	Shakehand	Attack	4	4	69%	16	11
MA Long CHN	20/10/1988	30	R	Shakehand	Attack	5	5	88%	18	16
LIANG Jingkun CHN	20/10/1996	22	R	Shakehand	Attack	6	6	70%	20	14
CALDERANO Hugo BRA	22/06/1996	22	R	Shakehand	Attack	7	7	56%	9	5
FALCK Mattias SWE	07/09/1991	27	R	Shakehand	Attack	8	9	56%	9	5
JANG Woojin KOR	10/09/1995	23	R	Shakehand	Attack	9	10	50%	10	5
LEE Sangsu KOR	31/08/1990	28	R	Shakehand	Attack	10	14	17%	6	1
OVTCHAROV Dimitrij GER	02/09/1988	30	R	Shakehand	Attack	11	11	50%	6	3
NIWA Koki JPN	10/10/1994	24	L	Shakehand	Attack	12	12	38%	8	3
MIZUATNI JUN JPN	09/06/1989	30	L	Shakehand	Attack	13	13	55%	11	6
PITCHFORD Liam ENG	12/07/1993	26	R	Shakehand	Attack	14	15	50%	8	4
FRANZISKA Patrick GER	11/06/1992	27	R	Shakehand	Attack	15	17	56%	9	5
HU Heming AUS	21/03/1994	25	R	Shakehand	Attack	16	108	-	-	-

\* Seeding based on Jun WR

**List of players (Men):** <https://bit.ly/2XP3gnZ>

**Link to WT Stats:** <https://bit.ly/2Jj4jSG>

**Link to WR (Men):** <https://bit.ly/2IsOITb>

#### Top seed (Fan Zhendong):

- Fan Zhendong did not compete at the Australian Open in 2018
- He has not won the Australian Open in previous editions and has not won a Singles title in 2019
- Fan is top seed in Australia but recently lost his position as world #1 in July 2019



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## Women's Singles

Players name	Date of Birth	Age	Hand	Grip	Pl. Style	Seed	2019 Statistics				
							JUL 2019 WR	% Won	Played	Won	
CHEN Meng CHN	15/01/1994	25	R	Shakehand	Attack	1	1	95%	19	18	
LIU Shiwen CHN	12/04/1991	27	R	Shakehand	Attack	2	2	74%	19	14	
DING Ning CHN	20/06/1990	28	L	Shakehand	Attack	3	3	71%	14	10	
ZHU Yuling CHN	10/01/1995	24	R	Shakehand	Attack	4	4	69%	13	9	
WANG Manyu CHN	09/02/1999	20	R	Shakehand	Attack	5	5	81%	21	17	
ISHIKAWA Kasumi JPN	23/02/1993	25	L	Shakehand	Attack	6	6	50%	10	5	
ITO Mima JPN	21/10/2000	18	R	Shakehand	Attack	7	7	69%	16	11	
CHENG I-Ching TPE	15/02/1992	27	R	Shakehand	Attack	8	8	55%	11	6	
HIRANO Miu JPN	14/04/2000	18	R	Shakehand	Attack	9	9	60%	10	6	
SUH Hyowon KOR	10/05/1987	32	R	Shakehand	Defend	10	10	33%	6	2	
DOO Hoi Kem HKG	27/11/1996	22	R	Shakehand	Attack	11	12	33%	9	3	
FENG Tianwei SGP	31/08/1986	32	R	Shakehand	Attack	12	15	50%	12	6	
SHIBATA Saki JPN	25/08/1997	21	R	Shakehand	Attack	13	15	38%	8	3	
SATO Hitomi JPN	23/12/1997	21	R	Shakehand	Defense	14	16	44%	9	4	
SZOCS Bernadette ROU	05/03/1995	24	R	Shakehand	Attack	15	19	50%	8	4	
LAY Jian Fang AUS	06/03/1973	46	R	Penhold	Attack	16	85	-	-	-	

\* Seeding based on Jun WR

**List of players (Women):** <https://bit.ly/2LbDZyf>

**Link to WT Stats:** <https://bit.ly/2Jj4jSG>

**Link to WR (Women):** <https://bit.ly/2N24B1C>

### Top seed (Chen Meng):

- Chen Meng did not compete at the Australian Open in 2018
- She won the Australian Open Title in 2017 and has already won 3 Singles titles in 2019
- In WT women's Singles final appearance, Chen Meng has won 12 out of 15 of them.



### Prize Money

#### Men's Singles and Women's singles:

<b>Winner:</b>	US\$ 35,000
<b>Runner-up:</b>	US\$ 17,500
<b>Semi finalist:</b>	US\$ 8,350
<b>Quarter finalist:</b>	US\$ 5,000
<b>Round of 16:</b>	US\$ 3,000
<b>Round of 32:</b>	US\$ 1,800

#### Men's, Women's & Mixed Doubles:

<b>Winner:</b>	US\$ 8,000
<b>Runner-up:</b>	US\$ 4,000
<b>Semi finalist:</b>	US\$ 2,500

**Total:** US\$ 332,000

### Past Winners

#### Men's Singles

Venue	Year	Winner		Runner Up	
Geelong	2018	XU Xin	CHN	LIU Dingshuo	CHN
Gold Coast	2017	SAMSONOV Vladimir	BLR	GAUZY Simon	FRA
Melbourne	2016	MIZUTANI Jun	JPN	LI Hu	SGP
Gold Coast	2015	JEOUNG Youngsik	KOR	HO Kwan Kit	HKG
Sydney	2014	WU Zhikang	SGP	ZENG Jian	SGP
Melbourne	1999	MA Lin	CHN	KREANGAN Kalinikos	GRE
Melbourne	1998	KONG Linghui	CHN	KIM Taesoo	KOR
Melbourne	1997	DING Song	CHN	HUANG Jonny	CAN
Brisbane	1996	Werner SCHLAGER	AUT	HUANG Jonny	CAN

#### Women's Singles

Venue	Year	Winner		Runner Up	
Geelong	2018	LIU Shiwen	CHN	DING Ning	CHN
Gold Coast	2017	CHEN Meng	CHN	WANG Manyu	CHN
Melbourne	2016	HAYATA Hina	JPN	ISHIGAKI Yuka	JPN
Gold Coast	2015	FUKUHARA Ai	JPN	JEON Jihee	KOR
Sydney	2014	FENG Tianwei	SGP	MORIZONO Masaki	HKG
Melbourne	1999	CHEN Jing	TPE	SUN Jin	JPN
Melbourne	1998	YANG Ying	CHN	WANG Chen	USA
Melbourne	1997	DENG Yaping	CHN	YANG Ying	CHN
Brisbane	1996	WANG Chen	USA	MICHIHIRO Yuko	JPN

#### Men's Doubles

Venue	Year	Winning Pair
Geelong	2018	JEOUNG Youngsik (KOR) LEE Sangsu (KOR)
Gold Coast	2017	JANG Woojin (KOR) PARK Ganghyeon (KOR)
Melbourne	2016	MORITA Yuki (JPN) TAKUYA Jin (JPN)
Gold Coast	2015	HO Kwan Kit (HKG) LAM Siu Hang (HKG)
Sydney	2014	TANG Peng (HKG) WONG Chun Ting (HKG)
Melbourne	1999	JINDRAK Karl (AUT) SCHLAGER WERNER (AUT)



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Melbourne	1998	KONG Linghui (CHN)	LIU Guoliang (CHN)
Melbourne	1997	MA Lin (CHN)	YAN Sen (CHN)
Brisbane	1996	JINDRAK Karl (AUT)	SCHLAGER WERNER (AUT)

## Women's Doubles

Venue	Year	Winning Pair
Geelong	2018	Hina HAYATA (JPN)
Gold Coast	2017	Mima ITO (JPN)
Melbourne	2016	ZHU Yuling (CHN)
Gold Coast	2015	HASHIMOTO Honoka (JPN)
Sydney	2014	SATO Hitomi (JPN)
Melbourne	1999	LEE Dasom (KOR)
Melbourne	1998	TASHIRO Saki (JPN)
Melbourne	1997	XU Jing (TPE)
Brisbane	1996	WU Na (CHN)
		YANG Ying (CHN)
		YANG Ying (CHN)
		ZHU Fang (ESP)

## Mixed's Doubles

Venue	Year	Winner
Geelong	2018	LEE Sangsu (KOR)
		JEON Jihee (KOR)

## Most Successful Australia Open Players

XU Xin, SAMSONOV Vladimir (BLR), MIZUTANI Jun (JPN), JEOUNG Youngsik (KOR), HAYATA Hina (JPN) LIU Shiwen (CHN) & Chen Meng (CHN) are looking to win respective Singles title for a second time.

**Men's singles** – No Player has won the title more than once

**Women's singles** – No Player has won the title more than once

**Men's doubles** – Karl Jindrak & Werner Schlager (AUT) – 2 times

**Women's doubles** – Yang Ying (CHN) – 2, with Wu Na (1) & Deng Yaping (1)

## Australia Open Facts

- Held for the first time in 1996, Brisbane.
- The 2018 edition will be the 2<sup>nd</sup> time Geelong will be hosting.
- The Singles title has always been won by a different player every edition.
- In 2017, SAMSONOV Vladimir (BLR) became the first player to win a World Tour Singles title on every continent after beating Simon Gauzy in Gold Coast.

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