



**2010 Configure Express NZMT 6**  
**Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> March (Qualifying), Friday 19<sup>th</sup> – Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> March (Main draw)**



**~ FACT SHEET ~**  
(as @ 21/02/2010)

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OBJECTIVE	The Configure Express 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	Thursday 18 <sup>th</sup> March 2010 <i>Singles Qualifying (if required)</i> Friday 19 <sup>th</sup> – Sunday 21 <sup>st</sup> March 2010 <i>Main Draw</i>
VENUE	Wellington Renouf Tennis Centre Brooklyn Road, Wellington Phone number (prior to tournament): +64 4 385 9709 Phone number (during tournament): +64 4 385 9709 Fax number (during tournament): +64 4 384 6291 Email Address: <a href="mailto:info@wellingtontennis.org.nz">info@wellingtontennis.org.nz</a>
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WEBSITE	<a href="http://www.wellingtontennis.org.nz">www.wellingtontennis.org.nz</a> & <a href="http://www.tennisnz.com">www.tennisnz.com</a>
ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA	International & Open entry. Players must be affiliated to a club from their respective country
ENTRY DEADLINE	<b>4pm, Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> March 2010.</b> Please note late entries may be accepted at the discretion of the tournament officials, but once the acceptance list is released. Any late entries will go directly into the qualifying or alternate list.
FEE/S	<i>The appropriate entry fee is to be paid with the entry</i> <b><u>On-line entry fees</u></b> One Event (singles):                      NZ\$65 <b><u>Manual entry fees</u></b> One Event (singles):                      NZ\$70



## ACCEPTANCE LISTS

Acceptance lists will be available on the host's website [www.wellingtontennis.org.nz](http://www.wellingtontennis.org.nz) and the Tennis NZ website [www.tennisnz.com](http://www.tennisnz.com) by 6pm on Friday 12<sup>th</sup> March 2010.

If you do not have access to the internet, please ph (04) 3859709

<b>SIGN-IN</b>	<b>Qualifying THURSDAY 18<sup>TH</sup> MARCH *between 9am – 10am</b>
	<b>Main draw **</b> - 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 Thursday 18 <sup>th</sup> March. <b>*NZ local time</b>

**PRACTICE COURTS** Practice courts are 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 (using a deposit system) will be available.

**OFFICIAL BALL** Slazenger - Two balls & then a ball change – 3<sup>rd</sup> set

**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.wellingtontennis.org.nz](http://www.wellingtontennis.org.nz) and Tennis NZ website ([www.tennisnz.com](http://www.tennisnz.com)). It is the player's responsibility to check their playing time each day. Night matches may be scheduled.

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

**SPORTS TRAINER** A Sports Trainer will be available on site during main draw. Massage may also be available on a user pays basis.

**SURFACE** Hardcourts (if bad weather arises, play may be moved indoors at the discretion of the tournament officials).

### PRIZE MONEY

Prize money Breakdown	NZ\$
Singles Winner	\$2,000
Runner Up	\$900
Losing Semi (each receive)	\$450
5 <sup>th</sup> Place	\$200
Consolation	\$150

**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.wellingtontennis.org.nz](http://www.wellingtontennis.org.nz) & [www.tennisnz.com](http://www.tennisnz.com)

**TOPDOG** All matches and results between two New Zealand players will be recorded in the Grading system.



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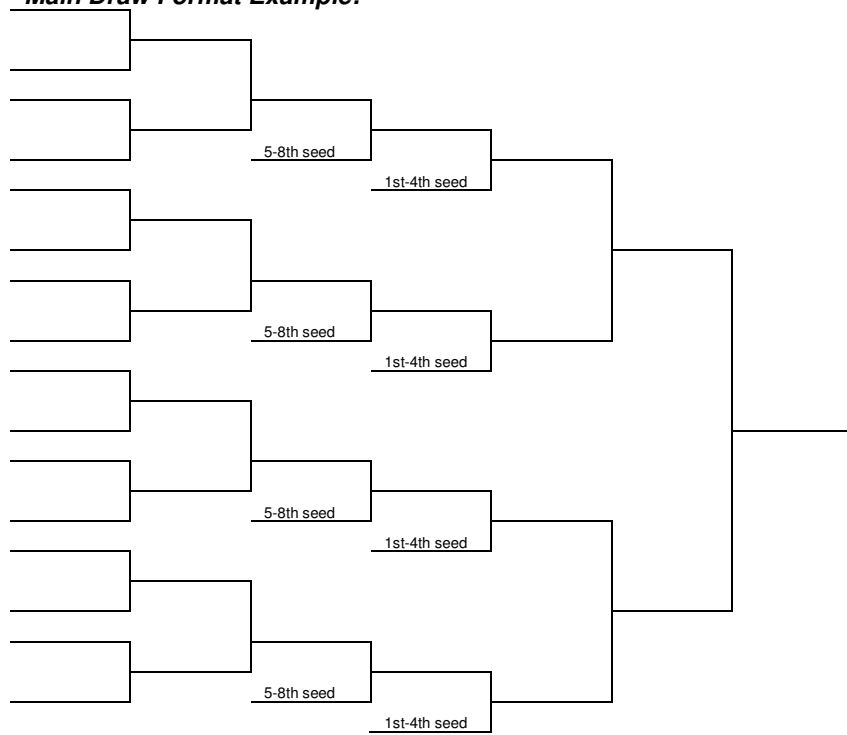
Singles Main Draw - 24 draw size (if required a 16 qualifying draw will be held)

DRAW FORMAT

**Main Draw**

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

**Main Draw Format Example:**



SCHEDULE

**Thursday 18th March 2010**

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.

**Friday 19th March 2010**

Main Draw - Round 1 & 2  
Feed-In Consolation

**Saturday 20th March**

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

**Sunday 21 March 2010**

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.wellingtontennis.org.nz](http://www.wellingtontennis.org.nz) and [www.tennisnz.com](http://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 12-24\* 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)

**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 Player Draw (played over 1 day):

- Between 12-16\* 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 8 qualifying sections.
- Seeds 1-8 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 – <hosts email address> or Fax <host's fax>  
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 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 Auckland.

#### ACCOMMODATION

Useful accommodation websites:

<http://www.wotif.com>

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

<http://www.travelbug.co.nz/>

Accommodation is the player's responsibility.

#### **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

