

AO BALLKIDS – LEVEL 2 SELECTION TRIAL

PREPARATION TIPS

We encourage applicants to take the time to adequately prepare for the Level 2 Selection Trials in order to give themselves the best possible chance on-court. There are a wide variety of training resources available on the Ballkids website that will assist with any preparation you choose to do.

It is recommended that applicants focus on the following areas as part of their preparation for Level 2 Selection Trials:

- Increasing urgency when moving around the court
- All aspects of rolling (e.g. speed, accuracy, flatness & technique)
- Ball handling skills (e.g. collecting the ball at the net/base, rolling multiple balls)
- All aspects of servicing (e.g. technique, stance, accuracy of throw)

SELECTION PROCESS

Selection will be structured in the following manner:

An assessment of the following skills, including but not limited to:

- speed and agility;
- ability to collect/control multiple tennis balls on the run;
- ability to roll the ball along the ground to a target with control, speed and accuracy;
- ability to service the ball to the player;
- willingness to stay focussed, comprehend instruction, improve personal skill level;
- cooperation/teamwork/attitude/behaviour;

We have the utmost confidence in the validity and fairness of the selection process and would like to highlight that:

- Tennis Australia employs a team of experienced staff who are responsible for the selection and training of all AO Ballkid Volunteers.
- Tennis Australia is regarded as having the most outstanding Ballkids of all the Grand Slams, something we are extremely proud of and work very hard to maintain.
- Each applicant is assessed by a minimum of two staff members.
- Each applicant is graded on their suitability to perform both a net or baseline position.
- It is a very competitive field - applicants are considered on their own merit and the outcome is dependent on the performance of each applicant during the selection trial.

WHAT NEXT?

Results for Level 2 Selection Trials will be emailed no later than **Friday 30 May**. It is your responsibility to check this information regarding the status of your application and the next steps in the process. **Please note that results will not be disclosed via email or over the phone.**