

ITF BEACH TENNIS WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS

Emilia-Romagna, Italy, 4-8 September 2024

Information Circular

1. MEN'S, WOMEN'S, MIXED and U18 DOUBLES EVENTS

The 2024 ITF Beach Tennis World Championships will feature Men's, Women's and Mixed Doubles events (open to players who have reached the age of 14 years on or before 31 December 2023), plus an U18 event (open to players who have reached the age of 13 years on or before 31 December 2023), as follows:

ITF Events

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| 1. Men's and Women's Qualifying: | Monday 2nd September – Tuesday 3rd September |
| 2. Men's and Women's Main draw: | Wednesday 4th September – Sunday 8 th September |
| 3. Main Draw Consolation: | Thursday 5 th September – Saturday 7 th September |
| 4. Mixed Doubles: | Wednesday 4th September – Saturday 7 th September |
| 5. ITF U18 Event: | Thursday 5 th September – Sunday 8 th September |

FITP Events:

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| 6. U16 Event: | Thursday 5 th September – Saturday 7 th September |
| 7. U14 Event: | Friday 6 th September – Saturday 7 th September |
| 8. U12 Event: | Saturday 7 th September |
| 9. Seniors Events: | Friday 6 th September – Sunday 8 th September |

2. VENUE

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Cesenatico, Emilia-Romagna
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3. HOTEL INFORMATION / OFFICIAL HOTEL

Players and others are responsible for making their own accommodation reservations (note: refer to point 4 below for details of complimentary hospitality for the top eight (8) men's and women's doubles pairs).

The Official Hotel is the Hotel Venere. On <https://www.wikibeach.it/> you can find all participating accommodations.

4. HOSPITALITY FOR TOP EIGHT MEN'S AND WOMEN'S DOUBLES PAIRS

The top eight (8) men's and women's doubles pairs, based on players' combined ranking as at the entry deadline, will receive complimentary hospitality (twin room plus breakfast, lunch on site and a set menu dinner in a local restaurant) for the duration of the competition.

Hospitality will commence with dinner on the evening of Tuesday 3rd September and end with breakfast on Monday 9th September

5. HOSPITALITY / PLAYER / SHOWER FACILITIES ON-SITE

Players in the Men's, Women's and Mixed Doubles events will have access to an exclusive tournament area on-site where they can receive or purchase meals and refreshments and to an exclusive lounge area. These areas are controlled and open to players on display of an appropriate badge and not open to guests.

Men's and Women's main draw doubles pairs will receive complimentary lunch and dinner for the duration of the competition.

Water is available for both practice and matches but for players only.

Shower facilities will be available on-site, for exclusive use of players.

6. TOURNAMENT PERSONNEL

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7. OTHER EVENTS

Dependent on the number of entries received in each category, a number of additional events will also take place during the Championships, as follows:

Seniors

Men's Doubles O40 & O50

Women's Doubles O35

Mixed Doubles O40

Juniors

Boys' Doubles 16U; 14U; 12U

Girls' Doubles 16U; 14U; 12U

Mixed Doubles 16U; 14U;

18U events will be organized in accordance with the ITF Beach Tennis World Junior Tour Regulations.

Players may enter a maximum of two (2) age categories across U18 and U16, U14 and U12 in girls or boys, and a single category of mixed.

Seniors, 16U, 14U and 12U events will be organized in accordance with National Regulations, as issued by the Italian Tennis Federation (FIT).

8. ENTRIES

Entries for the Men's and Women's Doubles events will be online, via IPIN:

<https://ipin.itftennis.com/>

Entries for the Mixed, Seniors and all Junior events will be via entry form, which will be available on tournament website (www.wikibeach.it)

All players under 18 must obtain the consent of their legal parent/guardian prior to submitting an entry and such entry must include the name and contact details of the legal parent/guardian. All players must be in good standing with their National Association.

The Entry Deadline for the Mixed, Seniors and Junior events is **22nd August 2024**, following which Acceptance Lists will be published on (www.wikibeach.it)

Acceptance Lists are not final until the Entry Deadline.

Players for the 16U, 14U and 12U events must have reached the minimum age and not have exceeded the maximum age as of January 1st 2024:

U12: Born in 2012/2013

U14: Born in 2010/2011

U16: Born in 2008/2009

All players participating in "other events" must be regularly registered for their own Federation. Proof of membership must be given to the Referee at the time of sign-in.

Players for the 18U event must have reached the age of thirteen (13) years on or before 31 December 2023.

9. ENTRY FEES (per team)

Entry fees, as set out below, are 'per team'. Entry fees are payable at the Entry Deadline and following publication of the Acceptance List. Payment must be made direct to the on site by credit card. Any player who fails to make payment will not be permitted to compete in the Championships:

Event	USD
ITF Events	
Men's Doubles	150.00

Men's Doubles Qualifying	80.00
Women's Doubles	150.00
Women's Doubles Qualifying	80.00
Mixed Doubles	80.00
FITP Events	
Men's Doubles O50	60.00
Men's Doubles O40	60.00
Women's Doubles O35	60.00
Mixed Doubles O40	60.00
U18, U16 and U14	
Boys' Doubles	60.00
Girls' Doubles	60.00
Mixed Doubles	60.00
U12	
Boys' Doubles	60.00
Girls' Doubles	60.00

Any team that withdraws after the Withdrawal Deadline shall be liable for payment of an entry fee.

10. ENTRY DEADLINES

The Entry Deadline for the Men's and Women's events is at 14:00 GMT on Thursday 22nd August, eleven (11) days prior to the Monday of the Tournament Week.

The Entry Deadline for all other events is at (14:00 GMT) on (22nd August).

11. WITHDRAWAL DEADLINES

The Withdrawal Deadline for the Men's and Women's events is at 14:00 GMT on Thursday 29th August, four (4) days prior to the Monday of the Tournament Week.

The Withdrawal Deadline for all other events is at (14:00 GMT) on (29th August).

12. TRAVEL INFORMATION AND TRANSPORTATION

The closest airports to the venue are Bologna (106km), Rimini (29km) and Forli (41km).

13. VISA

Issuing Authority for Men's Doubles and Women's Doubles events:

For Men's and Women's Doubles, a visa supporting letter can be generated on IPIN when entering the tournament.

Issuing Authority for all other events: FITP.

14. RULES & REGULATIONS

Players in the Men's, Women's, Mixed and 18U events agree to abide by the provisions of the ITF Beach Tennis World Tour Regulations / ITF Beach Tennis World Tour Junior Regulations 2024.

15. THE DRAW

The Draw will be made on-site on Tuesday 3rd September. Players are welcome to attend the Draw, which will be conducted by the Referee, as a minimum in the presence of ITF personnel.

16. DRAW SIZES / DRAW FORMAT / MATCH FORMAT

All events will be played as a knockout draw, according to the following draw sizes:

Men's Doubles:

Draw size: 32

Qualifying: 64

Women's Doubles

Draw size: 32

Qualifying: 64

Mixed Doubles:

Draw size: 48

18U Boys, Girls and Mixed Doubles

Draw size: *32

(*Where fewer than nine (9) entries are received, the event shall be played as a round robin format, in accordance with the ITF Beach Tennis World Junior Tour Regulations).

Match Format

Men's Doubles, Women's Doubles, Mixed Doubles and U18 Doubles:

Matches will be three sets – two (2) tie-break sets with a match tie-break (10 points) in the third set.

Other Events:

All other categories: matches will be three (3) tie-break sets (to 4 games) – 7-point tie breaks.

17. Prize Money Distribution

Prize money will be distributed as per the Tour Regulation for the men's (\$22,500), women's (\$22,500) and mixed doubles (\$5,000) events, which is as follows:

Men's and Women's:

Winners: \$9,000 per pair

Finalists: \$5,400 per pair

Third Place: \$2,700 per pair

Fourth Place: \$1,800 per pair

Quarter-Finalists: \$900 per pair

Mixed:

Winners: \$2,000

Finalist: \$1,200

Third Place: \$600

Fourth Place: \$400

Quarter-Finalists: \$200

18. Wild Cards

Wild Cards for the Main Draw and Qualifying Draw for the ITF Men's and Women's Events at the World Championships will be determined by the ITF (as per ITF regulation B). Wild Card requests should be sent to beach@itftennis.com and must be received by Friday 23rd August at 14.00 UK time. Notification of Wild Card confirmations will be issued by Tuesday 27th August.

19. REFEREE

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20. BALLS

As a minimum (3) new balls will be provided for all matches in all events. The ball type is TBC. Balls will be changed at 9 and 11 games.

Two (2) new balls per day per team should be provided for qualifying and main draw teams. Once used balls per day per team should be provided for consolation teams.

21. SELECTION OF SEEDS

Seeding for the Men's and Women's Doubles shall be based on the combined World Ranking position of each team, using the World Rankings published on Monday 26th August, the Monday immediately prior to the Qualifying Deadline. Ties shall be drawn randomly. Teams where both players do not have a World Ranking shall not be given a combined ranking and shall not be seeded.

Seeding for the 18U Doubles shall be based on the latest combined Junior World Ranking of each team available at the time of the Draw. Ties shall be drawn randomly. Teams where both players do not have a Junior World Ranking shall not be given a combined ranking and shall not be seeded.

Seeding for all other events shall be at the discretion of the organizer.