

# ITF World Tennis Masters Tour 65+ & 70+ WorldTeam Championships 2025

# **Event Fact Sheet**

(as of January 2025)

ITF Masters World Team Championships for Men's and Women's 65+, 70 and over age groups:

Britannia Cup (Men's 65)

**Kitty Godfree Cup (Women's 65)** 

**Jack Crawford Cup (Men's 70)** 

Althea Gibson Cup (Women's 70)

Sunday 11 to Friday 16 May 2025 Palm Beach Gardens, Florida, USA

Please send all queries (except hotel queries which must be sent to the specific email address noted) relating to the ITF Masters World Championships to the following address: masterswc@itftennis.com

All payments refer to local currency (US Dollars \$).

#### **Tournament Dates**

**Team Competition Dates:** Sunday 11 to Friday 16 May 2025

**Team Entry Deadline:** Monday 3 March 2025

Player Nomination Deadline: Monday 31 March 2025

Captains Meeting & Opening Ceremony: Saturday 10 May 2025

Final Matches: Friday 16 May 2025\*

\*All teams and players <u>must</u> be ready and able to play throughout the entire tournament, including the entirety of 16 May. **Players must not book travel to leave until Saturday 17 May.** 

**Entry Details:** Entries can only be accepted if received from a National Association.

The Entry form is available from <a href="masterswc@itftennis.com">masterswc@itftennis.com</a>

Entry Fee: \$650 USD per team.

**Player Nomination and Team Withdrawal Deadline:** Monday 31 March 2025 Teams must nominate **3 or 4 players** by the player nomination deadline



# **Booking Hotels & Travel Booking**

It is the responsibility of the National Association / Team / Players to book and pay for travel and accommodation. The ITF recommends travel arrangements include a refundable/transferable option. Details of the official Tournament Hotels are listed within this Fact Sheet. Do not contact the hotels directly. All teams and players must use the hospitality link to reserve the event priced hotel rates.

#### **Tournament Event Dates**

**Captains Meeting** 

When: 15.30pm on Saturday 10 May 2025

Where: City of Palm Beach Gardens Tennis and Pickleball Center

Captains' meetings are open to Team Captains only unless a request is submitted to bring an additional team member to act as an interpreter.

This will be followed by the Opening Ceremony

**Opening Ceremony** When: Saturday 10 May (Approx. 17:00pm)

Where: City of Palm Beach Gardens Tennis and Pickleball Center

All team members must be on site for the opening ceremony in their nation's tennis wear (tracksuit or tennis outfit). Full details of the Opening Ceremony will be shared at the Captains Meeting.

Official Team Dinner: When: Monday 12 May 2025

Where: Marriott Palm Beach Gardens

- Free of charge for all nominated Players and Team Captains
- Cost for Guests \$50
- Reservation Deadline for paying guests: 16:00pm Saturday 10 May 2025
- Payment can be made on site by cash or credit card.
- Further details to be added in April 2025

#### **Medal Ceremony**

Medal ceremonies will take place on Friday 16 of May with medals awarded to all teams finishing from 1st to 4th place in each event. All medal teams (1st to 4th place) must attend the Medal Ceremony. The Medal Ceremony for all Cups will take place at the City of Palm Beach Gardens Tennis Centre when all matches are complete. Further details will be provided on site.

#### **Venues and Court Surface**

All matches will be played on Har-Tru Courts at the following venues:

The Country Club at Mirasol (Women's 65)

11600 Mirasol Way, Palm Beach Gardens, FL 33418

Website: https://mirasolcc.com/

City of Palm Beach Gardens Tennis Center (Men's 65, Men's 70, Women's 70)

5110 117th Court N, Palm Beach Gardens, FL 33418

Website: <a href="https://www.pbgfl.gov/1190/Tennis">https://www.pbgfl.gov/1190/Tennis</a>



#### **Venue Information**

- 1. Each Team Cup is allocated a primary venue. It may be necessary to play some days at a second venue. Full details will be provided in the Captains Meeting and on site.
- 2. There will be a morning and afternoon session at all venues.

### Official Practice Days

When: Friday 9 and Saturday 10 May 2025

Where: Further information will be available in February 2025

The ITF will contact team captains in mid-March regarding practice court bookings for these days. Do not inquire with the host or venue regarding these dates. Advance team practice court reservations must be done by emailing <a href="mailto:tennis1girl@yahoo.com">tennis1girl@yahoo.com</a>. Once onsite, specific courts will be assigned at the tournament / tennis desk.

**Practice Balls:** Practice balls will be provided for a small refundable deposit subject to the balls being returned immediately after practice time.

#### **Draw & Scoring Format**

**Draw Format:** Teams will be drawn into Round Robin groups that will be played on Sunday, Monday, and Tuesday. Additional ties, including the Quarter Finals, Semi Finals and Finals will be played on Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday.

**Match Times:** \*Unless advised otherwise, practice 1 will be 09.00am-09.20am, and practice 2 will be 09.25am-09.45am, with ties starting at 10.00am.

**Scheduling & Courts:** Each tie will consist of 2 singles and 1 doubles match. Doubles matches must be played after both singles are complete, including in the playoff stages. Please note that ITF WTMT ranking points are awarded per players per match.

**Tournament Ball:** Wilson US Open regular duty

\* It may be necessary to play matches in the morning with a second round of matches starting later in the day. Details will be confirmed in mid-October, following the entry deadline.

# Scoring Format

**Singles Scoring Format:** Best of 3 tie-break sets in all singles matches.

**Doubles Scoring Format:** All doubles matches will consist of a 2 tie-break sets and 10-point match tie break (this includes round-robin stage and knock-out position stage). All doubles matches must be played in all stages of the Team Competition.

#### **Order of Play:**

Order of Play and Practice times during the tournament week will be confirmed at the Captains' meeting and communicated during the week online and at the official hotel.



#### **Format of Play**

The Format of Play will be determined by the number of entries for a specific team cup. The formats will be released to captains in early April 2025, following the player nomination deadline.

# **Player Registration and Accreditation**

All players will be provided with accreditation that must be worn on site and at special events. Player Accreditation must be collected by the Team Captains between 10am – 17.00pm on Saturday 10 May 2025

Where: City of Palm Beach Gardens Tennis and Pickleball Center

#### **Live Streaming & Live Scoring**

Live streaming of a limited number of match courts will be provided during the event. Live Scoring will also be provided on some courts. Links will be provided in the days prior to the event.

#### **Individual Ranking Points for Team Event**

Individual players will earn accumulated points for each match won. The best four (4) results – based on ranking points earned – for each player will be added together to determine the points earned during the World Team Championships. Points are earned based on the round in which the match was played. Singles and Doubles points will be applied separately as is the case in Individual Tournaments. Full Details are available HERE

# **Sports Medicine Physiotherapists**

On-court Treatment – free of Charge.

Off-court Treatment will be charged at \$20 USD for 15 minutes.

Please note payment is cash/credit card

# **Stringing**

Stringing Services are available at both tennis venues Cost: \$29 USD (labour only without strings) Please note payment is **Cash and Card** 

# **Transport**

Daily transportation will be arranged for Players and Guests from most of the official hotels.

A detailed transport schedule will be provided each day.

#### Visa Details

Visa Letters are available through the online IPIN service (players only). Please contact <a href="masterswc@itftennis.com">masterswc@itftennis.com</a> for assistance with visa invitation letters

# **Hotel Booking Information**

(Both hotels available for duration of Team & Individual Championships)

- Bookings may only be made through the official website (using the links on the next page).
- Do not attempt to make reservations through the ITF.
- Bookings should be made by the process below to receive the special rates



#### **Hotels**

**IMPORTANT** – To receive the tournament rate, please use the link below to book your hotel stay:

https://app.eventconnect.io/events/31286/hotels?nav=hidden

The Tournament Hotel rates are available from **Thursday May 8, 2025**<u>The following hotels are displayed in the link above.</u>

**HOTEL 1** Hilton Garden Inn 4\* Palm Beach Gardens

3505 Kyoto Gardens Dr, Palm Beach Gardens, FL, United States 33410

Cost: \$196.00 – 1 Room – 2 Queen Beds (2 persons)

Additional State Tax of 13% of cost of stay.

**HOTEL 2 Double Tree \* 3.5 Palm Beach Gardens (**Closest to sites)

4431 Pga Blvd, Palm Beach Gardens, FL, United States 33410

Cost: \$166.00 - 1 Room - 2 Queen Beds (2 persons)

Additional State Tax of \$34.97 per night.

**HOTEL 3 – Mariott Palm Beach Gardens \*4.0** 

4000 Rca Blvd, Palm Beach Gardens, FL, United States 33410

Cost: \$196.00 – 1 Room – 2 Queen Beds (2 persons)

Additional State Tax of 13% of cost of stay.

HOTEL 4 - Hilton Garden Inn West Palm Beach - 195 Outlets

1675 Palm Beach Lakes Boulevard, West Palm Beach, FL, United States 33401

Cost: \$176.00 – 1 Room – 2 Queen beds (2 persons)

Additional State Tax of 13% of cost of stay.

**HOTEL 5 - Hampton Inn West Palm Beach Florida Turnpike** 

2025 Vista Parkway, West Palm Beach, FL, United States 33411

Cost: \$176.00 - 1 Room - 2 Queen beds (2 persons)

Cost: \$156.00 – 1 Room – I King Bed & 1 Sofa Bed (2 persons)

Additional State Tax of 13% of cost of stay.

<u>HOTEL 6</u> - DoubleTree by Hilton Hotel West Palm Beach Airport (NO BUS TRANSPORT TO VENUES)

1808 S Australian Ave, West Palm Beach, FL, United States 33409

Cost: \$156.00 - 1 Room - 2 Standard double beds (2 persons)

Additional State Tax of 13% of cost of stay.

**HOTEL 7 – Hilton Singer Island Resort (Oceanfront) \*4 (NO BUS TRANSPORTATION TO VENUE)** 

3700 North Ocean Drive, Riviera Beach, FL, United States 33404

Cost: \$236.00 – 1 Room – 2 Queen Beds/1 King Bed (2 persons)

Additional Resort Tax of \$32 per night.



#### **Hotel Information**

- Breakfast (displayed as Hot Buffet on website) is included in all official hotels noted above except for Hilton Garden Inn West Palm and Hilton Singer Island Resort (Oceanfront).
- Please use the link to book your hotel to receive the tornament rate: https://app.eventconnect.io/events/31286/hotels?nav=hidden
- Transport to the venues is **not provided** from **DoubleTree by Hilton Hotel West Palm Beach Airport Hilton on Singer Island.**
- Hotel room rates are quoted for 2 persons. An additional cost may be required for breakfast for any more persons staying in the room (maximum 4 persons).
- If you have any queries with regards to your hotel booking, please use the following to email or contact a person:
  - Live chat bot on the hotel feed
  - Email: <u>support@eventconnect.io</u>
  - Phone- 1-888-723-2064.

#### **Cancellation Policy**

- Hotel reservations must be made prior to April 10, 2025, to guarantee room availability at the rate provided in this factsheet
- Free Cancellation if cancelled 3 or more days before check-in day
- Reservations cancelled less than 48 hours in advance will be changed 1 night room and tax.

# Travel and Transport Details to Palm Beach Gardens, Florida

It is the responsibility of the players/teams to arrange own transport from the Airport.

**Palm Beach International Airport** (PBI) is situated approximately 15 miles from the Palm Beach Gardens sites. This airport is the recommended route to fly.

Other Airports include:

#### Fort Lauderdale-Hollywood Airport (FLL)

- 83 km (52 miles) from BallenIsles Country Club and the official hotels in Palm Beach Gardens
- Players staying at other hotels should use taxis or Uber

#### Miami International Airport (MIA)

• 120 km (80 miles) from BallenIsles Country Club and the official hotels in Palm Beach Gardens

Players who fly into Miami International Airport (MIA) may take the Tri-Rail train (station at the airport) to West Palm Beach Station. To view Tri-Rail schedules and fares (approx. \$20-\$30 each way) go to <a href="https://www.tri-rail.com">www.tri-rail.com</a>. West Palm Beach Station is approximately 10 miles from the hotels and sites. Brightline Express train is also available. For prices (\$35-\$50) and schedule go to <a href="https://www.gobrightline.com">www.gobrightline.com</a>



# Advancement of 2<sup>nd</sup> Placed Teams from the Round Robin Stage.

- Draw Formats of 12-16 teams will advance the group winner and all 2<sup>nd</sup> placed teams to the Quarter Finals.
- Draw Formats of 17-23 teams will advance the group winner to the Quarter Finals. Any 'byes' in the knockout stage will be filled with one (1), two (2) or three (3) Lucky Losers depending on the format\*.
- Draw Formats of 24 teams or more will advance groups winners only to the Quarter Finals.

\*For draw sizes of between 17-23 teams, each group winner shall qualify for the Quarter Finals of the main draw knock-out. Any vacant positions, known as 'lucky loser Spots' in the Quarter Finals will be filled in line with the following process:

- All teams that finish in 2<sup>nd</sup> place in the final group standings will be ranked in order of their two
   (2) highest ranked players based on the latest ITF Singles Rankings within the same age category.
- The number of second-placed teams considered for lucky loser spots will depend on the number of available vacancies:
- One (1) lucky loser spot will be drawn between the best two (2) highest-ranked teams finishing in 2<sup>nd</sup> place.
- Two (2) lucky loser spots will be drawn between the best three (3) highest-ranked teams finishing in 2<sup>nd</sup> place.
- Three (3) lucky loser spots will be drawn between the best four (4) highest-ranked teams finishing in second place.
- Vacant positions in the Quarter Finals shall firstly be allocated to the opponent of Line 1 (expected #1 seed), followed by Line 2 (expected #2 seed), and so on.
- Except for draw formats where only one (1) "lucky loser" is drawn, a "lucky loser" shall not be drawn to play the winner of their own round-robin group. For example, Sweden could not be drawn to play Spain if they competed in the same round-robin group.
- Teams that are not drawn shall be included in the playoff stages for position 9<sup>th</sup> onwards.

Full Details are available **HERE** 

### **Tournament Officials & ITF Personnel**

Head Referee: Miguel Ternera (COL)

Assistant Referee: Ken McCain (USA), George Baxter (USA)

**Tournament Director:** Trish Faulkner (USA)

**ITF Representative:** Carol Clay, ITF Masters Committee Member

ITF Personnel: Jackie Nesbitt, Senior Executive Director, ITF Tours and Player Pathway

Paul Midgley, Team Lead, ITF Tours and Player Pathway

Nick Searle-Donoso, Senior Coordinator ITF Tours and Player Pathway