

## FACT SHEET

### ITF BEACH TENNIS WORLD TEAM CHAMPIONSHIP

Week Commencing 10<sup>th</sup> July 2017

Moscow, Russia

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#### INTRODUCTION

The World Team Championship is a mixed competition open to all ITF member National Associations in which nations compete against each other on a knock-out basis. The World Team Championship is one of the flagship events on the ITF Beach Tennis Tour.

The Main Draw ('Finals') will be limited to 24 nations. A qualifying competition will be played at the same venue on the day(s) immediately prior to the start of the Finals if required. Further details are provided in the 'Adult Competition' section of this fact sheet.

A junior competition will again be held for players aged 14 & Under to recognise and stimulate the development of the sport at a junior level. Please refer to the Junior Competition section at the end of this fact sheet for full details.

#### GENERAL INFORMATION (applicable for adult and junior competitions)

##### DATES

The ITF Beach Tennis World Team Championship 2017 will take place in the week commencing 10 July 2017.

**Sunday 9 July** – Official Arrival Day for Qualifying Teams

**Monday 10 July** – Qualifying Draw Ceremony and Captain's Meeting/ First Day of Qualifying Competition/ Official Arrival and Practice Day for Main Draw and Junior Teams / Captains' Meetings and Draw Ceremony (adult and junior)

**Tuesday 11 July** – Last round of Qualifying Competition (morning)/ First Day of Main Draw Competition (afternoon) / First Day of Junior Competition

**Sunday 16 July** – Finals and Prize Giving Ceremony

**Monday 17 July** – Official Departure Day

##### VENUE

National Tennis Centre of Russia,  
Leningradskoe shosse, 45-47,  
Moscow  
Russia

##### EVENT INFORMATION

Ball Type: *Quicksand*  
Match courts: 6  
*Practice courts: 2*  
Referee: Riccardo Ragazzini

##### HOST NATIONAL ASSOCIATION

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## TEAM ENTRIES

The ITF Beach Tennis World Team Championship is open to all member nations of the ITF. The ITF is the entry authority for the event. The National Association of each nation is responsible for the entry and nomination of the team (professional and junior).

The Entry Form must be completed by the National Association and submitted to the ITF (email:

[beachtennis@itftennis.com](mailto:beachtennis@itftennis.com), Fax +44 020 8392 4735) **by no later than 12:00 GMT on Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> May 2017.**

**Nations will be informed of their position on the Acceptance List (Main Draw or Qualifying) immediately following the Entry Deadline.**

## TEAM NOMINATIONS

Player and captain nominations must be submitted to the ITF (email: [beachtennis@itftennis.com](mailto:beachtennis@itftennis.com), Fax +44 020 8392 4735) **by no later than 12:00 GMT on Monday 12<sup>th</sup> June\***.

Team nomination forms will be sent to all entered nations following the Entry Deadline.

All nominated players and captain(s) must meet the requirements to represent that nation under the 'Eligibility of a Player or Captain to Represent a Nation' in the ITF Beach Tennis Tour Rules and Regulations 2017.

## ENTRY FEE

The entry fee of US\$150 per nation is payable to the ITF upon entry (includes Adult and Junior competitions).

## TRAVEL AND TRANSPORT

A complimentary airport transfer service will be provided for all players and captains of the main draw on the official arrival and departure days. For additional team members, guests and competitors in the qualifying competition, airport transfers will be charged as follows:

- Sheremetyevo or Vnukovo international airport to the official hotel: 2600 Roubles (approx. US\$46)
- Domodedovo international airport to the official hotel: 2800 Roubles (approx. US\$50)
- Any railway station within Moscow (Kievsky, Belorussky, Leningradsky and Kazansky) to the official hotel: 1850 Roubles (approx. US\$33)

Transfer charges are on a per vehicle basis with a capacity of up to three adults or four juniors (including luggage).

All teams (Main Draw and Qualifying) wishing to use the official transportation service must register online by no later than Friday 30 June at the following site: <http://btrussia.com/en/wtc-2017/forms/arrive-and-departure>.

For assistance and additional information, please contact Maria Karpenko (email: [btwtc@mail.ru](mailto:btwtc@mail.ru), tel: +7 910 4778745).

Nearest international airport: Sheremetyevo (16 km to hotel).

Nearest train station: Belorusskiy (10 km to hotel).

Free daily shuttles between the hotel and tournament site will be provided throughout qualifying and main draw. Other travel costs will not be covered or reimbursed by the Host Organiser or the ITF.

## VISA

Most individuals will require a Visa to enter Russia. Please contact the Russian Tennis Federation (email: [visa@russport.ru](mailto:visa@russport.ru) or tel: +7 916 2143837) with a passport copy for each person a minimum of twenty-five (25) days before travelling. The Visa application process can take significantly longer than twenty-five (25) days in some countries and nations are therefore advised to begin this process as early as possible.

## HOSPITALITY

### Adult

Main draw teams (including successful qualifiers) will receive complimentary hospitality in the official hotel for two male and two female players and a non-playing captain starting with dinner on the main draw arrival day and ending with breakfast on Monday 17<sup>th</sup> July. Hospitality shall include full board accommodation (breakfast, lunch and dinner) on twin room basis (two players per room).

Accommodation rates in the official hotel for all other competitors and accompanying persons (including teams in the qualifying competition) are provided below.

### Junior

Complimentary hospitality is provided in the official hotel for all junior teams (up to a maximum of six (6) players and one non-playing captain).

## Official Hotel

**Name:** Renaissance Moscow Monarch Centre Hotel

**Address:** 31A bld. 1 Leningradsky prospect, Moscow

All competitors (including main draw) must complete the following booking form online to confirm their room in the official hotel: <http://btrussia.com/en/wtc-2017/forms>.

For assistance and additional information, please contact Maria Karpenko (email: [btwtc@mail.ru](mailto:btwtc@mail.ru), tel: +7910 4778745)

Hotel room prices (in Russian Roubles) for a standard room per night, including breakfast are below:

Single	Twin	Triple
4,000 (approx. US\$71)	4,600 (approx. US\$82)	5200 (approx.US\$93)

A lunch service will be available on-site for 700 Roubles (approx. US\$13). Dinner at the hotel is available for 930 Roubles (approx.US\$17)

## ADULT COMPETITION

### INTRODUCTION

The Main Draw will consist of 24 nations, which will be comprised of 20 Direct Acceptances and 4 Qualifiers. Direct Acceptance into the finals will be determined by the final standings from the 2016 World Team Championship with each region (defined below) guaranteed one spot.

Region
Africa
Asia
Central America and Caribbean
Europe
North America (USA/Canada)
Oceania
South America

If a region is not represented in the 20 nations accepted in accordance with the 2016 final standings then the number of nations accepted shall be reduced by one for each non-represented region from which an entry has been submitted to ensure the total number of Direct Acceptances does not exceed 20.

In the case that more than one entry is received from nations within a non-represented region, acceptance shall be based on the strength (ranking) of each nation's provisional team nomination. The combined ranking of the best two male and best two female ranked players shall be used to calculate the strength of the team. If these combined rankings are equal or all players are unranked, acceptance shall be drawn by lot.

Any team who does not make the Main Draw (Finals) will be entered into the Qualifying Draw.

### FORMAT

The Main Draw is a knock-out format with a reverse draw to provide a finishing position for each nation. A tie is comprised of one Women's Doubles, one Men's Doubles and one Mixed Doubles match.

Each team must consist of a minimum of two male players and two female players and a maximum of three male and three female players and one non-playing captain.

Each nation has the right to include a non-playing captain in their team or to nominate a playing member of their team as captain. The captain must have reached a minimum age of 24 by the 31 December 2017.

The Qualifying competition will be on a knockout basis.

### RANKINGS

ITF Beach Tennis Ranking points will be awarded to players based on their team's final standing for that year.

Please refer to 'World Team Championship Regulations' in the ITF Beach Tennis Tour Rules and Regulations for full details.

## **JUNIOR TEAM COMPETITION**

### **INTRODUCTION**

Participation in the junior competition is not a requirement for participation in the adult competition. The junior competition is a separate event and the results will not count towards the adult competition. There are no Ranking points available for the junior event. No member of the junior team (including the captain) is permitted to compete in the adult competition.

### **AGE ELIGIBILITY**

Players must be born between 11 July 2002 and 31 December 2006 and must have reached his/her 11<sup>th</sup> birthday by the first day of play. The captain is responsible for all members of the team throughout the competition (on and off site). The captain must have reached a minimum age of 24 by the 31 December 2017.

### **FORMAT**

Ties between nations will comprise of a boys' doubles, girls' doubles and mixed doubles match. The format for the junior event will be determined by the ITF and Organising Committee and will be based on the number of entries received.

A junior team must consist of a minimum of two boys and two girls and a non-playing captain but may consist of a maximum of three boys and three girls. The captain shall not be a member of the adult team.