

FACT SHEET

ITF BEACH TENNIS WORLD TEAM CHAMPIONSHIP

Week Commencing 6th August 2018

Moscow, Russia

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 2018 will take place in the week commencing 6 August 2018.

A provisional schedule is provided below and will be finalised once entries are confirmed:

The Qualifying Draw will be held on Monday 6th August and Tuesday 7th August if required

The Main Draw and the junior competition will begin on Tuesday 7th August unless otherwise advised

The Main Draw finals and Prize Giving Ceremonies will take place on Sunday 12th August unless otherwise advised

Monday 13th August will be the 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: Philippe Gros

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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, Fax +44 020 8392 4735) **by no later than 12:00 GMT on Monday 25th June 2018.**

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, Fax +44 020 8392 4735) **by no later than 12:00 GMT on Monday 9th July 2018.**

Following a National Association's entry form submission, a team nomination form will be sent to each entered nation.

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 2018.

ENTRY FEE

Adult

Main Draw

The entry fee of US\$1250 per nation is payable to the ITF upon entry.

Qualifying Draw

The entry fee of US\$250 per nation to payable to the ITF upon entry. Any nation that subsequently qualifies for the Main Draw will need to pay the remainder (US\$1,000) of the Main Draw entry fee to the ITF.

Junior

The entry fee of US\$250 per nation is payable to the ITF upon entry.

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: 6000 Roubles (approx. US\$103)
- Domodedovo international airport to the official hotel: 6000 Roubles (approx. US\$103)
- Any railway station within Moscow (Kievsky, Belorussky, Leningradsky and Kazansky) to the official hotel: 6000 Roubles (approx. US\$103)

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 email their airline, flight number, arrival airport and time to Kirill Daniyalov (kirill.daniyalov@russport.ru, tel: +7-910-458-97-73) by no later than 25 July 2018.

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 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 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 13th August. 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

All junior teams will receive hospitality in the official hotel for a maximum of three girl and three boy players and a non-playing captain starting with dinner on the junior competition arrival day and ending with breakfast on Monday 13th August. Hospitality shall include full board accommodation (breakfast, lunch and dinner) on a twin/triple room basis (two/three players per room).

Official Hotel

All participants should contact Kirill Daniyalov (kirill.daniyalov@russport.ru, tel: +7-910-458-97-73) to book a place in the official hotel.

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

Name: Holiday Inn Seligerskaya

Address: Korovinskoye Schosse, 10, Moscow

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

Single	Twin	Triple
4555 (approx. 80 USD)	5277 (approx. 93 USD)	5877 (approx. 105 USD)

A lunch service will be available on-site for 1600 Roubles (approx. US\$28). Dinner at the hotel is available for 1700 Roubles (approx. US\$30).

ADULT COMPETITION

INTRODUCTION

The Main Draw will consist of 24 nations, which will be comprised of 19 Direct Acceptances and 4 Qualifiers and one (1) Wild Card. The Wild Card will be appointed by the ITF and Nations will be provided with an opportunity to apply for the Wild Card after the Entry Deadline. Direct Acceptance into the Finals will be determined by the final standings from the 2017 World Team Championship with each region (defined below) guaranteed one spot.

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

If a region is not represented in the 19 nations accepted in accordance with the 2017 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 19.

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 2018.

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 13th August 2003 and 31 December 2007 and must have reached his/her 11th 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 2018.

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.