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## EUROPEAN BEACH TENNIS CHAMPIONSHIPS

ITALY

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### 1 INTRODUCTION

Italy will host the second edition of the open European Beach Tennis Championships.

In this event the best national beach tennis teams compete to be European Beach Tennis Champion of an open age category.

Players will receive ranking points for the tournament, which is a part of the ITF Beach Tennis Tour.

### 2 DATE

The 2009 European Beach Tennis Championships will take place in week 36.

The first matches will be played on Friday 4<sup>th</sup> September 2009 and the final will be played on Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> September 2009.

### 3 VENUE

The town of Cagliari in Italy will host the European Beach Tennis Championships.

### 4 HOST NATIONAL ASSOCIATION

Federazione Italiana Tennis - Italian Tennis Federation

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### 5 ENTRIES

The 2009 European Beach Tennis Championships is open to all member nations of Tennis Europe. Entry authority is the national tennis federation or the assigned national beach tennis organisation.

The attached Entry Form is to be filled in by the respective entry authority and to be returned by **24<sup>th</sup> July 2009 at the latest** to Tennis Europe, Benjamin Calard, [benjamin@tenniseurope.org](mailto:benjamin@tenniseurope.org), Fax +41 61 331 7253.

Each National Association may enter a maximum of 4 male and 4 female players per country (2 Men's, Women's and Mixed Doubles Teams). The host country Italy is entitled to enter 1 more Men's and Women's Doubles Team.

## 6 ENTRY FEES

The entry package includes the entry fee and hospitality as described in 8. Entry package fee per participating men's and women's doubles team: € 200 (to be invoiced by Tennis Europe). There is no extra entry fee for mixed doubles.

## 7 NOMINATIONS

The nomination forms with namely nominations of the players have to be sent by the National Federation until **10<sup>th</sup> August 2008 at the latest** to Tennis Europe, Benjamin Calard, [benjaminc@tenniseurope.org](mailto:benjaminc@tenniseurope.org), Fax +41 61 331 7253. A copy of the passport of each nominated player must be sent together with the nomination form. You will receive the corresponding forms after the 24<sup>th</sup> July 2009. As far as the qualification of a player to represent a country is concerned, the ITF Rules shall apply.

## 8 HOSPITALITY

Hospitality is granted to a maximum of eight persons (four men and four women) for each nation. Hospitality will start with dinner on Friday 4<sup>th</sup> September preceding the start of the competition and terminate with the breakfast on Monday 7<sup>th</sup> September. 3 nights are included. All extra nights and differences to single room allocation have to be paid by the players. Accompanying people shall be indicated in entry, no hospitality is paid for them. Players of the same gender and team shall be accommodated in twin rooms with a shower or bath. Lunch is served at the Poetto Beach and dinner is served in the hotels.

## 9 TRAVEL INFORMATION AND TRANSPORTATION

The closest airport is "Cagliari Elmas". The airports of Olbia and Alghero are both more than 200 km away from Cagliari and thus not recommended.

## 10 TRAVEL EXPENSES

The organisers **will not** reimburse any travel expenses.

## 11 VISA

In case a visa is requested please send your request by fax to the Italian Tennis Federation (Mr Igino Scafella, [i.scafella@federtennis.it](mailto:i.scafella@federtennis.it), Fax: +39 (06) 36858602, Tel: +39 (06) 3685268 in order for you to receive your visa invitation as soon as possible and on time.

## 12 RULES & REGULATIONS

The Rules and Regulations of the International Tennis Federation shall apply.

## 13 WITHDRAWALS

Any Nation who does withdraw after the nomination deadline shall be fined. The amount of the fine will be examined case by case by Tennis Europe.

## 14 FORMAT OF THE COMPETITION

**As last year, the European Championships are played in individual doubles/mixed teams, with a special award for the best participating nation at the end of the competition.**

**Men's Doubles:** Nations are allowed to enter up to 2 teams per nation

Draw size: Approx. 32 doubles teams, knockout format (European Beach Tennis Champion, Men's Doubles), consolation draw is played.

**Women's Doubles:** Nations are allowed to enter up to 2 teams per nation

Draw size: 32 doubles teams (European Beach Tennis Champion, Women's Doubles), consolation draw is played.

**Mixed Doubles:** Nations are allowed to enter up to 2 teams per nation  
Draw size: 32 doubles teams (European Beach Tennis Champion, Mixed Doubles), no consolation is played. Only players that participate in Men's/Women's Doubles are allowed to enter.

**Team Rating:** Special Award for best participating nation

## 15 AGENDA

<b>04 September</b>	Team arrivals – Sign In 12.00 Draw ceremony 14.00 First round MD & WD
<b>05 September</b>	10.00 Second round in MD & WD 12.00 First round MX 15.00 Quarter finals in MD & WD 15.00 Consolation draw 20.00 Official cocktail for players
<b>06 September</b>	10.00 Consolation 11.00 Semifinal MD & WD 16.00 Finals 18.00 Prize-giving ceremony
<b>07 September</b>	Team departures