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30th

ITF Seniors World Individual Championships

Fact Sheet & Entry Form

4 – 11 April 2010

San Luis Potosi, Mexico

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ENTRY DEADLINE: Monday 22 February 2010

(Note: The ITF will only confirm receipt of a player's entry if provided with an email address. Alternatively a list of entrants will be posted on the ITF website at www.itftennis.com/seniors)

For all other enquiries please telephone, fax or email the ITF Seniors department, contact details as below:

Tel: 44 (0)20 8392 4651; Fax: 44 (0)20 8392 4737 or 4735

Email: seniors@itftennis.com

SINGLES ENTRIES

Online entry will be available from mid-December 2009 on the ITF Seniors Website at the following address: <http://www.itftennis.com/seniors/worldchampionships/onlineentryform.asp>

All players are required to enter online or to complete and submit the entry form by the due deadline (22 February). No player, including team players, may arrive on site and expect to compete without having entered by the due deadline and having paid their entry fee in advance. It is the responsibility of the player to ensure that the (online) entry procedure has been successful and that his/her name appears on the official entry list by the entry deadline. Postal entries must have reached the ITF office by the entry deadline.

MAIN DRAW SINGLES EVENT

The Main Draw is scheduled to commence on Sunday 4 April 2010. **All players must be available to play on this date if required.** Players must note that if they receive a bye in the first round they may not be required on the first scheduled day. Team players who have played in Mexico City will not be required to play on this day. **Shortly after the entry deadline of 22 February, the provisional start day for each singles event will be announced on the ITF Seniors website.**

DOUBLES ENTRIES

PROCEDURE SINCE 2008: DOUBLES ENTRIES WILL CLOSE ON MONDAY 22 FEBRUARY. THERE WILL BE NO SIGN-IN ON SITE AND ALL PLAYERS WISHING TO PLAY DOUBLES MUST HAVE ENTERED BY THE ENTRY DEADLINE.

All players are required to enter online or to complete and submit the entry form by the due deadline (22 February).

PLAYERS ENTERED IN DOUBLES WITHOUT A PARTNER HAVE UNTIL 15 MARCH 2010 TO MATCH UP AS DOUBLES PAIRS WITH OTHER PLAYERS ENTERED IN DOUBLES WITHOUT A PARTNER.

It is the player's responsibility to find a doubles partner. The ITF will not match any players to form a doubles pair.

It is the players' responsibility to ensure that both doubles partners are entered in the Championships. If one of the players has not entered, that doubles pair will not be accepted.

After 15 March, it will only be possible to change the doubles partner due to injury. The newly found partner must have already entered the doubles event. It is not allowed to break up existing doubles pairs in order to find a replacement for an injured partner.

In order to assist players without a partner in finding a suitable doubles partner, event entry lists will be published on a regular basis on the ITF Seniors website from 18 January 2010 onwards. Participants also have the option of authorising the ITF to release some of their personal data (telephone number/email address) to other participants who wish to get in touch with them.

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In order to use this service, participants simply need to agree to the “Doubles Release” option on the Online Entry Form or tick the Doubles Release Box on the Player Release Form (page 6 of this Fact Sheet).

Details of Venues:

La Loma Centro Deportivo (35+ /40+ / 45+) Surface: Hard
Avda La Victoria 100
Fraccionamiento La Loma
CP 78216
San Luis Potosi
Mexico

Tel: +52 444 825 5555
Fax: +52 444 825 5555
Website: www.lalomacd.com.mx

Club Deportivo Potosino (50+ / 55+) Surface: Red Clay
Av. Carranza 2590
Col. Los Filtros
CP 78220
San Luis Potosi
Mexico

Tel: +52 444 813 1155
Website: www.cdpsl.com

Secondary venue (35+/40+/45+): Surface: Hard

Lomas Racquet Club
Cofre de Perote 100
Lomas 3A Seccion CP 78216
San Luis Potosi
Mexico

Tel: +52 444 825 2085
Website: www.lomasracquetclub.com

Please note that San Luis Potosi is situated at an altitude of 1,850 metres (6,070 feet).

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Draw and Match Times:

For information regarding the draw and schedule during the World Championships please log on to the ITF website at www.itftennis.com/seniors.

ITF Seniors Committee Representative	Sergio Elias
ITF Referee:	Alejo Russell
Tournament Director:	Patricio Quijano
Assistant Referee:	TBC
ITF Photographer	Susan Mullane

Online entries can be made from mid-December 2009 on the ITF Seniors website at <http://www.itftennis.com/seniors/worldchampionships/onlineentryform.asp>

If you do not enter online, entry forms, player agreement & release forms, entry fees (cheques) and credit card forms should be sent to:

ITF Seniors World Individual Championships
Seniors Department
International Tennis Federation
Bank Lane, Roehampton, LONDON, SW15 5XZ, UK

Tel: +44 (0)20 8392 4651; Fax: +44 (0)20 8392 4737 / 4735

Email: seniors@itftennis.com

Cheques should be made payable to **“ITF Ltd”**.

Please note that under the terms of regulation 42(a) of Section I of the Seniors Regulations, entries will only be accepted if accompanied by the appropriate entry fee.

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ENTRY FORM (ONLY TO BE SUBMITTED IF YOU ARE NOT ENTERING ONLINE)

Please return the Entry Form, Entry Fee, Player Agreement & Release Forms duly completed. Note that since 2009 players may only enter a maximum of two events e.g. 1 x singles and 1 x doubles. It is no longer possible to enter 2 x singles or 2 x doubles.

ENTRIES CLOSE: Monday 22 February 2010

ENTRY FEE: US\$125 (£81 / €91)

Please complete in BLOCK CAPITALS

FAMILY NAME			
GIVEN NAME(S)			
MALE/FEMALE			
NATIONALITY			
DATE OF BIRTH	DATE:	MONTH:	YEAR: 19
ADDRESS			
COUNTRY			
TELEPHONE NUMBER			
MOBILE TEL. NUMBER	(FOR CONTACT ON SITE)		
FAX NUMBER			
EMAIL ADDRESS			

<input type="checkbox"/>	Please tick here if you are representing your country in the ITF Seniors World Team Championships 2010
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Events played at the ITF Seniors World Individual Championships:

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|------------------------------|------------------------------|
| Event 1: Men's 35 Singles | Event 11: Men's 35 Doubles |
| Event 2: Men's 40 Singles | Event 12: Men's 40 Doubles |
| Event 3: Men's 45 Singles | Event 13: Men's 45 Doubles |
| Event 4: Men's 50 Singles | Event 14: Men's 50 Doubles |
| Event 5: Men's 55 Singles | Event 15: Men's 55 Doubles |
| Event 6: Women's 35 Singles | Event 16: Women's 35 Doubles |
| Event 7: Women's 40 Singles | Event 17: Women's 40 Doubles |
| Event 8: Women's 45 Singles | Event 18: Women's 45 Doubles |
| Event 9: Women's 50 Singles | Event 19: Women's 50 Doubles |
| Event 10: Women's 55 Singles | Event 20: Women's 55 Doubles |

Please fill in the event(s) you wish to enter below. Please indicate your doubles partner's name.

THERE WILL BE NO DOUBLES SIGN-IN ON SITE AND DOUBLES ENTRIES WILL CLOSE ON 22 FEBRUARY 2010.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION PLEASE REFER TO PAGE 2 OF THE FACT SHEET.

	EVENT NUMBER	EVENT NAME	Partner's Name, if doubles
1st event			
2nd event			

Since 2009 it is no longer possible to enter 2 x singles or 2 x doubles.

ENTRIES WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED WITHOUT AN ACCOMPANYING ENTRY FEE OF US\$125 (£81 or €91)

ALL PLAYERS (EXCEPT TEAM PLAYERS) MUST BE AVAILABLE TO PLAY ON SUNDAY 4 APRIL 2010

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DOUBLES RELEASE

If you have entered doubles without a partner you can authorise the ITF to release some of your personal information to players who wish to get in touch with you.

Please tick here if you agree that your personal details (email address and/or telephone number) may be released to players who contact the ITF in order to find a doubles partner

PLAYER AGREEMENT AND RELEASE

To: ITF Ltd (International Tennis Federation)

In consideration of your agreement to allow me to participate in the 30th ITF Seniors World Individual Championships ("the Event") I hereby:

1. agree to encourage and maintain high standards of conduct, fair play and good sportsmanship, and to avoid any acts which may be considered detrimental to the game of tennis. I am aware that the Event shall take place in accordance with the ITF Seniors Regulations 2010, the ITF Seniors Circuit Code of Conduct, the Constitution of ITF Limited and the Rules of Tennis adopted by the ITF. In submitting my entry into the Event I undertake to abide by and fulfil all my obligations under the above-mentioned Rules and Regulations. I also agree to co-operate in good faith with others and to respect playing rules and schedules and, to the extent applicable, travel arrangements and accommodation;
2. agree and consent to my performance or appearance in the Event being photographed, filmed and/or recorded in any medium, and that such stills, film or recording in whole or in part may at your absolute discretion be incorporated in any form of television transmission, publication, film and videogram, or other electronic media of whatever nature now or hereafter invented throughout the world in perpetuity, and consent to the reproduction and use of my name, voice, likeness, performance or biographical details for the purposes of advertising, publicity or otherwise in relation to the exploitation of such film or recording, and the promotion of the Event and the commercial rights thereto;
3. agree that you shall be entitled at any time to assign or licence the whole or any part of the benefit of this Release to any third party.
4. agree in submitting an entry form into the Event I agree, as a condition of entry, that for myself and my executors, administrators, heirs and personal representatives, all claims of any kind, nature and description are waived, including past, present or future claims and injuries if any sustained in travelling to or from or participating in the Event, against the ITF, the host venue, its officers and Volunteers, the Regional Association or National Association sanctioning this event.

I confirm I have read the above terms, Rules and Conditions and agree to abide and be bound by them together with the conditions of entry provided within this form and that I enclose my Championships entry fee herewith

Name of Player: _____
(Block Capitals)

Signature: _____

Date: _____

THIS FORM MUST BE SIGNED BY THE PLAYER ONLY

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RULES & CONDITIONS

REFEREE: TBC

ENTRY DEADLINE: Monday 22 February 2010

The competition will take place in accordance with the Rules of Tennis and the Rules of the ITF, which includes the Regulations for the ITF Seniors World Individual Championships.

1. EVENTS AND ENTRIES

- a. Championship Events:**
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|--------|--|
| MEN: | 35, 40, 45, 50, 55 (singles and doubles) |
| WOMEN: | 35, 40, 45, 50, 55 (singles and doubles) |

The 35, 40 and 45 age categories will be played on hard courts. The 50 and 55 age categories will be played on red clay.

- b. Entry Deadline:** The entry deadline will be strictly applied to all competitors without exception, as usual.
- c. Eligibility:** Only those players who are under the jurisdiction of a National Association affiliated to the ITF and who have reached, or will have reached, the minimum age limit of the category entered on or before 31 December 2010, shall be eligible to compete. They must be in “good standing” with their National Association as defined in Appendix III of the ITF Seniors Regulations. Passports showing name, nationality and date of birth will be requested on site by the ITF, for the purposes of monitoring eligibility.
- d. Qualifying:** Should the number of entries exceed the number of places in the draw, a qualifying event shall be held for Mexican national players only. Players will be advised by letter or email (to the address indicated on their entry form) if they are required to participate in qualifying.
- e. Doubles Entries:** **PROCEDURE SINCE 2008: DOUBLES ENTRIES WILL CLOSE ON MONDAY 22 FEBRUARY. For further details please refer to page 2 of the fact sheet.**
- f. Registration:** The accreditation desk will be open daily, times to be confirmed. All players are required to register.
- g. Consolation Event:** Consolation events for first match singles losers shall be held. There will be world-ranking points awarded for the ITF Seniors Ranking in the Consolation event. Consolation will be played with used tennis balls. The consolation will be played best of two tiebreak sets with a match tiebreak instead of a third set.

2. ENTRY FEE

- a.** Entries will NOT be accepted without the entry fee of **US\$125 (£81 or €91)** which is payable **per person** whether for entry into singles AND doubles or singles OR doubles ONLY.

- Methods of payment
 - Secure Online Payment by Credit Card (via Online Entry Page at www.itftennis.com/seniors), amounts will be deducted in US\$, UK £ Sterling or Euros
 - By sending Credit Card details to the ITF office (by using the credit card form in the fact sheet), amounts will be deducted in UK £ Sterling;
 - By sending Cheque to the ITF office. All cheques need to be drawn on a US or UK bank or on a bank within the “Euro zone”, made payable to **“ITF Ltd”**.
- If you do not enter online via <http://www.itftennis.com/seniors/worldchampionships/onlineentryform.asp> entry forms, entry fees and player agreement and release forms must be sent to:

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ITF Seniors World Individual Championships, Seniors Department, ITF, Bank Lane, Roehampton,
London, SW15 5XZ, UK
Tel: +44 (0)20 8392 4651; Fax: +44 (0)20 8392 4737 or 4735; Email: seniors@itftennis.com

- b. **Refunds:** According to rule 42(b) of the ITF Seniors Regulations, refunds in full will be made if withdrawal is notified at least fourteen (14) days before the start of the tournament's main draw. All withdrawals must be made in writing, by facsimile or by email. If withdrawal is notified within fourteen (14) days of the start of the tournament's main draw, refunds will only be made for reasons of health, injury or bereavement.

3. COURTS AND MATCHPLAY

a) **Match Courts:**

La Loma Centro Deportivo: 12 hard courts

Lomas Racquet Club: 8 hard courts

Club Deportivo Potosino: 8 clay courts

b) **Practice Courts:** TBC

Practice courts will be available throughout the event.

- c) **Balls: Make TBC.** A minimum of four new balls will be provided for the first two sets. New balls will be provided for any third set. Practice balls will also be provided in accordance with the Regulations.

- d) **Code of Conduct:** The ITF Seniors Code of Conduct as stated in the ITF Seniors Regulations will be enforced during the event.

- e) **Obligations:** According to rule 20 of the ITF Seniors Regulations, unless otherwise advised, each player competing in the Competition undertakes to remain ready to play matches from the start of the Competition in which he/she is entered and thereafter until the scheduled date for completion of such competition or until he/she is eliminated there from. Should a player leave the site without completing his/her matches before his/her elimination of the event without a reason of health, injury or bereavement, he/she shall not receive any player hospitality money and shall not be awarded any world ranking points won in the Competition.

- f) **Players:** All players are required to report to the "Match Control Centre" desk **15 minutes** before the scheduled time of their match. A player who is not ready to play 15 minutes after being called may be defaulted.

- g) **Dress on Court:** During a Match, players must be dressed in acceptable tennis attire in accordance with the ITF Seniors Code of Conduct on "Clothing".

- h) **The Draw:** The Draw will be made by the ITF on Friday 2 April.

- i) **Seeding:** Seeding will be determined by the ITF. Please refer to Section I, Rule 26 of the Seniors Regulations.

- j) **Times of Play:** Play will commence at 9.00 am, or as otherwise decided by the ITF. All players **MUST** be available for play from Sunday 4 April until Sunday 11 April. The only exceptions are players who have played in the team event in Mexico City, who will not be required to play on Sunday 4 April (see page 2).

- k) **Matches:** All main draw matches will be the best of three tie-break sets.

- l) **Change of Ends tie-break:** The Change of Ends tie-break will be used during the 2010 Seniors World Individual Championships for every tie-break. As per Appendix IV of the 2010 Rules of Tennis, "Change of Ends (Rule 10)": "During a tie-break game, players shall change ends after the first point and thereafter after every four points".

- m) **Rest:** A 10-minute rest may be taken after the 2nd set in all events, according to Section I, Regulation 36(c) of the ITF Seniors Regulations.

- n) **Officiating:** Chair umpires will be provided for all Main Draw finals matches – singles and doubles. In the previous rounds, players should be prepared to officiate for themselves.

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4. SUNDRY MATTERS

- a) **Accommodation:** Competitors and accompanying persons are requested to make their accommodation arrangements direct with the official hotels.
- b) **Opening ceremony:** All players are requested to attend the Opening Ceremony, time and venue to be confirmed, on Sunday 4 April. Players are requested to wear their official team clothing, national tracksuit or uniform.
- c) **Functions:** Welcome Cocktail (Sunday 4 April, venue to be confirmed, immediately after the Opening Ceremony) and the Gala Dinner (details to be confirmed).
- d) **Transportation:** San Luis Potosi airport is approximately 20 kilometres from the venue. All players and accompanying people will be met from San Luis Potosi Airport from Thursday 1 – Saturday 3 April and taken to the official hotels, free of charge, provided that advance notification of arrival times is supplied. Team players coming from Mexico City will also be met at the airport on Sunday 4 April. Transport will only be provided from the airport to the official hotels listed in the accommodation section.

Please complete and return the attached arrival form to Lorena Peters by Monday 15 March. If required, players will be returned free of charge to San Luis Potosi Airport on Saturday 10, Sunday 11 and Monday 12 April.

Transport from Mexico City for team players: The Tournament Committee will charter luxury buses to transport team players and accompanying people from Mexico City to San Luis Potosi on Sunday 4 April, and back again if necessary at the end of the week. The cost will be approximately US \$20-22 each way. Further details on how to book this will be available soon.

- e) **Medical and Travel Insurance:** According to Rule 21 of the ITF Seniors Regulations, players are responsible for checking with their local health authority regarding medical recommendations for travel to the country hosting the ITF Seniors World Individual Championships. Each player is responsible for ensuring that he/she (as well as any accompanying person) is fully and adequately covered by insurance for the purposes of attending and participating in the ITF Seniors World Individual Championships. The ITF Ltd, the host association and the host site cannot accept any liability for any participant or visitor in this respect.
- f) **Visa Recommendation:** Please contact the Mexican embassy in your country to find out about visa requirements for entry into Mexico. Should you require an invitation letter to apply for visas, the Federación Mexicana de Tenis will forward you an appropriate letter of invitation for visa applications. To start the process, please forward your request for an invitation letter to the ITF Seniors Department in London as early as possible to avoid problems obtaining visas. **Please be aware that if you need a letter of invitation from the Mexican Department of Immigration, this will take up to 6 weeks from the time you submit your completed application, so you should start the process at least two months before you intend to travel.** The ITF and the Mexican Tennis Federation cannot guarantee that a visa will be issued by the Mexican government. Neither the ITF nor the Mexican Tennis Federation can take any responsibility for the failure of any player to obtain a visa.
- g) **Health and Safety:** Please contact the ITF office in London and/or San Luis Potosi for any matter related to health and safety. We recommend that you visit the following website to find some useful information regarding protecting your health while in Mexico: wwwn.cdc.gov/travel/destinations/mexico.aspx. This website will tell you what to avoid eating and drinking, what vaccinations may be needed, and other useful information.
- h) **Hospitality:** All Main Draw Championships Singles players reaching the final and semi-final of their respective event will receive the following hospitality payments: winner US \$750 per person, runner-up US \$550, semi-finalists US \$400 per person, such amounts to be paid in cash on site by the ITF, following the prize giving ceremony.
- i) **Medals:** Medals will be presented to the players as follows: Winners of singles and doubles events – Gold, Finalists in singles and doubles events – Silver, Semi finalists in singles and doubles events – Bronze

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3rd / 4th place play off matches will not be played in either Singles or Doubles. All semi finalists will receive a bronze medal.

j) **ITF Seniors World Ranking Points:** Points will be awarded as follows:

	Winner	Runner-Up	Semifinalist	Quarterfinalist	Loser in R16	Loser in R32	Loser in R64
Main Draw	300	220	145	110	90	60	30
Consolation	40	20	10	5	-	-	-

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ACCOMMODATION

The under-mentioned hotels are recommended by the ITF as official hotels of the event.

Transport will be provided from the official hotels to the venues. Please note that the Camino Real is on site at La Loma Centro Deportivo. The Westin is approximately five minutes' drive from La Loma, the Panorama and Real Plaza are approximately 15-20 minutes.

Hotel Camino Real (5 star)

Address: Carretera a Guadalajara 1100
CP 78216
San Luis Potosi
Mexico
Contact: Daniel Morin Ortega, Sales Executive
Telephone: +52 444 102 5000 ext. 8801
Email: daniel.morin@caminoreal.com.mx
Website: www.caminoreal.com/sanluis

Hotel Westin (5 star)

Address: Av. Real de Lomas 1000
Lomas IV Sección
San Luis Potosi
Mexico
Contact: Margarita Vital, Sales Manager
Telephone: +52 444 825 0125 ext. 603
Website: www.westinslp.com.mx

Hotel Panorama (3 star)

Address: Av. Venustiano Carranza No. 315
Zona Centro
CP 78000
San Luis Potosi
Mexico
Contact: Irma Davalos Verastegui, Sales Manager
Telephone: +52 444 812 1777
Website: www.hotelpanorama.com.mx

Hotel Real Plaza (3 star)

Address: Av. V. Carranza No. 890, Apdo. 231
CP 78250
San Luis Potosi
Mexico
Contact: Diana Trujillo/Paula Morales, Reservations Department
Telephone: +52 444 814 6969
Website: www.realplaza.com.mx

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Hotel	Rating	Rate per room per night (double/single) (US \$)
Camino Real	5 star	\$ 80
Westin	5 star	\$ 110
Panorama	3 star	\$ 55
Real Plaza	3 star	\$ 48

All rates are per room in US \$ and include taxes. Breakfast not included.

Please book with the hotels directly. Do not attempt to make reservations through the ITF.

Please note that the deadline for booking the hotels at the above rates is 12 March.

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 **PLAYER ARRIVAL FORM**

TRANSPORTATION WILL BE PROVIDED FROM THURSDAY 1 TO SATURDAY 3 APRIL TO COLLECT PLAYERS AND ACCOMPANYING PERSONS ON ARRIVAL AT **SAN LUIS POTOSI AIRPORT**.

PLEASE COMPLETE AND RETURN THIS FORM TO LORENA PETERS BY **MONDAY 15 MARCH**.
 THE PICK-UP SERVICE FROM THE AIRPORT OPERATES SEVERAL TIMES A DAY: **TIMES TBC**

RETURN TO: Lorena Peters
 FAX: TBC
 EMAIL: lorena_peters@live.com.ar

PLEASE DO NOT SEND THIS FORM TO THE ITF
LATEST DATE FOR ARRIVALS: SATURDAY 3 APRIL

PLAYER NAME.....

HOTEL.....

I **DO NOT** NEED COLLECTING ON ARRIVAL

PLEASE COLLECT ME ON ARRIVAL

Tick box as appropriate

NAME (Note: Please identify accompanying persons by initials "AP")	ARRIVAL DATE	ARRIVAL TIME	FLIGHT NUMBER	HOTEL

Name:

Signature:

Tel:

Fax: