

**Message from David Haggerty
President, International Tennis Federation**

I would like to take this opportunity to welcome you to the 2025 Davis Cup Final 8 in Bologna. Thank you for your ongoing support of this wonderful competition.

This is set to be an exhilarating week of tennis and we're excited to be hosting the world's best 8 men's teams, their players, fans and media in Bologna.

Every season we see how much this unique and historic competition means to players and fans alike. The scenes of Italian celebration in Malaga last year were amazing to witness and we are excited to bring the competition to Bologna this year.

The spectacle of a Davis Cup Final 8 is unparalleled in our sport. The team spirit and passion shown by players when they wear their nation's colours is second to none and I can't wait to see the drama, action and epic battles unfold. Thank you, the media, for being here to capture these iconic moments and report on all the storylines.

Your job is a crucial one and we appreciate all that you do to record the action on court, convey the passion from the players and fans, and support our great competition.

David Haggerty, ITF President

Welcome

We look forward to hosting you and your media representatives over the coming days and aim to help you make your coverage of the 2025 Davis Cup Final 8 as successful and easy as possible.

Please read the contents of this media guide carefully as it contains the basic information that will be of use to you during this period.

Please also remember that all accredited journalists will have access to the [ITF Virtual Media Centre](#), which will include the following:

- preview notes for all matches
- press conference transcripts
- press conference audios
- live streaming of all matches
- live scores
- press releases
- match statistics
- photographs which are free for editorial use
- practice schedule

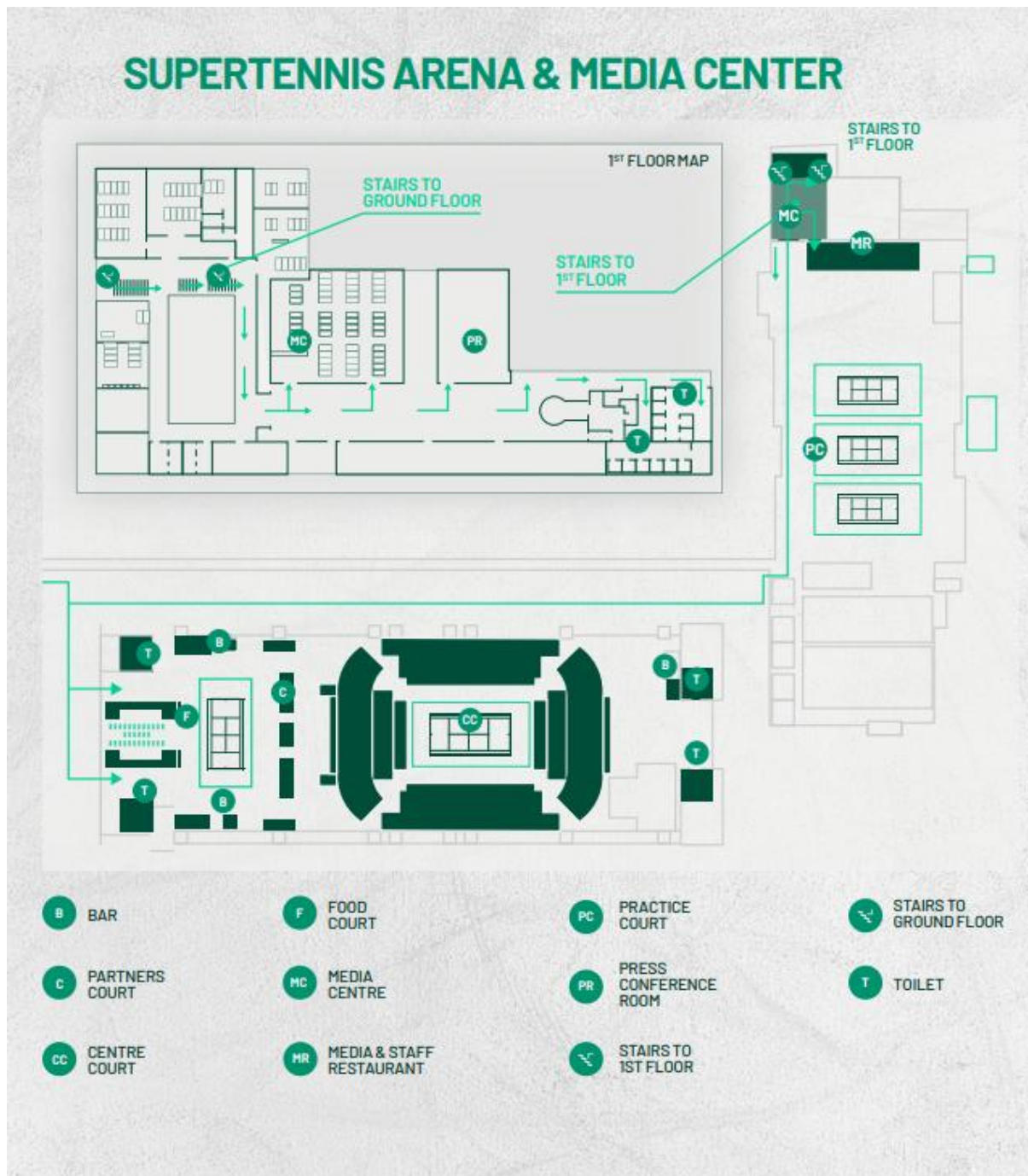
Please visit <https://itftennis.pressarea.com> to register for a free account.

On-site media WhatsApp group

Here is the link to the [on-site media WhatsApp group](#). The QR code is below. This group has been created to share media information related to press conference times, practice schedules, etc.



Site Map



Competition Format

The 2025 Davis Cup Final 8 will take place over the course of six days on 18-23 November at the BolognaFiere.

Eight teams will compete in a knockout format for the right to be crowned world champions.

Team nominations can be found [here](#):

Any team nomination changes must be submitted by 11:00 on Monday 17 November.

The full Final 8 schedule is as follows (all times CET):

Quarter-finals

Tuesday 18 November (1600): **France v Belgium**

Wednesday 19 November (1600): **Italy v Austria**

Thursday 20 November (1000): **Spain v Czechia**

Thursday 20 November (not before 1700): **Argentina v Germany**

Semi-finals

Friday 21 November (1600): **France or Belgium v Italy or Austria**

Saturday 22 November (1200): **Spain or Czechia v Argentina v Germany**

Final

Sunday 23 November (1500): **Winner Semi-final 1 v Winner Semi-final 2**

Player Prize Money (by team)

World champions: \$2,000,000

Runners-up: \$1,500,000

Semi-finalist: \$750,000

Quarter-finalist: \$500,000

Format of ties

Each tie consists of three matches: two singles matches followed by a doubles match.

The first singles match in each tie is contested between the No. 2 players selected by each team. The second singles match is contested between the No. 1 players selected by each team.

Player nominations for each tie are submitted to the referee at least one hour before the scheduled start time of each tie and announced shortly afterwards. Nominations for the doubles match are subject to change; any nomination changes for doubles will be communicated as soon as possible after the second singles match.

There will be a gap of 30 minutes between the second singles and doubles match if played.

All matches at the Finals are played as the best of three tiebreak sets.

Official practice schedule

The practice schedule will be posted on the [ITF Virtual Media Centre](#) and in the [on-site media WhatsApp group](#).

Credentials

Before entering the venue, accredited media must check in at the Accreditation Office, located at Piazza della Costituzione 5, to collect their accreditation granting access to the venue and dedicated areas.

The Accreditation Centre is located at **BolognaFiere**. It will be open from **Wednesday 12 November to Saturday 22 November from 09:00 to 21:00, and on Sunday 23 November from 09:00 – 18:00**. Any change to opening times will be communicated to all accredited media.

Credential holders will be asked to sign for their accreditation and must use it responsibly and professionally in accordance with the event regulations. Misuse of accreditation will lead to its immediate withdrawal by organisers.

Accreditation will be issued individually to each accredited member of the media following verification of the identity document with which the application was made (ID card or passport).

Media Centre opening times

The Media Centre will observe the following opening times:

Friday 14 November – from 10:00
Saturday 15 November – from 10:00
Sunday 16 November – from 10:00
Monday 17 November – from 10:00
Tuesday 18 November – from 10:00
Wednesday 19 November – from 10:00
Thursday 20 November – from 09:00
Friday 21 November – from 12:00
Saturday 22 November – from 10:00
Sunday 23 November – from 12:00

The Media Centre will close 30 minutes after the end of the last press conference of the day.

Press conferences

Pre-event press conferences – starting Monday 17 November

Each nation will hold a press conference (full team: players and captain) prior to their first tie. Press conference times will be confirmed to media via email and WhatsApp.

Post-match press conferences

Post-match press conferences will take place with all players following their matches (providing there is interest in speaking to the player). Captains will appear in press conferences with the doubles team (or with the second singles player if the doubles match is not played). Transcripts and audios from press conference will be posted on the [ITF Virtual Media Centre](#).

Players who contest both the second singles match and the doubles match will come to press after doubles. Press conference times will be communicated via the [on-site media WhatsApp group](#).

Players are only required to speak to media if they have played that day. There will be a full team press conference with the 2025 Davis Cup world champions.

1:1 interviews

Requests for 1:1 interviews with players or captains can be made with the ITF Communications team on site or via the National Association press officer. Requests for interviews do not guarantee that they will be granted and are subject to team and player availability. 1:1 interviews will be coordinated and confirmed by the press officers of each team.

Official Media Hotels

Living Place

www.livingplacehotelbologna.com/en-GB

Contact: Benedetta Bludzin – benedetta.bludzin@livingplace.it

Sydney Hotel

www.thesydneyhotel.eu/en/

Contact: Valentina Diolaiti – booking@thesydneyhotel.eu

Sav Hotel – 12 minutes walk from stadium (no shuttle)

www.savhotel.com/fiera/

Contact: Gloria Piccitto – booking@savhotel.it

Starhotels Excelsior

www.starhotels.com/it/i-nostri-hotel/excelsior-bologna/

Contact: reservations.excelsior.bo@starhotels.it

Transport schedule (to and from hotels)

HOTELS - BOLOGNAFIERE

Monday 17 November: first shuttle TBC

Tuesday 18 November: first shuttle 13:00

Wednesday 19 November: first shuttle 13:00

Thursday 20 November: first shuttle 08:45

Friday 21 November: first shuttle 13:00

Saturday 22 November: first shuttle 09:45

Sunday 23 November: first shuttle 12:00

Starting from: Living Place Hotel (Via Properzia de' Rossi, 40138 Bologna)

First stop: Starhotels / Stazione di Bologna Centrale

Second stop: The Sydney Hotel (Via Michelino, 73, 40127 Bologna)

Drop off point: Piazza della Costituzione (BolognaFiere).

BOLOGNAFIERE - HOTELS

Daily: 30 minutes after the end of last press conference

Starting from: Piazza della Costituzione (BolognaFiere)

First stop: The Sydney Hotel (Via Michelino, 73, 40127 Bologna)

Second stop: Starhotels / Stazione di Bologna Centrale

Final stop: Living Place Hotel (Via Properzia de' Rossi, 40138 Bologna)

The full bus schedule will be emailed to all accredited media.

Public transport

Bus lines 35 and 38 depart from Piazzale Medaglie d'Oro, while line 28 serves those coming from the city center. Through the Roger app, it is possible to plan your route and purchase your travel ticket.

[Find out more about how to get there](#)

Media Restaurant

Accredited media will have access to the Media / Staff Restaurant.

Restaurant Opening Times

November 14-17

LUNCH: from 12:00 – 16:00

DINNER: from 19:00 – 22:00

November 18-23

LUNCH: from 12:00 – 16:00

DINNER: from 19:00 to 1 hour after the end of the last match

Useful Information

WiFi

WiFi will be available throughout the press room in the press areas, including press and photographer seating and TV booths.

Lockers

Lockers for journalists, photographers and camera operators covering the event are limited. More information and locker reservations can be obtained from the Welcome Desk in the media centre.

Media seating

Media seating will be ticketed for high demand matches. Please note for high demand matches, a credential does not guarantee a seat on court.

Photographers

Photo positions will be defined and clearly marked and will be opposite the umpire's chair. Photographers must wear a photographer's armband at all times on court. Armbands should be picked up from the Media Centre Welcome Desk. Due to high demand, a credential will not guarantee a place on court and priority for photo positions will be given to international agencies and competing nations. Remaining positions will be assigned evenly per session.

Radio room

A separate radio room with individual monitors and clean court audio feed is located near to the main Media Working Room. Priority positions will be given to reporters from competing nations.

Filming regulations

Please find below the explanation of the different material that broadcast crews and other media can film during the Davis Cup Final 8. **Broadcast rights holders ONLY** are able to film in the stadium during matches.

All ENG camera operators must wear the appropriate armband. TV rights holders will wear green armbands and TV non-rights holders will wear white armbands. Armbands must be collected and returned daily at the Media Centre Welcome Desk. Media filming with regular cameras/mobile phones do not need to wear an armband.

ALL MEDIA HAVE THE RIGHT TO FILM:

1. Press Conferences (pre-event and post-match)

Please note that non-rights holders and other media can only broadcast up to 3 minutes of footage from press conferences. Journalists can ask questions during these press conferences.

2. Team Practices

Practice sessions on the stadium court are open to all accredited media. All media are required to film from the stands.

Please note that only broadcast rights holders are allowed to film in the stadium from **1 hour before the start of play on match days**.

There is controlled access to practice sessions on the practice courts with priority for rightsholders. Please contact the Media Centre Welcome Desk for further details.

3. Public areas outside the stadium

RIGHTS HOLDERS HAVE THE RIGHT TO FILM:

1. Match action on court, including presentation ceremonies and warm-up
2. Non-rights holders wishing to access match footage need to clear the rights first with **Davis Cup Broadcast Team**.
3. Flash interviews with winning players after each match – priority goes to rights holders from the two competing nations.

ONE-TO-ONE INTERVIEWS

All media are able to request one-to-one interviews, with priority going to rights holders, and other broadcasters from the competing nations. The teams will determine which one-to-one interview requests have been accepted.

Please note that in the event of any non-compliance with tournament regulations, we reserve the right to remove credentials.

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