

2026 WORLD TENNIS TOUR JUNIOR FINALS

PREVIEW NOTES

EVENT SUMMARY

The 2026 World Tennis Tour Junior Finals the 9th edition of World Tennis' year-end competition for the top junior players aged 18 and under, which was launched in 2015 as the ITF Junior Masters. The event was rebranded as the ITF World Tennis Tour Junior Finals in 2019 and is now the World Tennis Tour Junior Finals.

In 2026, the World Tennis Tour Junior Finals are taking place from Wednesday 21 to Sunday 25 October 2026. The event has been hosted at the Sichuan International Tennis Center, Chengdu, China, P.R. since its inception in 2015.

FORMAT

Eight top-ranked players from each of the World Tennis boys' and girls' singles rankings will compete at the World Tennis Tour Junior Finals. Qualification for the event is based on the rankings from Monday 14 September 2026, immediately after the US Open, which includes ranking points for the previous 12 months.

2026 World Tennis Tour Junior Finals groups

Boys	
Group A	Group B
Jamie Mackenzie	Thilo Behrmann
Jordan Lee	Keaton Hance
Ziga Sesko	Dimitar Kisimov
Yannik Alvarez	Vincent Reisach
Alternate: Mathys Domenc	

Girls	
Group A	Group B
Sun Xinran	Jana Kovackova
Anna Pushkareva	Janae Preston
Anastasija Cvetkovic	Mariia Makarova
Ksenia Efremova	Polina Skliar
Alternate: Zhang Ruien	

In both the boys' and girls' event, the 8 players will be divided into 2 groups of 4 players and will compete a round-robin format from Wednesday 21 to Friday 23 October. The play-offs then take place from Saturday 24 to Sunday 25 October: the top 2 finishers in each group competing in semi-finals, a final and a 3rd/4th play-off, while the bottom 2 finishers from each group compete in a 5th to 8th place play-off bracket. All 16 competitors are guaranteed 5 matches – 3 round-robin matches followed by 2 play-off matches to determine standings.

HOME CHAMPIONS

Girls' world No. 1 Sun Xinran is bidding to become the 2nd Chinese player to win a title at the World Tennis Tour Junior Finals – after Xu Shilin, who won the girls' singles title at the first edition of the event in 2015. Sun became the 3rd Chinese player to win a Grand Slam junior singles title after winning the girls' singles title at the US Open last month – joining 2017 US Open boys' singles champion Wu Yibing and 2018 US Open girls' singles champion Wang Xiyu.

NATIONAL FIRSTS

Yannik Alvarez is the first Puerto Rican player to compete at the event. Ziga Sesko is the first Slovenian boy to compete in Chengdu and the 2nd Slovenian overall, after 2017 girls' singles runner-up Kaja Juvan. Anastasija Cvetkovic is the first Serbian girl to compete at the event and the 4th Serbian overall, after Miomir Kecmanovic (2016), Marko Miladinovic (2017) and Branko Djuric (2023) all competed in the boys' event.

BILLIE JEAN KING CUP JUNIORS AND DAVIS CUP JUNIORS CHAMPIONS

Two players across the girls' and boys' events in Chengdu have won the Billie Jean King Cup Junior or Davis Cup Juniors title for their nations.

Keaton Hance was part of the USA team that won their first Davis Cup Juniors title since 2014 in 2024, and Jordan Lee was part of the USA that won the title again in 2025.

Ksenia Efremova was also part of the French girls' team that finished as runners-up to USA in 2025, while Jana Kovackova was a member of the Czech team that finished 3rd at the 2025 Billie Jean King Cup Junior Finals.

Kovackova is set to represent Czechia again at the 2026 Billie Jean King Cup Juniors Finals next month, and Polina Skliar has been selected to lead the Ukraine team there too.

NOTABLE FORMER COMPETITORS

Two current Top 10 players (WTA No. 1 Elena Rybakina and WTA No. 10 Marta Kostyuk) have competed at the World Tennis Tour Junior Finals, while other notable former competitors include Leylah Fernandez, Taylor Fritz, Rafael Jodar, Sofia Kenin, Lorenzo Musetti, Brandon Nakashima, Jelena Ostapenko, Andrey Rublev, Holger Rune, Casper Ruud, Clara Tauson and Zheng Qinwen.

Kenin, Ostapenko and Rybakina have all gone on to win Grand Slam singles titles, while Fernandez, Fritz, Ruud and Zheng have all reached Grand Slam finals.

Three former competitors at the World Tennis Tour Junior Finals have become Olympic medallists in men's or women's singles – Musetti (Paris 2024 men's singles bronze), Vondrousova (Tokyo 2020 women's singles silver) and Zheng (Paris 2024 women's singles gold).

World Tennis Tour Junior Finals champions

Year	Boys' Champion	Girls' Champion
2015	Andrey Rublev	Xu Shilin
2016	Hong Seongchan	Anna Blinkova
2017	Emil Ruusuvuori	Marta Kostyuk
2018	Brandon Nakashima	Clara Burel
2019	Holger Rune	Diane Parry
2020	cancelled due to Covid-19 restrictions	
2021		
2022		
2023	Joel Schwaerzler	Alina Korneeva
2024	Mees Rottgering	Emerson Jones
2025	Max Schoenhaus	Jeline Vandromme
2026	??	??

The full list of [World Tennis Tour Junior Finals](#) champions and runners-up can be found on the World Tennis website.

Jana Kovackova is the only player competing at the World Tennis Tour Junior Finals for the second time this year. She finished 3rd in Group B before withdrawing injured ahead of the 5th to 8th place play-offs.

GRAND SLAM CREDENTIALS

Six of the 12 players to reach junior Grand Slam singles finals this year are competing in Chengdu, 5 of whom have won Grand Slam singles titles this year.

In the boys' event, Australian Open champion Ziga Sesko and runner-up Keaton Hance are in the field, as is Wimbledon champion Jordan Lee. In the girls' event, Australian Open champion Ksenia Efremova, Wimbledon champion Anna Pushkareva and US Open champion Sun Xinran are all competing. Sun also finished runner-up at Roland Garros and Wimbledon, while Pushkareva also finished runner-up at the US Open.

Four players have won at least one junior Grand Slam singles title and the World Tennis Tour Junior Finals in the same year – Marta Kostyuk (Australian Open girls' singles and Junior Finals in 2017), Holger Rune (Roland Garros boys' singles and Junior Finals in 2019), Alina Korneeva (Australian Open and Roland Garros girls' singles and Junior Finals in 2023) and Jeline Vandromme (US Open girls' singles and Junior Finals in 2025).

TOP-TIER JUNIOR EVENTS

The Grand Slam tournaments are the pinnacle of the World Tennis Tour Juniors, with J500 events representing the next-most prestigious level on tour. Seven of the 16 players competing in Chengdu this week have won a singles title at either a Grand Slam tournament or a J500 event in 2026.

2026 Grand Slam and J500 champions

Tournament	Surface	Date	Boys' singles champion	Girls' singles champion
Australian Open	Hard	24 Jan-1 Feb	Ziga Sesko	Ksenia Efremova
J500 Gaspar (BRA)	Clay	16-22 Mar	Dante Pagani	Nauhany Vitoria Leme Da Silva
J500 Cairo (EGY)	Clay	6-11 Apr	Thilo Behrmann	Ida Wobker
J500 Offenbach (GER)	Clay	4-10 May	Jamie Mackenzie	Victoria Luiza Barros
J500 Milan (ITA)	Clay	18-24 May	Jamie Mackenzie	Sun Xinran
Roland Garros	Clay	31 May-6 Jun	Luis Guto Miguel	Alisa Oktiabreva
Wimbledon	Grass	4-12 Jul	Jordan Lee	Anna Pushkareva
US Open	Hard	6-12 Sep	Marcel Latak	Sun Xinran
J500 Osaka (JPN)	Hard	21-27 Sep	Koki Nara	Jordyn Hazelitt
J500 Merida (MEX)	Clay	23-28 Nov	???	???
J500 Fort Lauderdale (USA)	Clay	7-13 Dec	???	???

Players competing at the World Tennis Tour Junior Finals in **bold**

PROFESSIONAL TITLE WINNERS

Several players competing in Chengdu have already made inroads at the professional level with title-wins in 2026. Two of the 8 players competing in the girls' event in Chengdu have won at least one World Tennis Tour women's singles title this year – Anastasija Cvetkovic and Jana Kovackova. Cvetkovic won the title at W35 Verbier in Switzerland in August and Kovackova won the title at W50 Prague in Czechia in August. Janae Preston is the only other player to have reached a World Tennis Tour women's singles final this year, finishing runner-up at both W15 Orlando, FL in April and at W50 Berkeley, CA in September.

Sun Xinran and Ksenia Efremova have both won multiple World Tennis Tour titles, but neither have done so this year and neither has reached a final this year.

Sun has also made waves above World Tennis Tour-level, making her WTA Tour main draw debut as a wild card at Beijing-1000 earlier this month, defeating both world No. 102 Eva Lys and world No. 27 Cristina Bucsa in the opening 2 rounds before falling to world No. 4 Coco Gauff in the 3rd round. She became the first player born in 2010 or later to reach the 3rd round at a WTA-1000 event.

2026 World Tennis Tour girls' event competitors to have won professional titles

Player	Title(s)
Anastasija Cvetkovic	W35 Verbier (SUI) (30 Aug 2026)
Ksenia Efremova	W15 Monastir (TUN) (31 Dec 2023), W15 Monastir (TUN) (28 July 2024), W15 Monastir (TUN) (3 Nov 2024), W15 Monastir (TUN) (26 Oct 2025)
Jana Kovackova	W35 Antalya (TUR) (30 Mar 2025), W15 Monastir (TUN) (24 Aug 2025), W50 Prague (CZE) (22 Aug 2026)
Sun Xinran	W15 Sharm El Sheikh (EGY) (26 Oct 2025), W15 Sharm El Sheikh (EGY) (2 Nov 2025)

In the boys' event, 3 players have won a professional title this year, their first professional title in each case. Keaton Hance won the title at M15 Orlando, FL on home soil in April, Dimitar Kisimov won the title at M15 Kursumlijska Banja in Serbia in August and Ziga Sesko won M15 Wels in Austria in August.

Three more players have reached professional singles finals this year – Thilo Behrmann on home soil at M15 Mistelbach in Austria in August, Jamie Mackenzie on home soil as a wild card at the Bonn Challenger in Germany in August and Vincent Reisach at M15 Warsaw in Poland in August.

2026 LEADERS

Four of the 8 players competing in the girls' event at the World Tennis Tour Junior Finals are among the Top 10 players by win-loss record at J300-level and above this year – Sun Xinran, Janae Preston, Mariia Makarova and Anastasija Cvetkovic. Sun and Preston are first and joint-2nd on the list respectively.

2026 girls' singles win-loss (J300-level and above) as of 19 October

Rank	Player	2026 win-loss
1.	Sun Xinran	35-3
2=	Janae Preston	29-4
	Mariella Thamm	29-8
4.	Maaya Rajeshwaran Revathi	27-13
5.	Paola Pinera Celorio	26-9
6.	Mariia Makarova	24-8
7=	Nauhany Vitoria Leme da Silva	23-5
	Lin Yu Jun	23-10
9=	Anastasija Cvetkovic	21-9
	Felitsata Dorofeeva-Rybas	21-11

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In the boys' event, 4 of the 8 players competing are among the Top 10 players by win-loss record at J300-level and above – Thilo Behrmann, Jamie Mackenzie, Dimitar Kisimov and Yannik Alvarez. Behrmann, Mackenzie and Kisimov are the Top 3 in that order.

2026 boys' singles win-loss (J300-level and above) as of 19 October

Rank	Player	2026 win-loss
1.	Thilo Behrmann	35-9
2.	Jamie Mackenzie	29-6
3.	Dimitar Kisimov	27-10
4.	Mark Ceban	26-14
5=	Mathys Domenc*	25-9
	Luis Guto Miguel	25-5
7.	Yannik Alvarez	24-12
8.	Arnav Paparkar	23-12
9=	Michael Antonius	22-4
	Pedro Henrique Chabalgoity	22-13
	Damir Zhalhasbay	22-11

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*alternate at World Tennis Tour Junior Finals