

## **ITF BEACH TENNIS WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS**

### **Cesenatico, Emilia-Romagna, Italy, 16-20 May 2023**

#### **Information Circular**

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#### **1. MEN'S, WOMEN'S, MIXED and U18 DOUBLES EVENTS**

The 2023 ITF Beach Tennis World Championships will feature Men's, Women's and Mixed Doubles events (open to players who have reached the age of 14 years on or before 31 December 2022), plus an U18 event (open to players who have reached the age of 13 years on or before 31 December 2022), as follows:

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| 1. Men's and Women's Qualifying: | Monday 15 May – Monday 15 May      |
| 2. Men's and Women's Main draw:  | Tuesday 16 May – Saturday 20 May   |
| 3. Mixed Doubles:                | Tuesday 16 May – Thursday 18 May   |
| 4. U18 Event:                    | Wednesday 17 May – Saturday 20 May |
| 5. U16 Event:                    | Wednesday 17 May – Saturday 20 May |
| 6. U14 Event:                    | Thursday 18 May – Saturday 20 May  |
| 7. U12 Event:                    | Friday 19 May – Saturday 20 May    |
| 8. Seniors Events:               | Thursday 18 May – Saturday 20 May  |

#### **2. VENUE**

Arenile Demaniale Piazza Andrea Costa  
Cesenatico, Emilia-Romagna  
Italy  
Phone: +39 3484907917  
Website: [www.wikibeach.it](http://www.wikibeach.it)

#### **3. HOTEL INFORMATION / OFFICIAL HOTEL**

Players and others are responsible for making their own accommodation reservations (note: refer to point 4 below for details of complimentary hospitality for the top eight (8) men's and women's doubles pairs).

The Official Hotel is Hotel Nova, which is walking distance to the site (300 m).

Address: **Viale Trento n. 69 - 47042 Cesenatico (FC)**

#### **4. HOSPITALITY FOR TOP EIGHT MEN'S AND WOMEN'S DOUBLES PAIRS**

The top eight (8) men's and women's doubles pairs, based on players' combined ranking as at the entry deadline, will receive complimentary hospitality (twin room plus breakfast, lunch on site and dinner at the

hotel) for the duration of the competition at Hotel Nova. Hospitality will commence on the evening of Monday 15 May and end on Sunday 21 May.

## 5. HOSPITALITY / PLAYER / SHOWER FACILITIES ON-SITE

Players in the Men's, Women's and Mixed Doubles events will have access to an exclusive tournament area on-site where they can receive or purchase meals and refreshments and to an exclusive lounge area. These areas are controlled and open to players on display of an appropriate badge and not open to guests.

Men's and Women's main draw doubles pairs will receive complimentary lunch.

Water is available for both practice and matches but for players only.

Shower facilities will be available on-site, for exclusive use of players.

## 6. TOURNAMENT PERSONNEL

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Aleksei Selivanenko, Chair, Beach Tennis Committee

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### **Referee:**

Riccardo De Biase	<a href="mailto:rdebiase@gmail.com">rdebiase@gmail.com</a>
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## 7. OTHER EVENTS

Dependent on the number of entries received in each category, a number of additional events will also take place during the Championships, as follows:

### **Seniors**

Men's Doubles O40 & O50  
Women's Doubles O35  
Mixed Doubles O40

### **Juniors**

Boys' Doubles 16U; 14U; 12U  
Girls' Doubles 16U; 14U; 12U  
Mixed Doubles 16U; 14U;

18U events will be organized in accordance with the ITF Beach Tennis World Junior Tour Regulations.

Seniors, 16U, 14U and 12U events will be organized in accordance with National Regulations, as issued by the Italian Tennis and Padel Federation (FITP).

## 8. ENTRIES

Entries for the Men's and Women's Doubles events will be online, via IPIN:

<https://ipin.itftennis.com/>

Entries for the Mixed, Seniors and all Junior events will be via entry form, which will be available on tournament website ([www.wikibeach.it](http://www.wikibeach.it))

All players under 18 must obtain the consent of their legal parent/guardian prior to submitting an entry and such entry must include the name and contact details of the legal parent/guardian. All players must be in good standing with their National Association.

The Entry Deadline for the Mixed, Seniors and Junior events is 13 May 2023, following which Acceptance Lists will be published on ([www.wikibeach.it](http://www.wikibeach.it))

Acceptance Lists are not final until the Entry Deadline.

Players for the 16U, 14U and 12U events must have reached the minimum age and not have exceeded the maximum age as of January 1st 2023:

U12: Born in 2011/2012

U14: Born in 2009/2010

U16: Born in 2007/2008

All players participating in "other events" must be regularly registered for their own Federation. Proof of membership must be given to the Referee at the time of sign-in.

Players for the 18U event must have reached the age of thirteen (13) years on or before 31 December 2022.

## 9. ENTRY FEES (per team)

Entry fees, as set out below, are 'per team'. Entry fees are payable at the Entry Deadline and following publication of the Acceptance List. Payment must be made direct to the organiser via PayPal, and as per the payment instructions provided on the entry form. Players in the Men's and Women's Doubles will be issued with payment instructions at the Entry Deadline. Any player who fails to make payment will not be permitted to compete in the Championships:

Event	Euro
Men's Doubles	150.00
Men's Doubles Qualifying	80.00
Women's Doubles	150.00
Women's Doubles Qualifying	80.00
Mixed Doubles	80.00
Men's Doubles O50	60.00
Men's Doubles O40	60.00
Women's Doubles O35	60.00
Mixed Doubles O40	60.00
U18, U16 and U14	60.00

Boys' Doubles	60.00
Girls' Doubles	60.00
Mixed Doubles	60.00
U12	
Boys' Doubles	60.00
Girls' Doubles	60.00

Any team that withdraws after the Withdrawal Deadline shall be liable for payment of an entry fee.

## **10. ENTRY DEADLINES**

The Entry Deadline for the Men's and Women's events is at 14:00 GMT on Thursday 4 May, eleven (11) days prior to the Monday of the Tournament Week.

The Entry Deadline for all other events is at 15:00 local time on Friday 12 May.

## **11. WITHDRAWAL DEADLINES**

The Withdrawal Deadline for the Men's and Women's events is at 14:00 GMT on Thursday 11 May, four (4) days prior to the Monday of the Tournament Week.

The Withdrawal Deadline for all other events is at 15:00 local time on Monday 15 May.

## **12. TRAVEL INFORMATION AND TRANSPORTATION**

The closest airports to the venue are Bologna (106km), Rimini (29km) and Forli (41km).

From Bologna Airport, take the Marconi Express to Bologna Central Station. From there, take the train to Cesenatico, changing in Rimini.

From Rimini Airport, take bus 9 to Rimini Train Station. From there, take the train to Cesenatico.

From Forli Airport, take a bus or taxi to Forli Train Station. From there, take the train to Cesenatico, changing in Rimini.

Once in Cesenatico, take a short taxi ride (approx. 3-4km) to the site or nearby hotel.

## **13. VISA**

### **Issuing Authority for Men's Doubles and Women's Doubles events:**

For Men's and Women's Doubles, a visa supporting letter can be generated on IPIN when entering the tournament.

### **Issuing Authority for all other events:**

Email: [beachtennis@fitp.it](mailto:beachtennis@fitp.it)

Please note that the deadline to apply for a visa is 30<sup>th</sup> April 2023.

## **14. RULES & REGULATIONS**

Players in the Men's, Women's, Mixed and 18U events agree to abide by the provisions of the ITF Beach Tennis World Tour Regulations / ITF Beach Tennis World Tour Junior Regulations 2023.

## **15. THE DRAW**

The Draw will be made on-site in the Referee's Office on Sunday 14 May. Players are welcome to attend the Draw, which will be conducted by the Referee, as a minimum in the presence of ITF personnel.

## **16. DRAW SIZES / DRAW FORMAT / MATCH FORMAT**

All events will be played as a knockout draw, according to the following draw sizes:

### **Men's Doubles:**

Draw size: 32

Qualifying: 64

### **Women's Doubles**

Draw size: 32

Qualifying: 64

### **Mixed Doubles:**

Draw size: 64

### **18U Boys, Girls and Mixed Doubles**

Draw size: \*32

(\*Where fewer than nine (9) entries are received, the event shall be played as a round robin format, in accordance with the ITF Beach Tennis World Junior Tour Regulations).

### **Match Format**

Men's Doubles, Women's Doubles, Mixed Doubles and U18 Doubles:

Matches will be three sets – two (2) tie-break sets with a match tie-break (10 points) in the third set.

Other Events:

All other categories: matches will be three (3) tie-break sets (to 4 games) – 7-point tie breaks.

## **17. Prize Money Distribution**

Prize money will be distributed as per the Tour Regulation for the Men's (\$20,000) and Women's (\$20,000):

Winners: 20% (\$8,000 per team)

Finalists: 12% (\$4,800 per team)

Third place: 6% (\$2,400 per team)

Fourth place: 4% (\$1,600 per team)

Quarter-Finalists: 2% (\$800 per team)

Please note for the Mixed Doubles (\$5,000) the percentage distribution will be double that of above.

## **18. REFEREE**

Riccardo De Biase

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## **19. BALLS**

As a minimum (4) new balls will be provided for all matches in all events. The ball type is TBC. Balls will be changed at 9 and 11 games.

## **20. SELECTION OF SEEDS**

Seeding for the Men's and Women's Doubles shall be based on the combined World Ranking position of each team, using the World Rankings published on Monday 8 May, the Monday immediately prior to the Qualifying Sign-in Deadline. Ties will be drawn using the system of merit. Teams where both players do not have a World Ranking shall not be given a combined ranking and shall not be seeded.

Seeding for the 18U Doubles shall be based on the latest combined Junior World Ranking of each team available at the time of the Draw. Ties shall be drawn randomly. Teams where both players do not have a Junior World Ranking shall not be given a combined ranking and shall not be seeded.

Seeding for all other events shall be at the discretion of the organizer.