

2019

EUROPEAN BEACH TENNIS CHAMPIONSHIPS

KRANEVO, BULGARIA

5 – 8 September

CIRCULAR 1

1. INTRODUCTION

The 13th edition of the European Beach Tennis Championships will see the best European beach tennis doubles teams competing to be European Beach Tennis Champion of an open age category. The 2019 event will include once again the junior competition for 18&Under and additionally also the 14&Under alongside the main event again. Players in the professional event will receive ranking points for the ITF Beach Tennis Tour. This event is categorised as Regional Championships.

2. VENUE

The modern complex "Therma ECO Village" in Kranevo was assigned to be the host of this year's European Beach Tennis Championships and the junior event. The complex is located on the Black Sea coast, 24 km from the sea capital of Bulgaria Varna, between Albena resort and the resort and climatic health resort of Kranevo. Kranevo - a small resort village on the Black Sea coast in Bulgaria. It is located 12 km from Golden Sands and 4 km from Albena. To date, this resort is one of the most affordable places for holidays in the country, and is great for recreation with companies or families with children.

During the summer in Kranevo the air temperature is between 25-30 C degrees. The holiday begins in May and continues until autumn. Thanks to the abundance of green vegetation and light breeze, constantly blowing from the sea, freshness is preserved even in the hottest days. Temperature of sea water can reach 25 degrees. Beaches with golden sands stretch along the coast of 6 km and their width reaches 100 meters. The sea is clean and warm. The air of these places is healing, saturated with sea vines and phytonutrients of coniferous trees.



3. DATE

The 2019 European Beach Tennis Championships will be held over four days, starting from 5th September until 8th September. Teams should arrive on Wednesday 4th September and depart on Monday 9th September. The first matches will be played on Thursday 5th September and the finals will take place on Sunday 8th September 2019. Junior events for 18&Under and 14&Under will be staged in the same week, preceding the professional competition, starting from 2nd September and finishing on 4th September.

4. EVENTS STAGED

Professionals

Men's Doubles
Women's Doubles
Mixed Doubles
Men's Doubles Consolation
Women's Doubles Consolation

Each National Association may enter a maximum of 2 Men's, 2 Women's and 2 Mixed Doubles Teams. The squad shall consist of maximum 4 male and 4 female players per country and one national captain (not mandatory). Only players that participate also in the Men's and Women's Doubles competition can participate in the Mixed Doubles event.

The host country Bulgaria is entitled to enter 1 additional Men's, Women's and Mixed Doubles Team.

Juniors

Boys' Doubles 18&Under, 14&Under
Girls' Doubles 18&Under, 14&Under
Mixed Doubles 18&Under, 14&Under

Each National Association may enter a maximum of 2 Boys', 2 Girls' and 2 Mixed Doubles 18&Under and/or 14&Under teams. The squad shall consist of maximum 4 male and 4 female players per country and one national captain, whereas the captain is a mandatory. He/she must be an adult (aged minimum of 24 by the 31 December 2019) and must not be one of the members of the professional event team. The captain of the professional event team must not be the assigned as a captain of the junior team at the same time. The captain is responsible for all members of the junior team throughout the competition (on and off site).

Only players that participate also in the Boys' and Girls' Doubles competition can participate in the Mixed Doubles event. The host country Bulgaria is entitled to enter 1 additional team in each competition (Boys', Girls' and Mixed Doubles 18&Under/14&Under).

Players Age Eligibility - Juniors

A player must be in "good standing" with his/her national association. In the junior competition, only boys and girls who are under the jurisdiction of a national tennis association affiliated to the ITF, are eligible to play. For both junior competitions taking place alongside the European Beach tennis championships, the below age eligibility process is in place:

U14 – 1st January 2005 - 31st December 2007

U18 – 1st January 2001 – 31st December 2005

Players born outside of the dates specified above are not eligible to play in any given junior category.

5. ENTRIES

The 2019 European Beach Tennis Championships is open to all member nations of Tennis Europe. The attached Entry Form is to be filled in by the respective National Association and to be returned to the Tennis Europe office to Nadja Koran, nadjak@tenniseurope.org before **Friday 20th May 2019 at 14:00 CET**.

6. NOMINATIONS

All entered nations will receive the Nomination Forms after the entry deadline. The completed nominations with the full names of the players have to be sent by the National Federation to Tennis Europe by **Monday, 17th June 2019 at 24.00 CET**. As far as the qualification of a player to represent a country is concerned, the rules as defined in Appendix A of the ITF Beach Tennis Tour Rules and Regulations shall apply (<http://www.itftennis.com/beachtennis/about-beach-tennis/overview.aspx>).

7. ENTRY FEES

Professionals

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| Men's Doubles | 55 EUR (per each doubles team) |
| Women's Doubles | 55 EUR (per each doubles team) |
| Mixed Doubles | 30 EUR (per each team) |

Juniors

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| Boys' Doubles 18&Under | 25 EUR (per each doubles team) |
| Girls' Doubles 18&Under | 25 EUR (per each doubles team) |
| Mixed Doubles 18&Under | 15 EUR (per each team) |

8. HOSPITALITY PACKAGE

Professional event

A subsidized hospitality package is offered and the hotel reservations will be made automatically for players and captains as per the information given in the Entry form.

Starts with dinner on Wednesday 4th September preceding the start of the competition and terminate with the breakfast on Monday 9th September. The package includes five nights in a double room (Therma ECO Village in Kranevo, Bulgaria) and three meals per day for two players. Players of the same gender and team shall be accommodated in twin rooms. The national captain shall be accommodated in a single room.

Junior event

A subsidized hospitality package is offered and the hotel reservations will be made automatically for players and captains as per the information given in the Entry form.

Starts with dinner on Sunday 1st September preceding the start of the competition and terminate with the breakfast on Thursday 5th September. The package includes four nights in a double room (Therma ECO Village in Kranevo, Bulgaria) and three meals per day for two players. Players of the same gender and team shall be accommodated in twin rooms. The national captain shall be accommodated in a single room.

Important: In both competitions, the hospitality package is offered only to players entered into the competition and to one national captain. All extra nights and differences to other than twin room allocation have to be paid independently.

The “Therma ECO Village” resort in Kranevo includes:

- 5 star hotel Therma Eco (125 rooms)
- 5 star hotel Therma Palace (42 rooms)
- Sport Corpus «Olympic Pool Camp»
- 5 restaurants
- Rehabilitation center
- Outdoor Olympic pool – 50 m
- Indoor mineral water pool – 25 m
- 3 pools with mineral water
- Spa center
- Bowling

For more information please refer to the Bulgarian Tennis Federation: office@bgtennis.bg



9. PAYMENT

Hospitality & Entry Fees Payment

The invoices for the Hospitality & Entry fees will be sent out following the Entry deadline, 20th May 2019, (no more after the Nomination deadline) and they will be issued based on the information given in the Entry forms. All fees shall be paid to Tennis Europe by the Nominations deadline on 17th June 2019.

Please note that:

- A team nomination can only be accepted and finally confirmed if the payment of the Hospitality & Entry fees have been transferred and received by Tennis Europe.
- Payments after the Nomination deadline or on-site payments are NOT allowed.

10. TRAVEL INFORMATION AND TRANSPORTATION

The closest airport to the venue is the Varna International Airport, which is the third largest airport in Bulgaria and an important destination during the summer leisure seasons. The airport is located 10 km from the centre of Varna and 20 km from the venue. (<https://varna-airport.bg/Home/tabid/36/language/en-US>)

Official transportation will be available from/to airport and the Official Hotel and is included in the tournament package. The reservation is only valid with a previous notification sent to office@intergreyd.com and copying office@bgtennis.bg including the exact number of people with the time and number of the arrival and departure flights. Any additional transportation services might be arranged on special rates.

The courts are within walking distance of the official hotel, so no transportation service is necessary on-site.

The organisers are not responsible for any travel arrangements and will not reimburse any travel expenses.

10. VISA

In case a visa is needed for Bulgaria, please send your request by email no later than on Friday, 1st June to nradeva@bgtennis.bg or a text message (SMS) to +359887500581 in order to receive your visa invitation letter on time.

11. RULES & REGULATIONS

All players must be in good standing with their national associations. 'ITF Beach Tennis Tour Eligibility rules shall apply as defined in Appendix A. Eligibility of a Player or Captain to Represent a Nation in the ITF Beach Tennis Rules and Regulations which can be found here:

<https://www.itftennis.com/media/302049/302049.pdf>

12. WITHDRAWALS

Nations whose entries have been accepted into the competition shall not withdraw.

Any team that is withdrawing its entry later than **Monday, 17th June 2019** shall be responsible for the payment of the accommodation package and the entry fees, which cannot be reimbursed.

13. CHANGE OF NOMINATIONS

A National Association may change its nominated players up to the sign in deadline (see provisional schedule below), thereafter no change is permitted.

14. FORMAT OF THE COMPETITION

Professional event

The European Championships for professionals are played in 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 (BUL 3 teams)

Draw size: Approx. 32 doubles teams, knockout format, consolation draw (draw size 16) is played.

Women's Doubles: Nations are allowed to enter up to 2 teams per nation (BUL 3 teams)

Draw size: Approx. 32 doubles teams, knockout format, consolation draw (draw size 16) is played.

Mixed Doubles: Nations are allowed to enter up to 2 teams per nation (BUL 3 teams)

Draw size: Approx. 32 doubles teams, knockout format, no consolation draw is played.

Only players that participate in Men's/Women's Doubles are allowed to enter.

Nations Ranking: Special Award for best three participating nations in the professional event.

Junior event 18&Under/14&Under

The European Championships for juniors 18&Under are played in doubles/mixed teams.

Boys' Doubles: Nations are allowed to enter up to 2 teams per nation (BUL 3 teams)

Draw size: TBC

Girls' Doubles: Nations are allowed to enter up to 2 teams per nation (BUL 3 teams)

Draw size: TBC

Mixed Doubles: Nations are allowed to enter up to 2 teams per nation (BUL 3 teams)

Draw size: TBC

Only players that participate in Boys'/Girls' Doubles are allowed to enter.

15. TENNIS EUROPE / HOST NATIONAL ASSOCIATION

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16. PROVISIONAL SCHEDULE (*subject to change*)

Professional event

DAY 1 – Wednesday, 4th September 2019

Whole day Team arrivals
12:00 - 18.00 Practices
Closure: 15.00 Sign-in for all (professional and junior teams)
15.30 – 17.00 Captains'/Player representative meeting & Draw ceremony
followed by Opening ceremony, Welcome Drink for players and captains

DAY 2 – Thursday, 5th September 2019

08:00 - 17.00 Practices (Practice courts)
09.00 - TBC First round matches MD, WD, XD

DAY 3 - Friday, 6th September 2019

08:00 - 17.00 Practices (Practice courts)
Second round matches MD, WD, XD
Draw consolation & first round consolation MD & WD
Quarter finals MD, WD, XD
19.00 (TBC) Official Dinner/Party

DAY 4 - Saturday, 7th September 2019

08:00 - 17.00 Practices (Practice courts)
Second round matches MD, WD, XD
Second round consolation MD & WD
Quarter finals MD, WD, XD

DAY 5 - Sunday, 8th September 2019

08:00 - 10.00 Practices (Practice courts)
Consolation MD & WD
Semi-finals MD, WD, XD
Finals Consolation, MD & WD
Finals MD, WD, XD
17.00 (TBC) Prize-giving ceremony

DAY 5 - Monday, 9th September 2019

Whole day Team departures

Junior event

DAY 1 – Sunday, 1st September 2019

Whole day Team arrivals
12:00 - 18.00 Practices
Closure: 15.00 Sign-in
15.15 – 16.15 Captains'/Player representative meeting & Draw ceremony
followed by Opening ceremony, Welcome Drink for players and captains

DAY 2 – Monday, 2nd September 2019

08:00 - 17.00 Practices (Practice courts)
09.00 - TBC Matches BD, GD and XD Juniors

DAY 3 – Tuesday, 3rd September 2019

08:00 - 17.00 Practices (Practice courts)
Matches BD, GD and XD Juniors
Draw consolation & first round consolation BD & GD (if any)
19.00 (TBC) Official Dinner/Party

DAY 4 - Wednesday, 4th September 2019

08:00 - 11.00 Practices (Practice courts)
Finals BD, GD and XD Juniors
(TBC) Prize-giving ceremony

Detailed information about the format and organisational matters will be provided with Circular 2.