



2016 EUROPEAN SENIOR CLUB CHAMPIONSHIPS

La Manga Club / Spain

CIRCULAR

1 VENUE

The **2016 EUROPEAN SENIOR CLUB CHAMPIONSHIPS** will be played at the La Manga Club, Spain. The court-surface will be clay, and the competition is played outdoors.

La Manga Club Tennis Centre is one of Europe's finest outdoor facilities with 28 tennis courts (20 clay, 4 hard and 4 artificial grass), 2 padel courts and a squash court.



2 DATE

The competitions are taking place as follows:

19 – 24 September 2016	Men & Women 35, 40, 45, 50, 55
27 September – 2 October 2016	Men & Women 60, 65, 70, 75

IMPORTANT: *The above age categories will be finally confirmed following the entry deadline. Therefore, teams are strongly advised not book their trips before that date.*

3 ENTRY DEADLINE

Tennis Europe must receive the entries before **31 July 2016**. Entries must be signed by the National Association and by the participating club. No entry will be accepted unless the entry fee of € 250 per club has been paid and transmitted to Tennis Europe. Entry fees cannot be reimbursed.

4 ELIGIBILITY / CRITERIA FOR ENTRY ACCEPTANCE

The following clubs can enter the Competition:

- a. A maximum of two clubs per country may be entered in the competition.
- b. The Champion and Runner-up of the national team championships from the previous year. If the winner and/or runner up is/are not entering, their National Association may nominate another club or clubs to replace them.
- c. Two nominated clubs from Tennis Europe full member nations that do not hold national club championships.

Automatic entries which are allowed in addition to the above numbers are:

- a. The holder (i.e. the winner of the preceding European Club Championships) is eligible to enter the event. If the holder decides not to participate, the runner-up is eligible to replace them.
- b. The club organising the event during the year of the competition. If this club cannot line-up a strong enough team, another club invited by the organising club, but which must be from the same country, may enter the competition if approved by Tennis Europe.
- c. A club being allocated a Wild Card by Tennis Europe.
- d. Tennis Europe retains the rights to limit the number of participants.

5 QUALIFICATION OF A PLAYER TO REPRESENT A CLUB

Any tennis player who is in good standing with his/her National Association shall be qualified to represent a club if he or she fulfils the following requirements:

- a. A Player shall have reached the minimum age limit by December 31 of the year in which the competition is held.
- b. Only players who are genuine members of the club which they are representing may play in the European Senior Club Championships. If they have represented another club in the same age-group, in the same country, in the year in which the ESCC is taking place then they are NOT eligible to play. Proof can be requested.
- c. A maximum of two (2) foreign players (of a different nationality to that of the club they represent) are allowed per team.
- d. It is the responsibility of each participating club to ensure that all of their nominated players are eligible to play. Clubs will be required to declare that their players are eligible on the entry form and also on the final team nomination form at the competition venue. The entry form must be endorsed by the National Association.

If a club plays with an ineligible player, both the club and the player may be prohibited from playing in the European Seniors Club Championships for the following two years.

6 ENTRIES/ENTRY FEES

An entry fee of € 250 must be paid by each participating club. This entry fee must be transmitted by the entry deadline (31 July 2016) to:

Account holder	European Tennis Federation
Account Nr	202006-62
Bank	Credit Suisse, St. Albangraben 1-3, CH-4002 Basel
IBAN	CH70 0483 5020 2006 6200 0
Bank Clearing Nr	4835
BIC	CRESCHZZ80A

Notice:

An entry will be accepted and the team nomination will appear on the nomination list only if the entry fee of € 250 has been paid.

7 WITHDRAWAL

All teams shall abide by the rules for entries included in the Regulations, and any club withdrawing from the competition other than as specified in the Regulations, will be subject to the following fines:

Withdrawal less than 2 months before the competition	No reimbursement of the entry fee
Withdrawal less than 1 month before the competition	€ 250 + entry fee
Withdrawal less than 1 week before the competition	€ 500 + entry fee
No show	€ 750 + entry fee

8 FORMAT OF THE COMPETITION

Captain's Meeting day – Schedule

The final seeding of the teams will be determined in the morning on the Captain's meeting day at the latest. The draws will be made and will be posted together with the final team nominations on-site no later than at 12.00 hours. Any comments to the posted draws may be submitted to the referee by 14.00 hours, however must be supported by written documentation from the relevant National Association. Changes of order of merit must be based on recent tournament results. The Tennis Europe Representative must change any clear mistake in the order of merit. If the captain does not notify any amendments before the start of the Captain's meeting (16.00 hours), the final nomination will apply.

Important notice: It is strongly recommended, to check well in advance with your National Association the last update of the nominations (order of merit), which was sent by them to the Tennis Europe office.

Captain's Meetings' days:

Week 1	Sunday 18 September, 16.00 hours
Week 2	Monday, 26 September, 16.00 hours

All teams shall be on site prior to the Captain's meeting.

9 CHANGE OF NOMINATIONS AND ORDER OF MERIT

The order of merit submitted by the clubs must reflect the standard of the players and ensure that the best player is included at No1 regardless of National and/or ITF rankings.

The nominations submitted at the entry deadline may be changed until one week before the scheduled first day of the Competition. The **final order of merit** is to be sent by the **National Association** to Tennis Europe on the following deadlines:

12th September 2015	for week 1
19st September 2015	for week 2

Thereafter no change may be made except for reasons of health, injury or bereavement and any such changes must be authorized by Tennis Europe. Players nominated after this date must be placed in the final team position in the order of merit for singles, unless otherwise decided by Tennis Europe.

10 COMPOSITION OF TEAMS

- a. Men's
Each team must consist of a minimum of four (4) players and a maximum of seven (7) players, one of whom is designated captain. Alternatively a non-playing Captain can be nominated in addition.
- b. Women's
Each team must consist of a minimum of two (2) players and a maximum of five (5) players, one of whom is designated captain. Alternatively a non-playing Captain can be nominated in addition.

11 TRAVEL AND HOSPITALITY

Each team shall be responsible for its own travelling and hotel expenses. The accommodation booking shall be done directly to La Manga Club resort.

There are two facilities offered:

Hotel La Manga Club Principe Felipe *****

Offering single or double rooms.



Las Lomas Village ****

Offering Panoramic double rooms (including breakfast and daily cleaning) or apartments with three double bedrooms and three bathrooms



To make your booking, please use the attached "Booking form" and send it directly to La Manga Club to the numbers indicated.

Please take notice that bookings made online through websites or agencies will not be granted the special accommodation package. For further queries regarding travel and hospitality please refer to the Fact sheet.

Please do not hesitate to contact Nadja Koran should you require any further information.

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