

2017
EUROPEAN BEACH TENNIS CHAMPIONSHIPS
SOZOPOL, BULGARIA
8 - 10 September
CIRCULAR 2

DATE

The 2017 European Beach Tennis Championships will take place in the Santa Marina Holiday Village resort in Sozopol, Bulgaria from 8 – 10 September 2017. Teams should arrive on Thursday 7th September and depart on Monday 11th September. The first matches will be played on Friday 8th September and the finals will take place on Sunday 10th September 2017.

VENUE/HOTEL/LOCAL CONTACTS

Championship venue/hotel:

Santa Marina Holiday Village
8130 Sozopol
Tel: +359 2 8 107 700
Email: k.krumov@santamarina.bg
Website: <http://www.santamarina.bg/>

Practice area:

Event venue

Organiser contact before and during the tournament:

Tennis Europe	www.tenniseurope.org	
Nadja Koran	nadjak@tenniseurope.org	+41 61 3359045
Bulgarian Tennis Federation	www.bgtennis.bg	
Katerina Guenova	kguenova@bgtennis.bg	+359 2 8703078 (Office)

PARTICIPATING NATIONS

Professional event: Austria, Belgium, Bulgaria, Cyprus, Czech Republic, France, Germany, Great Britain, Greece, Hungary, Israel, Italy, Latvia, Lithuania, Moldova, Poland, Portugal, Russia, San Marino, Slovakia, Spain, Switzerland

Junior event: Belgium, Bulgaria, Germany, Italy, Lithuania, Russia, San Marino, Spain

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
Girls' Doubles 18&Under
Mixed Doubles 18&Under

Each National Association may enter a maximum of 2 Boys', 2 Girls' and 2 Mixed Doubles 18&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 24 and above on the first day of the competition) 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).

Junior players who entered the junior event are not allowed to participate in the professional event at the same time.

Players Age Eligibility - Juniors

A player must be in "good standing" with their national association. Only boys and girls who are affiliated under the jurisdiction of a national tennis association may compete in the European Beach Tennis Championships for juniors. Players must be born between 1999 and 2004 inclusive and must have reached his/her 13th birthday by the first day of main draw. For the 2017 edition players born between 9 September and 31 December 1998 shall also be eligible.

NOMINATIONS

The nominations with the full names of players have to be sent by the National Federation or the national entry authority by **Tuesday, 8th August 2017** to Tennis Europe.

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>).

Colour photocopies of the passports of all nominated players and captains shall be sent to Tennis Europe together with the nominations form.

Nominations may be changed up to the **sign-in deadline on Thursday, 7th September 2017 at 16:00 hours**. Thereafter no change is permitted.

WITHDRAWAL

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

Any team that is withdrawing its entry later than 8th August 2017, shall be responsible for the payment of the accommodation package and the entry fees, which cannot be reimbursed.

ENTRY FEES

Professionals

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

Juniors

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

HOSPITALITY PACKAGE

A subsidised hospitality package is offered for 460 EUR per doubles team (not including the entry fee) and 370 EUR per captain. The hospitality fee will be invoiced by Tennis Europe together with the entry fee after the entry deadline. Hotel reservations will be made automatically for players and captains.

Hospitality will start with dinner on Thursday 7th September preceding the start of the competition and terminate with the breakfast on Monday 11th September. The package includes four nights in a double room (Santa Marina Holiday Village, Sozopol, 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.

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.



PAYMENT

The invoices for the entry fee and the hospitality packages for the players and the captain will be sent by email to the respective person in charge at the national association.

Please make sure that the fees are transferred within the given time frame. On-site payments are not permitted.

TRAVEL INFORMATION & TRANSPORTATION

The closest airport to the Santa Marina Holiday Village complex is Bourgas Airport, <http://www.bourgas-airport.com/Home/tabid/36/language/de-DE> (approx. 35 km).

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 k.krumov@santamarina.bg and copying bft@bgtennis.bg including the exact number of people with the time and number of the arrival and departure flights.

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.

VISA

In case a visa is needed for Bulgaria, please send your request by 26th August to the Bulgarian Tennis Federation (bft@bgtennis.bg, Ph: +35928703078, Fax: +35928703078) in order to receive your visa invitation on time.

SOCIAL ACTIVITIES

www.sozopol.bg /Sozopol Municipality/

www.apollonia.bg/program-en /Festival of Arts/

RULES & REGULATIONS

The Beach Tennis Rules and Regulations of the International Tennis Federation shall apply.

FORMAT/SCORING

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)

38 teams, knockout format, consolation draw is played, play-off for 3rd place in main draw only.

Round 1, 2, 3 (if played) and consolation: match tie break instead of a third set. From quarter finals onwards: best of three sets (tie break at 6:6).

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

37 teams, knockout format, consolation draw is played, play-off for 3rd place in main draw only.

Round 1, 2, 3 (if played) and consolation: match tie break instead of a third set. From quarter finals onwards: best of three sets (tie break at 6:6).

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

41 teams, knockout format, no consolation draw is played, play-off for 3rd place. Best of three sets with a tie-break at 6:6, a match tie break instead of a third set.

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

Junior event

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

Boys' Doubles 18&Under: Nations are allowed to enter up to 2 teams per nation (BUL 3 teams)

12 teams, round robin format.

Round 1, 2, 3 (if played) and consolation: match tie break instead of a third set. From quarter finals onwards: best of three sets (tie break at 6:6).

Girls' Doubles 18&Under: Nations are allowed to enter up to 2 teams per nation (BUL 3 teams)

11 teams, round robin format

Round 1, 2, 3 (if played) and consolation: match tie break instead of a third set. From quarter finals onwards: best of three sets (tie break at 6:6).



Mixed Doubles 18&Under: Nations are allowed to enter up to 2 teams per nation (BUL 3 teams) 15 teams, round robin format. Best of three sets with a tie-break at 6:6, a match tie break instead of a third set.

Only players that participate in Boys'/Girls' 18&Under Doubles are allowed to enter.

BALLS

Quicksand "orange" balls (Stage 2, Approved balls 2016)

RACKET

Paddle rackets must be used. (Page 4 in ITF Provisional Rules)

COURT

The court is a rectangle, 16m x 8m. The height of the net is 1.7m. (Page 4 in ITF Provisional Rules)

SEEDING

According to the ITF Beach Tennis ranking. Exceptions can be made by the tournament director, in agreement with Tennis Europe

PRACTISE COURTS

	Main Venue
Thu, 7 Sep	13:00-18:00
Fri, 8 Sep	08:00-17:00
Sat, 9 Sep	08:00-17:00
Sun, 10 Sep	08:00-TBC

ITF RANKING POINTS (for European Beach Tennis Championships)

TOURNAMENT CATEGORIES AND RANKING POINTS

Tournaments shall be classified into prize money categories, with ranking points as set out below.

Tournament category	Winner	Final	Semi Final	Quarter Final	R16	R32
World Championships	275	170	110	60	30	15
\$50,000 / \$35,000+H	250	150	90	45	20	10
\$25,000 / \$15,000+H	125	75	45	25	10	5
Regional Championships	90	55	30	15	6	
\$10,000	80	48	29	15	6	4
\$6,500	35	20	10	5	3	
\$2,500	27	15	8	4	2	
Non Prize Money	10	6	3	1		

NATIONS RANKING

Special award for the best three nations participating in the European Beach Tennis Championships. Points awarded:

	Men's Doubles	Women's Doubles	Mixed Doubles
Main Draw			
Winner	100	100	80
Runner-up	60	60	40
3rd	45	45	25
4th	35	35	15
5-8th	20	20	5
9-16th	10	10	0
17-64th	0	0	0
Consolation			
Winner	20	20	
Runner-up	10	10	
3rd/4th	5	5	
5-8th	3	3	
9-32rd	0	0	



In case two or more nations receive the same number of points the position in the ranking is shared. Only the results from the professional event are considered for this award.

REFEREE

TBC

RULES AND REGULATIONS

ITF Beach Tennis Tour Rules & Regulations:

<http://content.yudu.com/Library/A212u2/2013ITFBeachTennisTo/resources/index.htm?referrerUrl=http%3A%2F%2Fwww.itftennis.com%2Fbeachtennis%2Ftournaments%2F2013-calendar%2Fjune.aspx>

ITF Rules of Beach Tennis:

<http://content.yudu.com/Library/A21ux1/2013RulesofBeachTenn/resources/index.htm?referrerUrl=http%3A%2F%2Fwww.itftennis.com%2Fbeachtennis%2Fabout-beach-tennis%2Fhow-to-play.aspx>

PROVISIONAL SCHEDULE

DAY 1 – Thursday, 7th September 2017

Whole day Team arrivals
13:00 - 18.00 Practices
16.00 - 17.30 Sign-in for all (professional and junior teams)
17.30 - 17.45 Captains'/Player representative meeting
17:45 Draw ceremony (all)
18.30 Opening ceremony, Welcome Drink for players and captains

DAY 2 – Friday, 8th September 2017

08:00 - 17.00 Practices
10.00 - 19.30 First round matches MD, WD, XD, BD, GD and XD Juniors

DAY 3 - Saturday, 9th September 2017

08:00 - 17.00 Practices
10.00 - 15.00 Second round matches MD, WD, XD, BD, GD and XD Juniors
14.00 - 21.00 Draw consolation & first round consolation MD & WD
15.00 - 21.00 Quarter finals MD, WD, XD, BD, GD and XD Juniors
20.00 Official dinner/Party

DAY 4 - Sunday, 10th September 2017

08:00 - 10.00 Practices
10.00 Consolation MD & WD
11.00 Semi-finals MD, WD, XD, BD, GD and XD Juniors
14.00 Finals Consolation, MD & WD
15.00 Finals MD, WD, XD, BD, GD and XD Juniors
17.00 Prize-giving ceremony

Monday, 11th September 2017

Whole day Team departures

24.07.2017/NK

