



# 2012 EUROPEAN BEACH TENNIS CHAMPIONSHIPS

Borgo Maggiore, SAN MARINO

## CIRCULAR N° 1

### 1. INTRODUCTION

San Marino will host the fifth edition of the European Beach Tennis Championships. In this event the best national beach tennis doubles teams compete to be European Beach Tennis Champion of an open age category. Players will receive ranking points for the ITF Beach Tennis Tour. This event is categorised as B1 events.

### 2. DATE

The 2012 European Beach Tennis Championships will take place in week 35. Teams should arrive on Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> August and depart on Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> September 2012. The first matches will be played on Friday 31<sup>st</sup> August and the final will be played on Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> September 2012.

### 3. VENUE

The event will take place in Borgo Maggiore in the IBS Beach Planet which is located within the Centro Vacanze San Marino.

Address:

IBS Beach Planet  
Strada San Michele 50  
47893 Borgo Maggiore  
Republic San Marino  
[www.ibsbeachplanet.com/](http://www.ibsbeachplanet.com/)

*The village, nestled within a natural park, is located on a hillside, from where you can see a big part of the Adriatic coast of Rimini. These environment makes it the ideal place to spend a relaxing and at the same time active holiday. It is only a 5 minute drive away from the historical center of San Marino and 15 minutes from the beaches of Rimini.*

[www.visitsanmarino.com](http://www.visitsanmarino.com) - [www.sanmarino2000.sm](http://www.sanmarino2000.sm)



### 4. NATIONAL ASSOCIATION & HOST ORGANISER

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A.S. Beach Tennis San Marino [www.beachtennisrsm.altervista.org](http://www.beachtennisrsm.altervista.org)



## 5. ENTRIES

The 2012 European Beach Tennis Championships is open to all member nations of Tennis Europe.

Entry authority is the national tennis federation or the assigned national beach tennis organisation.

The attached Entry Form is to be filled in by the respective entry authority and to be returned by **Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> June 2012 at 14:00 GMT at the latest** to Tennis Europe, Jessica Browning, [jessicab@tenniseurope.org](mailto:jessicab@tenniseurope.org), Fax +41 61 331 7253.

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 San Marino is entitled to enter 1 more Men's, Women's and Mixed Doubles Team.

## 6. NOMINATIONS

All entered nations will receive the nominations forms after the entry deadline. The namely nominations of the players have to be sent by the national federation or the national entry authority by 10<sup>th</sup> August 2012 to Tennis Europe. As far as the qualification of a player to represent a country is concerned, the ITF Rules shall apply.

## 7. ENTRY FEES

The entry fee for Men's, Women's and Mixed Doubles is 55 € per doubles team and event.

## 8. HOSPITALITY PACKAGE

In addition to the entry fee a subsidised hospitality package is offered for 300 € per doubles team (to be invoiced by Tennis Europe together with the entry fee) and 150 € per captain.

Hospitality will start with dinner on Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> August preceding the start of the competition and terminate with the breakfast on Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> September. Four nights in a double chalet studio (4\* residence Centro Vacanze San Marino) and three meals per day are included. Players of the same gender and team shall be accommodated in double/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 double/twin room allocation have to be paid by the players.

## 9. TRAVEL INFORMATION AND TRANSPORTATION

The Republic of San Marino is located in Central Italy, 10 km far from the Adriatic Sea; only road connections with Italy.

**BY PLANE:** - International Airports Rimini-San Marino Airport "F. Fellini" 27 km - [www.riminiairport.com](http://www.riminiairport.com)  
- Forlì Airport "L. Ridolfi" 72 km - [www.forliairport.com](http://www.forliairport.com)  
- Bologna Airport "G. Marconi" 132 km - [www.bologna-airport.it](http://www.bologna-airport.it)

**BY CAR:** - Motorway A14 Bologna-Ancona; Rimini Sud exit - Dual Carriageway Rimini-San Marino SS72

**BY TRAIN:** - Rimini Railway Station (buses from Rimini to San Marino)  
Call center Trenitalia: from San Marino and Italy - tel. 892021  
Call center Trenitalia: from abroad - tel. +39 06 68475475 [www.trenitalia.com](http://www.trenitalia.com)

### Bus Line San Marino-Rimini

[www.bus.it/benedettini](http://www.bus.it/benedettini) - [www.bonellibus.com](http://www.bonellibus.com), Ticket from Rimini: from Railway Station

For any information: CONSORZIO SAN MARINO 200, Tel. (+378) 0549.995031

E-mail: [info@sanmarino2000.sm](mailto:info@sanmarino2000.sm), [www.sanmarino2000.sm](http://www.sanmarino2000.sm)

The organisers **will not** reimburse any travel expenses.

## 10. VISA

In case a visa is needed please send your request as soon as possible to Sandra Berardi, Sammarinese Tennis Federation, by email [fst@omniway.sm](mailto:fst@omniway.sm) or by fax + 378 0549990584.

## 11. RULES & REGULATIONS

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

## 12. WITHDRAWALS

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

Any team that withdraws its entry later than 10<sup>th</sup> August 2011 shall be fined. This fine shall be 150€ per team.

## 13. CHANGE OF NOMINATIONS

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

## 14. FORMAT OF THE COMPETITION

The European Championships are played in individual 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

Draw size: Approx. 32 doubles teams, knockout format (European Beach Tennis Champion, Men's Doubles), consolation draw is played.

**Women's Doubles:** Nations are allowed to enter up to 2 teams per nation

Draw size: 32 doubles teams (European Beach Tennis Champion, Women's Doubles), consolation draw is played.

**Mixed Doubles:** Nations are allowed to enter up to 2 teams per nation

Draw size: 32 doubles teams (European Beach Tennis Champion, Mixed Doubles), no consolation is played. Only players that participate in Men's/Women's Doubles are allowed to enter.

**Team Rating:** Special Award for best participating nation

## 15. PROVISIONAL SCHEDULE

### Thursday, 30<sup>th</sup> August 2012

Whole day Team arrivals  
15:00 - 19.00 Practice  
17.45 - 18.30 Sign In for MD, WD & MX  
18.45 - 19.00 Captains'/Player representative meeting  
19:15 Draw ceremony MD, WD & MX  
20:00 Opening ceremony, Welcome Drink for players

### Friday, 31<sup>st</sup> August 2012

08:00 - 10.00 Practice  
10.00 - 21.00 First round MD, WD & MX

### Saturday, 1<sup>st</sup> September 2012

08:00 - 10.00 Practice  
10.00 - 15.00 Second round MD, WD & MX  
14.00 - 21.00 Draw consolation & start consolation rounds MD & WD  
15.00 - 21.00 Quarter finals MD, WD & MX  
20.00 Official dinner/Party

### Sunday, 2<sup>nd</sup> September 2012

11.00 Semi-finals MD, WD & MX  
15.00 Finals MD, WD & MX  
17.00 Prize-giving ceremony

**Monday** Whole day Team departures