



**2013**  
**EUROPEAN BEACH TENNIS CHAMPIONSHIPS**  
**BRIGHTON, UNITED KINGDOM**  
**9 - 11 AUGUST**

**CIRCULAR N° 2**

**DATE**

The 2013 European Beach Tennis Championships will take place in week 32.  
Teams should arrive on Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> August and depart on Monday 12<sup>th</sup> August 2013.  
The first matches will be played on Friday 9<sup>th</sup> August and the final will be played on Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> August 2013.

**VENUE/HOTEL/LOCAL CONTACTS**

**Championship venue:**

Yellowwave, 299 Madeira Drive, Brighton and Hove, Brighton, East Sussex BN2 1EN

Tel: + 44 (0) 1273 672222

[Yellowwave.co.uk/](http://Yellowwave.co.uk/)

**Practice area:**

Yellowwave (event venue)

Courts below The Grand Hotel

**Official hotels:**

Brighton City Centre Premier Inn, 144 North Street, Brighton, East Sussex BN1 1RE

Tel: + 44 (0)1273 746833

[premierinn.com](http://premierinn.com)

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## PARTICIPATING NATIONS (tbc)

Austria, Belgium, Bulgaria, Cyprus, Czech Republic, France, Germany, Great Britain, Greece, Hungary, Italy, Lithuania, the Netherlands, Poland, Portugal, Russia, San Marino, Slovenia, Spain, Switzerland, Ukraine.

## NOMINATIONS

The nominations with the full names of the players have to be sent by the National Federation or the national entry authority by **Monday 15<sup>th</sup> July 2013** 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>). The passports of the 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 8<sup>th</sup> August 2013 at 17:30**, thereafter no change is permitted.

## WITHDRAWAL

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

Any team that withdraws its entry later than 15<sup>th</sup> July 2013 shall be fined. This fine shall be the full amount of the cost of the accommodation, € 345 per team and € 200 per captain.

## ENTRY FEES

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

## HOSPITALITY PACKAGE

A subsidised hospitality package is offered for 345 € per doubles team (excluding the entry fee) and 200 € 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 8<sup>th</sup> August preceding the start of the competition and terminate with the breakfast on Monday 12<sup>th</sup> August. The package includes four nights in a double room (3\* hotel Brighton City Centre Premier Inn) and three meals per day for two players. Players of the same gender and team shall be accommodated in double 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 room allocation have to be paid by the players.

Any additional nights for players and the accommodation of accompanying persons can be booked through: Brighton City Centre Premier Inn [premierinn.com](http://premierinn.com)

Special rates for additional nights: NO SPECIAL RATES AVAILABLE

Prices per person per night (Breakfast included)	Brighton City Centre Premier Inn
Single room	From £116
Double/Twin room	From £116

## 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.

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

## TRAVEL INFORMATION & TRANSPORTATION

No official transportation will be available between airports, train & bus stations and the official Hotel. Local transportation details (hotel/championship venue/practice courts) will be provided upon arrival.

**Gatwick Airport** is the nearest airport to Brighton, 48km (30 miles)

By Train – There are direct trains to Brighton. The journey takes about 30 minutes.

By Taxi – The journey takes about 30 minutes.

By Coach – The journey takes about 45 minutes.

**Heathrow Airport** is 112km (69 miles)

By Train - Take the London Underground to London Victoria & connect with a mainline train to Brighton.

The journey takes about 2 hours 15 minutes.

By Taxi – The journey takes about 90 minutes.

By Coach – The journey takes about 2 hours 30 minutes.

**Stansted Airport** is 154km (96 miles)

By Train – This journey involves 2 changes, usually at Tottenham Hale for an Underground train to Victoria, where you connect with a mainline train to Brighton. The journey takes about 2 hours 30 minutes

By Coach – This journey involves 1 change at Victoria Coach Station. The journey takes about 4 hours 30 minutes.

**Luton Airport** is 156km (97 miles)

By Train – There is a direct service to Brighton & the journey takes about 2 hours.

By Coach – This journey involves 1 change at Victoria Coach Station. The journey takes about 4 hours.

### Transport contact details

Train: [www.nationalrail.com](http://www.nationalrail.com) - The hotel is about 10 minute walk from Brighton station

Coach: [www.nationalexpress.com](http://www.nationalexpress.com) - Coaches arrive at Pool Valley Coach Station, which is very central & just a short walk to the hotel.

Taxi: [www.taxibrighton.com](http://www.taxibrighton.com)

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

## VISA

In case a visa is needed please send your request as soon as possible to George Donnelly, LTA, by email [george.donnelly@lta.org.uk](mailto:george.donnelly@lta.org.uk)

## SOCIAL ACTIVITIES

Please see [www.visitbrighton.com](http://www.visitbrighton.com) website for the many things to do in Brighton.

## RULES & REGULATIONS

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

### FORMAT/SCORING

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 (UK 3 teams)

35 teams (tbc), knockout format, consolation draw is played, play-off for 3<sup>rd</sup> 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 (UK 3 teams)

37 teams (tbc), knockout format, consolation draw is played, play-off for 3<sup>rd</sup> 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 (UK 3 teams)



36 teams (tbc), knockout format, no consolation draw is played, play-off for 3<sup>rd</sup> 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.

**European Beach Tennis Championships Nations Ranking:**

Special award for the best three participating nations.

Points for European Beach Tennis Championships Nations Ranking:

(In case two or more nations receive the same number of points the position in the ranking is shared)

	Men's Doubles	Women's Doubles	Mixed Doubles
<b>Main Draw</b>			
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
<b>Consolation</b>			
Winner	20	20	
Runner-up	10	10	
3rd/4th	5	5	
5-8th	3	3	
9-32rd	0	0	

**BALLS:** Babolat "orange" balls (Page 4 in ITF Provisional Rules).

**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

**REFEREE:** Clare Wood (GBR)

ITF BEACH TENNIS TOUR – Rules and 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>

ITF RANKING POINTS for European Championships (B1)

Grade	World Championships	Regional Championships	
	A	B1	B2
Winner	250	180	80
Runner-up	180	120	50
Semi-finalist	120	80	30
Quarter-finalist	80	50	15
Losers in last 16	50	30	5
Losers in last 32	30	-	-

## PROVISIONAL SCHEDULE

### DAY 1 - Thursday, 8<sup>th</sup> August 2013

Whole day Team arrivals  
15:00 – 18:30 Practice (at Yellowwave)  
16:00 – 17:30 Sign In for MD, WD & MX (at Yellowwave) – ID/passport!  
17:30 – 17:45 Captains'/Player representative meeting (at Yellowwave)  
17:45 Draw ceremony MD, WD & MX  
19:00 Opening ceremony, Welcome Drink for players and Captains

### DAY 2 - Friday, 9<sup>th</sup> August 2013

08:00 – 17:00 Practice (Courts below The Grand Hotel)  
10:00 – 19:30 First round MD, WD & MX on 4 courts

### DAY 3 - Saturday, 10<sup>th</sup> August 2013

08:00 – 17:00 Practice (Courts below The Grand Hotel)  
10:00 – 15:00 MD, WD & MX  
14:00 – 21:00 Draw consolation & first round consolation MD & WD  
15:00 – 21:00 Quarter finals MD, WD & MX  
20:00 Gala dinner at Thistle Hotel

### DAY 4 - Sunday, 11<sup>th</sup> August 2013

08:00 – 10:00 Practice on 5 courts  
10:00 Consolation MD & WD  
11:00 Semi-finals MD, WD & MX  
14:00 Finals Consolation, MD & WD  
15:00 Finals MD, WD & MX  
After the finals Prize-giving ceremony

**Monday** Whole day Team departures

#### Practice courts:

Thursday 8 August: 15:00 onwards at Yellowwave (event venue)  
Friday 9 August: 8:00 – 17:00 Courts below The Grand Hotel  
Saturday 10 August: 8:00 – 17:00 Courts below The Grand Hotel  
Sunday 11 August: 8:00 onwards at Yellowwave (event venue)

## COMMUNICATION

Check the various event pages of the European Beach Tennis Championships:

[www.facebook.com/pages/Tennis-Europe/40211773432](http://www.facebook.com/pages/Tennis-Europe/40211773432)

[www.tenniseurope.org/page.aspx?id=15934](http://www.tenniseurope.org/page.aspx?id=15934)

[www.tenniseurope.org/photobooks.aspx?id=43](http://www.tenniseurope.org/photobooks.aspx?id=43) (photo gallery)

[www.lta.org.uk/clubs-schools/Beach-Tennis/](http://www.lta.org.uk/clubs-schools/Beach-Tennis/)

[www.beachtennisuk.co.uk](http://www.beachtennisuk.co.uk)

[www.facebook.com/#!/ITFbeachtennis](http://www.facebook.com/#!/ITFbeachtennis)