

# 2014 EUROPEAN BEACH TENNIS CHAMPIONSHIPS BRIGHTON, UNITED KINGDOM 8 - 10 AUGUST

## CIRCULAR N° 1 & ENTRY FORM

### 1. INTRODUCTION

Brighton will host the eighth 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 2014 European Beach Tennis Championships will take place in week 32. Teams should arrive on Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> August and depart on Monday 11<sup>th</sup> August 2014. The first matches will be played on Friday 8<sup>th</sup> August and the final will be played on Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> August 2014.



### 3. VENUE

Brighton is situated on the south coast of England, just 87km (55 miles) from London and is a vibrant, colourful and creative city. From iconic tourist attractions to beachfront cool, Brighton is a treasure trove of things to do and places to go. [www.visitbrighton.com](http://www.visitbrighton.com)



The event will take place in Brighton at the Yellowwave Beach Sports Venue  
Yellowwave, 299 Madeira Drive, Brighton and Hove, Brighton, East Sussex BN2 1EN  
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### 4. TENNIS EUROPE / NATIONAL ASSOCIATION / HOST ORGANISER

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## 5. ENTRIES

The 2014 European Beach Tennis Championships is open to all member nations of Tennis Europe. The 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 to the Tennis Europe office to Nadja Koran, [nadjak@tenniseurope.org](mailto:nadjak@tenniseurope.org), Fax +41 61 331 7253 before **Friday 6<sup>th</sup> June 2014 at 14:00 GMT**.

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 Great Britain is entitled to enter 1 additional Men's, Women's and Mixed Doubles Team.

## 6. NOMINATIONS

All entered nations will receive the Nomination Forms after the entry deadline (13<sup>th</sup> June 2014). The nominations with the full names of the players have to be sent by the National Federation or the national entry authority by **Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> July 2014** 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.iftennis.com/beachtennis/about-beach-tennis/overview.aspx>).

## 7. ENTRY FEES

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

## 8. HOSPITALITY PACKAGE

In addition to the entry fee a subsidised hospitality package is offered for 430 € per doubles team (not including the entry fee) and 265 € 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 7<sup>th</sup> August preceding the start of the competition and terminate with the breakfast on Monday 11<sup>th</sup> August. The package includes four nights in a double room (3\* hotel Holiday Inn Brighton) 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 by the players.

## 9. TRAVEL INFORMATION AND TRANSPORTATION

**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**

[www.nationalrail.com](http://www.nationalrail.com) - The hotel is about 20 minute walk from Brighton station

[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.

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

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

## **10. VISA**

In case a visa is needed please send your request by email to [info@beachtennisuk.co.uk](mailto:info@beachtennisuk.co.uk).

## **11. RULES & REGULATIONS**

The Beach Tennis 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 is withdrawing its entry later than 1<sup>st</sup> July 2014 shall be fined. This fine shall be the full amount of the cost of the accommodation, € 430 per team and € 265 per captain.

## **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 (UK 3 teams)

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

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

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

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

**Team Rating:** Special Award for best three participating nations

## 15. PROVISIONAL SCHEDULE (subject to change)

### DAY 1 - Thursday, 7<sup>th</sup> August 2014

Whole day Team arrivals  
13:00 - 18.00 Practice (at Yellowwave)  
16.00 - 17.30 Sign In for MD, WD & MX  
17.30 - 17.45 Captains'/Player representative meeting  
17:45 Draw ceremony MD, WD & MX  
18.30 Opening ceremony, Welcome Drink for players and Captains

### DAY 2 - Friday, 8<sup>th</sup> August 2014

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, 9<sup>th</sup> August 2014

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 Official dinner/Party

### DAY 4 - Sunday, 10<sup>th</sup> August 2014

08:00 - 10.00 Practice on 6 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  
17.00 Prize-giving ceremony

**Monday** Whole day Team departures

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