

2015
EUROPEAN BEACH TENNIS CHAMPIONSHIPS
EILAT, ISRAEL
22 - 24 October
CIRCULAR 1 & ENTRY FORM

1. INTRODUCTION

Eilat will host the ninth edition of the European Beach Tennis Championships. In this event the best European 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 event.



2. DATE

The 2015 European Beach Tennis Championships will take place from 22nd October until 24th October. Teams should arrive on Wednesday 21st October and depart on Sunday 25th October 2015. The first matches will be played on Thursday 22nd October and the finals will be played on Saturday 24th October 2015.

3. VENUE

Eilat is Israel's most southern city, a busy port and popular resort located at the northern tip of the Red Sea, on the Gulf of Aqaba. The city's beaches, coral reef, nightlife and desert landscapes make it a popular destination for domestic and international tourism. For more information visit: <http://www.redseaeilat.com/>

The event will take place in Eilat at the Northern Beach, Durban street , phone +972 534455014, website www.ita.co.il



4. TENNIS EUROPE / NATIONAL ASSOCIATION / HOST ORGANISER

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5. ENTRIES

The 2015 European Beach Tennis Championships is open to all member nations of Tennis Europe. The Entry authority is the National Tennis Federation. 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, Fax +41 61 331 7253 before **Monday 24th August 2015 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 Israel 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. The completed nominations with the full names of the players have to be sent by the National Federation or the national entry authority by **Tuesday 7th September 2015** 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>).

7. ENTRY FEES

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

The entry fee for Mixed Doubles is 30 EUR per each team.

8. HOSPITALITY PACKAGE

In addition to the entry fee a subsidised hospitality package is offered for 460 EUR per doubles team (not including the entry fee) and 365 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 Wednesday 21st October preceding the start of the competition and terminate with the breakfast on Sunday 25th October. The package includes four nights in a double room (4* MUSIC Prima Hotel, Iz margad Street, Almog Beach, Eilat) and three meals per day for two players (breakfast in the hotel, lunch on-site, dinner at local restaurant). 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

Eilat Airport is the nearest airport to the venue. (approximately 1 km). Tel-Aviv Airport is 400km away from Eilat.

To travel from Tel-Aviv to Eilat:

By plane

Domestic Airline "Arkia" (www.arkia.co.il) and "Israil" (www.israil.co.il) operating from Terminal 3 in Ben Gurion in Tel-Aviv. The flight takes 40 minutes.

By bus

Company "EGGED" operating from Tel Aviv central bus station. The ride takes approximately 5 hours.

Transport contact details

www.arkia.co.il

www.israil.co.il

www.egged.co.il

The organisers are not responsible for any travel arrangements and **will not** reimburse any travel expenses.

10. VISA

In case a visa is needed please send your request by email to beach@ita.co.il

11. RULES & REGULATIONS

All players must be in good standing with their national associations and in accordance with Appendix A. The ITF Beach Tennis Tour Regulations and the ITF Rules of Beach tennis 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 7th September 2015 shall be fined. This fine shall be the full amount of the cost of the accommodation, 460 EUR per team and 365 EUR 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 (ISR 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 (ISR 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 (ISR 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.

Nations Ranking: Special Award for best three participating nations

15. PROVISIONAL SCHEDULE (subject to change)

DAY 1 – Wednesday , 21st October 2015

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

DAY 2 – Thursday , 22nd October 2015

08:00 - 17.00 Practice
10.00 - 19.30 First round MD, WD & XD on 4 courts

DAY 3 - Friday, 23rd October 2015

08:00 - 17.00 Practice
10.00 - 15.00 MD, WD & XD
14.00 - 21.00 Draw consolation & first round consolation MD & WD
15.00 - 21.00 Quarter finals MD, WD & XD
20.00 Official dinner/Party

DAY 4 - Saturday, 24th October 2015

08:00 - 10.00 Practice on 6 courts
10.00 Consolation MD & WD
11.00 Semi-finals MD, WD & XD
14.00 Finals Consolation, MD & WD
15.00 Finals MD, WD & XD
17.00 Prize-giving ceremony

Sunday, 25th October 2015

Whole day Team departures

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