



# 2015

## EUROPEAN BEACH TENNIS CHAMPIONSHIPS

### EILAT, ISRAEL

### 22 - 24 October

#### CIRCULAR N° 2

#### DATE

The 2015 European Beach Tennis Championships will take place in Eilat, Israel from 22 – 24 October. Teams should arrive on Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> October and depart on Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> October 2015. The first matches will be played on Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> October and the finals will be played on Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> October 2015.

#### VENUE/HOTEL/LOCAL CONTACTS

##### Championship venue:

Northern Beach, Durban Street, Eilat, Israel

Tel: +972 534455014

[www.ita.co.il](http://www.ita.co.il)

##### Practice area:

Event venue

##### Official hotel:

4\* MUSIC Prima Hotel, Izmgard Street, Almog Beach, Eilat , Israel

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#### Organiser contact before and during the tournament:

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#### PARTICIPATING NATIONS

Belarus, Bulgaria, Cyprus, Estonia, France, Germany, Great Britain, Greece, Israel, Italy, Moldova, Netherlands, Portugal, Russia, Spain, Switzerland

#### 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 7<sup>th</sup> 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>). 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 Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> October 2015 at 16:00 hours**. 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 7<sup>th</sup> September 2015 shall be fined. This fine shall be the full amount of the cost of the accommodation, € 460 per team and € 365 per captain plus the entry fee.

## ENTRY FEES

The entry fee for Men's and Women's Doubles is 55 € per team and event. The entry fee for the Mixed Doubles is € 35 per team and event.

## HOSPITALITY PACKAGE

A subsidised hospitality package is offered for 460 € per doubles team (excluding the entry fee) and 365 € 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 21<sup>st</sup> October preceding the start of the competition and terminate with the breakfast on Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> October 2015. The package includes four nights in a double room (4\* Music Prima Hotel Eilat) 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 any differences have to be paid by the players. Additional guests may make their reservation through Yona as well ([yontourn@inter.net.il](mailto:yontourn@inter.net.il))

The price for extra nights and for the non team delegates is 120\$ for a Single Room and 140\$ for a Double/Twin room on B&B basis.

## 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

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](http://www.arkia.co.il)) and "Israir" ([www.israir.co.il](http://www.israir.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](http://www.arkia.co.il)

[www.israir.co.il](http://www.israir.co.il)

[www.egged.co.il](http://www.egged.co.il)

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

## VISA

In case a visa is needed please send your request as soon as possible to Yona Yair – [yontourn@inter.net.il](mailto:yontourn@inter.net.il)

## SOCIAL ACTIVITIES

<http://www.redseaeilat.com/what-to-do/>

## RULES & REGULATIONS

The Beach Tennis Rules and Regulations 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 (ISR 3 teams)

37 teams, 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 (ISR 3 teams)

37 teams, 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 (ISR 3 teams)

40 teams, 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.

## 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)

## PRACTISE COURTS

	Main Venue	Main Venue (400m away)
Wed, 21 Oct	13:00-18:00	
Thu, 22 Oct		08:00-17:00
Fri, 23 Oct		08:00-17:00
Sat, 24 Oct	08:00-TBC	

## SEEDING

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

## REFEREE

Pavel Lisovtsev

## 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>

### ITF RANKING POINTS (for European Beach Tennis Championships, Grade B1)

	World Championships	Regional Championships	
Grade	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	-	-

### NATIONS RANKING

Special award for the best three participating nations at 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	
9-32nd	0	0	

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

## PROVISIONAL SCHEDULE

### DAY 1 – Wednesday , 21<sup>st</sup> 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  
20:00           Players Party

### DAY 2 – Thursday , 22<sup>nd</sup> October 2015

08:00 - 17.00   Practice  
10.00 - 19.30   First/Second round MD, WD & XD on 6-7 courts

### DAY 3 - Friday, 23<sup>rd</sup> October 2015

08:00 - 17.00   Practice  
10:00 – 19:30   Main Draw and Consolations Matches

### DAY 4 - Saturday, 24<sup>th</sup> October 2015

08:00 - 17.00   Practice  
10:00           Semi Finals  
12:00           Finals  
13:30           Prize-giving ceremony

### Sunday, 25<sup>th</sup> October 2015

Whole day      Team departures

## 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)

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