

**2016**  
**EUROPEAN BEACH TENNIS CHAMPIONSHIPS**  
**SOZOPOL, BULGARIA**  
**9 - 11 September**  
**CIRCULAR 2**

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**DATE**

The 2016 European Beach Tennis Championships will take place in the Santa Marina Holiday Village resort in Sozopol, Bulgaria from 9 – 11 September 2016. Teams should arrive on Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> September and depart on Monday 12<sup>th</sup> September. The first matches will be played on Friday 9<sup>th</sup> September and the finals will take place on Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> September 2016.

**VENUE/HOTEL/LOCAL CONTACTS****Championship venue/hotel:**

Santa Marina Holiday Village  
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Tel: +359 2 8 107 700  
Email: [k.krumov@santamarina.bg](mailto:k.krumov@santamarina.bg)  
Website: <http://www.santamarina.bg/>

**Practice area:**

Event venue

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

Tennis Europe	<a href="http://www.tenniseurope.org">www.tenniseurope.org</a>	
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**PARTICIPATING NATIONS**

**Professional event:** Austria, Belarus, Belgium, Bulgaria, Cyprus, Czech Republic, Estonia, France, Germany, Great Britain, Greece, Hungary, Israel, Italy, Moldova, Portugal, Russia, San Marino, Spain, Switzerland

**Junior event:** Belgium, Bulgaria, Israel, Italy, Lithuania, Russia, Slovakia

**EVENTS STAGED****Professionals**

Men's Doubles  
Women's Doubles  
Mixed Doubles

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

## Juniors

Boys' Doubles 18&Under  
Girls' Doubles 18&Under  
Mixed Doubles 18&Under

Each National Association may enter a maximum of 2 Boys', 2 Girls' and 2 Mixed Doubles 18&Under teams. The squad shall consist of maximum 4 male and 4 female players per country and one national captain, whereas the captain is a mandatory. He/she must be an adult (aged 24 on the first day of the competition) and must not be one of the members of the professional event team. The captain of the professional event team must not be the assigned as a captain of the junior team at the same time. The captain is responsible for all members of the junior team throughout the competition (on and off site).

Only players that participate also in the Boys' and Girls' Doubles competition can participate in the Mixed Doubles event. The host country Bulgaria is entitled to enter 1 additional team in each competition (Boys', Girls' and Mixed Doubles 18&Under).

Junior players who entered the junior event are not allowed to participate in the professional event at the same time.

## Players Age Eligibility

A player must be in "good standing" with their national association. In junior competition, only boys and girls who are under the jurisdiction of a national tennis association affiliated to the ITF and who are born between 10<sup>th</sup> September 1997 and 8<sup>th</sup> September 2002 may compete in the European Beach Tennis Championships for juniors. Players may not participate in the championships unless they have reached their fourteenth (14) birthday before the start of the main draw (9<sup>th</sup> September 2016).

## NOMINATIONS

The nominations with the full names of players have to be sent by the National Federation or the national entry authority by **Thursday, 18<sup>th</sup> August 2016** 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 Thursday, 8<sup>th</sup> September 2016 at 16:00 hours**. Thereafter no change is permitted.

## WITHDRAWAL

Nations whose entries have been accepted into the competition may not withdraw.

Any team that is withdrawing its entry later than 18<sup>th</sup> August 2016, shall be responsible for the payment of the accommodation package and the entry fees, which cannot be reimbursed.

## ENTRY FEES

### Professionals

Men's Doubles	55 EUR (per doubles team)
Women's Doubles	55 EUR (per doubles team)
Mixed Doubles	30 EUR (per team)

### Juniors

Boys' Doubles 18&Under	25 EUR (per doubles team)
Girls' Doubles 18&Under	25 EUR (per doubles team)
Mixed Doubles 18&Under	15 EUR (per team)

## HOSPITALITY PACKAGE

A subsidised hospitality package is offered for 440EUR per doubles team (not including the entry fee) and 350 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 Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> September preceding the start of the competition and terminate with the breakfast on Monday 12<sup>th</sup> September. The package includes four nights in a double room (Santa Marina Holiday Village, Sozopol, Bulgaria) 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 the twin room allocation have to be paid independently.



## 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

The closest airport to the Santa Marina Holiday Village complex is Bourgas Airport, <http://www.bourgas-airport.com/Home/tabid/36/language/de-DE> (approx. 35 km).

Official transportation will be available from/to airport and the Official Hotel and is included in the tournament package. The reservation is only valid with a previous notification sent to [k.krumov@santamarina.bg](mailto:k.krumov@santamarina.bg) and copying [bft@bgtennis.bg](mailto:bft@bgtennis.bg) including the exact number of people with the time and number of the arrival and departure flights.

The courts are within walking distance of the official hotel, so no transportation service is necessary on-site.

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

## VISA

In case a visa is needed for Bulgaria, please send your request by 26<sup>th</sup> August to the Bulgarian Tennis Federation ([bft@bgtennis.bg](mailto:bft@bgtennis.bg), Ph: +35928703078, Fax: +35928703078) in order to receive your visa invitation on time.

## SOCIAL ACTIVITIES

[www.sozopol.bg](http://www.sozopol.bg) /Sozopol Municipality/

[www.apollonia.bg/program-en](http://www.apollonia.bg/program-en) /Festival of Arts/

## RULES & REGULATIONS

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

## FORMAT/SCORING

### Professional event

The European Championships for professionals are played in 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 (BUL 3 teams)

28 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 (BUL 3 teams)

31 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 (BUL 3 teams)

33 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.

### Junior event

The European Championships for juniors 18&Under are played in doubles/mixed teams.

**Boys' Doubles 18&Under:** Nations are allowed to enter up to 2 teams per nation (BUL 3 teams)

12 teams, round robin format.

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).

**Girls' Doubles 18&Under:** Nations are allowed to enter up to 2 teams per nation (BUL 3 teams)

9 teams, round robin format

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 18&Under:** Nations are allowed to enter up to 2 teams per nation (BUL 3 teams) 11 teams, round robin format. 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 Boys'/Girls' 18&Under Doubles are allowed to enter.

## BALLS

Quicksand "orange" balls (Stage 2, Approved balls 2016)

## 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

## PRACTISE COURTS

	Main Venue
<b>Thu, 8 Sep</b>	13:00-18:00
<b>Fri, 9 Sep</b>	08:00-17:00
<b>Sat, 10 Sep</b>	08:00-17:00
<b>Sun, 11 Sep</b>	08:00-TBC

## ITF RANKING POINTS (for European Beach Tennis Championships)

Tournament category	Winner	Final	Semi Final	Quarter Final	R16	R32
World Championships	275	170	110	60	30	15
\$50,000 / \$35,000+H	250	150	90	45	20	10
\$25,000 / \$15,000+H	125	75	45	25	10	5
Regional Championships	90	55	30	15	6	
\$10,000	80	48	29	15	6	4
\$6,500	35	20	10	5	3	
\$2,500	27	15	8	4	2	
Non Prize Money	18	10	6	3	1	

## NATIONS RANKING

Special award for the best three nations participating in 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	



9-32rd	0	0	
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In case two or more nations receive the same number of points the position in the ranking is shared. Only the results from the professional event are considered for this award.

## REFEREE

Lubomir Badinski

## 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>

## PROVISIONAL SCHEDULE

### DAY 1 – Thursday, 8<sup>th</sup> September 2016

Whole day Team arrivals  
 13:00 - 18.00 Practice  
 16.00 - 17.30 Sign-in for all (professional and junior teams)  
 17.30 - 17.45 Captains'/Player representative meeting  
 17:45 Draw ceremony (all)  
 18.30 Opening ceremony, Welcome Drink for players and captains

### DAY 2 – Friday, 9<sup>th</sup> September 2016

08:00 - 17.00 Practice  
 10.00 - 19.30 First round matches MD, WD, XD, BD, GD and XD Juniors

### DAY 3 - Saturday, 10<sup>th</sup> September 2016

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

### DAY 4 - Sunday, 11<sup>th</sup> September 2016

08:00 - 10.00 Practice  
 10.00 Consolation MD & WD  
 11.00 Semi-finals MD, WD, XD, BD, GD and XD Juniors  
 14.00 Finals Consolation, MD & WD  
 15.00 Finals MD, WD, XD, BD, GD and XD Juniors  
 17.00 Prize-giving ceremony

### Monday, 12<sup>th</sup> September 2016

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)



