

# 2022

## EUROPEAN BEACH TENNIS CHAMPIONSHIPS

### CRETE, GREECE

### 29 September – 2 October

### CIRCULAR 1

#### 1. INTRODUCTION

The 15<sup>th</sup> edition of the European Beach Tennis Championships will see the best European beach tennis doubles teams competing to be European Beach Tennis Champion of an open age category. The 2022 event will include once again the junior competition for 18&Under and the 14&Under alongside the main event. Players in the professional event will receive ranking points for the ITF Beach Tennis Tour and players in the junior events will receive ranking points for the ITF Beach Tennis Junior Tour. This event is categorised as Regional Championships (RC2).

#### 2. VENUE

The Lyttos Beach 5\* All Inclusive Resort in Crete was assigned to be for first time the host of the European Beach Tennis Championships. The complex is a beach side facility nestled next to a magnificent sandy beach on the north coast of Crete, within close proximity to central road arteries and the capital of the island, Heraklion. Lyttos Beach offers a range of activities, an oasis of pools, shared, private & olympic size ones for professional training, 18 tennis courts, 4 padel courts, fully equipped gym for free, outside area for gymnastic, aerobic, step, yoga, pilates, Zumba, a family water park, ATM in-house and many others.



#### 3. DATE

The 2022 European Beach Tennis Championships - professional event - will be held over four days, starting **from Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> September until Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> October**. Teams should arrive on Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> September and depart on Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> October. The first matches will be played on Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> September and the finals will take place on Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> October 2022. Junior events for 18&Under and 14&Under will be staged in the same week, preceding the professional competition, starting **from Monday 26<sup>th</sup> September and finishing on Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> September**. The arriving day for juniors is on Sunday, 25<sup>th</sup> September and the departure day is on Thursday, 29<sup>th</sup> September.

## 4. EVENTS STAGED

### Professionals

Men's Doubles

Women's Doubles

Mixed Doubles

Men's Doubles Consolation

Women's Doubles Consolation

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

### Juniors

Boys' Doubles 18&Under, 14&Under

Girls' Doubles 18&Under, 14&Under

Mixed Doubles 18&Under, 14&Under

Each National Association may enter a maximum of 2 Boys', 2 Girls' and 2 Mixed Doubles 18&Under and/or 14&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 minimum of 24 by the sign-in 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 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 Greece is entitled to enter 1 additional team in each competition (Boys', Girls' and Mixed Doubles 18&Under and 14&Under).

### Players Age Eligibility - Juniors

A player must be in "good standing" with his/her national association. In the junior competition, only boys and girls who are under the jurisdiction of a national tennis association affiliated to the ITF, are eligible to play. For both junior competitions taking place alongside the European Beach tennis championships, the below age eligibility process is in place:

U14 – 1<sup>st</sup> January 2008 - 31<sup>st</sup> December 2010

U18 – 1<sup>st</sup> January 2004 – 31<sup>st</sup> December 2008

Players born outside of the dates specified above are not eligible to play in any given junior category.

## 5. ENTRIES

The 2022 European Beach Tennis Championships is open to all Member Nations of Tennis Europe. The online Entry Form is to be filled in and endorsed by the respective National Association before **29<sup>th</sup> July 2022 at 14:00 CET**.

## 6. NOMINATIONS / WITHDRAWALS

All entered nations will have to complete the online Nomination form that will have to be submitted and endorsed by the National Association by **29<sup>th</sup> August 2022 at 24.00 CET**. The Nomination form will be available following the Entry Deadline. As far as the eligibility 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

### Professionals

Men's Doubles

55 EUR (per each doubles team)

Women's Doubles

55 EUR (per each doubles team)

Mixed Doubles

30 EUR (per each team)

### Juniors

Boys' Doubles 18&Under

25 EUR (per each doubles team)

Girls' Doubles 18&Under

25 EUR (per each doubles team)

Mixed Doubles 18&Under

15 EUR (per each team)



## 8. HOSPITALITY PACKAGE

The rooms for teams will be booked automatically based on the information given in the Entry forms. Any changes/amendments must be communicated in writing to [reservations@lyttosbeach.gr](mailto:reservations@lyttosbeach.gr) by 29<sup>th</sup> August 2022.

### Professional event

A subsidised hospitality package is offered for 670 EUR per doubles team (not including the entry fee) and 470 EUR per captain. Hotel reservations for players and captains will be made by the organizing team automatically, as per the information given in the Entry form.

Starts with dinner on Wednesday, 28<sup>th</sup> September preceding the start of the competition and terminate with the breakfast on Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> October. The package includes five nights in a double room (Lyttos Beach Resort, Crete) 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.

### Junior event

A subsidised hospitality package is offered for 470 EUR per doubles team (not including the entry fee) and 370 EUR per captain. Hotel reservations for players and captains will be made by the organizing team automatically, as per the information given in the Entry form.

Starts with dinner on Sunday, 25<sup>th</sup> September preceding the start of the competition and terminate with the breakfast on Wednesday, 28<sup>th</sup> September. The package includes four nights in a double room (Lyttos Beach Resort, Crete) 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.

Important: In both competitions, 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 independently.

For more information please refer to: <https://www.lyttosbeach.gr/>



## 9. PAYMENT

### Hospitality & Entry Fees Payment

The invoices for the Hospitality & Entry fees will be sent to the entered nations following the **Entry deadline, 29<sup>th</sup> July 2022 at 14.00 CET**. They will be issued based on the information given in the Entry forms. All fees shall be paid to Tennis Europe by the **Nomination deadline on 29<sup>th</sup> August 2022 at 24.00 CET**.

### Please note that:

- A team nomination can only be accepted and finally confirmed if the payment of the Hospitality & Entry fees have been transferred and received by Tennis Europe.
- Payments after the Nomination deadline or on-site payments are NOT allowed.

## 10. TRAVEL INFORMATION AND TRANSPORTATION

The closest airport to the venue is the Heraklion International Airport "Nikos Kazantzakis", which is the primary airport on the island of Crete, Greece, and the country's second busiest airport after Athens International Airport. It is located about 5 km east of the main city centre of Heraklion and about 20 mins from the Lyttos Beach Resort.

Official transportation will be available from/to airport and the Official Hotel. Teams will be met at the airport upon their arrival. A van will be provided, whereas the price per person will be 5 €. The price per car is 10 € minimum. The reservation is only valid with a previous notification that must be sent to [f.o.manager@lyttosbeach.gr](mailto:f.o.manager@lyttosbeach.gr) giving the exact number of people with the time and number of the arrival and departure flights.

Any request for airport transportation outside the official dates of arrival and departure or for additional people that are not part of the official team must be sent in advance to [f.o.manager@lyttosbeach.gr](mailto:f.o.manager@lyttosbeach.gr) and will be subject to additional payment.

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

## 10. VISA

In case a visa is needed for Greece, please send your request by email no later than on **1<sup>st</sup> September 2022** to [reservations@lyttosbeach.gr](mailto:reservations@lyttosbeach.gr) <mailto:office@bgtennis.bg> in order to receive your visa invitation letter on time.

## 11. RULES & REGULATIONS

All players must be in good standing with their national associations. 'ITF Beach Tennis Tour Eligibility rules shall apply as defined in Appendix A. Information on "Eligibility of a Player or Captain to Represent a Nation" can be found on the following pages of the Tours' Regulations:

[ITF Beach Tennis World Tour](#) - Page 33

[ITF Beach Tennis Junior Tour](#) - Page 33

## 12. WITHDRAWALS

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

Any team that is withdrawing its entry later than **29<sup>th</sup> August 2022 at 24.00 CET** shall be responsible for the payment of the accommodation package and the entry fees, which cannot be reimbursed.

## 13. CHANGE OF NOMINATIONS

A National Association may change its nominated players up to the sign in deadline (see provisional schedule below), thereafter no change is permitted.

## 14. FORMAT OF THE COMPETITION

### 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 (GRE 3 teams)

Draw size: Approx. 32 doubles teams, knockout format, consolation draw (draw size 16) is played.

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

Draw size: Approx. 32 doubles teams, knockout format, consolation draw (draw size 16) is played.

**Mixed Doubles:** Nations are allowed to enter up to 2 teams per nation (GRE 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 in the professional event. Detailed information will be provided in the Circular 2.

### Junior event 18&Under/14&Under

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

**Boys' Doubles:** Nations are allowed to enter up to 2 teams per nation (GRE 3 teams)

Draw size: TBC

**Girls' Doubles:** Nations are allowed to enter up to 2 teams per nation (GRE 3 teams)

Draw size: TBC

**Mixed Doubles:** Nations are allowed to enter up to 2 teams per nation (GRE 3 teams)

Draw size: TBC

Only players that participate in Boys'/Girls' Doubles are allowed to enter.



## 16. TENNIS EUROPE / HOST NATIONAL ASSOCIATION

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<https://efoa.gr/>

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*Detailed information about the event and organisational matters will be provided with Circular 2.*

For any queries please contact the Tennis Europe office, Nadja Koran at [nadjak@tenniseurope.org](mailto:nadjak@tenniseurope.org)

## 15. PROVISIONAL SCHEDULE (*subject to change*)

### PROFESSIONAL EVENT

#### **DAY 1 – Wednesday, 28<sup>th</sup> September 2022**

Whole day Team arrivals

12:00 - 18.00 Practices

Closure: 15.00 Sign-in for all (professional and junior teams)

15.30 – 17.00 Captains'/Player representative meeting & Draw ceremony

followed by Opening ceremony, Welcome Drink for players and captains

#### **DAY 2 – Thursday, 29<sup>th</sup> September 2022**

08:00 - 17.00 Practices (Practice courts)

09.00 - TBC R64 / R32 for MD and WD plus R32 for XD

#### **DAY 3 - Friday, 30<sup>th</sup> September 2022**

08:00 - 17.00 Practices (Practice courts)

R16 for MD, WD, MDc and WDc plus R16 + QF for XD

19.00 (TBC) Official Dinner/Party

#### **DAY 4 - Saturday, 1<sup>st</sup> October 2022**

08:00 - 17.00 Practices (Practice courts)

QF + SF for MD, WD, MDc and WDc plus SF for XD

#### **DAY 5 - Sunday, 2<sup>nd</sup> October 2022**

08:00 - 10.00 Practices (Practice courts)

5 finals on the Centre Court 17.00 (TBC)

Prize-giving ceremony

#### **DAY 6 - Monday, 3<sup>rd</sup> October 2022**

Whole day Team departures

### JUNIOR EVENT

#### **DAY 1 – Sunday, 25<sup>th</sup> September 2022**

Whole day Team arrivals

12:00 - 18.00 Practices

Closure: 15.00 Sign-in

15.15 – 16.15 Captains'/Player representative meeting & Draw ceremony

followed by Opening ceremony, Welcome Drink for players and captains

#### **DAY 2 – Monday, 26<sup>th</sup> September 2022**

08:00 - 17.00 Practices (Practice courts)

09.00 - TBC Matches BD, GD and XD Juniors

#### **DAY 3 – Tuesday, 27<sup>th</sup> September 2022**

08:00 - 17.00 Practices (Practice courts)

Matches BD, GD and XD Juniors

Draw consolation & first round consolation BD & GD (if any)

19.00 (TBC) Official Dinner/Party

#### **DAY 4 – Wednesday, 28<sup>th</sup> September 2022**

08:00 - 11.00 Practices (Practice courts)

Finals BD, GD and XD Juniors

(TBC) Prize-giving ceremony

#### **DAY 5 - Thursday, 29<sup>th</sup> September 2022**

Whole day Team departures

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