

2017 ITF SUPER-SENIORS WORLD INDIVIDUAL CHAMPIONSHIPS

Lake Nona, FL, USA

14-21 October 2017



# 2017 ITF Super-Seniors World Individual Championships

Men's and Women's 65-85 (singles, doubles, mixed doubles)

**14 October-21 October 2017**

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As of 29 June 2017



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**Venue and Surface:**

USTA National Campus, Lake Nona, Orlando, Florida, USA

**Events**

**32 Clay Courts**

**Men:** 65, 70, 75, 80, 85 (singles, doubles and mixed doubles)  
**Women:** 65, 70, 75, 80, 85 (singles, doubles and mixed doubles)

*It is important to note that in the event of bad weather, it may be necessary to use the Hard Courts available.*

**Tournament Dates and Deadlines:**

**Saturday 14 October – Saturday 21 October  
2017**

**Entry deadline:** Wednesday 13 September at 14.00hrs GMT

**Withdrawal deadline:** Tuesday 10 October at 14.00hrs GMT

**Doubles matching deadline:** Tuesday 10 October 2017 at 14.00hrs GMT

The above deadlines will be strictly applied to all competitors without exception.

**Entries**

**MEN:** 65,70,75,80,85 (singles, doubles and mixed doubles)

**WOMEN:** 65,70,75,80,85 (singles, doubles and mixed doubles)

All age categories will be played on clay courts.

**Entries will not open until 3 July.**

**The entry process is a 2 stage process:**

Stage 1 – Enter the tournament via your IPIN account – [www.itftennis.com/ipin](http://www.itftennis.com/ipin)

Stage 2 – Entry fee to be paid using the following link:

<http://www.itftennis.com/seniors/registration/championship-payment.aspx>

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## **Entry Fee Payment:**

**Entry Fee: US \$150**

According to section I, rule 55 of the ITF Seniors Regulations, entries **will NOT be accepted without the entry fee** of **US\$150 (approx. €133/£116)** which **is payable by the entry deadline** per person whether for entry into singles AND doubles AND Mixed Doubles.

Players may enter up to three events (no more than one each of singles, doubles and mixed). Please note that any player entering three events must be prepared to play three matches in a day.

Method of payment – Please pay online via the following link:

<http://www.itftennis.com/seniors/registration/championship-payment.aspx>

**Refunds:** Refunds in full will be made if withdrawal is notified before the withdrawal deadline of 10 October 2017 at 14:00 GMT. If withdrawal is notified after the withdrawal deadline, refunds will only be made for reasons of health, injury or bereavement. Withdrawals after the draw has been made will not be refunded.

## **Eligibility:**

Only those players who are under the jurisdiction of a national tennis association affiliated to the ITF and who have reached, or will have reached, the minimum age limit of the category entered on or before 31 December 2017, shall be eligible to compete. They must be in “good standing” with their National Association as defined in Appendix V of the ITF Seniors Regulations. All players must have a valid Seniors IPIN in order to compete.

Passports showing name, nationality and date of birth will be requested on site by the ITF, For the purposes of monitoring eligibility.

## **Main Draw and Qualifying Draw**

**Maximum Draw Size:** 128 in the singles events and 64 in the doubles/mixed doubles events.

**Qualifying:** If the number of entries exceeds the draw size of 128 in any draw, a qualifying event may be held immediately prior to the main draw. Players will be accepted according to Section 1, Rule 26 of the criteria for acceptances in the 2017 ITF Seniors Regulations

## **Draw and Match Times:**

For information regarding the draw and schedule during the World Championships please log onto the ITF website at [www.itftennis.com/seniors](http://www.itftennis.com/seniors).

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**ENTRIES**

**Please note that players must have a valid Seniors IPIN membership in order to enter and compete.**

**Singles Entries**

Online entry will be available from **3 July**, 15 weeks ahead of the event, through the IPIN account of each player.

All players are required to enter by the due deadline (Wednesday 13 September).

**THERE WILL BE NO SIGN-IN ON SITE.** It is the responsibility of the player to ensure that the (online) entry procedure has been successful.

**Main Draw Singles Event**

The Main Draw is scheduled to commence on Saturday 14 October. **All players must be available to play on this date if required.** Players must note if a player receives a bye in the first round they may not be required on the first scheduled day.

Shortly after the entry deadline, the provisional start day for each singles event will be announced on the ITF Seniors website.

**Doubles/Mixed Doubles Entries**

Doubles and mixed doubles events will be held in all age categories, using the format two tie-break sets and a match tie-break in place of a third set.

*All references to doubles below also include mixed doubles.*

Doubles entries will close on **Wednesday 13 September at 14.00hrs.** Players may enter without a partner until the entry deadline. They then have until **Tuesday 10 October at 14.00hrs GMT** to match up online as doubles pairs with other entered players.

Doubles sign-in on site up will be available until **18.00hrs local time on Thursday 12 October.**

It is the player's responsibility to find a doubles partner. The ITF will not match any players to form a doubles pair.

It is the players' responsibility to ensure that both doubles partners are entered and that they are confirmed as a doubles team in the Championships, and that neither player is erroneously included in any other doubles team.

It will not be possible to replace an injured partner after the draw has been done. Players will be able to see who has entered the tournament via their IPIN account.

**Consolation Event**

Consolation events for first match singles losers shall be held. ITF Seniors World Ranking points will be awarded in the Consolation event. New tennis balls will be used. Players who get a walkover in their first match and lose their second may choose whether to receive the ranking points won from this walkover win or to play the consolation event.

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## Practice Courts & Balls

**Ball Type:** Wilson Regular Duty

**Practice Courts:** Practice courts for Thursday 12 October and Friday 13 October will be very limited due to the Team Championships also taking place during these two days (with a morning and afternoon session). Practice courts will only be available as and when the team matches allocated to a particular court are complete. Hard Courts will be available free of charge for Thursday 12 October and Friday 13 October. A refundable deposit may be required for practice balls.

Please email [Michael.hughes@usta.com](mailto:Michael.hughes@usta.com) to book hard court practice courts only. You can view your bookings online at this [link](#).

Competitors are reminded that the Super-Seniors World Team Championship will be going on immediately prior to the Individual Championships, therefore courts availability may be limited until late afternoon.

**Stringing:** Stringing will be available on-site at Racquet Bar at the USTA Welcome Center for a fee of \$20 (labour only).

## Travel and Transport Details

**Earliest arrival date:** Thursday 12 October (for airport transportation) \*\*\*

**Latest arrival date:** Friday 13 October (for airport transportation)

\*\*\*Transport requests for an earlier date may be available depending on the number of requests.

Transportation will be provided from the Orlando International Airport (MCO) to the host hotels, and between the host hotels and the USTA National Campus at a cost of \$50 per person. Please use the following link to book your transportation. Transportation must be booked by each player and accompanying person individually. [Click here to book your transportation.](#)

## Registration

The registration desk is located on the first floor of the Tournament Administration building at the USTA National Campus and will be open on Wednesday 11 October from midday (12pm) – 6pm, Thursday 12 October and Friday 13 October from 9am-6pm.

Players must personally collect their photo accreditations from the registration desk at the **Tournament Administration building**.

## Important Dates

**Draws:** The draws will be made on **Friday 13 October**

**Start of Play:** The first day of play is **Saturday 14 October** (start time, to be confirmed by the ITF).

**Finals:** The finals will take place on **Saturday 21 October** with the Prize Giving Ceremony immediately following completion of the matches.

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## Tournament Social Events

### **Official Dinner**

The dinner will cost \$40 for any players and accompanying persons. It will take place on Tuesday, October 17 at 6:00pm ET at the USTA National Campus.

## Accommodation/Hospitality

All Main Draw Championships singles, doubles and mixed doubles players reaching the final and semi-final of their respective event will receive hospitality payments as follows:

Singles winners:	US\$800
Singles runners-up:	US\$600
Singles semi-finalists:	US\$400
Doubles/mixed doubles winners:	US\$600 per team
Doubles/mixed doubles runners-up:	US\$400 per team
Doubles/mixed doubles semi-finalists:	US\$200 per team

Hospitality money will be paid by cheque or bank transfer after the event.

Accommodation for all other players and guests can be booked at the two official hotels. Both hotels can be booked at the links provided for each:

### **Primary Host Hotels: The Courtyard Inn & Residence Inn (6 minutes' drive)**

6955 Lake Nona Boulevard Orlando FL 32827

Rate: \$110/Night

Deadline to Book: 21 September 2017

[Booking Link](#)

### **Secondary Host Hotel: The Renaissance Hotel (15 minutes' drive)**

5445 Forbes Place Orlando FL 32812

Rate: \$112/Night

Deadline to Book: 29 September 2017

[Booking Link](#)

### **Third Host Hotel: holiday Inn Orlando-International Airport (12 minute drive from courts)**

5750 T.G. LEE BLVD, Orlando, Florida, 32822, United States

Rate: \$99/Night

[Booking Link](#)

**Please note that Sales tax and daily City/Resort taxes may apply and are not included in the above rate.**

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## Tournament Officials & ITF Staff

**Referee:** **Marco Sargent**  
*Chair umpires will be provided for the 1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> place play-offs.*

**Tournament Director:** Jo Wallen

**ITF Representatives:** Elsie Veentjer-Spruyt

**ITF Staff:** Stuart Barraclough, Hayley Iveson, tba

**ITF Photographer:** tba

**ITF Journalist :** tba

## VISA Details

You are hereby informed that a US government Executive Order, issued on Thursday 16 March, is currently in place which may impact teams/players from certain countries.

The ITF has received assurances from the US Olympic Committee that athletes from affected nations will benefit from an expedited visa service if participating in international competitions held within the US during the term of the Executive Order. Teams/players from Iran, Libya, Somalia, Sudan, Syria and Yemen are advised to contact (via email) the ITF Seniors Department without delay: [seniors@itftennis.com](mailto:seniors@itftennis.com)

All other teams/players who require assistance with visas (invitation letter etc.) are requested to be in email contact with USTA's Rob Gorden: [Robert.gorden@usta.com](mailto:Robert.gorden@usta.com)

## Competition Rules & Information

The competition will take place in accordance with the current ITF Rules of Tennis and the ITF Seniors Regulations, which include the Regulations for the ITF Seniors World Team Championships and the ITF Seniors Code of Conduct.

### Medals

Medals will be presented to the players as follows: Winners of singles and doubles events – Gold; Finalists in singles and doubles events – Silver; Semifinalists in singles and doubles events – Bronze.

3<sup>rd</sup> / 4<sup>th</sup> place play off matches will not be played in either singles or doubles. All semifinalists will receive a bronze medal.

**Seeding:** Seeding will be determined by the ITF and based on the ITF Seniors Ranking as of 9 October 2017.

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## **ITF Seniors World Ranking Points:**

ITF Seniors Ranking Points will be awarded as follows:

### **Singles:**

	Winner	Runner-Up	Semifinalist	Quarterfinalist	Loser in R16	Loser in R32	Loser in R64
<b>Main Draw</b>	<b>330</b>	<b>250</b>	<b>165</b>	<b>125</b>	<b>105</b>	<b>70</b>	<b>40</b>
<b>Consolation</b>	<b>40</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>

### **Doubles and Mixed Doubles:**

	Winner	Runner-Up	Semifinalist	Quarterfinalist	Loser in R16	Loser in R32	Loser in R64
<b>Main Draw</b>	<b>330</b>	<b>250</b>	<b>165</b>	<b>125</b>	<b>105</b>	<b>70</b>	<b>40</b>

### **Dress on Court**

During a Match, Every player shall dress and present himself/herself for play in a professional manner. Clean and customarily acceptable tennis attire shall be worn.

### **Doubles Team Identification**

Ideally members of a doubles team will be dressed in substantially the same colours.

### **Format of Play**

All main draw singles matches will be the best of three tiebreak sets. All doubles and mixed doubles matches will be two tiebreak sets and a match tiebreak in place of a third set. The format of play for the Consolation event will also be two tiebreak sets and a match tiebreak in place of a third set.

### **Change of Ends Tie-Break**

The Change of Ends tie-break will be used during the 2017 Super-Seniors World Individual Championships for every tie-break. As per Appendix V of the Rules of Tennis, "Change of Ends (Rule 10)": "During a tie-break game, players shall change ends after the first point and thereafter after every four points".

### **Rest**

A 10-minute rest may be taken after the 2<sup>nd</sup> set in all events, according to Section I, Regulation 50(c) of the ITF Seniors Regulations.

### **Officiating**

Chair umpires will be provided for all Main Draw finals matches – singles and doubles and mixed doubles.

### **Code of Conduct**

The ITF Seniors Code of Conduct as stated in the ITF Seniors Regulations will be enforced during the event.



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## Obligations

According to Section 1, rule 19 of the ITF Seniors Regulations, Any player who leaves a tournament prior to his/her elimination from all entered events, or retires from a tournament for medical reasons, without a valid medical certificate (from the official tournament doctor), will forfeit all ranking points won in all events at that tournament. Should a player leave the site without completing his/her matches before his/her elimination from the event without a reason of health, injury or bereavement or retire from the tournament without a valid medical certificate, he/she shall not receive any player hospitality money, shall forfeit all world ranking points won at all events at the tournament and shall be subject to the penalties set forth in V. Suspension points. For the purpose of leaving the tournament site for a reason of injury, the tournament doctor or the Sports Medicine Trainer must issue a medical certificate.

## Medical & Travel Insurance

According to Section I, Rule 16 of the ITF Seniors Regulations, players are responsible for ensuring that he/she is fully and adequately covered by medical and travel insurance for the purpose of attending and participating in the ITF World Championships.

The ITF Ltd, the host association and the host site cannot accept any liability for any participant or visitor in this respect.

## Health and Safety

Please contact the ITF offices in London for any matter related to Health and Safety.