



36th ITF Young Seniors World Individual Championships Fact Sheet as of 12 January

Men's and Women's 35-45
7-14 May 2016
Umag, Croatia



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ENTRY DEADLINE: Wednesday 6 April at 14:00 GMT

WITHDRAWAL DEADLINE: Friday 29 April at 14:00 GMT

FREEZE & DOUBLES MATCHING DEADLINE: Tuesday 3 May at 11:00 GMT

For all enquiries please telephone, fax or email the ITF Seniors department, contact details as below:

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Email: seniors@itftennis.com

SINGLES ENTRIES

Online entry will be available from 25 January, 15 weeks ahead of the event, through the IPIN account of each player.

All players are required to enter by the due deadline (6 April). **THERE WILL BE NO SIGN-IN ON SITE AND ALL PLAYERS WISHING TO PLAY MUST HAVE ENTERED BY THE ENTRY DEADLINE.** Please note that players must have a valid Seniors IPIN membership in order to enter and compete. 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 7 May. **All players must be available to play on this date if required.** Players must note that if they receive a bye in the first round they may not be required on the first scheduled day.

Shortly after the entry deadline of Wednesday 6 April, the provisional start day for each singles event will be announced on the ITF Seniors website.

Please note that if more than 128 entries are received in any event, a qualifying event will be held immediately prior to the main draw. In this case, players on the qualifying acceptance list will be contacted directly with more information.

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 6 APRIL. PLAYERS MAY ENTER WITHOUT A PARTNER UNTIL THE ENTRY DEADLINE. THEY THEN HAVE UNTIL 3 MAY (11:00AM GMT) TO MATCH UP ONLINE AS DOUBLES PAIRS WITH OTHER ENTERED PLAYERS.

FOR PLAYERS WHO DID NOT MANAGE TO FIND A PARTNER BY 3 MAY, THERE WILL ALSO BE DOUBLES SIGN-IN ON SITE UP UNTIL 18:00 LOCAL TIME ON THURSDAY 4 MAY.

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.

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Players will be able to see who has entered the tournament via their IPIN account.

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.

ENTRY FEE PAYMENT

According to section I, rule 24 of the ITF Seniors Regulations, entries **will NOT be accepted without the entry fee of US\$125 (approx. €115/£86) which is payable by the entry deadline** per person whether for entry into singles AND doubles or singles OR doubles ONLY.

- Method of payment – Please pay online via the following link:
<http://www.itftennis.com/seniors/registration/championship-payment.aspx>

Venues:

ATP Stadium/TC Umag
Umag Tennis Academy (Katoro)

Further information on which age categories will play at each club will be given after the entry deadline.

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.

ITF Seniors Committee Representative:

ITF Referee:

Assistant Referee:

Tournament Director:

ITF Staff:

ITF Photographer:

Peter Nader

TBC

TBC

Petar Miric

Hayley Iveson, TBC

TBC

RULES & CONDITIONS

REFEREE: TBC

ENTRY DEADLINE: Wednesday 6 April at 14:00 GMT

1. EVENTS AND ENTRIES

- a) **Championship Events:** MEN: 35, 40, 45 (singles, doubles and mixed doubles)
WOMEN: 35, 40, 45 (singles, doubles and mixed doubles)

All age categories will be played on red clay courts.

- b) **Entry Deadline:** The above entry deadline will be strictly applied to all competitors without exception.

- c) **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 2016, 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.

- d) **Maximum Draw Size:** There will be a maximum draw size of 128 in the singles events and 64 in the doubles/mixed doubles events.

- e) **Qualifying:** If the number of entries exceeds the draw size of 128 in any draw, a qualifying event will be held immediately prior to the main draw. Players will be accepted in accordance with the criteria for acceptances in the 2016 ITF Seniors Regulations, as follows:

- Following the Entry Deadline, all entered players are listed in ranking order according to the ITF Seniors Singles World Ranking for the applicable age group using the latest ranking list at the time of the Entry Deadline, ie the ranking of 4 April 2016. Tied players will be randomised by the entry system.

Players without an ITF Seniors Singles World Ranking will be positioned according to the following criteria:

- Firstly, unranked players from outside the tournament zone will be drawn at random into positions.
- Secondly, unranked players from outside the tournament region will be drawn at random into positions.
- Thirdly, unranked players from the tournament region including the unranked players from the host country will be drawn at random into position

Zones and Regions are defined as follows:

Regions:(Asia)(Oceania)(Europe) (Africa) (South America) (Central America) (North America)

Zones: (Asia/Oceania) (Euro/Africa) (The Americas)

- f) **Accreditation:** The accreditation desk at the ATP Stadium will be open on Thursday 5, Friday 6 and Saturday 7 May, from 9am until 6pm. All players are required to register before their first match. Accreditations will include a photograph, which will be taken onsite by the host organisers.

- g) **Consolation Event:** Consolation events for first match singles losers shall be held. There will be world ranking points awarded for the ITF Seniors Ranking 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

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receive the ranking points won from this walkover win or to play the consolation event. The consolation will be played best of two tiebreak sets with a match tiebreak instead of a third set.

2. ENTRY FEE

- a) According to section I, rule 24 of the ITF Seniors Regulations, entries will NOT be accepted without the entry fee of **US\$125 (approx. €115/£86)** which is payable **by the entry deadline per person** whether for entry into singles AND doubles or singles OR doubles ONLY.

- Method of payment – Please pay online via the following link:
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- b) **Refunds:** Refunds in full will be made if withdrawal is notified before the withdrawal deadline of 29 April 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.

3. COURTS AND MATCHPLAY

a) Match Courts:

ATP Stadium Umag/TC Umag: 13 + 6 red clay courts

Umag Tennis Academy (Katoro): 16 red clay courts (+4 indoor red clay courts)

Practice Courts: Practice courts for the 3 days prior to the start of the event can be booked on arrival. Competitors are reminded that the Young Seniors World Team Championships will be going on immediately prior to the Individual Championships, so there will be limited court availability until late afternoon.

- b) **Balls: HEAD ATP.** A minimum of four new balls will be provided for the first two sets. New balls will be provided for any third set. Practice balls will also be provided in accordance with the Regulations.

- c) **Code of Conduct:** The ITF Seniors Code of Conduct as stated in the ITF Seniors Regulations will be enforced during the event.

- d) **Obligations:** According to Section 1, rule 22 of the ITF Seniors Regulations, unless otherwise advised, each player competing in the Competition undertakes to remain ready to play matches from the start of the Competition in which he/she is entered and thereafter until the scheduled date for completion of such competition or until he/she is eliminated there from. 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 Y. 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.

- e) **Players:** All players are required to report to the “Match Control Centre” desk **15 minutes** before the scheduled time of their match. A player who is not ready to play 15 minutes after being called may be defaulted.

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- f) **Dress on Court:** During a Match, players must be dressed in acceptable tennis attire in accordance with the ITF Seniors Code of Conduct on “Clothing”.
- g) **Doubles Team Identification:** Ideally members of a doubles team will be dressed in substantially the same colours.
- h) **The Draw:** The singles draws will be made by the ITF on Thursday 5 May. Doubles draws will be made on Friday 6 May.
- i) **Seeding:** Seeding will be determined by the ITF and based on the ITF Seniors Ranking as of 2 May.
- j) **Times of Play:** The times of play will be published the evening before. All players MUST be available for play from Saturday 7 May until Saturday 14 May.
- k) **Daily Order of Play:** The official Order of Play will be published every evening by 22:00 on the ITF Seniors website, and will also be published on site in accordance with rule 52 of the ITF Seniors Regulations. It is a player’s responsibility to check the time of his/her match and be ready to play accordingly.
- l) **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.
- m) **Change of Ends tie-break:** The Change of Ends tie-break will be used during the 2016 Young Seniors World Individual Championships for every tie-break. As per Appendix IV 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”.
- n) **Rest:** A 10-minute rest may be taken after the 2nd set in all events, according to Section I, Regulation 54(c) of the ITF Seniors Regulations.
- o) **Officiating:** Chair umpires will be provided for all Main Draw finals matches –singles and doubles.
- Stringing:** Stringing will be available at all sites, cost €13 (labour only). ***Please note that payment will be accepted in Euros or Croatian Kuna - if paying in Croatian Kuna the exchange rate of 26 April will be used to calculate the fee.***

4. SUNDRY MATTERS

- a) **Accommodation:** Competitors and accompanying persons are advised to book at one the official hotels. Full instructions and details are in a separate document.
- b) **Opening ceremony:** All players are invited to attend the Opening Ceremony on Saturday 7 May at 5pm at the ATP Stadium. Players are requested to wear their official team clothing, national tracksuit or uniform, if available.
- c) **Functions:** Welcome Cocktail (Saturday 7 May immediately after the Opening Ceremony at the ATP Stadium) and the Gala Dinner (day TBC, at the Four Star Hotel Sol Garden Istra). Free of charge for players and accompanying persons staying in official accommodation. Cost 17€ for any players and

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accompanying persons not staying in official accommodation. **All players and guests must show proof of hotel half board accommodation during the sign-in process in order to get a free pass for the official dinner. *Please note that payment will have to be made in Croatian Kuna to the hotel on the evening of the dinner, using the exchange rate of that day.*** Players must confirm the names of the accompanying guests who will be attending the official dinner when they pick-up their accreditations at the ATP Stadium welcome desk.

d) Transportation:

Air: Ronchi Legionari International Airport in Trieste, Italy is situated approximately 112km (69 miles) from the hotel complex in Umag.

Train: Kopar train station in Kopar, Slovenia is situated approximately 35 km (21.7 miles) from Umag.

All players will be taken from Ronchi Legionari International Airport or Koper Train Station to the official hotels from Wednesday 4-Friday 6 May, free of charge, provided that advance notification of arrival times is supplied as indicated below. There will be no transport provided from Zagreb.

Players should look out for the ITF Young Seniors World Individual Championships welcome desk which will be displaying signage with the ITF logo.

Please note that there will be a charge for accompanying persons as follows:

- cost of a two-way ticket from Ronchi Legionari Airport in Trieste, Italy to one of the Umag hotels (and back to the airport) is € 50 per person
- cost of a two-way ticket from Koper Train Station, Slovenia to one of the Umag hotels (and back to the station) is € 40 per person

Accompanying persons will be required to pay for the transport on arrival. Please note that payment will be accepted in Euros or Croatian Kuna - if paying in Croatian Kuna the exchange rate of 26 April will be used to calculate the charge.

Please note that players arriving at Ronchi Legionari International Airport in Trieste, Italy, will require a **VISA for the following countries: Italy, Slovenia and Croatia**, as the transport route transits via Slovenia. Players arriving at Koper Train Station in Slovenia will require a visa for the following countries: Slovenia and Croatia. Please also read the Visa requirements section of this fact sheet.

Please complete and return the attached arrival form to **Mr Igor Vlastic** (details on form) by **Wednesday 26 August**. If required, players will be returned free of charge to Ronchi Legionari International Airport in Trieste, Italy or Koper Train Station in Slovenia on Friday 13, Saturday 14 and Sunday 15 May.

Car Hire:

Discounted rental car rates (up to 20% discount) are available through Plavo More for ITF Young-Seniors participants: Plavo More, Tourist Service, Trgovacka 3a, Umag, Croatia. Contact Person: Igor Vlastic (Phone: +385 52 752, Fax: +385 52 752 800, Mobile: +385 98 335 601, email: igor@plavo-more.hr, Website: www.plavo-more.hr)

e) Medical and Travel Insurance Recommendations: According to Section I, Rule 23 of the ITF Seniors Regulations, players are responsible for checking with their local health authority regarding medical recommendations for travel to the country hosting the ITF Young Seniors World Individual

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Championships. Each player is responsible for ensuring that he/she (as well as any accompanying person) is fully and adequately covered by insurance for the purposes of attending and participating in the ITF Young Seniors World Individual Championships. The ITF Ltd, the host association and the host sites cannot accept any liability for any participant or visitor in this respect.

f) Visa Recommendation: If you are flying into Trieste airport, you will require a visa for Italy, Slovenia and Croatia, as the transport route transits via those countries.

If you are arriving by train to Koper train station, you will require a visa for Slovenia and Croatia. Please contact the Croatian, Italian and Slovenian embassies in your country to find out about visa requirements for entry into Croatia, Italy and Slovenia. Should you require an invitation letter to apply for visas, the Croatian Tennis Association will forward you an appropriate letter. To start the process, please forward your request for an invitation letter to the CTA to Ms Zeljka Antolic at hts@hts.hr (phone: +385 1 48 30 747, fax: +385 1 48 30 720) as early as possible to avoid problems obtaining visas. Neither the ITF nor the CTA can take any responsibility for the failure of any player to obtain a visa.

g) Health and Safety: Please contact the ITF office in London for any matter related to health and safety.

h) 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.

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

3rd / 4th place play off matches will not be played in either singles or doubles. All semi-finalists will receive a bronze medal.

j) ITF Seniors World Ranking Points: Points will be awarded as follows:

Singles:

	Winner	Runner-Up	Semifinalist	Quarterfinalist	Loser in R16	Loser in R32	Loser in R64
Main Draw	300	220	145	110	90	60	30
Consolation	40	20	10	5	-	-	-

Doubles and Mixed Doubles:

	Winner	Runner-Up	Semifinalist	Quarterfinalist	Loser in R16	Loser in R32	Loser in R64
Main Draw	300	220	145	110	90	60	30

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ACCOMMODATION

It is recommended that accommodation is booked at one of the official accommodation providers, Istraturist Umag d.d, Umag, Croatia.

Reservations: Istraturist Umag d.d, Umag, Croatia, Tel: +385 52 700 700, E-mail: booking@istraturist.com.
Please specify **tournament code SVP2016** when booking by phone or e-mail.

The list of official accommodation can be found in the separate accommodation document.
Free of charge transportation will only be provided between the clubs and the official hotels.

Please ensure that you book your accommodation by Monday 4 April.

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PLAYER ARRIVAL FORM

TRANSPORTATION WILL BE PROVIDED FROM WEDNESDAY 4 – FRIDAY 6 MAY TO COLLECT PLAYERS AND ACCOMPANYING PERSONS ON ARRIVAL AT **RONCHI LEGIONARI TRIESTE AIRPORT, ITALY or KOPER TRAIN STATION, SLOVENIA**. NO TRANSPORT WILL BE PROVIDED FROM ZAGREB.

PLEASE COMPLETE AND RETURN THIS FORM TO BY **MONDAY 4 APRIL**.

THE TRANSPORTATION TEAM WILL EMAIL PLAYERS TO INFORM THEM OF THEIR PICK-UP TIMES FROM TRIESTE AIRPORT/KOPER TRAIN STATION ONCE A PLAYER ARRIVAL FORM HAS BEEN RECEIVED BY MR VASILIC.

RETURN TO: IGOR VASILIC

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EMAIL: igor@plavo-more.hr

TEL: +385 52 752 740

MOBILE: +385 98 335 601

PLEASE DO NOT SEND THIS FORM TO THE ITF

LATEST DATE FOR ARRIVALS: Friday 6 May

PLAYER NAME.....

HOTEL.....

Tick box as appropriate

☐ ARRIVING AT RONCHI LEGIONARI TRIESTE AIRPORT, ITALY

☐ ARRIVING AT KOPER TRAIN STATION, SLOVENIA

NAME (Note: Please identify accompanying persons by initials "AP")	ARRIVAL DATE	ARRIVAL TIME	FLIGHT/TRAIN NUMBER	WILL YOU REQUIRE DAILY TRANSPORT BETWEEN HOTEL AND CLUB?

Name:

Signature:

Tel:

Email:

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