



# WORLD TENNIS CHAMPIONSHIPS

## **2020 ITF Seniors 50-55-60 World Individual Championships**

Presented by [Hoparazzi](#)

### **FACT SHEET**

(as of 28 November 2019)

Men's & Women's 50-55-60  
Singles, Doubles, Mixed Doubles, Singles Consolation

**Saturday 2 May – Saturday 9 May 2020**  
**Palm Beach Gardens, Florida, USA**

Please send all queries (except hotel queries which must be sent to the specific email address noted for the hotels) relating to the World Championships to:

[seniorswc@itftennis.com](mailto:seniorswc@itftennis.com)

**Click on the link below to view tennis venues, hotels and other key locations:**

**[All locations associated with 2020 ITF Seniors \(50-55-60\) World Championships](#)**



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## Venues & Court Surface

All matches will be played on Green Clay Courts at the following venues in Palm Beach Gardens. Players may be scheduled to play at any venue throughout the week.

[BallenIsles Country Club](#) (12 Green Clay Courts)

105 BallenIsles Cir, Palm Beach Gardens, 33418

All matches from Thursday 7 May onwards shall be played at BallenIsles only

[The Country Club at Mirasol](#) (10 Green Clay Courts)

11600 Mirasol Way, Palm Beach Gardens, 33418

[PGA National Resort](#) (12 Green Clay Courts)

400 Ave. of Champions, Palm Beach Gardens, 33418

[City of Palm Beach Gardens Tennis Center](#) (10 Green Clay Courts)

5110 117<sup>th</sup> Ct. N, Palm Beach Gardens, 33418

## Match Format, Match Balls & Practice Courts

**Singles Scoring Format:** Best of 3 tie-break sets in all main draw singles matches  
Singles Qualifying (if required) 2 tie-break sets and 10-point match tie-break

**Singles Consolation:** Consolation singles will play an abbreviated scoring format which will be communicated on site. All players must sign in on site to play consolation. More information on consolation singles can be seen below.

**Doubles Scoring Format:** Two Tie Break Sets and a 10-point match tie-break in all matches

**Tournament Ball:** Wilson US Open

### **Practice Courts**

Practice courts will be available at venues in Palm Beach Gardens from 12.00 noon on Thursday 30 April. Practice courts will also be available from 11am on Friday 1 May 2020 for those in the individual event. Details on how to book practice courts will be available here in March 2020

Please note, official transport in Palm Beach Gardens will be available from Friday 1 May 2020 only. Players who wish to practice on Thursday 30 April must travel privately.

Wilson US Open balls will be provided for practice at each venue for a small refundable deposit subject to balls being returned within 48 hours. Balls returned after 48hrs from time of deposit will not be accepted.

## Tournament Dates:

**Saturday 2 May – Saturday 9 May 2020**

**Entries Open:** 6 January 2020 (using you ipin account at [www.itftennis.com/ipin](http://www.itftennis.com/ipin))

**Entry Deadline:** Monday 20 April 2020 at 10.00hrs GMT

**Withdrawal Deadline:** Tuesday 28 April 2020 at 10.00hrs GMT

### **Doubles Matching:**

*\* Players that are in the doubles entry list and have not confirmed a partner or withdrawn by the Doubles matching deadline will be paired with another player requiring a partner by the ITF – further details will be provided.*

**Tournament Dates:** Saturday 2 May to Saturday 9 May 2020. A more detailed breakdown of event plan will be available on the ITF website prior to the entry deadline

Draws and Order of Play (for first day of play) are expected to be published on Wednesday 29 April 2020 between 6pm-8pm (local time). The latest publish time shall be Thursday.

**Finals:** Saturday 9 May 2020 at Ballenisles Country Club. Some doubles finals may conclude on Friday 8 May 2020 at discretion of Referee

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

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## Main Draw and Qualifying Draw

### **Maximum Main Draw Size:**

128 in the singles events and 64 in the doubles/mixed doubles events.

\*If a singles main draw size of 128 is exceeded, a maximum qualifying draw size of 32 will take place

### **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 27 of the criteria for acceptances in the 2020 ITF Seniors Regulations. Players will be advised of their position once the entry deadline has passed.

Qualifying (if required) will take place on Saturday 2 May 2020. Players may be required to compete in 2 singles matches on the same day where qualifying draws are held.



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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 open 6 January 2020, through the IPIN account of each player ([www.itftennis.com/ipin](http://www.itftennis.com/ipin)). All players are required to enter and pay by the due deadline (**Monday 20 April 2020 at 10.00hrs GMT**).

**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 2 May 2020. **All players must be available to play on this date if required.** If a player receives a bye in the first round, they may not be required on the first scheduled day. A tentative schedule of when each event will start will be available prior to the tournament.

### Doubles/Mixed Doubles Entries

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

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

Doubles/Mixed Doubles entries will close on Tuesday 28 April 2020 at 10.00hrs GMT (Withdrawal date for Singles). Players may enter without a partner. Where possible, any player that appears in the entry list after the entry deadline without a partner will be paired with another player who has also entered without a partner by the ITF office.

**There will be NO doubles sign in on-site**

### 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.

### Entry is a 2-stage process:

**Stage 1** – Entries must be made via IPIN. A link will be provided here when entries open in January 2020.  
**Stage 2** – Entry fee to be paid online. Link will be provided here in January 2020 when entries open.

**All players must have a valid Seniors IPIN in order to compete and pay the entry fee and IPIN fee**



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## **Entry Fee & IPIN Payment:**

**Entry Fee:** USD \$150.00

**IPIN Fee:** USD \$6.00

According to section I, rule 54 of the ITF Seniors Regulations, entries **will NOT be accepted without the entry fee of US\$150 (approx. €132)** plus payment of the IPIN fee which **is payable by the entry deadline** per person whether for entry into singles and/or doubles and/or Mixed Doubles.

Players may enter up to three events (one singles, one doubles and one mixed doubles). Please note that any player entering three events must be prepared to play three matches in a day.

Method of payment – Link will be provided here in January 2020 when entries open.

**Refunds:** Refunds in full will be made if withdrawal is notified **before the withdrawal deadline of Tuesday 28 April 2020 at 10:00am GMT**. If withdrawal is notified **after the withdrawal deadline**, refunds will only be made for reasons of health/injury if supported by a medical certificate or bereavement. Withdrawals after the draw has been made will not be refunded.

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## **Hospitality Money**

Hospitality monies will be paid for Main Draw events only (not for Consolation events), as follows:

Singles winners: US\$800.00

Singles runners-up: US\$500.00

Doubles/Mixed Doubles winners: US\$600.00 per team

Doubles/Mixed Doubles runners-up: US\$300.00 per team

Payment will be made following the Event, either by cheque (US\$ or £GBP) or bank transfer.

**Please note that payments can only be processed until 1 month after the tournament end date. After this date, payments will not be made.**



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## Tournament Events

### **Official Tournament Dinner / Player Party:**

Tuesday 5 May 2020 (evening). More details to follow in January 2020.

### **Medal Ceremony**

Medal ceremony will take place on Saturday 9 May 2020 at Ballenises Country Club. Medals shall be presented to Winner(s), Runner Up(s), Semi Finalists in all events, plus Singles Consolation Winners. All medallists are required to attend the medal ceremony.

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## Official Tournament Hotels

Official tournament hotels can only be booked through [Event Connect](#). A special rate has been agreed at the following hotels in Palm Beach Gardens which are available to book through Event Connect.

Prices are quoted per room and will remain as published whether there are 1, 2 or 3 persons staying in a room. Breakfast is included in the room rate. Room bookings at each hotel are available on a first come, first served basis.

Cancellations can be made until Monday 20 April 2020 and will be refunded, except for service fees which are non-refundable. Cancellations following this date will be charged.

- [Hilton Garden Inn Palm Beach Gardens](#)
- [Embassy Suites Palm Beach Gardens, PGA Boulevard](#)
- [Doubletree by Hilton – Palm Beach Gardens](#)
- [Hilton Singer Island Oceanfront / Palm Beach Resort](#)
- [PGA National Resort & Spa](#)

**Please note, official transport for the Individual Event will only be provided from the hotels listed above.**

**Players must book at official hotels in Palm Beach Gardens only to access official transport**

**[Visit Event Connect to Book Hotel Rooms in Palm Beach Gardens](#)**

**<https://bit.ly/2qt5tq2>**

For questions related to hotel bookings, please email [support@eventconnect.io](mailto:support@eventconnect.io)



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## Airport Travel and Transport Details

### **Recommended Airports**

- [Palm Beach International \(PBI\) Airport](#) - approximately 20 minutes from Palm Beach Gardens
- [Fort Lauderdale \(FLL\) International Airport](#) - approximately 1 hour from Palm Beach Gardens
- [Miami \(MIA\) International Airport](#) - approximately 1 hour 15 minutes from Palm Beach Gardens

Airport transport to hotels is not provided by the tournament. There are many easy and affordable transport options available to teams and players who fly into the airports listed above which include:

### **Tri-Rail**

<https://www.tri-rail.com/>

Available from Miami and Fort Lauderdale airports to Palm Beach Gardens. Cost is approximately \$10 per person. 'Mangolia Park' station is the nearest Tri Rail station to hotels and venues. Uber or Lyft is available from Tri-Rail stations to official hotels and will cost approximately \$15-20 per vehicle.

### **Brightline Trains**

An alternative to Tri-Rail is Brightline which is a relatively new train service in South Florida. Brightline have stations located in Fort Lauderdale, Miami and Palm Beach. See more at [www.gobrightline.com/](http://www.gobrightline.com/)

### **Uber or Lyft Transfers**

Approximately \$25 from Palm Beach Airport to Palm Beach Gardens. More information including estimated fares can be found at [www.uber.com](http://www.uber.com) or [www.lyft.com](http://www.lyft.com)

## Tournament Travel and Transport Details

Bus transportation from the Official Hotels only to the tournament sites will be available each day starting Friday 1 May 2020. Bus schedule times will be posted. On match days buses will leave Official Hotels at least 1 hour before match times. Buses will depart each day from the sites to the hotels after play is complete. A thorough transport schedule will be available in April.

### Official Tournament Rental Car

Enterprise Rent-A-Car are the official rental car of the 2020 ITF Seniors World Championships.

A special customer rate for the ITF World Championships is in place through the Enterprise website at [http://www.enterprise.com/car\\_rental/deeplinkmap.do?bid=028&refid=ITFSEWOC](http://www.enterprise.com/car_rental/deeplinkmap.do?bid=028&refid=ITFSEWOC). The code should automatically be applied, but if prompted, please use **41WT247**.



## **Transport to Palm Beach Gardens for Individual Event**

For those competing in the Team Event in Boca Raton, Buses will depart from the Official Hotels in Boca Raton on Friday 1 May (PM) and Saturday May 2 (at 9am) for players playing in the Individual World Championships being played in Palm Beach Gardens (45 minutes from Boca Raton). [The venues for the Individual Championships in Palm Beach Gardens can be seen here](#)

Unless you have your own car, transportation for the Individual Championships will only be provided from the Official Hotels in Palm Beach Gardens. It is not recommended that you remain in Boca Raton if you are playing the second week in the Individual Championships.

Bus transportation from official Boca Raton hotels to hotels and sites in Palm Beach Gardens. Spaces on the bus must be reserved by 12.00 noon on Friday 1 May 2019. Cost of bus is \$20 per person which can be booked at the Tournament Desk of each Team Cup venue.

## **Palm Beach County – Things to Do**



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The Palm Beach Sports Commission have built a microsite in partnership with the tournament to provide ideas of things to do in Palm Beach County for players and their guests – [click here to view the website](#).

## **Stringing**

Stringing will be available at all sites at a cost of \$20.00 + String

## **Sports Medicine Physiotherapists**

A Sports Medicine Physiotherapist (Trainer) will be on site from Saturday 2 May 2020 until the end of the tournament. Physio will be on site 30 minutes before play and until 10 mins after the end of play each day.

Treatment to players on court during matches will not be charged.

Players can book a private treatment with a Physio at a cost of \$25.00. Payment must be made prior to the treatment commencing by cash or card. More information will be available on site.





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## Tournament Officials & ITF Personnel

**Tournament Referee:** Iain Smith (ITF Gold Badge Referee)

**Assistant Referees:** To be confirmed in March 2020

**Tournament Director:** Trish Faulkner

**ITF Representatives:** To be confirmed in March 2020

**ITF Staff:**

Matt Byford, Manager, ITF Seniors

Hayley Iveson, Team Lead, ITF Seniors

Sophie Baggs, Co-ordinator, ITF Seniors

Lizzie Clark, Co-ordinator, ITF Seniors