

# 2017 ITF Young Seniors World **Individual** Championships

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Dear Fellow Tennis Players,

This year's **ITF Young Seniors World Individual Championships** are being played in Cape Town during the week following the World Team event.

Cape Town is one of the world's favourite tourist destinations – for good reason as you will find out when you come and spend time with us. You'll be getting more than just tennis – you'll be enjoying a life time experience. And Cape Town will deliver!

Fabulous restaurants – eating out is much cheaper than what you're used to - and things to do: Cape Town Hop on Hop off bus; Table Mountain; Robben Island – where Nelson Mandela was imprisoned; Tour of the Peninsula- Cape Point; Kirstenbosch Gardens; V and A Waterfront; Visit the penguins; Shark diving; Wine farms; Game farms.

You're going to need a few extra days!!

The Individual Championships will be played from 25th March to 1st April. That's also high season – getting towards the end, but still high season. So hotel accommodation is at a premium and you will see it is not cheap. The Hotel that we have selected as the official hotel is stunning – have a look at their website – [www.presidenthotel.co.za](http://www.presidenthotel.co.za) . It is located at the end of Sea Point, on the beach, with fabulous views and sunsets over the ocean that you and your family will remember forever!

It's rated a 4 star hotel, but it's really a 5 star for what you get and yet, for the players and accompanying guests, we have negotiated 3 star prices. But you need to get in quickly.

And what have we arranged:

A "Goodie" Bag on registration – with some gifts and information about Cape Town.

During the tournament we've got the following lined up:

- Opening ceremony with an African flavour.
- At the hotel: Traditional South African Braai evening.
- Gala dinner: At the famous Groot Constantia Vineyard Restaurant.

You need to be here! We're ready to host you. You will have a lifetime experience that we promise you!

The Cape Town 2017 ITF YSWC Organizing Committee



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# Fact Sheet

as of 21 November 2016

Men's and Women's 35-45  
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**ENTRY DEADLINE:** Wednesday 22nd February 2017 at 14:00 GMT

**WITHDRAWAL DEADLINE:** Tuesday 21 March at 14.00hrs GMT

**DOUBLES MATCHING DEADLINE:** Tuesday 21 March at 14:00 GMT

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

Tel: 44 (0)20 8392 4699; Fax: 44 (0)20 8392 4737 or 4735

Email: [seniors@itftennis.com](mailto:seniors@itftennis.com)

## **SINGLES ENTRIES**

Online entry will be available from 12th December 2016, 15 weeks ahead of the event, through the IPIN account of each player.

All players are required to enter by the due deadline. **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 25 March. 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 22nd February 2017 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 22nd FEBRUARY 2017. PLAYERS MAY ENTER WITHOUT A PARTNER UNTIL THE ENTRY DEADLINE. THEY THEN HAVE UNTIL 22rd MARCH 2017 (14:00 GMT) TO MATCH UP ONLINE AS DOUBLES PAIRS WITH OTHER ENTERED PLAYERS.**

**FOR PLAYERS WHO DID NOT MANAGE TO FIND A PARTNER THERE WILL ALSO BE DOUBLES SIGN-IN ON SITE UP UNTIL 18:00 LOCAL TIME ON THURSDAY 23rd MARCH 2017**

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.



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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.  
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**

Entries will NOT be accepted without the entry fee of US\$150 (approx. €135/£120) 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:**

- Kelvin Grove Club – Newlands (Headquarters)
- Constantia Tennis Club - Constantia
- Green Point Tennis Club – Green Point
- Western Province Cricket Club - Newlands
- Western Province Tennis Club - Rondebosch
- (Other venues may be added depending on number of entries)
- 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](http://www.itftennis.com/seniors).

<b>ITF Seniors Committee Representative:</b>	T.B.A
<b>ITF Referee:</b>	T.B.A
<b>Assistant Referees:</b>	T.B.A.
<b>Tournament Director:</b>	Bertie Conradie
<b>ITF Staff:</b>	Hayley Iveson, Stuart Barraclough
<b>ITF Photographer:</b>	T.B.A.

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## **1. EVENTS AND ENTRIES**



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- 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 hard court – all weather.

- 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 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.

- 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 2017 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 20 February 2017. 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 Kelvin Grove Club will be open on Thursday 23rd March, Friday 24th March and Saturday 25th March 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 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.



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## 2. ENTRY FEE

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b) **Refunds:** Refunds in full will be made if withdrawal is notified before the withdrawal deadline of Tuesday 21 March 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:

Kelvin Grove Club – Newlands (Headquarters)  
Constantia Tennis Club – Constantia  
Green Point Tennis Club – Green Point  
Western Province Cricket Club - Newlands  
Western Province Tennis Club – Rondebosch

(Total of 32 courts – all hard courts)

(There may be additional venues depending on number of entries)

**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.

**Balls: WILSON US OPEN.** 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.

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

c) **Obligations:** In accordance with the ITF Seniors “Leaving the Tournament”, 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.



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- d) 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.
- e) Dress on Court:** During a Match, players must be dressed in acceptable tennis attire in accordance with the ITF Seniors Code of Conduct on “Dress and Equipment”.
- f) Doubles Team Identification:** Ideally members of a doubles team will be dressed in substantially the same colours.
- g) The Draw:** The singles draws will be made by the ITF on Thursday 23rd March 2017. Doubles draws will be made on Friday 24th March 2017.
- h) Seeding:** Seeding will be determined by the ITF and based on the ITF Seniors Ranking as of 20 March 2017.
- i) Times of Play:** The times of play will be published the evening before. All players MUST be available for play from Saturday 25 March until Saturday 1 April.
- j) 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 48 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.
- k) 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.
- l) Change of Ends tie-break:** The Change of Ends tie-break will be used during the 2017 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”.
- m) Rest:** A 10-minute rest may be taken after the 2nd set in all events, according to Section I, Regulation 50(c) of the ITF Seniors Regulations.
- n) Officiating:** Chair umpires will be provided for all Main Draw finals matches –singles and doubles.
- Stringing:** Stringing will be available at all sites, cost ZAR 125 (labour only). **Please note that payment will be accepted in ZAR only.**

## 4. SUNDRY MATTERS

- a) Accommodation:** Competitors and accompanying persons are advised to book at the official hotel. Cape Town is a highly sought after tourist destination, and as the tournament is being held in high



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season, please ensure that you book your accommodation as early as possible. The official hotel is the PRESIDENT HOTEL in Bantry Bay, Cape Town. To qualify for the discounted rates starting from ZAR 1335 single occupancy (or ZAR 890 each double).

**Contact :** Cecilia by e-mail – Ref: Seniors Tennis 2017.

The email address is [resco-ordinator@presidenthotel.co.za](mailto:resco-ordinator@presidenthotel.co.za)

To find out **more information** about the hotel, visit [www.presidenthotel.co.za](http://www.presidenthotel.co.za)

The President Hotel is a 4 Star Hotel

**Please note that free of charge transportation will only be provided to and from the official hotel for players staying at the official hotel to the different venues.**

**b) Opening ceremony:** All players are invited to attend the Opening Ceremony on Saturday 25 March at 5pm at Western Province Cricket Club. Players are requested to wear their official team clothing, national tracksuit or uniform, if available.

**c) Functions:** Welcome Cocktail (Saturday 25 March immediately after the Opening Ceremony at Western Province Cricket Club) and the Gala Dinner at Groot Constantia on the 28th March 2017. Free of charge for players. Accompanying persons will need to purchase a ticket on date of registration (cost ZAR500).

#### **d) Transportation:**

**Air:** Cape Town International Airport is situated approximately 26 kms (16 miles) from the President Hotel in Sea Point, Cape Town.

All players will be taken from Cape Town International Airport to the official hotel from Wednesday 22nd March to Friday 24th March, provided that advance notification of arrival times is supplied as indicated below. Please note that payment will be accepted in ZAR only.

**Please note there will be a charge (one way) of ZAR 250 for all persons (players and accompanying persons). This will be charged to your hotel bill and is only available for players/accompanying persons staying in the official hotel.**

Players should look out for the ITF Young Seniors World Individual Championships welcome desk in the Cape Town International Airport arrivals Concourse which will be displaying signage with the ITF logo.

Please complete and return the attached arrival form to Larysa Narozny – [larysa@telkomsa.net](mailto:larysa@telkomsa.net) by **Wednesday 15th March 2017.**

**Car Hire:** Should players wish to avail themselves of a hired car, all the major car hire companies have offices at Cape Town International Airport.

**e) Medical and Travel Insurance Recommendations:** According to Section I, Rule 16 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 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



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cannot accept any liability for any participant or visitor in this respect.

**f) Visa Recommendation:** Please contact the South African Embassy in your own country to find out about visa requirements for entry into South Africa. Should you require an invitation letter to apply for visas, the South African Tennis Association – Seniors Division will forward you an appropriate letter. Please forward your request for an invitation letter to Ms. Larysa Narozny – [larysa@telkomsa.net](mailto:larysa@telkomsa.net) as early as possible to avoid problems obtaining visas.

Neither the ITF nor TSA 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	330	250	165	125	105	70	40
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	330	250	165	125	105	70	40



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## PLAYER ARRIVAL FORM

TRANSPORTATION WILL BE PROVIDED FROM WEDNESDAY 22 MARCH to FRIDAY 24 MARCH TO COLLECT PLAYERS AND ACCOMPANYING PERSONS ON ARRIVAL AT CAPE TOWN INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT. PLEASE COMPLETE AND RETURN THIS FORM TO BY **WEDNESDAY 15 MARCH 2017**.

THE TRANSPORTATION TEAM WILL EMAIL PLAYERS TO INFORM THEM OF THEIR PICK-UP TIMES FROM CAPE TOWN INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT ONCE A PLAYER ARRIVAL FORM HAS BEEN RECEIVED BY LARYSA NAROZNY.

RETURN TO: [larysa@telkomsa.net](mailto:larysa@telkomsa.net)  
 MOBILE: +27 82 321 3119

**PLEASE DO NOT SEND THIS FORM TO THE ITF  
 LATEST DATE FOR ARRIVALS: FRIDAY 24 MARCH 2017**

PLAYER NAME.....

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

Name: .....

Signature: .....

Tel: .....

Email: .....



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