



2015 ITF Seniors World Team Championships

Fred Perry Cup, Maria Esther Bueno Cup, Austria Cup, Maureen Connolly Cup, Von Cramm Cup, Alice Marble Cup

Fact Sheet as of 23 January

Men's & Women's 50-60

8-13 June 2015

La Baule & Pornichet, France



Bienvenue au Royaume de la Terre Battue!

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The organization team, club presidents and all the volunteers are very pleased and excited to be working on such a prestigious event as the ITF Seniors World Team & Individual Championships.

We are very much looking forward to welcoming players to one of the most beautiful bays in the world, famous for its tranquility and relaxed lifestyle.

The International Team Competition for Men and Women in the 50-60 years age groups.

Venues: Ninon Pornichet Tennis Club – **Maureen Connolly Cup (W55)**
La Baule Tennis Club (Sporting) – **Maria Esther Bueno Cup (W50); Alice Marble Cup (W60)****
La Baule Tennis Club (Garden) – **Austria Cup (M55); Alice Marble Cup (W60)****
La Baule Country Club Barriere – **Fred Perry Cup (M50); Von Cramm Cup (M60)**

****Please note that the venue(s) for the Alice Marble Cup will be confirmed after the entry deadline.**

Dates: Monday 8 – Saturday 13 June 2015

Please note that in the event of bad weather or other unforeseen circumstances, the ITF reserves the right to play on Sunday 14 June. Participating teams should take this into consideration when making travel arrangements in order to comply with Section II, Rule 16 of the ITF Seniors Regulations.

The competition will take place in accordance with the 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.

The Competition will be played on a round robin basis, followed by knock out in the later stages where appropriate, to give a complete ranking of all teams. Each tie will consist of two singles and one doubles rubber. According to Section II, Rule 21 of the ITF Seniors Regulations, each team must consist of a minimum of two (2) players and a maximum of four (4) players, one of whom is designated captain. Alternatively, a non playing-captain can be nominated in addition. Players must have reached the appropriate age by 31 December 2015 and must have a valid Seniors IPIN.

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The Change of Ends tie-break will be used during the 2015 ITF Seniors World Team Championships for every tie-break. As per Appendix IV of the ITF Rules of Tennis, "Change of Ends": "During a tie-break game, players shall change ends after the first point and thereafter after every four points".

Matches will be played over the best of three tiebreak sets. The seven point tiebreak will operate at six games all in all in each set.

A copy of the passport will have to be sent with the nomination form for those players who have not played in the Competition in the last four years.

A copy of the ITF Seniors Regulations will be available for all team captains at the Captains' Meeting, along with a finalised list of team entries and nominations. The event formats can be found on the ITF Seniors website.

Entry deadline for National Team entries MONDAY 16 MARCH 2015

Deadline for nomination of players MONDAY 27 APRIL 2015
According to Section II, rule 9 of the ITF Seniors Regulations, **all nominated players must be in possession of a valid Seniors IPIN**

Entry Fee \$ US 350 per participating team

Please note that the entry fee must be paid by the National Association only, not by individual players. The National Association will receive an invoice after the entry deadline.

WITHDRAWALS

According to section II, regulation 16 of the ITF Seniors Regulations, any team that withdraws its entry later than 28 days prior to the scheduled first day of play in the Competition may have its entry refused for the following year's Competition and shall be liable for a fine of up to four times the amount of the entry fee. Any team that

- i) is a no show
- ii) fails to play all its ties, including placement ties; or
- iii) is disqualified for an offence committed in the Competition

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COURTS

Surface Red clay
Match Courts 41 at 4 venues

Practice Courts Practice courts will be available at all venues from Friday 5 until Sunday 7 June, from 10am-7pm. Practice courts can be booked on-site upon arrival.

Practice courts during the event to be confirmed at the Captains' Meetings.

MAKE OF BALL

ARTENGO TB 920

Practice Balls Teams will be provided with practice balls each day from Friday 5 June free of charge.

STRINGING

Stringing will be available on site at all clubs for a fee of €10 (labour only).

ARRIVAL OF TEAMS

Earliest Date Thursday 4 June (for airport/train station transportation)

Latest Date Sunday 7 June (for airport/train station transportation)

TRANSPORT

Air: Nantes Airport is situated approximately 90km from La Baule.

Rail: There are good connections from Paris Roissy-CDG Airport to La Baule-Escoublac train station. TGV services every day, several times a day. Train schedules can be checked on www.voyages-sncf.fr. Travel time: 3h00.

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All team members and accompanying persons will be taken from Nantes Airport and La Baule-Escoublac Train Station **to the official hotels only** from Thursday 4 – Sunday 7 June, provided that Mario BAEZA receives the Player Arrival Form no later than **Monday 27 April**. There is no charge for accompanying persons.

In order to benefit from this service, please complete and return the **Arrival Form** to Mario BAEZA (details given on form) by **Monday 27 April**. If required, teams will be returned to Nantes Airport or La Baule-Escoublac Train Station on Sunday 14 and Monday 15 June, following the conclusion of the event. (Please see note on page 1 about the possibility of finishing the competition on Sunday 14 June).

REGISTRATION

The registration desk at each club will be open on Friday 5 and Saturday 6 June from 9.30 am till 7.30 pm, and on Sunday 7 June from 9.30am until the Captains' Meetings. **Captains must register their teams during this period, before the start of their respective Captains' Meeting.**

PROGRAMME

Captains' Meeting:

Sunday 7 June at all four playing sites. Times to be confirmed to captains in due course, but will be in the morning.

According to section II, rule 34 of the ITF Seniors Regulations, should the captain of a team or the appointed delegate fail to attend the Captains' Meeting without having notified the ITF in advance, the team shall be fined half the amount of the entry fee.

Draw:

Sunday 7 June immediately after the Captains' Meetings.

Opening Ceremony:

Sunday 7 June at 5pm at La Baule Country Club Barrière. The teams are expected to be on site at 4pm. Transport will leave from the official hotels (exact time will be posted at each hotel). All players are requested to wear their official team clothing.

Start of Play:

Monday 8 June at 9.30am (tentative start time, to be confirmed by the ITF on site).

Finals:

Saturday 13 June at each club – time to be confirmed by the ITF Representative on site. *(Please see note on page 1 about the possibility of playing on Sunday 14.)*

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Prize Giving Ceremony: Saturday 13 June at La Baule Country Club Barriere, following completion of all finals. Further details will be released on site. *(please see note on page 1 about the possibility of playing on Sunday 14.)*

SOCIAL EVENTS

Welcome Cocktail Party

On Sunday 7 June after the opening ceremony at La Baule Country Club Barriere. Free of charge to all team members and accompanying persons.

Official Dinners

Thursday 11 June from 7.30pm at Palais des Congrès Atlantia (<http://dedibox.epsilon3d.fr/hosting/ATLANTIA-La-Baule/html/>), 121 avenue du Maréchal de Lattre de Tassigny, La Baule. Free of charge for all team members, 40 € for accompanying persons (€20 for children under the age of 12). Dress code: Smart.

The official dinner will take place in a beautiful area. It will consist of a welcome cocktail followed by traditional French dinner with French wine. There will also be a dancefloor available for players to dance after dinner.

Accompanying persons must register no later than 11 May. They will have to pay at the registration desk at each club no later than Tuesday 9 June. Please note that payment must be made in cash at all clubs except Sporting, where credit card may be used. Tickets may be bought on site depending on availability.

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Chief of Umpires TBC

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Chair Umpires	Chair umpires will be provided for the 1 st & 2 nd and 3 rd & 4 th place play-offs.
Linespersons	Linespersons will not be provided
Ballpersons	Ballpersons will be provided for the 1 st & 2 nd and 3 rd & 4 th place play-offs (singles rubbers only)

TROPHIES

Trophies will be presented to the winning teams, together with medals presented by the ITF. The losing finalists and third placed teams will also receive medals presented by the ITF.

The Captain of each winning team will have to take the trophy to his/her home country on behalf of his/her national association. The national association must then ensure that it is engraved and delivered in good time to the 2016 ITF Seniors World Team Championships.

DRESS ON COURT

Players and captains are strongly recommended to dress at all times on court in compliance with Team Identification principles. To comply a player/captain shall display the country's name on the back of his/her shirt or he/she shall dress in National colours. Team Identification shall be in accordance with the Official ITF Seniors Style Guide. Members of a doubles team shall be dressed in substantially the same colours.

MEDICAL & TRAVEL INSURANCE

According to Section II, Rule 27 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 Seniors World Team Championships.

Each national association is responsible for ensuring that all members of their team(s), and any accompanying officials in their delegation, are fully and adequately covered by insurance for the purposes of attending and participating in the ITF Seniors World Team 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 La Baule and/or London for any matter related to Health and Safety.

VISA RECOMMENDATIONS

Please contact the French embassy in your country to find out about visa requirements for entry into France. Should you require an invitation letter to apply for visas, the Fédération Française de Tennis will forward you an appropriate letter. To start the process, please forward your

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request for an invitation letter to the ITF Seniors Department in London (seniors@itftennis.com) as early as possible to avoid problems obtaining visas. Neither the ITF nor the FFT can take any responsibility for the failure of any player to obtain a visa.

ACCOMMODATION

La Baule & Pornichet are very popular destinations and this period is quite busy. Therefore we strongly recommend that players book their accommodation as soon as possible (even before given deadline).

It is recommended that accommodation is booked at one of the official accommodation providers. **Please note that transportation will only be provided to and from the official hotels.**

All accommodation can be booked through Mario BAEZA: mbaeza@fft.fr or phone +33 1 47 43 44 29. Further information regarding hotels can be found in the attached fact sheets. Please read them carefully before making your booking.

All prices are in Euros. The price shown is the total cost per room.

*Relais Thalasso Château des Tourelles******

1 rue Léon Dubas

44380 PORNICHET – France

Rates : from 134 € single/154 € double (bed & breakfast)

*Hermitage Barrière******

5 esplanade Lucien Barrière

44500 LA BAULE – France

Rates : from 196 € single / 228 € double (bed & breakfast)

*ESCALE OCEANIA****

50 avenue de la Plage

44300 PORNICHET - France

Rates : from 89 € single to 139 € for an apartment 4pax (bed & breakfast)

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*Domaine Ker Juliette****

2 avenue des Bleuets

44380 PORNICHET – France

Rates : from 99 € for single to 151 € for an apartment 4pax (bed & breakfast)

*Adonis La Baule****

53 avenue Maréchal d'Esperey

44500 La Baule - France

Rates : from 90 € single to 145 € for an apartment 4pax (bed & breakfast)

*Best Western Garden & Spa ****

30 avenue du Bois d'Amour

44500 La Baule – France

Rates : 92 € single and double / breakfast : 6 €

*Hotel la Concorde ****

1bis avenue de la Concorde

44500 La Baule – France

Rates: 99 € single/ 129 € double (bed & breakfast)

Please ensure that you book your accommodation by Wednesday 15 April in order to be guaranteed a room. Any player booking after this date will have to pay standard rates and cannot be guaranteed a room in an official hotel. Any National Association which has not nominated its team by 15 April must contact the ITF before this deadline to make arrangements for its team's accommodation.

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TEAM ARRIVAL FORM

TRANSPORTATION WILL BE PROVIDED FROM THURSDAY 4 – SUNDAY 7 JUNE TO COLLECT TEAMS AND ACCOMPANYING PERSONS ON ARRIVAL AT **NANTES AIRPORT/LA BAULE-ESCOUBLAC TRAIN STATION**
 PLEASE COMPLETE AND RETURN THIS FORM TO MARIO BAEZA BY 27 APRIL.
 THE PICK-UP SERVICE FROM THE AIRPORT/TRAIN STATION OPERATES SEVERAL TIMES A DAY, times TBC

RETURN TO: Mario BAEZA
 FAX: +33 1 47 43 49 05
 EMAIL: mbaeza@fft.fr
 TEL: +33 1 47 43 44 29

PLEASE DO NOT SEND THIS FORM TO THE ITF
LATEST DATE FOR ARRIVALS: Sunday 7 June

COUNTRY.....

CUP EVENT.....

OUR TEAM **DOES NOT** NEED COLLECTING ON ARRIVAL

PLEASE COLLECT OUR TEAM ON ARRIVAL

Tick box as appropriate

NAME (Note: Please identify accompanying persons by initials "AP")	ARRIVAL DATE & TIME	AIRPORT/ TRAIN STATION	FLIGHT NUMBER	HOTEL	USING OFFICIAL TRANSPORTATION
					Y / N
					Y / N
					Y / N
					Y / N

Name:

Signature:

Tel:

Email:

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TEAM DEPARTURE FORM

TRANSPORTATION WILL BE PROVIDED FROM SUNDAY 14 to MONDAY 15 JUNE TO DROP OFF DEPARTING TEAMS AND ACCOMPANYING PERSONS TO **NANTES AIRPORT/LA BAULE-ESCOUBLAC TRAIN STATION**.

PLEASE COMPLETE AND RETURN THIS FORM TO MARIO BAEZA NO LATER THAN 27 APRIL.

THE DROP-OFF SERVICE TO THE AIRPORT/TRAIN STATION OPERATES SEVERAL TIMES A DAY, times TBC

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PLEASE DO NOT SEND THIS FORM TO THE ITF

LATEST DATE FOR DEPARTURES: Monday 15 June

COUNTRY.....

CUP EVENT.....

OUR TEAM **DOES NOT** NEED THE DROP OFF SERVICE

PLEASE DROP OUR TEAM OFF AT AIRPORT/TRAIN STATION

Tick box as appropriate

NAME (Note: Please identify accompanying persons by initials "AP")	DATE OF DEPARTURE	PICK UP POINT (HOTEL)	AIRPORT/ TRAIN	DEPARTURE TIME	FLIGHT NUMBER

Name:

Signature:

Tel:

Email: