



# 2015 ITF Super-Seniors World Team Championships

Kitty Godfree Cup, Althea Gibson Cup, Queens' Cup, Doris Hart Cup, Britannia Cup, Jack Crawford Cup, Betsy Grant Cup & Gardnar Mulloy Cup

Men's & Women's 65-80

21-26 September 2015

Umag, Croatia



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## The International Team Competition for Men and Women in the 65-80 years age groups.

### Venues:

ATP Stadium Umag – Britannia Cup (M65)\*

TC Umag – Queens' Cup (W75)\*

TC Punta – Bitsy Grant Cup (M75)

Umag Tennis Academy (Katoro) – Kitty Godfree Cup (W65), Jack Crawford Cup (M70)

Umag Tennis Academy (Polynesia) – Gardnar Mulloy Cup (M80)

TC Jezero – Doris Hart Cup (W80)

TC Park – Althea Gibson Cup (W70)

\* Please note that ATP Stadium Umag and TC Umag are classed as one venue and some matches may be moved from one club to another if court space dictates it.

**Dates:** Monday 21 September - Saturday 26 September 2015

**Please note that in the event of bad weather or other unforeseen circumstances, the ITF reserves the right to play on Sunday 27 September. 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.

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. In the Gardnar Mulloy Cup and Doris Hart Cup, should the score reach one set all, one ten point tiebreak game shall be played to determine the winner in all Singles and Doubles matches.

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.

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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 29 JUNE 2015

**Deadline for nomination of players**      MONDAY 10 AUGUST 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

may have its entry refused for the following year's Competition and shall be fined. The fine shall be no greater than four times the amount of the entry fee.

COURTS	<b>Surface</b>	Red Clay
	<b>Match Courts</b>	61 at 6 venues
	<b>Practice Courts</b>	Practice courts will be available from Friday 18 until Sunday 20 September. Booking will be made on site upon arrival. Practice courts during the event to be confirmed at the Captains' Meetings.

MAKE OF BALL      **HEAD ATP**

**Practice Balls** Teams will be provided with practice balls each day from Friday 18 September free of charge.

STRINGING      Stringing will be available on site for a fee of €13 (labour only). ***Please note that payment will have to be made in Croatian kuna, according to the exchange rate of 17 September.***

ARRIVAL OF TEAMS	<b>Earliest Date</b>	Thursday 17 September (for airport/rail transportation)
	<b>Latest Date</b>	Sunday 20 September (for airport/rail transportation)

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## TRANSPORT

Air: Ronchi Legionari International Airport in Trieste, Italy is situated approximately 112km (69.44miles) from the hotel complex in Umag.

Train: Koper train station in Koper, Slovenia is situated approximately 35 km (21.70 miles) from Umag.

All team members will be taken from Ronchi Legionari International Airport in Trieste or Koper Train Station **to the official hotels only** from Thursday 17 September – Sunday 20 September, provided that Mr Igor Vasilic (World Championships Organizing Committee) receives the Player Arrival Form no later than Monday 20 August. There will be no transport from Zagreb.

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 € 25 per person.
- cost of a two-way ticket from Koper Station, Slovenia to one of the Umag hotels (and back to the station) is € 20 per person.

***Please note that payment will have to be made in Croatian kuna, according to the exchange rate of 17 September.***

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 on page 5 of this fact sheet.

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

In order to benefit from this service, please complete and return the **Arrival Form** to Mr Igor Vasilic (details given on form) by **Monday 20 August**. If required, teams will be returned to Ronchi Legionari International Airport in Trieste or Koper Train Station on Sunday 27 and Monday 28 September, following the conclusion of the event. (Please see note on page 1 about the possibility of finishing the competition on Sunday 27 September).

### Car Hire:

Discounted rental car rates (up to 20% discount) are available through Plavo More for ITF Super-Seniors participants: Plavo More, Tourist Service, Trgovacka 3a, Umag, Croatia. Contact Person: Igor Vasilic (Phone: +385 52 752 740, Fax: +385 52 752 800, Mobile: +385 98 335 601, email: igor@plavo-more.hr, Website: www.plavo-more.hr)

## REGISTRATION

The registration desk at the ATP stadium in Umag (for all Cups) will be open on Friday 18 September from 10am-5 pm, Saturday 19 September from 10am-5 pm and Sunday 20 September from 10am-3 pm. **Captains must register their teams during this period, before the start of their respective Captains' Meeting.**

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## PROGRAMME

- Captains' Meeting:** Sunday 20 September at ATP Stadium Umag (for all Cups) exact times to be confirmed direct to captains.  
**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 20 September immediately after the Captains' Meetings.
- Opening Ceremony:** Sunday 20 September at 4pm at the ATP Stadium in Umag. All players are requested to wear their official team clothing.
- Start of Play:** Monday 21 September (time to be confirmed by the ITF on site)
- Finals:** Saturday 26 September – time to be confirmed by the ITF Representative on site. *(Please see note on page 1)*
- Prize Giving Ceremony:** Saturday 26 September, immediately following completion of the finals. *(Please see note on page 1).*

## SOCIAL EVENTS

### Welcome Cocktail Party

On Sunday 20 September after the opening ceremony at the ATP Stadium in Umag for all Cups. Free of charge to all team members, and to accompanying persons staying in official accommodation.

### Official Dinner

Wednesday 23 September at 8.00pm at the Four Star Hotel Sol Garden Istra for the all Cups. Free of charge for all team members of the all Cups, free of charge for accompanying persons that are staying in one of the official hotels. There will be a charge of 17 € for the dinner for accompanying persons that are not staying in official accommodation. ***Please note that payment will have to be made in Croatian kuna, according to the exchange rate of 17 September.***

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## OFFICIALS

<b>Referees</b>	Laszlo Nyiro, Tom Kinloch, + TBC
<b>Chair Umpires</b>	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.
<b>Linespersons</b>	Linespersons will not be provided
<b>Ballpersons</b>	Ballpersons will not be provided

## 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 Super-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 and 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 Super-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 Super-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 Umag and/or London for any matter related to Health and Safety.

## VISA RECOMMENDATIONS

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. Željka Pongracic at [hts@hts.hr](mailto:hts@hts.hr), (phone +385 1 48 30 747, fax: +385 1 48 30 720) as early as possible to avoid problems obtaining visas.

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Neither the ITF nor the CTA can take any responsibility for the failure of any player to obtain a visa.

**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.

## ACCOMMODATION

**Please ensure that you book your accommodation by Wednesday 15 August.**

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.** The list of official accommodation can be found in the separate accommodation document.

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## TEAM ARRIVAL FORM

TRANSPORTATION WILL BE PROVIDED FROM THURSDAY 17 – SUNDAY 20 SEPTEMBER TO COLLECT TEAMS 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 Mr Igor Vasilic BY **MONDAY 20 AUGUST**.

THE PICK-UP SERVICE FROM THE AIRPORT OPERATES THREE TIMES A DAY, times TBC

RETURN TO: MR Igor Vasilic  
FAX: +385 52 752 800  
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**PLEASE DO NOT SEND THIS FORM TO THE ITF**  
**LATEST DATE FOR ARRIVALS: Sunday 20 September**

COUNTRY.....

CUP EVENT.....

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	HOTEL

Name: .....

Signature: .....

Tel: .....

Email: .....