



**PREVIEW NOTES: ICBC CREDIT CARD ZHENGZHOU OPEN**  
 ZHENGZHOU, CHINA | SEPTEMBER 9 - 15, 2019 | USD \$1,500,000

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## ICBC Credit Card Zhengzhou Open – QUICK FACTS

**Main draw dates:** Monday - Sunday, September 9-15, 2019  
**Singles Final:** Sunday, September 15, 2pm  
**Doubles Final:** Sunday, September 15, following singles final  
**Venue:** Center Plains Tennis Center  
**Status:** Premier event  
**Staging:** Tournament’s first year  
**Draw sizes:** 28 singles / 16 doubles teams / 32 singles qualifying  
**Surface:** Hard / Outdoors  
**Tennis Ball:** HEAD Tour

SINGLES	USD \$	RANK POINTS
Winner	267,900	470
Runner-Up	143,060	305
Semifinalist	76,410	185
Quarterfinalist	41,075	100
Round of 16	22,025	55
Round of 28	13,980	1

## MAIN DRAW QUICK-HITS

**Singles wildcards:** Duan Yingying (CHN), Angelique Kerber (GER), Yang Zhaoxuan (CHN)  
**Youngest singles player:** Sofia Kenin, 20 years old (March 30, 2001)  
**Oldest singles player:** Angelique Kerber, 31 years old (June 27, 1985)  
**Singles withdrawals:** Simona Halep (left ankle), Anett Kontaveit (viral illness), Maria Sakkari (wrist), Lesia Tsurenko (right elbow), Wang Qiang



## TOURNAMENT TALKING POINTS

- This season's Asian swing kicks off with the inaugural ICBC Credit Card Zhengzhou Open, which features three of the Top 10, as well as two Grand Slam champions
- Top seed is **Karolina Pliskova**, who touches down in Asia fresh from a fourth-round run at the US Open, taking her win-loss record for the season to 45-13 – the most wins on tour (level with Ashleigh Barty)
- After a first-round bye, **Pliskova** will meet either **Polona Hercog** or a qualifier, while in the bottom half, No.2 seed and recent US Open semifinalist **Elina Svitolina** is set to take on the winner of **Yulia Putintseva** versus **Tamara Zidansek**
- The pick of the opening round matches is arguably between **Alison Riske** and two-time major champion **Angelique Kerber** – one of three wildcards in the main draw, along with **Yang Zhaoxuan** and **Duan Yingying**
- *One To Watch* – At 22, **Fiona Ferro** is one of the younger players in the draw and arrives in China after a summer to remember, during which she won her maiden WTA title at Lausanne before heading stateside where she advanced to the third round on her US Open debut. Twelve months ago, Ferro – then ranked No.124 – advanced to the quarterfinals at a tour-level event for the first time, in Guangzhou, which proved to be the springboard for her current charge towards the Top 50

## COUNTRY & REGION BREAKDOWN

A total of 14 countries are represented in the main draw, led by France with five players:

<b>Australia (1)</b>	Ajla Tomljanovic
<b>Belarus (1)</b>	Aryna Sabalenka
<b>China (3)</b>	Duan Yingying, Yang Zhaoxuan, Zheng Saisai
<b>Croatia (1)</b>	Petra Martic
<b>Czech Republic (2)</b>	Tereza Martincova, Karolina Pliskova
<b>France (5)</b>	Alizé Cornet, Fiona Ferro, Caroline Garcia, Kristina Mladenovic, Chloe Paquet
<b>Germany (1)</b>	Angelique Kerber
<b>Italy (1)</b>	Jasmine Paolini
<b>Kazakhstan (1)</b>	Yulia Putintseva
<b>Latvia (1)</b>	Jelena Ostapenko
<b>Netherlands (2)</b>	Kiki Bertens, Bibiane Schoofs
<b>Slovenia (2)</b>	Polona Hercog, Tamara Zidansek
<b>Ukraine (1)</b>	Elina Svitolina
<b>United States (2)</b>	Sofia Kenin, Alison Riske