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QATAR TOTAL OPEN – QUICK FACTS

Main draw dates: March 1-6, 2021
Singles Final: Saturday, March 6, 6:00pm
Doubles Final: Friday, March 5, 4:00pm
Venue: Khalifa International Tennis & Squash Complex
Status: WTA 500
Staging: Tournament’s 19th year
Draw sizes: 28 singles / 16 doubles
Surface: Plexicushion Prestige Hardcourt / Outdoor
Total prize money: USD \$564,530
Tennis Ball: Dunlop AO

SINGLES	USD \$	RANK POINTS
Winner	68,570	470
Runner-Up	51,000	305
Semifinalist	32,400	185
Quarterfinalist	15,500	100
Round of 16	8,200	55
Round of 32	6,650	1

DOUBLES	USD \$	RANK POINTS
Winner	25,230	470
Runner-Up	17,750	305
Semifinalist	10,000	185
Quarterfinalist	5,500	100
Round of 16	3,500	1

MAIN DRAW QUICK-HITS

Seeds: Elina Svitolina, Karolina Pliskova, Aryna Sabalenka, Petra Kvitova, Kiki Bertens, Belinda Bencic, Jennifer Brady, Victoria Azarenka
Wildcards: Victoria Azarenka (BLR), Cagla Buyukakcay (TUR), Jelena Ostapenko (LAT), Mayar Sherif (EGY)
Most career WTA singles titles: Petra Kvitova (27)
Prize money leader: Petra Kvitova (\$31,174,965)
Youngest singles player: Amanda Anisimova, 19-years-old (August 31, 2001)
Oldest singles player: Svetlana Kuznetsova, 35-years-old (June 27, 1985)

TOURNAMENT TALKING POINTS

- Ten of the WTA Top 20 players in the world are in the draw, including the defending champion and World No.8 **Aryna Sabalenka** as well as former champions **Karolina Pliskova** (2017) and **Petra Kvitova** (2018)
- Two-time Doha champion **Victoria Azarenka** (2012-13) and 2016 runner-up **Jelena Ostapenko** are among the four wildcard recipients this week
- World No.11 **Kiki Bertens** returns to the WTA Tour for the first time since 2020 Roland Garros after undergoing achilles surgery in October
- **Jennifer Brady**, who recently reached her maiden Grand Slam final at the Australian Open and made her Top 20 debut, will look to keep up the momentum she started after winning her first WTA title last year at Lexington

- **One to Watch – Mayar Sherif.** Earlier this month, Sherif became the first Egyptian woman to win a main draw Grand Slam match at the Australian Open, defeating fellow qualifier Paquet in straight sets before falling to Juvan in the 2r. The 24-year-old enters this week's main draw as a wildcard and ranked at a career-best of World No.114, achieved after her run at Melbourne Park

COUNTRY AND REGION BREAKDOWN

Excluding qualifiers, a total of 17 countries and regions are represented in the main draw, led by Russia and the United States with three players each:

Belarus (2)	Victoria Azarenka, Aryna Sabalenka
China (2)	Wang Qiang, Zheng Saisai
Czech Republic (2)	Petra Kvitova, Karolina Pliskova
Estonia (1)	Anett Kontaveit
Egypt (1)	Mayar Sherif
Germany (1)	Angelique Kerber
Greece (1)	Maria Sakkari
Kazakhstan (1)	Elena Rybakina
Latvia (1)	Jelena Ostapenko
Netherlands (1)	Kiki Bertens
Russia (3)	Veronika Kudermetova, Svetlana Kuznetsova, Anastasia Pavlyuchenkova
Spain (1)	Garbiñe Muguruza
Switzerland (1)	Belinda Bencic
Tunisia (1)	Ons Jabeur
Turkey (1)	Cagla Buyukakcay
Ukraine (1)	Elina Svitolina
United States (3)	Amanda Anisimova, Jennifer Brady, Madison Keys

2021 WTA TOUR FINALS

Week of	Level	Tournament	Singles Final	Doubles Final
Jan 6	WTA 500	Abu Dhabi, UAE	[4] Sabalenka d. Kudermetova 62 62	[5] Aoyama/Shibahara d. [8] Carter/Stefani 76(5) 64
Jan 31	WTA 500	Yarra Valley Classic	[1] Barty d. [6] Muguruza 76(3) 64	[3] Aoyama/Shibahara d. Kalinskaya/Kuzmova 63 64
Jan 31	WTA 500	Gippsland Trophy	[7] Mertens d. Kanepi 64 61	[1] Krejckikova/Siniakova d. [2] Chan/Chan 63 76(4)
Feb 3	WTA 500	Grampians Trophy	Li & [6] Kontaveit (FINAL NOT PLAYED)	
Feb 8	Grand Slam	Australian Open	[3] Osaka d. [22] Brady 64 63	[2] Sabalanka/Mertens d. [3] Krejckikova/Siniakova 62 63
Feb 13	WTA 250	Phillip Island Trophy	Kasatkina d. [13] Bouzkova 46 62 62	Raina/Rakhimova d. Blinkova/Potapova 26 64 10-7
Feb 22	WTA 500	Adelaide International	[5] Swiatek d. [2] Bencic 62 62	[3] Guarachi/Krawczyk d. Carter/Stefani 67(4) 64 10-3

A SNAPSHOT OF 2021 SO FAR

- **Top 20 Debut (1):** Jennifer Brady (at No.13 on February 22)
- **Fewest games dropped en route to a title:** Iga Swiatek (22, Adelaide)
- **Lowest-ranked player to triumph:** Daria Kasatkina (No.71, Phillip Island Trophy)
- **Youngest title winner:** Iga Swiatek, Adelaide (19y 272d)
- **Oldest title winner:** Elise Mertens, Gippsland Trophy (25y 81d)
- **Aces leaders:** Ekaterina Alexandrova – 73, Naomi Osaka – 68, Ashleigh Barty – 63
- **Most aces in a match (17):** Ekaterina Alexandrova (d. Watson 7-5 6-7(7) 6-3 – Abu Dhabi, R32)
- **Match win leaders:** Naomi Osaka – 10 and Daria Kasatkina – 10

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PREVIEW NOTES: QATAR TOTAL OPEN

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- **Most three-set wins (4):** Irina-Camelia Begu, Coco Gauff, Daria Kasatkina
- **Most doubles titles (2):** Shuko Aoyama / Ena Shibahara (Abu Dhabi, Yarra Valley Classic)
- **Most Top 10 wins (2):** Danielle Collins (No.6 Ka.Pliskova at Yarra Valley Classic, No.1 Barty at Adelaide); Karolina Muchova (No.6 Ka.Pliskova and No.1 Barty, both at Australian Open); Kaia Kanepi (No.7 Sabalenka at Gippsland Trophy and No.4 Kenin at Australian Open); Serena Williams (No.7 Sabalenka and No.2 Halep, both at Australian Open)