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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
<b>Winner</b>	68,570	470
<b>Runner-Up</b>	51,000	305
<b>Semifinalist</b>	32,400	185
<b>Quarterfinalist</b>	15,500	100
<b>Round of 16</b>	8,200	55
<b>Round of 32</b>	6,650	1

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

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

## 2021 WTA TOUR FINALS

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