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## QATAR TOTALENERGIES OPEN 2024

### DOHA, QATAR



FEB 11 – FEB 17, 2024 | WTA 500 | \$780, 637

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## QATAR TOTALENERGIES OPEN – QUICK FACTS

**Main draw dates:** Sunday, February 11 – Saturday, February 17, 2024  
**Singles Final:** Saturday, February 17 – NB 6pm  
**Doubles Final:** Saturday, February 17  
**Venue:** Khalifa International Tennis & Squash Complex  
**Status:** WTA 1000  
**Staging:** Tournament's 22nd year  
**Draw sizes:** 56 singles / 28 doubles teams / 32 singles qualifying  
**Surface:** Hard (Plexicushion Prestige) / Outdoors  
**Tennis Ball:** Dunlop Australian Open  
**2023 Singles Final:** [1] Iga Swiatek d. [2] Jessica Pegula 6-3 6-0  
**2023 Doubles Final:** [1] Coco Gauff / Jessica Pegula d. [2] Lyudmyla Kichenok / Jelena Ostapenko 6-4 2-6 10-7

SINGLES \$	SINGLES RANK POINTS		DOUBLES \$	DOUBLES RANK POINTS
523,485	1000	<b>Winner</b>	154,160	1000
308,320	650	<b>Runner-Up</b>	86,710	650
158,944	390	<b>Semifinalist</b>	46,570	390
72,965	215	<b>Quarterfinalist</b>	24,090	215
36,454	120	<b>Round of 16</b>	13,650	120
20,650	65	<b>Round of 32</b>	9,100	10
14,800	10	<b>Round of 56</b>		

## MAIN DRAW QUICK-HITS

**Wildcards:** Paula Badosa, Anna Kalinskaya, Emma Raducanu, Zeynep Sonmez  
**Youngest singles player:** Brenda Fruhvirtova (16)  
**Oldest singles player:** Tatjana Maria (36)

## TOURNAMENT TALKING POINTS

- This year's event will be the 22nd edition, dating back to the inaugural tournament in 2001.
- The Khalifa International Tennis & Squash Complex also hosted the WTA Finals for three years (2008-10).
- In 2024 the WTA expanded to 10 WTA 1000 tournaments, up from nine in 2023, with both Doha and Dubai becoming 1000 events every year instead of alternating.



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- Since the Qatar Open's inauguration in 2001, five players share the record for the most tournament titles, having each won the event twice - Anastasia Myskina, Maria Sharapova, Victoria Azarenka, Petra Kvitova and Iga Swiatek.
- Azarenka is the only player to win the Qatar Open twice when classified a WTA 1000.
- Iga Swiatek can become the first player to win a WTA event three years in a row since Serena Williams, who won the Miami Open on three consecutive occasions between 2013 and 2015.
- With 22 victories at the event, Petra Kvitova holds the most match wins at the Qatar Open since the tournament's inauguration in 2001.
- Victoria Azarenka is three wins away to become only the third player to achieve 150 WTA-1000 match wins on hard court after Agnieszka Radwanska (156) and Caroline Wozniacki (152), since the format was introduced in 2009. Azarenka currently holds a record of 147-49 on the surface at WTA-1000 events.
- A qualifier or lucky loser has never reached the final of the Qatar Open, with Jessica Pegula reaching the semi-final as a qualifier in 2021, losing to eventual winner Petra Kvitova. Caroline Garcia is the only qualifier or lucky loser to reach the final or win a WTA-1000 event, defeating Kvitova in Cincinnati 2022.
- At 30 years and 363 days, Petra Kvitova (2021) is the only player aged 30 or over to win the Qatar Open, since the tournament's inauguration in 2001. Serena Williams (2013) is the oldest to reach the final at the event, losing to Victoria Azarenka at the age of 31 years and 144 days.
- At 17 years and 313 days, Maria Sharapova (2005) is the only teenager to win the Qatar Open since 2001. She is one of three teenagers to reach the final, along with Kuznetsova (2004) and Ostapenko (2016).
- Caroline Garcia will be making her 80th main draw appearance at a WTA-1000 event, becoming the fifth player born after 1990 to achieve the feat after Anastasia Pavlyuchenkova, Caroline Wozniacki, Alize Cornet and Simona Halep.
- In her opening match at this year's Qatar Open, Elena Rybakina will be appearing in her 75th WTA-1000 match. In the event of victory, only six players will have claimed more wins from their opening 75 WTA-1000 matches than Rybakina (53) since 2009 - Serena Williams (63), Maria Sharapova (60), Caroline Wozniacki (59), Iga Swiatek (58), Ashleigh Barty and Victoria Azarenka (55 each).
- Elena Rybakina finished 2023 with a record of 27-5 at WTA 1000 events. Level with Iga Swiatek for the year in 2023, only Serena Williams in 2013 (36) and Victoria Azarenka in 2012 (28) had more wins in a single season at WTA-1000 level.
- At WTA 1000 level events, Azarenka owns a Tour-leading 191 wins at WTA 1000s followed by Halep (186), Kvitova (180), Wozniacki (177) and A.Radwanska (175) as the only players with 150+ wins at WTA 1000 level.



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## TOP 8 SEEDS – TOURNAMENT HISTORY\*

PLAYER	APPEARANCES	HIGHLIGHTS	W/L
[1] Iga Swiatek (POL)	4th	WON (2): 2022, 2023	9-1
[2] Coco Gauff (USA)	3rd	R32 (1): 2023	4-2
[3] Elena Rybakina (KAZ)	4th	R16 (1): 2020	2-2
[4] Ons Jabeur (TUN)	9th	QF (2): 2020, 2022	6-8
[5] Qinwen Zheng (CHN)	2nd	R32 (1): 2023	0-1
[6] Marketa Vondrousova (CZE)	3rd	R32 (1): 2018	1-2
[7] Maria Sakkari (GRE)	6th	SF (2): 2022, 2023 QF (1): 2021	10-5
[8] Jelena Ostapenko (LAT)	8th	R-UP (1): 2016 SF (1): 2022	14-7

*\*Main draw matches only*

TOURNAMENT HISTORY	W	L
MOST MAIN DRAW WINS		
KVITOVA, PETRA (CZE)	22	7
WOZNIACKI, CAROLINE (DEN)	19	9
AZARENKA, VICTORIA	19	3
KUZNETSOVA, SVETLANA	19	12
VOLODKO, KATERYNA (UKR)	18	7
RADWANSKA, AGNIESZKA (POL)	17	9
VINCI, ROBERTA (ITA)	15	10
SAFAROVA, LUCIE (CZE)	15	8
NICULESCU, MONICA (ROU)	15	8
JANKOVIC, JELENA (SRB)	15	10

WTA 1000 LEVEL	TITLES
MOST TITLES (SINCE 2009)	
WILLIAMS, SERENA USA	13
AZARENKA, VICTORIA	10
HALEP, SIMONA ROU	9
KVITOVA, PETRA CZE	9
SHARAPOVA, MARIA	8
SWIATEK, IGA POL	6
WOZNIACKI, CAROLINE DEN	6
SABALENKA, ARYNA	5
RADWANSKA, AGNIESZKA POL	5



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## COUNTRY & REGION BREAKDOWN

Not including qualifiers, a total of 23 countries and regions are represented in the main draw led by the United States with nine players:

<b>Belgium (2)</b>	Elise Mertens, Greet Minnen
<b>Bulgaria (1)</b>	Viktoriya Tomova
<b>Brazil (1)</b>	Beatriz Haddad Maia
<b>Canada (1)</b>	Leylah Fernandez
<b>China (3)</b>	Wang Xinyu, Qinwen Zheng, Zhu Lin
<b>Croatia (2)</b>	Petra Martic, Donna Vekic
<b>Czech Republic (6)</b>	Marie Bouzkova, Barbora Krejcikova, Linda Noskova, Karolina Pliskova, Katerina Siniakova, Marketa Vondrousova
<b>France (2)</b>	Caroline Garcia, Varvara Gracheva
<b>Germany (1)</b>	Tatjana Maria
<b>Great Britain (1)</b>	Emma Raducanu
<b>Greece (1)</b>	Maria Sakkari
<b>Italy (1)</b>	Jasmine Paolini
<b>Japan (2)</b>	Nao Hibino, Naomi Osaka
<b>Kazakhstan (1)</b>	Elena Rybakina
<b>Latvia (1)</b>	Jelena Ostapenko
<b>The Netherlands (1)</b>	Arantxa Rus
<b>Poland (3)</b>	Magdalena Frech, Magad Linette, Iga Swiatek
<b>Romania (1)</b>	Sorana Cirstea
<b>Spain (1)</b>	Paula Badosa
<b>Tunisia (1)</b>	Ons Jabeur
<b>Turkey (1)</b>	Zeynep Sonmez
<b>Ukraine (3)</b>	Anhelina Kalinina, Marta Kostyuk, Lesia Tsurenko
<b>United States (9)</b>	Danielle Collins, Caroline Dolehide, Coco Gauff, Sofia Kenin, Ashlyn Krueger, Emma Navarro, Bernarda Pera, Peyton Stearns, Sloane Stephens
	Ekaterina Alexandrova, Erika Andreeva, Victoria Azarenka, Anna Kalinskaya, Daria Kasatkina, Veronika Kudermetova, Anastasia Pavlyuchenkova, Anastasia Potapova, Liudmila Samsonova, Diana Shnaider



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## A SNAPSHOT OF 2024 SO FAR

END DATE	TOURNAMENT	LEVEL	CHAMPION	RUNNER-UP
Jan 7	United Cup	WTA 500	Germany	Poland
Jan 7	Brisbane	WTA 500	Elena Rybakina	Aryna Sabalenka
Jan 7	Auckland	WTA 250	Coco Gauff	Elina Svitolina
Jan 13	Adelaide	WTA 500	Jelena Ostapenko	Daria Kasatkina
Jan 13	Hobart	WTA 250	Emma Navarro	Elise Mertens
Jan 28	Australian Open	Grand Slam	Aryna Sabalenka	Zheng Qinwen
Feb 4	Linz	WTA 500	Jelena Ostapenko	Ekaterina Alexandrova
Feb 4	Hua Hin	WTA 250	Diana Shnaider	Zhu Lin

- Jelena Ostapenko became the first two-time title winner in 2024 capturing titles at Adelaide and Linz.
- Four times this year the No.1 seed and No.2 seed met head-to-head in a tournament final. During the entire 2023 season the No.1 seed and No.2 seed met in four finals. The last time the No.1 seed and No.2 seed met more than four times in tournament finals in a season was 2013 (9 times).
- Qinwen Zheng made her Top 10 debut after the Australian Open (on Monday, January 29). She is the first Chinese woman to crack the Top 10 since Li Na (February 1, 2010).
- Four players have made their Top 100 debut this year – Renata Zarazua (Jan 8), Maria Timofeeva (Jan 29), Brenda Fruhvirtova (Jan 29) and Arina Rodionova (AUS).



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## TOURNAMENT HONOR ROLL

YEAR	CHAMPION	RUNNER-UP	LEVEL
2001	HINGIS, MARTINA SUI	TESTUD, SANDRINE FRA	III
2002	SELES, MONICA USA	TANASUGARN, TAMARINE THA	III
2003	MYSKINA, ANASTASIA	LIKHOVTSEVA, ELENA	III
2004	MYSKINA, ANASTASIA	KUZNETSOVA, SVETLANA	II
2005	SHARAPOVA, MARIA	MOLIK, ALICIA AUS	II
2006	PETROVA, NADIA	MAURESMO, AMÉLIE FRA	II
2007	HENIN, JUSTINE BEL	KUZNETSOVA, SVETLANA	II
2008	SHARAPOVA, MARIA	ZVONAREVA, VERA	I
2011	ZVONAREVA, VERA	WOZNIACKI, CAROLINE DEN	WTA 500
2012	AZARENKA, VICTORIA	STOSUR, SAMANTHA AUS	WTA 1000
2013	AZARENKA, VICTORIA	WILLIAMS, SERENA USA	WTA 1000
2014	HALEP, SIMONA ROU	KERBER, ANGELIQUE GER	WTA 1000
2015	SAFAROVA, LUCIE CZE	AZARENKA, VICTORIA	WTA 500
2016	SUÁREZ NAVARRO, CARLA ESP	OSTAPENKO, JELENA LAT	WTA 1000
2017	PLISKOVA, KAROLINA CZE	WOZNIACKI, CAROLINE DEN	WTA 500
2018	KVITOVA, PETRA CZE	MUGURUZA, GARBIÑE ESP	WTA 1000
2019	MERTENS, ELISE BEL	HALEP, SIMONA ROU	WTA 500
2020	SABALENKA, ARYNA	KVITOVA, PETRA CZE	WTA 1000
2021	KVITOVA, PETRA CZE	MUGURUZA, GARBIÑE ESP	WTA 500
2022	SWIATEK, IGA POL	KONTAVEIT, ANETT EST	WTA 1000
2023	SWIATEK, IGA POL	PEGULA, JESSICA USA	WTA 500