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Dubai Duty Free Tennis Championships

Dubai, UAE



Feb 16 – Feb 22, 2025 | WTA 1000 | \$3,654,963

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DUBAI DUTY FREE TENNIS CHAMPIONSHIPS 2025 – QUICK FACTS

Main draw dates: Sunday, Feb 16 – Saturday, Feb 22, 2025
Singles Final: Saturday, Feb 22, 7pm
Doubles Final: Saturday, Feb 22, 4:30pm
Venue: Dubai Duty Free Tennis Stadium – The Aviation Club
Status: WTA 1000
Staging: 25th Edition (9th as WTA 1000)
Draw sizes: 56 singles / 28 doubles teams / 32 singles qualifying
Surface: Hard / Outdoor – DecoTurf II
Tennis Ball: Dunlop – Fort All Court TS SS

SINGLES	\$	RANK POINTS		DOUBLES	\$	RANK POINTS
Winner	\$597,000	1000		Winner	\$175,000	1000
Runner-Up	351,801	650		Runner-Up	98,950	650
Semifinalist	181,400	390		Semifinalist	53,140	390
Quarterfinalist	83,470	215		Quarterfinalist	27,480	215
Round of 16	41,600	120		Round of 16	15,570	120
Round of 32	23,500	65		Round of 32	10,380	10
Round of 64	16,900	10				

TOURNAMENT TALKING POINTS

Wildcards: Sorana Cirstea, Caroline Garcia, Sofia Kenin, Emma Raducanu

Youngest singles player: Mirra Andreeva (17)

Oldest singles player: Victoria Azarenka (35)

Aryna Sabalenka enters the week at No.1 on the PIF WTA Rankings. This week (week of Feb 17) will be her 26th week atop the WTA Rankings and she will maintain her No.1 ranking regardless of any results this week.

This will be the 25th edition of the Women’s Singles at the Dubai Tennis Championships, with Martina Hingis winning the inaugural edition in 2001.

Justine Henin has won the most Women’s Singles titles in Dubai, winning the event on four occasions.

Four players have won the singles title in Dubai on multiple occasions – Justine Henin (four), Venus Williams (three), Elina Svitolina and Simona Halep (two each).

Justine Henin (2003-04 & 2006-07), Venus Williams (2009-10) and Elina Svitolina (2017-18) have each won back-to-back editions at the tournament.



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Svetlana Kuznetsova has reached the most singles finals at the tournament without winning the event, losing on all three occasions. Since 2000, only Maria Sharapova has appeared in more finals at a WTA event without winning, losing on all five occasions in Miami.

Caroline Wozniacki (22) has won the most matches at the Dubai Tennis Championships, while Elina Svitolina (19) holds the most among players in this year's main draw.

Among currently active players, Barbora Krejckikova (85.7%, 12-2) holds the best winning percentage in the Women's Singles at the Dubai Tennis Championships - minimum 10 matches.

At 20 years and 147 days, Martina Hingis (2001) is the youngest player to claim the singles title at the Dubai Tennis Championships – Hingis is one of three to win the event before turning 21, along with Justine Henin (2003) and Caroline Wozniacki (2011).

At 33 years and 250 days, Venus Williams (2001) is the oldest player to win the title in Dubai - Williams is the only player aged 30+ to win the event.

Ranked No.45 at the time, Belinda Bencic is the lowest-ranked player to win the Women's Singles title in Dubai.

Barbora Krejckikova (No.63, 2021) is the lowest-ranked Women's Singles finalist at the Dubai Tennis Championships.

Last year, Anna Kalinskaya became the first qualifier to reach the Women's Singles final at the Dubai Tennis Championships – since 2009, Kalinskaya also became only the second qualifier to achieve the feat at a WTA-1000 event, along with Caroline Garcia (Cincinnati 2022).

En route to tournament victory in Dubai in 2023, Barbora Krejckikova became only the third player since 1990 to defeat the WTA's top three in the quarter-final, semi-final and final at a WTA event, along with Steffi Graf (Roland Garros 1999) and Serena Williams (Miami 2002).

Winning the event in 2014, Venus Williams remains the only wildcard to reach the Women's Singles final at the Dubai Tennis Championships, since the inaugural event in 2001.

Martina Hingis (2001) and Justine Henin (2007) are currently the only two players to claim tournament victory in Doha and Dubai in the same season.

The last defending champion to lose their opening Women's Singles match in was Belinda Bencic in 2020, after winning the event in 2019.

TOURNAMENT RECORDS

MOST MATCH WINS DUBAI TOURNAMENT

	W	L
CAROLINE WOZNIACKI	22	6
JELENA JANKOVIC	21	12
SVETLANA KUZNETSOVA	21	14
VENUS WILLIAMS	19	4
ELINA SVITOLINA	19	7

MOST SINGLES TITLES DUBAI TOURNAMENT

	TITLES
JUSTINE HENIN	4
VENUS WILLIAMS	3
SIMONA HALEP	2
ELINA SVITOLINA	2



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COUNTRY & REGION BREAKDOWN

Armenia (1)	Elina Avanesyan
Belgium (1)	Elise Mertens
Brazil (1)	Beatriz Haddad Maia
Canada (1)	Leylah Fernandez
China (2)	Wang Xinyu, Zheng Qinwen
Croatia (1)	Donna Vekic
Czech Republic (4)	Karolina Muchova, Linda Noskova, Katerina Siniakova, Marketa Vondrousova
Denmark (1)	Clara Tauson
France (1)	Caroline Garcia
Germany (1)	Eva Lys
Great Britain (1)	Emma Raducanu
Greece (1)	Maria Sakkari
Italy (1)	Jasmine Paolini
Japan (2)	Aoi Ito, Moyuka Uchijima
Kazakhstan (2)	Yulia Putintseva, Elena Rybakina
Latvia (1)	Jelena Ostapenko
The Netherlands (1)	Suzan Lamens
New Zealand (1)	Lulu Sun
Poland (3)	Magdalena Frech, Magda Linette, Iga Swiatek
Romania (2)	Sorana Cirstea, Elena-Gabriela Ruse
Spain (1)	Paula Badosa
Slovakia (1)	Rebecca Sramkova
Switzerland (1)	Belinda Bencic
Tunisia (1)	Ons Jabeur
Ukraine (4)	Anhelina Kalinina, Marta Kostyuk, Elina Svitolina, Dayana Yastremska
United States (8)	Amanda Anisimova, Coco Gauff, Sofia Kenin, McCartney Kessler, Emma Navarro, Alycia Parks, Jessica Pegula, Peyton Stearns,

Ekaterina Alexandrova, Mirra Andreeva, Victoria Azarenka, Anna Kalinskaya, Daria Kasatkina, Veronika Kudermetova, Anastasia Potapova, Anastasia Pavlyuchenkova, Aryna Sabalenka, Liudmila Samsonova, Diana Shnaider



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2025 WTA TOUR FINALS

END DATE	TOURNAMENT	LEVEL	CHAMPION	RUNNER-UP
Jan 5	United Cup	WTA 500	USA	Poland
Jan 5	Brisbane	WTA 500	[1] Aryna Sabalenka	Polina Kudermetova
Jan 5	Auckland	WTA 250	[5] Clara Tauson	[7] Naomi Osaka
Jan 11	Adelaide	WTA 500	Madison Keys	[1] Jessica Pegula
Jan 11	Hobart	WTA 250	McCartney Kessler	[2] Elise Mertens
Jan 26	Australian Open	Grand Slam	[19] Madison Keys	[1] Aryna Sabalenka
Feb 2	Linz	WTA 500	[4] Ekaterina Alexandrova	[5] Dayana Yastremska
Feb 2	Singapore	WTA 250	[2] Elise Mertens	Ann Li
Feb 9	Abu Dhabi	WTA 500	[WC] Belinda Bencic	Ashlyn Krueger
Feb 9	Cluj-Napoca	WTA 250	[1] Anastasia Potapova	Lucia Bronzetti
Feb 15	Doha	WTA 1000	Amanda Anisimova	Jelena Ostapenko

2025 SUMMARY

- **Most Aces – Season:** Clara Tauson (94), Madison Keys (88), Elise Mertens (67)
- **Most Match Wins – Season:** Madison Keys (14-1), Iga Swiatek (12-3), Elise Mertens (12-3), Aryna Sabalenka (11-2), Ons Jabeur (11-5)
- **Most Singles Titles – Season:** Madison Keys, 2 (Adelaide, Australian Open)
- **PIF WTA World No.1 Ranking – Singles:** Aryna Sabalenka, 16 consecutive weeks (since Oct 21, 2024); Total Weeks at No.1 - 24
- **PIF WTA World No.1 Ranking – Doubles:** Katerina Siniakova, 22 consecutive weeks (since Sep 9, 2024); Total weeks at No.1 – 137 (tied for 4th most all-time)
- **PIF WTA Top 100 Debuts:** Polina Kudermetova (Jan 6), Eva Lys (Jan 27)
- **PIF WTA 50 Debuts:** McCartney Kessler (Jan 13), Ashlyn Krueger (Jan 27), Olga Danilovic (Jan 27)



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TOURNAMENT HONOR ROLL

YEAR	CHAMPION	RUNNER-UP	LEVEL
2001	HINGIS, MARTINA SUI	TAUZAT, NATHALIE FRA	II
2002	MAURESMO, AMÉLIE FRA	TESTUD, SANDRINE FRA	II
2003	HENIN, JUSTINE BEL	SELES, MONICA USA	II
2004	HENIN, JUSTINE BEL	KUZNETSOVA, SVETLANA RUS	II
2005	DAVENPORT, LINDSAY USA	JANKOVIC, JELENA SRB	II
2006	HENIN, JUSTINE BEL	SHARAPOVA, MARIA RUS	II
2007	HENIN, JUSTINE BEL	MAURESMO, AMÉLIE FRA	II
2008	DEMENTIEVA, ELENA RUS	KUZNETSOVA, SVETLANA RUS	II
2009	WILLIAMS, VENUS USA	RAZZANO, VIRGINIE FRA	WTA 1000
2010	WILLIAMS, VENUS USA	AZARENKA, VICTORIA BLR	WTA 1000
2011	WOZNIACKI, CAROLINE DEN	KUZNETSOVA, SVETLANA RUS	WTA 1000
2012	RADWANSKA, AGNIESZKA POL	GOERGES, JULIA GER	WTA 500
2013	KVITOVA, PETRA CZE	ERRANI, SARA ITA	WTA 500
2014	WILLIAMS, VENUS USA	CORNET, ALIZÉ FRA	WTA 500
2015	HALEP, SIMONA ROU	PLISKOVA, KAROLINA CZE	WTA 1000
2016	ERRANI, SARA ITA	STRYCOVA, BARBORA CZE	WTA 500
2017	SVITOLINA, ELINA UKR	WOZNIACKI, CAROLINE DEN	WTA 1000
2018	SVITOLINA, ELINA UKR	KASATKINA, DARIA RUS	WTA 500
2019	BENCIC, BELINDA SUI	KVITOVA, PETRA CZE	WTA 1000
2020	HALEP, SIMONA ROU	RYBAKINA, ELENA KAZ	WTA 500
2021	MUGURUZA, GARBIÑE ESP	KREJCIKOVA, BARBORA CZE	WTA 1000
2022	OSTAPENKO, JELENA LAT	KUDERMETOVA, VERONIKA	WTA 500
2023	KREJCIKOVA, BARBORA CZE	SWIATEK, IGA POL	WTA 1000
2024	PAOLINI, JASMINE ITA	KALINSKAYA, ANNA	WTA 1000