



PREVIEW NOTES

CHINA OPEN BEIJING, CHINA

Sep 30 – Oct 11, 2026 | WTA 1000 | \$9,415,725



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BEIJING QUICK HITS

Main draw dates:	Wed, Sep 30 – Sun, Oct 11, 2026
Singles Final:	Sunday, Oct 11
Doubles Final:	Sunday, Oct 11
Venue:	National Tennis Center
Status:	WTA 1000
Staging:	20th edition
Draw sizes:	96 singles / 32 doubles teams / 48 singles qualifying
Surface:	Hard/Outdoors
Tennis Ball:	Head Tour Regular Duty
2025 Singles Final:	[3] Amanda Anisimova def. [26] Linda Noskova 6-0, 2-6, 6-2
2025 Doubles Final:	[2] Errani / Paolini def. Kato / Stollar 6-7(1), 6-3, 10-2

SINGLES	PRIZE MONEY	RANK POINTS
Winner	\$1,151,380	1000
Runner-Up	\$612,340	650
Semifinalist	\$340,190	390
Quarterfinalist	\$193,645	215
Round of 16	\$105,720	120
Round of 32	\$61,865	65
Round of 64	\$36,110	35
Round 96	\$24,335	10

DOUBLES	PRIZE MONEY	RANK POINTS
Winner	\$468,200	1000
Runner-Up	\$247,870	650
Semifinalist	\$133,110	390
Quarterfinalist	\$66,570	215
Round of 16	\$35,700	120
Round of 32	\$19,510	10

TOURNAMENT TALKING POINTS

This year marks the 20th edition of the Beijing tournament with the event being staged as a Tier II event from 2004-2008 and being introduced as a WTA 1000 event in 2009.

The Beijing tournament features a 96-player draw with the 32 seeds receiving a first-round bye.

Four players have won the title in Beijing two times – Svetlana Kuznetsova (2006, 2009), Agnieszka Radwanska (2011, 2016), Serena Williams (2004, 2013) and Caroline Wozniacki (2010, 2018).

This final swing of the WTA Tour calendar features back-to-back WTA 1000 tournaments, followed by back-to-back WTA 500 events. This is a crucial stage on the Race to the WTA Finals with 3,000 Race points still up for grabs. Entering the swing, Elena Rybakina was the only singles player to secure qualification in a field that is one of the tightest races in recent history.

This year's Beijing draw includes eight of the Top 10 players on the PIF WTA Rankings, including WTA World No.1 Rybakina. This is her first tournament as the WTA World No.1 and first event since winning the 2026 US Open – her second Grand Slam title of 2026.

The draw includes three former Beijing champions – Coco Gauff (2024), Iga Swiatek (2023) and Naomi Osaka (2019) – and three former finalists in the draw: Linda Noskova (2025), Karolina Muchova (2024) and Liudmila Samsonova (2023).

Rybakina will stay at No.1 after Beijing, regardless of how the tournament plays out. It is worth noting that due to a shift in the calendar and alignment of Tour events, ranking points earned at 2025 Beijing and 2025 Wuhan will both drop off on October 12, 2026, as the 52-week cycle for ranking points exclusion comes to an end.



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TOP 8 SEEDS – TOURNAMENT HISTORY

PLAYER	APP	TOURNAMENT HISTORY	W/L
[1] Elena Rybakina	3rd	SF (1): 2023 R32 (1): 2025	5-2
[2] Aryna Sabalenka	5th	QF (3): 2019, 2023, 2024 R32 (1): 2018	8-4
[3] Coco Gauff	4th	WON (1): 2024 SF (2): 2023, 2025	14-2
[4] Mirra Andrejeva	4th	R16 (2): 2023, 2025 QF (1): 2024	7-3
[5] Linda Noskova	3rd	R-UP (1): 2025 R32 (1): 2023	6-1
[6] Elina Svitolina	8th	SF (1): 2016 QF (2): 2017, 2019 R32 (2): 2014, 2015 R64 (2): 2013, 2018	11-7
[7] Karolina Muchova	4th	R-UP (1): 2024 R16 (1): 2025 R64 (1): 2019	8-3
[8] Iga Swiatek	3rd	WON (1): 2023 R16 (1): 2025	8-1

**Main draw matches only*

NO.1 SEED PERFORMANCE HISTORY AT BEIJING

YEAR	NO.1 SEED	RESULT	LEVEL
2004	WILLIAMS, SERENA USA	WON	TIER II
2005	SHARAPOVA, MARIA	SF	TIER II
2006	MAURESMO, AMÉLIE FRA	R-UP	TIER II
2007	HENIN, JUSTINE BEL	W/D	TIER 2
2008	JANKOVIC, JELENA SRB	WON	TIER II
2009	SAFINA, DINARA	R32	WTA 1000
2010	WOZNIACKI, CAROLINE DEN	WON	WTA 1000
2011	WOZNIACKI, CAROLINE DEN	QF	WTA 1000
2012	AZARENKA, VICTORIA	WON	WTA 1000
2013	WILLIAMS, SERENA USA	WON	WTA 1000
2014	WILLIAMS, SERENA USA	QF	WTA 1000
2015	HALEP, SIMONA ROU	R64	WTA 1000
2016	KERBER, ANGELIQUE GER	R16	WTA 1000
2017	MUGURUZA, GARBIÑE ESP	R64	WTA 1000
2018	HALEP, SIMONA ROU	R64	WTA 1000
2019	BARTY, ASHLEIGH AUS	R-UP	WTA 1000
2023	SABALENKA, ARYNA	QF	WTA 1000
2024	SABALENKA, ARYNA	QF	WTA 1000
2025	SWIATEK, IGA	R16	WTA 1000



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COUNTRY & REGION BREAKDOWN

ARM (1)

Alina Charaeva

AUS (5)

Daria Kasatkina

Kimberly Birrell

Maya Joint

Talia Gibson

Taylah Preston

AUT (3)

Lilli Tagger

Sinja Kraus

Anastasia Potapova

BEL (1)

Elise Mertens

CAN (1)

Leylah Fernandez

CHN (9)

Lin Zhu

Qinwen Zheng

Xinran Sun

Xinyu Gao

Xinyu Wang

Yihan Qu

Yu Jun Lin

Yue Yuan

Yushan Shao

COL (1)

Camila Osorio

CRO (2)

Donna Vekic

Petra Marcinko

CZE (7)

Darja Vid'manova

Katerina Siniakova

Nikola Bartunkova

Karolína Muchova

Linda Noskova

Marie Bouzkova

Sara Bejlek

DEN (1)

Clara Tauson

EGY (1)

Mayar Sherif

ESP (2)

Cristina Bucşa

Paula Badosa

FRA (1)

Diane Parry

GBR (2)

Katie Boulter

Sonay Kartal

GER (2)

Eva Lys

Tamara Korpatsch

GRE (1)

Maria Sakkari

HUN (2)

Anna Bondár

Panna Udvardy

INA (1)

Janice Tjen

ITA (1)

Jasmine Paolini

JPN (2)

Aoi Ito

Naomi Osaka

KAZ (1)

Elena Rybakina

LAT (1)

Jeļena Ostapenko

MEX (1)

Renata Zarazúa

POL (4)

Magda Linette

Magdalena Frech

Iga Swiatek

Maja Chwalinska

ROU (1)

Elena-Gabriela Ruse

SUI (2)

Viktorija Golubic

Belinda Bencic

THA (1)

Lanlana Tararudee

TUR (1)

Zeynep Sönmez

UKR (6)

Anhelina Kalinina

Daria Snigur

Dayana Yastremska

Oleksandra Oliynykova

Yulia Starodubtseva

Elina Svitolina

USA (9)

Alycia Parks

Ann Li

Ashlyn Krueger

Caty McNally

Katie Volynets

Peyton Stearns

Sofia Kenin

Coco Gauff

Iva Jovic

UZB (3)

Kamilla Rakhimova

Maria Timofeeva

Polina Kudermetova

Anastasia Zakharova

Aryna Sabalenka

Ludmilla Samsonova

Anna Kalinskaya

Diana Shnaider

Ekaterina Alexandrova

Mirra Andreeva



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2026 SNAPSHOT

- Most Match Wins – Season: Jessica Pegula (50-13), Elena Rybakina (49-13), Aryna Sabalenka (46-9), Coco Gauff (45-14), Mirra Andreieva (44-15), Elina Svitolina (43-13)
- Most Match Wins – Hard Court Only: Elena Rybakina (36-7), Jessica Pegula (34-8), Aryna Sabalenka (33-4), Coco Gauff (30-8), Elina Svitolina (28-8)
- Most Singles Titles – Season: 3, Aryna Sabalenka (Brisbane, Indian Wells, Miami), Mirra Andreieva (Roland Garros, Linz, Adelaide), Elena Rybakina (Australian Open, Stuttgart, US Open)
- Most Doubles Titles – Season: 7, Katerina Siniakova – Toronto, Adelaide (both w/Zhang); US Open, Indian Wells, Miami, Madrid, Roland Garros (each w/Townsend)
- Singles / Doubles title sweep: Cristina Bucsa (Merida), Linda Noskova (Berlin)
- Most Aces: Elena Rybakina – 411
- PIF WTA World No.1 Ranking – Singles: Elena Rybakina made her World No.1 debut on Monday, September 14, this is her second week with the top ranking
- PIF WTA World No.1 Ranking – Doubles: Katerina Siniakova, 201 total (including week of September 21, 2026) – second most all-time weeks as doubles No.1
- Youngest titlist: Kristina Liutova, Memphis (16)
- Oldest titlist: Sorana Cirstea, Cluj-Napoca (35)
- Lowest ranked titlist: Robin Montgomery, 's-Hertogenbosch (No.484)
- First-Time Title Winners: Sara Bejlek (Abu Dhabi), Cristina Bucsa (Merida), Petra Marcinko (Rabat), Robin Montgomery ('s-Hertogenbosch), Lilli Tagger (Prague), Alexandra Eala (Washington DC), Kristina Liutova (Memphis), Diane Parry (Monterrey), Kimberly Birrell (Seoul), Kaitlin Quevedo (Sao Paolo)
- PIF WTA Top 100 Debuts (13): Sinja Kraus (Feb 23), Victoria Jimenez Kasintseva (Mar 2), Talia Gibson (Mar 16), Nikola Bartunkova (Mar 30), Daria Snigur (Mar 30), Hanne Vandewinkel (Mar 30), Lilli Tagger (Apr 13); Lanlana Tatarudee (May 4), Maja Chwalinska (June 8), Alina Korneeva (June 8), Darja Vidmanova (Jun 22), Kaitlin Quevedo (Jul 13), Taylah Preston (Aug 24)
- PIF WTA Top 50 Debuts (17): Cristina Bucsa (Jan 5), Janice Tjen (Feb 2), Tereza Valentova (Feb 2), Sara Bejlek (Feb 9), Maja Chwalinska (June 8), Petra Marcinko (June 8), Oleksandra Oliynykova (Jun 22), Nikola Bartunkova (Jun 22), Caty McNally (Jun 22), Zeynep Sonmez (Jul 13), Antonia Ruzic (Jul 13), Tamara Korpatsch (Jul 27), Lilli Tagger (Jul 27), Daria Snigur (Jul 27), Yulia Starodubtseva (Sep 14), Kimberly Birrell (Sep 28), Talia Gibson (Sep 28)
- PIF WTA Top 20 Debuts (3): Iva Jovic (Feb 2), Sorana Cirstea (May 18), Alexandra Eala (Aug 3)
- PIF WTA Top 10 Debuts (3): Victoria Mboko (Feb 16), Linda Noskova (Jun 22), Marta Kostyuk (Sept 14)
 - On Feb 16, Mboko (19 years old) joined Mirra Andreieva (18 years old) in the PIF WTA Rankings Top 10. This became the first time two teenagers were ranked in the Top 10 since the week of July 27, 2009 – No.8 Azarenka (19) and No.9 Wozniacki (19)



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2026 WTA TOUR FINALS

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Jan 11	United Cup	WTA 500	Poland	Switzerland	
Jan 11	Brisbane	WTA 500	[1] Aryna Sabalenka	[16] Marta Kostyuk	[1] Hsieh/Ostapenko
Jan 11	Auckland	WTA 250	[1] Elina Svitolina	[7] Wang Xinyu	[2] Guo/Mladenovic
Jan 17	Adelaide	WTA 500	[3] Mirra Andreeva	[8] Victoria Mboko	[2] Siniakova/Zheng
Jan 17	Hobart	WTA 250	[Q] Elisabetta Cocciaretto	[3] Iva Jovic	Piter/Tjen
Feb 1	Australian Open	Grand Slam	[5] Elena Rybakina	[1] Aryna Sabalenka	[4] Mertens/Z.Shuai
Feb 7	Abu Dhabi	WTA 500	[Q] Sara Bejlek	[2] Ekaterina Alexandrova	Alexandrova/Joint
Feb 7	Ostrava	WTA 250	Katie Boulter	Tamara Korpatsch	[4] Detiuc/Santamaria
Feb 7	Cluj-Napoca	WTA 250	[3] Sorana Cirstea	[1] Emma Raducanu	[3] Rakhimova/Sorribes Tormo
Feb 14	Doha	WTA 1000	[19] Karolina Muchova	[13] Victoria Mboko	[4] Danilina/Krunic
Feb 21	Dubai	WTA 1000	[5] Jessica Pegula	[9] Elina Svitolina	[5] Dabrowski/Stefani
Mar 1	Merida	WTA 500	Cristina Bucsa	Magdalena Frech	[2] Bucsa/Jiang
Mar 1	Austin	WTA 250	[4] Peyton Stearns	[WC] Taylor Townsend	[1] Hunter/Townsend
Mar 15	Indian Wells	WTA 1000	[1] Aryna Sabalenka	[3] Elena Rybakina	[3] Siniakova/Townsend
Mar 29	Miami	WTA 1000	[1] Aryna Sabalenka	[4] Coco Gauff	[2] Siniakova/Townsend
Apr 5	Charleston	WTA 500	[1] Jessica Pegula	Yulia Starodubtseva	Krawczyk/McNally
Apr 5	Bogota	WTA 250	[1] Marie Bouzkova	[8] Panna Udvardy	[1] Dolehide/Khromacheva
Apr 12	Linz	WTA 500	[1] Mirra Andreeva	Anastasia Potapova	[1] Cirstea/Zhang
Apr 19	Stuttgart	WTA 500	[1] Elena Rybakina	[7] Karolina Muchova	[4] Melichar-Martinez/Samsonova
Apr 19	Rouen	WTA 250	[1] Marta Kostyuk	[Q] Veronika Podrez	[4] Maleckova/Skoch
May 3	Madrid	WTA 1000	[26] Marta Kostyuk	[9] Mirra Andreeva	[2] Siniakova/Townsend
May 16	Rome	WTA 1000	[7] Elina Svitolina	[3] Coco Gauff	Andreeva/Shnaider
May 23	Strasbourg	WTA 500	Emma Navarro	[1] Victoria Mboko	[1] Dabrowski/Stefani
May 23	Rabat	WTA 250	[6] Petra Marcinko	Anhelina Kalinina	Chong/Kempen
June 7	Roland Garros	Grand Slam	[8] Mirra Andreeva	[Q] Maja Chwalinska	Siniakova/Townsend
Jun 14	London	WTA 500	[LL] Donna Vekic	Emma Raducanu	Mihalikova/Nicholls
Jun 14	's-Hertogenbosch	WTA 250	[Q] Robin Montgomery	[8] Barbora Krejcikova	Aoyama/Liang
Jun 21	Berlin	WTA 500	[8] Linda Noskova	[3] Jessica Pegula	Alexandrova/Noskova
Jun 21	Nottingham	WTA 250	[4] Marie Bouzkova	[3] Emma Navarro	[WC] Dart/Lumsden
Jun 27	Bad Homburg	WTA 500	[4] Karolina Muchova	[6] Naomi Osaka	Sutjiadi/Zvonareva
Jun 27	Eastbourne	WTA 250	[2] Madison Keys	Tatjana Maria	[1] Dabrowski/Stefani
Jul 12	Wimbledon	Grand Slam	[9] Linda Noskova	[10] Karolina Muchova	[10] Guo/Mladenovic
Jul 19	Athens	WTA 250	[3] Barbora Krejcikova	[4] Maria Sakkari	[1] Chan/Kato
Jul 19	Iasi	WTA 250	Mayar Sherif	Paula Badosa	[3] Detiuc/Khromacheva
Jul 26	Prague	WTA 250	Lilli Tagger	[8] Daria Snigur	[4] Dart/Lumsden
Jul 26	Hamburg	WTA 250	[5] Tamara Korpatsch	[4] Anna Bondar	Jakupovic/Radisic
Aug 2	Washington DC	WTA 500	Alexandra Eala	[1] Jessica Pegula	[2] Routliffe/Sutjiadi
Aug 2	Memphis	WTA 250	[Q] Kristina Liutova	Darja Vidmanova	[4] Kozyreva/Lumsden
Aug 13	Toronto	WTA 1000	[7] Iga Swiatek	[2] Elena Rybakina	[1] Siniakova/Zhang
Aug 23	Cincinnati	WTA 1000	[4] Coco Gauff	[3] Jessica Pegula	Bouzkova/Noskova



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Aug 29	Monterrey	WTA 500	Diane Parry	[2] Elise Mertens	Joint/Xu
Sept 12	US Open	Grand Slam	[2] Elena Rybakina	[1] Aryna Sabalenka	[1] Siniakova/Townsend
Sept 19	Guadalajara	WTA 500	[2] Iva Jovic	Peyton Stearns	[1] Bucsa/Melichar-Martinez
Sept 20	Sao Paulo	WTA 250	[7] Kaitlin Quevedo	Nadia Podoroska	[1] Dabrowski/Stefani
Sep 27	Singapore	WTA 500	[6] Leylah Fernandez	Talia Gibson	Routliffe/Sutjiadi
Sep 27	Seoul	WTA 250	[2] Kimberly Birrell	[5] Maya Joint	[1] Chan/Wu

TOURNAMENT HONOR ROLL

YEAR	CHAMPION	RUNNER-UP	LEVEL
2004	[1] WILLIAMS, SERENA USA #10	[2] KUZNETSOVA, SVETLANA RUS #5	TIER II
2005	KIRILENKO, MARIA RUS #45	[9] GROENEFELD, ANNA-LENA GER #30	TIER II
2006	[2] KUZNETSOVA, SVETLANA RUS #5	[1] MAURESMO, AMÉLIE FRA #1	TIER II
2007	[6] SZAVAY, AGNES HUN #23	[2] JANKOVIC, JELENA SRB #3	TIER II
2008	[1] JANKOVIC, JELENA SRB #2	[4] KUZNETSOVA, SVETLANA RUS #7	TIER II
2009	[6] KUZNETSOVA, SVETLANA RUS #6	[12] RADWANSKA, AGNIESZKA POL #11	WTA 1000
2010	[1] WOZNIACKI, CAROLINE DEN #2	[2] ZVONAREVA, VERA RUS #4	WTA 1000
2011	[11] RADWANSKA, AGNIESZKA POL #12	[9] PETKOVIC, ANDREA GER #11	WTA 1000
2012	[1] AZARENKA, VICTORIA BLR #1	[2] SHARAPOVA, MARIA RUS #2	WTA 1000
2013	[1] WILLIAMS, SERENA USA #1	[8] JANKOVIC, JELENA SRB #11	WTA 1000
2014	[4] SHARAPOVA, MARIA RUS #4	[3] KVITOVA, PETRA CZE #3	WTA 1000
2015	[5] MUGURUZA, GARBIÑE ESP #5	[12] BACSINSZKY, TIMEA SUI #17	WTA 1000
2016	[3] RADWANSKA, AGNIESZKA POL #3	[11] KONTA, JOHANNA GBR #14	WTA 1000
2017	GARCIA, CAROLINE FRA #15	[2] HALEP, SIMONA ROU #2	WTA 1000
2018	[2] WOZNIACKI, CAROLINE DEN #2	SEVASTOVA, ANASTASIJA LAT #20	WTA 1000
2019	[4] OSAKA, NAOMI JPN #4	[1] BARTY, ASHLEIGH AUS #1	WTA 1000
2023	[2] SWIATEK, IGA POL #2	SAMSONOVA, LIUDMILA RUS #22	WTA 1000
2024	[4] GAUFF, COCO USA #6	MUCHOVA, KAROLINA CZE #49	WTA 1000
2025	[3] ANISIMOVA, AMANDA USA #4	[26] NOSKOVA, LINDA CZE #27	WTA 1000



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PIF WTA WORLD NO.1 RANKING

Elena Rybakina moved to the top of the PIF WTA Rankings for the first time in her career on Monday, September 7, 2026:

PLAYER	WEEKS AT No.1	DATE REACHED No.1
Stefanie Graf (GER)	377	August 17, 1987
Martina Navratilova (USA)	332	July 10, 1978
Serena Williams (USA)	319	July 8, 2002
Chris Evert (USA)	260	November 3, 1975
Martina Hingis (SUI)	209	March 31, 1997
Monica Seles (USA)	178	March 11, 1991
Iga Swiatek (POL)	125	April 4, 2022
Ashleigh Barty (AUS)	121	June 24, 2019
Justine Henin (BEL)	117	October 20, 2003
Aryna Sabalenka	107	September 11, 2023
Lindsay Davenport (USA)	98	October 12, 1998
Caroline Wozniacki (DEN)	71	October 11, 2010
Simona Halep (ROU)	64	October 9, 2017
Victoria Azarenka	51	January 30, 2012
Amélie Mauresmo (FRA)	39	September 13, 2004
Angelique Kerber (GER)	34	September 12, 2016
Dinara Safina	26	April 20, 2009
Naomi Osaka (JPN)	25	January 28, 2019
Tracy Austin (USA)	21	April 7, 1980
Maria Sharapova	21	August 22, 2005
Kim Clijsters (BEL)	20	August 11, 2003
Jelena Jankovic (SRB)	18	August 11, 2008
Jennifer Capriati (USA)	17	October 15, 2001
Ana Ivanovic (SRB)	12	June 9, 2008
Arantxa Sánchez-Vicario (ESP)	12	February 6, 1995
Venus Williams (USA)	11	February 25, 2002
Karolína Pliskova (CZE)	8	July 17, 2017
Garbiñe Muguruza (ESP)	4	September 11, 2017
Elena Rybakina (KAZ)	3	September 14, 2026
Evonne Goolagong (AUS)	2	April 26, 1976

* including week of September 28, 2026

MOST CAREER WEEKS ATOP PIF WTA DOUBLES RANKINGS

DOUBLES NO.1	WEEKS AT No.1	DATE REACHED No.1
Martina Navratilova (USA)	237	September 10, 1984
Katerina Siniakova (CZE)	202	October 22, 2018
Liezel Huber (USA)	199	November 12, 2007
Cara Black (ZIM)	163	October 17, 2005
Lisa Raymond (USA)	137	June 12, 2000