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ASB CLASSIC

AUCKLAND, NEW ZEALAND

January 5 – January 11, 2026 | WTA 250 | \$283,347



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Main draw dates:	Mon, Jan. 5 – Sun, Jan. 11, 2026
Singles Final:	Sunday, Jan. 11
Doubles Final:	Sunday, Jan. 11
Venue:	Manuka Doctor Arena
Status:	WTA 250
Staging:	38th edition
Draw sizes:	32 singles / 16 doubles teams / 24 singles qualifying
Surface:	Greenset / Hard courts - Outdoors
Tennis Ball:	Dunlop – Australian Open
2025 Singles Final:	[5] Clara Tauson def. [7] Naomi Osaka, 6-4, RET.
2025 Doubles Final:	[2] Jiang/Wu def. Krunic/Santamaria, 6-3, 6-4

SINGLES	\$	RANK POINTS
Winner	\$37,390	250
Runner-Up	\$22,125	163
Semifinalist	\$12,331	98
Quarterfinalist	\$7,025	54
Round of 16	\$4,285	30
Round of 32	\$3,065	1

DOUBLES	\$	RANK POINTS
Winner	\$13,600	250
Runner-Up	\$7,650	163
Semifinalist	\$4,390	98
Quarterfinalist	\$2,620	54
Round of 16	\$2,020	1

TOP 4 SEEDS – TOURNAMENT HISTORY

PLAYER	MAIN-DRAW APPEARANCES	TOURNAMENT HISTORY
[1] Elina Svitolina	2nd	R-Up (1): 2024
[2] Emma Navarro	2nd	SF (1): 2024
[3] Iva Jovic	1st	Making tournament debut
[4] Alexandra Eala	1st	Making tournament debut



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MAIN DRAW QUICK HITS

Wildcards: Monique Barry, Katie Boulter, Sloane Stephens, Venus Williams

Youngest singles player: Iva Jovic (18) | **Oldest singles player:** Venus Williams (45)

(*not including qualifiers)

- This year's ASB Classic main draw is led by No.1 seed Elina Svitolina of Ukraine. The former World No.3 is making her second appearance at the tournament after reaching the final here on her maiden appearance in 2024. Svitolina had an excellent 2025 season, winning her 18th career title at Rouen, making semifinals at Madrid, and quarterfinal runs at Rome, Roland Garros and Australian Open. She posted a season-ending Top 20 finish for the first time since 2021.
- No.2 seed Emma Navarro returns to Auckland having reached the semifinals on her tournament debut in 2024. Both the American's career Tour titles have come at WTA 250 events – Merida 2025 and Hobart 2024. As well as her title at Merida in 2025, other season highlights comprised of seven quarterfinal runs including a third straight Australian Open quarterfinal.
- Iva Jovic is the No.3 seed at this year's ASB Classic on her tournament debut, and is the youngest player to receive direct entry into the main draw. The young American had a breakthrough 2025 season where she won her first Tour-level title aged 17 at WTA 500 Guadalajara, rising from World No.73 to No.36 following her triumph in Mexico. This week in Auckland is the first time Jovic has been within the Top 5 seeds at a WTA event.
- Rounding off the Top 4 seeds at Auckland is Alexandra Eala of the Philippines. Eala is making her ASB Classic debut in 2026 after emerging onto the WTA Tour in 2025 following a phenomenal run at Miami as a qualifier ranked No.140, where she defeated World No.5 Keys and No.2 Swiatek to reach the semifinals. Eala went on to reach her first career Tour-level final on the grass at Eastbourne and then won her maiden career WTA 125 title at Guadalajara 125, ending the 2025 season at a career-high ranking of No.50. During the off-season, the twenty-year-old took home the singles Gold medal for the Philippines at the 2025 Southeast Asian Games in Thailand.
- Also in the field is seven-time Grand Slam singles champion Venus Williams, who is making her seventh appearance at Auckland after winning the title in 2015 (d. Wozniacki in F) and reaching the final in 2013 (l. Ivanovic). In the first round, Williams will face 5th seed Magda Linette, who she owns a 2-0 career record against.



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COUNTRY & REGION BREAKDOWN

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

Austria (1)	Julia Grabher
China (1)	Wang Xinyu
Colombia (1)	Camila Osorio
Croatia (2)	Petra Marcinko, Donna Vekic
Czech Republic (1)	Sara Bejlek
France (1)	Varvara Gracheva
Germany (1)	Ella Seidel
Great Britain (3)	Katie Boulter, Francesca Jones, Sonay Kartal
Hungary (1)	Panna Udvardy
Indonesia (1)	Janice Tjen
Italy (1)	Elisabetta Cocciarettto
Mexico (1)	Renata Zarazua
New Zealand (1)	Monique Barry
Philippines (1)	Alexandra Eala
Poland (1)	Magda Linette
Ukraine (1)	Elina Svitolina
United States (7)	Iva Jovic, Caty McNally, Emma Navarro, Alycia Parks, Peyton Stearns, Sloane Stephens, Venus Williams

(*list does not include qualifiers)

2025 SUMMARY

- **Most Match Wins – Season:** Aryna Sabalenka (63-12), Iga Swiatek (62-17), Elena Rybakina (56-19), Jessica Pegula (51-22)
- **Most Singles Titles – Season:** Aryna Sabalenka, 4 (Brisbane, Miami, Madrid, US Open)
- **Most Aces in a Match – Season:** Clara Tauson (26)
- **PIF WTA World No.1 Ranking – Singles:** Aryna Sabalenka, 64 consecutive weeks (since Oct 21, 2024); Total Weeks at No.1 – 72 (including week of Jan 5, 2026)
- **PIF WTA World No.1 Ranking – Doubles:** Katerina Siniakova, returned to No.1 on September 22; week of January 5, 2026 marks Siniakova's 177th career week at No.1
- **PIF WTA Top 10 Debuts (3)** - Mirra Andreeva (Feb 24); Amanda Anisimova (July 14); Ekaterina Alexandrova (Oct 13)
- **Youngest titlist** – Iva Jovic, Guadalajara 500 (17 years, 283 days old)
- **Oldest titlist** - Tatjana Maria, Queen's Club (37 years, 312 days old)
- **Lowest-ranked titlist** - Tiantsoa Rakotomanga Rajaonah, Sao Paulo (No. 214)



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2025 WTA TOUR SINGLES FINALS

END DATE	TOURNAMENT	LEVEL	CHAMPION	RUNNER-UP
Jan 5	United Cup	WTA 500	USA	Poland
Jan 5	Brisbane	WTA 500	[1] Aryna Sabalenka	[Q] 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
Feb 22	Dubai	WTA 1000	[12] Mirra Andreeva	Clara Tauson
Mar 2	Merida	WTA 500	[1] Emma Navarro	Emiliana Arango
Mar 2	Austin	WTA 250	[1] Jessica Pegula	McCartney Kessler
Mar 16	Indian Wells	WTA 1000	[9] Mirra Andreeva	[1] Aryna Sabalenka
Mar 30	Miami	WTA 1000	[1] Aryna Sabalenka	[4] Jessica Pegula
Apr 6	Charleston	WTA 500	[1] Jessica Pegula	Sofia Kenin
Apr 6	Bogota	WTA 250	[2] Camila Osorio	Katarzyna Kawa
Apr 21	Stuttgart	WTA 500	Jelena Ostapenko	[1] Aryna Sabalenka
Apr 20	Rouen	WTA 250	[1] Elina Svitolina	[3] Olga Danilovic
May 4	Madrid	WTA 1000	[1] Aryna Sabalenka	[4] Coco Gauff
May 17	Rome	WTA 1000	[6] Jasmine Paolini	[2] Coco Gauff
May 24	Strasbourg	WTA 500	[4] Elena Rybakina	[8] Liudmila Samsonova
May 24	Rabat	WTA 250	Maya Jant	Jaqueline Cristian
June 8	Roland Garros	Grand Slam	[2] Coco Gauff	[1] Aryna Sabalenka
June 15	London	WTA 500	[Q] Tatjana Maria	[8] Amanda Anisimova
June 15	's-Hertogenbosch	WTA 250	[3] Elise Mertens	[Q] Elena-Gabriela Ruse
June 22	Berlin	WTA 500	Marketa Vondrousova	[Q] Xinyu Wang
June 22	Nottingham	WTA 250	McCartney Kessler	Dayana Yastremska
June 28	Bad Homburg	WTA 500	[1] Jessica Pegula	[4] Iga Swiatek
July 13	Wimbledon	Grand Slam	[8] Iga Swiatek	[13] Amanda Anisimova
July 19	Hamburg	WTA 250	[5] Lois Boisson	[7] Anna Bondar
July 19	Iasi	WTA 250	[7] Irina-Camelia Begu	[6] Jil Teichmann
July 26	Prague	WTA 250	[5] Marie Bouzkova	[1] Linda Noskova
July 27	Washington DC	WTA 500	Leylah Fernandez	Anna Kalinskaya
Aug 7	Montreal	WTA 1000	[WC] Victoria Mboko	Naomi Osaka



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Aug 18	Cincinnati	WTA 1000	[3] Iga Swiatek	[7] Jasmine Paolini
Aug 23	Monterrey	WTA 500	[3] Diana Shnaider	[2] Ekaterina Alexandrova
Aug 23	Cleveland	WTA 250	[Q] Sorana Cirstea	Ann Li
Sept 6	US Open	Grand Slam	[1] Aryna Sabalenka	[8] Amanda Anisimova
Sept 14	Guadalajara	WTA 500	Iva Jovic	Emiliana Arango
Sept 14	Sao Paulo	WTA 250	T. Rakotomanga Rajaonah	Janice Tjen
Sept 21	Seoul	WTA 500	[1] Iga Swiatek	[2] Ekaterina Alexandrova
Oct 5	Beijing	WTA 1000	[3] Amanda Anisimova	[26] Linda Noskova
Oct 12	Wuhan	WTA 1000	[3] Coco Gauff	[6] Jessica Pegula
Oct 19	Ningbo	WTA 500	[3] Elena Rybakina	[4] Ekaterina Alexandrova
Oct 19	Osaka	WTA 250	[4] Leylah Fernandez	[Q] Tereza Valentova
Oct 26	Tokyo	WTA 500	[5] Belinda Bencic	[6] Linda Noskova
Oct 26	Guangzhou	WTA 250	[2] Ann Li	[Q] Lulu Sun
Nov 2	Chennai	WTA 250	[4] Janice Tjen	[7] Kimberly Birrell
Nov 2	Jiujiang	WTA 250	Anna Blinkova	Lilli Tagger
Nov 2	Hong Kong	WTA 250	[3] Victoria Mboko	Cristina Bucsa
Nov 8	Riyadh	WTA Finals	[6] Elena Rybakina	[1] Aryna Sabalenka