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Main draw dates:	Monday, November 2 – Sunday, November 8, 2026
Singles Final:	Sunday, November 8
Doubles Final:	Sunday, November 8
Venue:	Victoria Park Tennis Stadium
Status:	WTA 250
Staging:	9th edition
Draw sizes:	32 singles / 16 doubles teams / 16 singles qualifying
Surface:	Hard court (Greenset), Outdoors
Tennis Ball:	Dunlop Australian Open
2025 Singles Final:	[3] Victoria Mboko d. Cristina Bucsa, 7-5, 6-7(9), 6-2
2025 Doubles Final:	Jiang/Wang d. Kobori/Plipuech, 6-4, 6-2

SINGLES	$	RANK POINTS
Winner	$37,390	250
Runner-Up	$22,125	163
Semifinalist	$12,331	98
Quarterfinalist	$7,025	54
Round of 16	$4,600	30
Round of 32	$3,205	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

MAIN DRAW QUICK HITS

Main draw wildcards : Maddison Inglis, Adithya Karunaratne, Venus Williams
Youngest singles player: Tereza Valentova (19) | **Oldest singles player:** Venus Williams (46)

- This week's No.1 seed is Sorana Cirstea of Romania, who set a new record in the WTA Rankings this year. The 36-year-old posted her Top 20 debut on May 18 of this year, becoming the oldest player to make a Top 20 debut in the history of the WTA Rankings (since 1975). Cirstea climbed all the way up to No.15 during a season where she won her 4th career WTA Tour title at Cluj-Napoca and made her 3rd career Grand Slam quarterfinal at Roland Garros.
- Seeded No.2 is another player who notched a Top 20 debut this year, Alexandra Eala of the Philippines. Eala made her Top 20 debut after winning her first career WTA Tour title at Washington DC in August, and she enters Hong Kong with a 36-24 record at Tour-level this year. 25 of those Tour-level wins were on hard court, including her Washington DC title as well as a semifinal finish at Auckland.
- The No.3 seed this week is Leylah Fernandez, who has excelled here in Hong Kong. Fernandez has an 11-2 record at this event, winning this title on debut in 2023 (d. Siniakova in F), and reaching the semifinals in each of the last two years. Another strong Hong Kong showing would continue Fernandez's excellent 2026 Asian swing: she won the title at Singapore last month, and has reached two more finals in the past two weeks at Ningbo and Tokyo.

- Rounding out the Top 4 seeds is Maria Sakkari, who is making her first Hong Kong appearance since a first-round loss to then-World No.1 Angelique Kerber in 2016. Former World No.3 Sakkari has posted 26 Tour-level match-wins this year, and 21 of those victories have come on hard court, including a runner-up performance on home soil at Athens – her first WTA Tour final in over two years (l. Krejcikova in F).
- Seven-time Grand Slam singles champion Venus Williams received one of this week's main draw wild cards. Former World No.1 Williams, the oldest player in the draw at 46, is in search of her first singles match-win of 2026. Last week, she fell in the opening round of Guangzhou to Lilli Tagger, who went all the way to the final. Williams will also be playing doubles this week with Xu Yifan – Williams made the Guangzhou doubles SF last week (w/Tjen).

TOP 4 SEEDS – TOURNAMENT HISTORY

PLAYER	TOURNAMENT MAIN DRAW APPEARANCES	TOURNAMENT RESULTS
[1] Sorana Cirstea	2nd	Quarterfinals: 2025
[2] Alexandra Eala	2nd	Round of 16: 2025
[3] Leylah Fernandez	4th	Champion: 2023 Semifinals: 2024, 2025
[4] Maria Sakkari	2nd	1st Round: 2016

COUNTRY & REGION BREAKDOWN

Armenia (1)	Alina Charaeva
Australia (3)	Talia Gibson, Maddison Inglis, Maya Joint
Canada (1)	Leylah Fernandez
China (1)	Wang Xinyu
Croatia (1)	Antonia Ruzic
Czech Republic (1)	Tereza Valentova
Great Britain (1)	Katie Boulter
Greece (1)	Maria Sakkari
Hong Kong (1)	Adithya Karunaratne
Japan (1)	Himeno Sakatsume
Philippines (1)	Alexandra Eala
Romania (1)	Sorana Cirstea
Spain (1)	Paula Badosa
Switzerland (1)	Viktorija Golubic
Turkey (1)	Zeynep Sonmez
Ukraine (2)	Oleksandra Oliynykova, Dayana Yastremska
United States (7)	Sofia Kenin, Carol Young Suh Lee, Claire Liu, Alycia Parks, Mary Stoiana, Katie Volynets, Venus Williams
Uzbekistan (1)	Maria Timofeeva
	Elena Pridankina, Tatiana Prozorova, Liudmila Samsonova, Aliaksandra Sasnovich, Alexandra Shubladze

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2026 WTA TOUR FINALS

END DATE	TOURNAMENT	LEVEL	CHAMPION	RUNNER-UP	DOUBLES CHAMPION
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

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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
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] Stefani/Dabrowski
Sept 27	Singapore	WTA 500	[6] Leylah Fernandez	Talia Gibson	Routliffe/Sutjiadi
Sept 27	Seoul	WTA 250	[2] Kimberly Birrell	[5] Maya Joint	[1] Chan/Wu
Oct 11	Beijing	WTA 1000	[WC] Zheng Qinwen	[4] Mirra Andreeva	[2] Dabrowski/Stefani
Oct 18	Wuhan	WTA 1000	[16] Maja Chwalinska	Sonay Kartal	[1] Dabrowski/Stefani
Oct 25	Ningbo	WTA 500	[1] Elena Rybakina	Leylah Fernandez	Krawczyk/Stollar
Oct 25	Osaka	WTA 250	Katerina Siniakova	Ashlyn Krueger	[1] Hunter/Tjen
Nov 1	Tokyo	WTA 500	*[3] Diana Shnaider OR*	*Leylah Fernandez*	*TBD Sunday*
Nov 1	Guangzhou	WTA 250	*[4] Lilli Tagger OR*	*[Q] Harriet Dart*	*TBD Sunday*

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2026 WTA BY THE NUMBERS

- Most Match Wins – Season: Elena Rybakina (54-14), Jessica Pegula (50-14), Mirra Andreeva (50-16), Elina Svitolina (48-15), Aryna Sabalenka (47-11), Coco Gauff (47-15)
- Most Singles Titles – Season:
  4 - Elena Rybakina (Australian Open, Stuttgart, US Open, Ningbo)
  3 - Aryna Sabalenka (Brisbane, Indian Wells, Miami)
  3 - Mirra Andreeva (Roland Garros, Linz, Adelaide)
- 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 – 438
- PIF WTA World No.1 Ranking – Singles: Elena Rybakina made her World No.1 debut on Monday, September 14; the week of November 2 will be her 8th week with the top ranking
- PIF WTA World No.1 Ranking – Doubles: Katerina Siniakova, 207 total (including week of November 2, 2026) - second most all-time weeks as WTA Doubles World 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 Paulo), Maja Chwalinska (Wuhan)
  **Harriet Dart could join this list if she wins the Guangzhou title on Sunday*
- 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 Tararudee (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 (4): Iva Jovic (Feb 2), Sorana Cirstea (May 18), Alexandra Eala (Aug 3), Maja Chwalinska (Oct 19)
- 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 Andreeva (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)