



PREVIEW NOTES

Dubai Duty Free Tennis Championships

Dubai, UAE

Feb 15 – Feb 21, 2026 | WTA 1000 | \$4,088,221



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DUBAI DUTY FREE TENNIS CHAMPIONSHIPS – QUICK FACTS

Main draw dates:	Sunday, Feb 15 – Saturday, Feb 21, 2026
Singles Final:	Saturday, Feb 21, 7pm
Doubles Final:	Saturday, Feb 21, 4:30pm
Venue:	Dubai Duty Free Tennis Stadium – The Aviation Club
Status:	WTA 1000
Staging:	26th Edition (10th as WTA 1000)
Draw sizes:	56 singles / 28 doubles teams / 32 singles qualifying
Surface:	Hard / Outdoor – DecoTurf II
Tennis Ball:	Dunlop – AO

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SINGLES	\$	RANK POINTS		DOUBLES	\$	RANK POINTS
Winner	\$665,000	1000		Winner	\$195,000	1000
Runner-Up	385,001	650		Runner-Up	110,010	650
Semifinalist	197,000	390		Semifinalist	59,000	390
Quarterfinalist	98,500	215		Quarterfinalist	30,400	215
Round of 16	49,250	120		Round of 16	17,200	120
Round of 32	26,000	65		Round of 32	11,500	10
Round of 64	18,300	10				

TOURNAMENT TALKING POINTS

Wildcards: Sara Bejlek (CZE), Zeynep Sonmez (TUR), Lulu Sun (NZL), Janice Tjen (INA)

Youngest singles player: Iva Jovic (18)

Oldest singles player: Tatjana Maria (38)

- This year's event will be the 26th edition, dating back to the inaugural tournament in 2001.
- The event was staged as a Tier II event from 2001-2008; WTA 500 seven times (2012-14, 2016, 2018, 2020, 2022) and a WTA 1000 11 times (2009-11, 2015, 2017, 2017, 2021, 2023-26)
- This is the second WTA 1000 tournament of the 2026 season. In 2026 the WTA calendar includes 10 WTA 1000s. This is the third consecutive year that both Doha and Dubai will be WTA 1000 events.
- Aryna Sabalenka enters the week at No.1 on the PIF WTA Rankings. This week (week of Feb 16) will be her 78th week (70th consecutive week) atop the WTA Rankings and she will maintain her No.1 ranking regardless of any results this week.
- 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).



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- 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.
- 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.
- 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 (2014) 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.
- In 2024, 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.
- The last defending champion to lose their opening Women's Singles match in Dubai 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
ELINA SVITOLINA	20	8
VENUS WILLIAMS	19	4

MOST SINGLES TITLES

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



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WTA 1000 LEADERS

MOST MATCH WINS

WTA 1000 LEVEL	W	L
VICTORIA AZARENKA	209	82
SIMONA HALEP	186	71
CAROLINE WOZNIACKI	183	91
PETRA KVITOVA	181	97
AGNIESZKA RADWANSKA	175	74

MOST SINGLES TITLES

WTA 1000 LEVEL	TITLES
SERENA WILLIAMS	13
IGA SWIATEK	11
VICTORIA AZARENKA	10
SIMONA HALEP	9
PETRA KVITOVA	9
ARYNA SABALENKA	9

COUNTRY & REGION BREAKDOWN

Australia (3)	Kimberly Birrell, Maya Joint, Daria Kasatkina
Belgium (1)	Elise Mertens
Canada (2)	Leylah Fernandez, Victoria Mboko
China (1)	Qinwen Zheng
Czechia (6)	Sara Bejlek, Marie Bouzkova, Barbora Krejickova, Karolina Muchova, Linda Noskova, Katerina Siniakova
Denmark (1)	Clara Tauson
France (1)	Varvara Gracheva
Germany (3)	Tatjana Maria, Ella Seidel, Laura Siegemund
Great Britain (1)	Emma Raducanu
Greece (1)	Maria Sakkari
Indonesia (1)	Janice Tjen
Italy (2)	Eliasbetta Cocciaretoo, Jasmine Paolini
Japan (1)	Moyuka Uchijima
Kazakhstan (1)	Elena Rybakina
Latvia (1)	Jelena Ostapenko
New Zealand (1)	Lulu Sun
Philippines (1)	Alexandra Eala
Poland (1)	Magda Linette
Romania (3)	Sorana Cirstea, Jaqueline Cristian, Magda Linette
Slovakia (1)	Rebecca Sramkova
Spain (4)	Paula Badosa, Jessica Bouzas Maneiro, Cristina Bucsa, Elena-Gabriela Ruse
Switzerland (1)	Belinda Bencic
Turkey (1)	Zeynep Sonmez
Ukraine (2)	Elina Svitolina, Dayana Yastremska
United States (9)	Amanda Anisimova, Hailey Baptiste, Coco Gauff, Iva Jovic, Sofia Kenin, Ann Li, Emma Navarro, Jessica Pegula, Peyton Stearns

Ekaterina Alexandrova, Mirra Andreeva, Anna Kalinskaya, Anastasia Pavlyuchenkova, Liudmila Samsonova, Aliaksandra Sasnovich, Diana Shnaider



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2026 WTA TOUR SINGLES FINALS

END DATE	TOURNAMENT	LEVEL	CHAMPION	RUNNER-UP
Jan 11	United Cup	WTA 500	Poland	Switzerland
Jan 11	Brisbane	WTA 500	[1] Aryna Sabalenka	[16] Marta Kostyuk
Jan 11	Auckland	WTA 250	[1] Elina Svitolina	[7] Wang Xinyu
Jan 17	Adelaide	WTA 500	[3] Mirra Andrejeva	[8] Victoria Mboko
Jan 17	Hobart	WTA 250	Elisabetta Cocciaretto	[3] Iva Jovic
Feb 1	Australian Open	Grand Slam	[5] Elena Rybakina	[1] Aryna Sabalenka
Feb 7	Abu Dhabi	WTA 500	[Q] Sara Bejlek	[2] Ekaterina Alexandrova
Feb 7	Ostrava	WTA 250	Katie Boulter	Tamara Korpatsch
Feb 7	Cluj-Napoca	WTA 250	[3] Sorana Cirstea	[1] Emma Raducanu
Feb 11	Doha	WTA 1000	[14] Karolina Muchova	[10] Victoria Mboko

2026 SUMMARY

- **Most Aces – Season:** Elena Rybakina (94), Alycia Parks (78), Victoria Mboko (73), Xinyu Wang (70), Sorana Cirstea (57), Linda Noskova (53)
- **Most Match Wins – Season:** Victoria Mboko (13-3), Aryna Sabalenka (11-2), Elena Rybakina (11-2), Elina Svitolina (11-2), Karolina Muchova (11-2), Iva Jovic (11-3), Xinyu Wang (11-5)
- **Most Singles Titles – Season:** Six players with one title
- **PIF WTA World No.1 Ranking – Singles:** Aryna Sabalenka, 70 consecutive weeks (since Oct 21, 2024); Total Weeks at No.1 - 78
- **PIF WTA World No.1 Ranking – Doubles:** Elise Mertens, returned to No.1 on February 2; total weeks at No.1 – 42 as of Feb 16, 2026
- **PIF WTA Top 100 Debuts:** --
- **PIF WTA Top 50 Debuts:** Cristina Bucsa (Jan 5), Janice Tjen (Feb 2), Tereza Valentova (Feb 2)
- **PIF WTA Top 10 Debuts:** Victoria Mboko (Feb 16, 2026)
 - Mboko (19 years old) joins Mirra Andrejeva (18) in the PIF WTA Top 10 – the first time two teenagers will be 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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TOURNAMENT HONOR ROLL

YEAR	CHAMPION	RUNNER-UP	LEVEL
2001	[1] HINGIS, MARTINA SUI #1	[3] TAUZIAT, NATHALIE FRA #13	II
2002	[3] MAURESMO, AMÉLIE FRA #10	[4] TESTUD, SANDRINE FRA #11	II
2003	[1] HENIN, JUSTINE BEL #4	[4] SELES, MONICA USA #11	II
2004	[1] HENIN, JUSTINE BEL #1	KUZNETSOVA, SVETLANA #29	II
2005	[1] DAVENPORT, LINDSAY USA #1	JANKOVIC, JELENA SRB #28	II
2006	[4] HENIN, JUSTINE BEL #5	[3] SHARAPOVA, MARIA #4	II
2007	[1] HENIN, JUSTINE BEL #2	[2] MAURESMO, AMÉLIE FRA #3	II
2008	[8] DEMENTIEVA, ELENA #11	[2] KUZNETSOVA, SVETLANA #3	II
2009	[6] WILLIAMS, VENUS USA #6	RAZZANO, VIRGINIE FRA #58	WTA 1000
2010	[3] WILLIAMS, VENUS USA #5	[4] AZARENKA, VICTORIA #6	WTA 1000
2011	[1] WOZNIACKI, CAROLINE DEN #2	[16] KUZNETSOVA, SVETLANA #23	WTA 1000
2012	[5] RADWANSKA, AGNIESZKA POL #6	GOERGES, JULIA GER #19	WTA 500
2013	[6] KVITOVA, PETRA CZE #8	[5] ERRANI, SARA ITA #7	WTA 500
2014	[WC] WILLIAMS, VENUS USA #44	CORNET, ALIZÉ FRA #26	WTA 500
2015	[1] HALEP, SIMONA ROU #4	[17] PLISKOVA, KAROLINA CZE #18	WTA 1000
2016	ERRANI, SARA ITA #22	STRYCOVA, BARBORA CZE #47	WTA 500
2017	[7] SVITOLINA, ELINA UKR #13	[10] WOZNIACKI, CAROLINE DEN #15	WTA 1000
2018	[1] SVITOLINA, ELINA UKR #4	KASATKINA, DARIA #24	WTA 500
2019	BENCIC, BELINDA SUI #45	[2] KVITOVA, PETRA CZE #4	WTA 1000
2020	[1] HALEP, SIMONA ROU #2	RYBAKINA, ELENA KAZ #19	WTA 500
2021	[9] MUGURUZA, GARBIÑE ESP #16	KREJCIKOVA, BARBORA CZE #63	WTA 1000
2022	OSTAPENKO, JELENA LAT #21	KUDERMETOVA, VERONIKA #31	WTA 500
2023	KREJCIKOVA, BARBORA CZE #30	[1] SWIATEK, IGA POL #1	WTA 1000
2024	PAOLINI, JASMINE ITA #26	[Q] KALINSKAYA, ANNA #40	WTA 1000
2025	[12] ANDREEVA, MIRRA #14	TAUSON, CLARA DEN #38	WTA 1000