



PREVIEW NOTES

BRISBANE INTERNATIONAL

BRISBANE, AUSTRALIA

January 4-11, 2026 | WTA 500 | \$1,691,602



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Main draw dates:	Sun. Jan. 4 – Sun. Jan. 11, 2026
Singles Final:	Sunday, Jan. 11 not before 4:00 p.m.
Doubles Final:	Saturday, Jan. 10 not before 8:00 p.m.
Venue:	Queensland Tennis Centre
Status:	WTA 500
Staging:	15th edition
Draw sizes:	48 singles / 16 doubles teams / 24 singles qualifying
Surface:	Hard/Outdoors
Tennis Ball:	Dunlop Australian Open
2025 Singles Final:	[1] Aryna Sabalenka def. [Q] Polina Kudermetova 4-6, 6-3, 6-2
2025 Doubles Final:	M. Andreeva/Shnaider def. [WC] Hon/Kalinskaya 7-6(6), 7-5

SINGLES	\$	RANK POINTS
Winner	\$214,530	500
Runner-Up	\$134,600	325
Semifinalist	\$77,115	195
Quarterfinalist	\$37,640	108
Round of 16	\$19,909	60
Round of 32	\$13,735	32
Round of 48	\$11,920	1

DOUBLES	\$	RANK POINTS
Winner	\$85,530	500
Runner-Up	\$54,030	325
Semifinalist	\$30,010	195
Quarterfinalist	\$15,630	108
Round of 16	\$10,590	1

TOP 4 SEEDS – TOURNAMENT HISTORY

PLAYER	BRISBANE APPEARANCES	BRISBANE HISTORY
[1] Aryna Sabalenka	3rd	2024: R-Up (I. Rybakina in final) 2025: Champion (d. P. Kudermetova in final)
[2] Amanda Anisimova	1st	First appearance at Brisbane
[3] Elena Rybakina	2nd	2024: Champion (d. Sabalenka in final)
[4] Jessica Pegula	1st	First appearance at Brisbane



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MAIN DRAW QUICK HITS

Wildcards: Kimberly Birrell, Talia Gibson, Emerson Jones, Ajla Tomljanovic

Youngest singles player: Emerson Jones (17) | **Oldest singles player:** Tatjana Maria (38)

- Seven of the world's Top 10 players will kick off their 2026 seasons at the WTA 500 Brisbane International, with World No.1 and defending champion Aryna Sabalenka leading the field.
- Brisbane was the first of a Tour-leading four titles Sabalenka won during 2025; she went on to add crowns at Miami, Madrid and the US Open (her fourth Grand Slam singles title). Sabalenka was also the 2025 Tour leader in finals (9) and match-wins (63). Sabalenka held the World No.1 ranking for the entirety of 2025 and was named WTA Player of the Year.
- Amanda Anisimova is the No.2 seed following a breakthrough 2025, where she won her first two WTA 1000 titles (Doha and Beijing) and reached her first two Grand Slam finals (Wimbledon and US Open). Anisimova made her Top 20, Top 10 and Top 5 debuts last season, and she comes into Brisbane ranked a career-high World No.4. She was named the WTA's Most Improved Player of 2025.
- No.3 seed Elena Rybakina has won the last 11 matches she has contested, including her first WTA Finals title to end 2025. She earned \$5.235m for her undefeated run at the 2025 WTA Finals Riyadh, which is the biggest prize money payout in women's sporting history. Rybakina claimed a year-end Top 5 ranking for the second time in her career, and enters Brisbane ranked World No.5.
- Rybakina is the only player to defeat Sabalenka at this tournament in the past two seasons. Rybakina won the 2024 Brisbane title by storming past Sabalenka 6-0, 6-3 in that year's final.
- Jessica Pegula, Madison Keys, Mirra Andreeva and Ekaterina Alexandrova round out the Top 10 players in the field. Keys was a perfect 12-0 on Australian soil last year – a run which included her first Grand Slam title at the Australian Open, where she beat No.2 Iga Swiatek in the semifinals and No.1 Sabalenka in the final.
- Former World No.1 Karolina Pliskova returns to a city where she has had much success, as she continues her comeback from her 2024 ankle surgery. Pliskova is a three-time Brisbane titlist, claiming the crown in 2017, 2019 and 2020. Pliskova played three matches in 2025, all at WTA 125 events, and this week she will contest her first Tour-level match since she retired due to injury at the 2024 US Open.
- The doubles draw is led by No.1 seeds Hsieh Su-wei and Jelena Ostapenko, who reached three finals last year as a team, finishing as runners-up at the Australian Open, Wimbledon, and WTA 1000 Dubai. They also made the semifinals at the WTA Finals Riyadh to end the 2025 season.



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COUNTRY & REGION BREAKDOWN

Australia (6)	Kimberly Birrell, Olivia Gadecki, Talia Gibson, Emerson Jones, Daria Kasatkina, Ajla Tomljanovic
Austria (1)	Anastasia Potapova
Canada (1)	Leylah Fernandez
China (1)	Zhang Shuai
Colombia (1)	Emiliana Arango
Czech Republic (6)	Marie Bouzkova, Karolina Muchova, Linda Noskova, Karolina Pliskova, Tereza Valentova, Marketa Vondrousova
Denmark (1)	Clara Tauson
France (1)	Elsa Jacquemot
Germany (1)	Tatjana Maria
Hungary (1)	Anna Bondar
Kazakhstan (1)	Elena Rybakina
Latvia (1)	Jelena Ostapenko
Poland (1)	Magdalena Frech
Romania (3)	Sorana Cirstea, Jaqueline Cristian, Elena-Gabriela Ruse
Slovakia (1)	Rebecca Sramkova
Spain (2)	Paula Badosa, Cristina Bucsa
Ukraine (2)	Marta Kostyuk, Dayana Yastremska
United States (8)	Amanda Anisimova, Hailey Baptiste, Sofia Kenin, McCartney Kessler, Madison Keys, Ashlyn Krueger, Ann Li, Jessica Pegula

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

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 January 5, 2026)
- PIF WTA World No.1 Ranking – Doubles: Katerina Siniakova, returned to No.1 on September 22, 2025; week of January 5, 2026 marks Siniakova's 177th career week at No.1
- Top 10 debuts: 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 Joint	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	Naomi Osaka
Aug 7	Montreal	WTA 1000	[WC] Victoria Mboko	Naomi Osaka
Aug 18	Cincinnati	WTA 1000	[3] Iga Swiatek	[7] Jasmine Paolini



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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	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