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# 1<sup>st</sup> African Individual Beach Tennis Championships Hammamet, Tunisia 3<sup>rd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> November 2018

### 1. INTRODUCTION

Hammamet is a big Mediterranean seaside resort, situated on the South-East Coast of the Cap Bon Tunisia, along a wonderful gulf to which it gives the name. It is situated about half way between Tunis, the capital city (64 Km) and Sousse, the pearl of the Sahel (84 Km). Thanks to the different composition of the soil, it offers a great variety of landscapes. The reported number of inhabitants varies from 100,000 to 400,000 and the population quadruples due to tourists' arrival in the summer. As a popular tourist destination, the city is economically important to Tunisia. Hammamet is a popular destination for swimming and water sports and is the primary tourist destination in Tunisia. It is located in the south-eastern section of Cap Bon and is part of the Governorate of Nabeul.

#### 2. DATE

The 1st African Individual Beach Tennis Championships will be held over two days in 2018, on the 3rd and 4th November 2018. Teams should arrive on Friday 2nd November 2018 and depart on Monday 5th November 2018.

# 3. VENUE AND CONTACTS

Hotel Delfino Beach will be the venue of the 1st African Beach Tennis Championships. The Hotel is located in the "Touristic Area of Mrezga" in Hammamet.

Tel : +216 53 708 769











# 4. EVENT AND MATCHES FORMAT

The African Individual Beach Tennis Championships is a regional competition in which pairs from African nations compete against each other in Men's Doubles, Women's Doubles and Mixed Doubles events for the individual titles of African Champion. These Championships are part of the ITF Beach Tennis Tour and offer ITF Beach Tennis ranking points.

The event will be played in accordance with the ITF Beach Tennis Tour Rules and Regulations. Events with more than eight (8) entered teams will be played in knock-out format and events with eight (8) or fewer teams will use a round robin format.

Teams from the same nations will automatically be placed in different halves of the draw.

A consolation event may be held at the discretion of the Tournament Organizing Committee.

The official event website can be found here:

https://www.itftennis.com/beachtennis/championships/african/2018.aspx

#### 5. ENTRY CRITERIA & PROCESS

Each nation can enter 2 doubles teams into each event, a 3<sup>rd</sup> team can be accepted if the main draw is not completed (the host Nation may enter an additional team in each event) and all players must be nominated by their National Tennis Association and must be eligible to represent that nation.

A National Association may nominate players to compete in the mixed event who have not been nominated for the men's and women's event, however only those players also nominated for the men's and women's event will be eligible for hospitality in accordance with the hospitality criteria. Each nation must select a captain to be the responsible person on-site during the event. The captain may be a playing or non-playing team member.

All entries must be submitted by the National Tennis Association on the official Entry Form and submitted to the Confederation of African Tennis (to Nadine Ciza: cizanadine@gmail.com).

All entries must be submitted by no later than 14.00 GMT on Thursday 11th October 2018.

#### 6. ENTRY FEE

The entry fee for the doubles event shall be  $\leq$  40 per pair.

# 7. CHANGE OF NOMINATION

A National Association may change up to two (2) male and two (2) female players up to the time of the Draw. All changes must be communicated in writing by the National Association or nominated team captain. Changes of the captain can be made by the National Association only.

### 8. HOSPITALITY

The first male and female pair in the event (total of four adult players) as stated on the entry form shall be entitled to free full accommodation (Bed, Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner) starting with the night of Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> November and ending with breakfast on Monday 5<sup>th</sup> November.

### 9. SIGN IN & COMPETITION SCHEDULE

The captain is responsible for signing in of the teams with the Referee on the day stated on the fact sheet. The captain must be able to provide passports for each member of the team if requested by the Referee.

- Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> November
- Arrival day and courts available for practice.
- Sign in before 18:00 hours
- Draw made at 19:00 hours
- All hours are in local time
- Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> November: First day of competition.
- Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> November: Second day of competition.
- Monday 5<sup>th</sup> November: Departure day

# 10. TRAVEL INFORMATION & TRANSPORTATION

There is no transportation needed between the hotel and the venue. The transportation from/to airport and the Official Hotel will be available on request. Teams will be met at the airport upon their arrival and will have to pay 20€ per person. Please contact the organizers on <a href="ftt@ftt.tn">ftt@ftt.tn</a> to book the transportation from the airport by 15th October 2018. Please note that transportation will not be possible to provide without a preceding notification to the organizers. The organizers are not responsible for any travel arrangements and will not reimburse any travel expenses.

# 11. VISA

In case a visa is needed for Tunisia, please send your request by email to  $\underline{ftt@ftt.tn}$  no later than on Friday 12<sup>th</sup> October 2018 in order to receive your visa invitation letter on time.

Nationals of the following countries do not need visas to travel to Tunisia:

Algeria, Botswana, Cap Verde, Comoros, Côte d'Ivoire, Gabon, Gambia, Guinea, Equatorial Guinea, Guinea Bissau, Libya, Mali, Mauritania, Mauritius, Morocco, Namibia, Niger, Senegal, Seychelles and South Africa.

(This list of countries may be subject of modifications. It would be necessary to check prior with the ministry of Foreign Affairs of your country before travelling to Tunisia)

• All other African countries DO require an entry Visa for Tunisia:

Entry Visas upon arrival:

- For those who do not have a Tunisian Embassy in their country or a neighbour country, Entry Visas can be obtained at border posts; then each delegate shall requires to:
- 1- Provide copies (scanned) of the first few pages of their passports that contain their biographical information, photo, passport issue and expiry dates, place of issue as well any extensions/endorsements thereto.
- 2- Once delegates have the above documents in place, they shall have to send them by Email (or Fax) to the Fédération Tunisienne de Tennis (FTT) at least 21 days before their planned arrival date in Tunisia and they must have 6 months validity on their passport.

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# 12. CONTACTS

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