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ITF announces Olympic Acceptance List



Following the meeting of the ITF Olympic Committee, the International Tennis Federation is proud to announce the list of outstanding athletes who will participate in the Tennis Event, scheduled for 15-22 August, at the 2004 Olympic Games in Athens, Greece.

The men's singles will feature 2004 Australian Open and 2003 Wimbledon champion Roger Federer of Switzerland, 2003 US Open champion Andy Roddick of the United States, 2004 Roland Garros champion Gaston Gaudio of Argentina and 2003 Roland Garros champion Juan Carlos Ferrero of Spain. In addition, top players include Guillermo Coria and David Nalbandian of Argentina, Tim Henman of Great Britain, Carlos Moya of Spain, Sebastien Grosjean of France and Rainer Schuettler of Germany.

The women's singles will include 2004 Australian Open and 2003 Roland Garros and US Open champion Justine Henin-Hardenne of Belgium, 2003 Australian Open and Wimbledon champion Serena Williams of the United States, defending Olympic champion Venus Williams of the United States, 2004 Roland Garros champion Anastasia Myskina of Russia, Amelie Mauresmo of France, 2000 Olympic silver medallist Elena Dementieva of Russia and 1992 Olympic gold medallist Jennifer Capriati of the United States.

Direct acceptance was based on the men's and women's rankings of 14 June 2004 with the first 56 places in the men's and women's singles draw based solely on ranking, with a limit of four players per country. Two places in each singles draw were selected by a Tripartite Commission comprising the International Olympic Committee, National Olympic Committees and the ITF, while six places were selected by the ITF Olympic Committee based on a combination of ranking and geographic diversity.

Fifty-three countries will be represented at the Tennis Event at Athens, one more than competed in Sydney: 33 in Men's Singles, 25 in Men's Doubles, 32 in Women's Singles and 22 in Women's Doubles. The host nation, Greece, will be represented in all four draws. Their top player, Eleni Daniilidou, ranked 32 on 14 June 2004, will compete in both women's singles and, with Christina Zachariadou, in doubles. Greece's top male player, Konstantinos Economidis, ranked No. 252 on 14 June, will compete in men's singles and, with Vasilis Mazarakis, in doubles.

"This is the best field we have had for tennis in the Olympic Games," said ITF President Francesco Ricci Bitti. "Athens will be only the fifth Olympics since tennis returned as a full medal sport in 1988. It took a few years for the players and the fans to understand what an honour and a privilege it is to compete for your country in the Olympic Games but the response that we have received shows that the Olympics is now one of the most important events in tennis. At the same time, tennis has become one of the most important events in the Olympic Games."

Twenty-seven of the top 30 men from the ranking of 14 June 2004 will compete in the men's singles competition, and 23 of the top 30 women will take part in the women's singles event. The four-player limit for any country eliminated three Russian players and one American player in the top 30 from the women's draw.

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The field for the men's and women's doubles is as outstanding as the singles with the top teams represented in both draws. World No. 1 Jonas Bjorkman of Sweden will be partnered by Joachim Johansson while his regular partner, Todd Woodbridge of Australia, will be teamed with Wayne Arthurs. Woodbridge won the 1996 gold medal and the 2000 silver medal with long-time partner Mark Woodforde. Other top teams include Bob and Mike Bryan of the United States, Fabrice Santoro and Michael Llodra of France, defending champion Daniel Nestor of Canada teamed with Frederic Niemeyer, and the Indian pair, Mahesh Bhupathi and Leander Paes. Many of the top singles players will also compete in doubles, including Coria and Nalbandian of Argentina, Roddick and Mardy Fish of the United States, Federer and Yves Allegro of Switzerland and Moya and Rafael Nadal of Spain.

In women's doubles, world No. 1 Paola Suarez of Argentina will team with Patricia Tarabini while her regular partner, Virginia Ruano Pascual of Spain, will team with Conchita Martinez. Hoping to defend their Olympic gold medal will be the Williams sisters of the United States but they will face tough competition from teams such as Myskina/Dementieva of Russia and Mauresmo/Mary Pierce of France. Making her fifth appearance in the Olympic Games, Arantxa Sanchez-Vicario of Spain will partner Anabel Medina Garrigues.

"There are many people to thank for the success of tennis at the Olympics," continued Ricci Bitti. "The players, of course, and our National Associations and National Olympic Committees who have been so supportive. I would also like to recognise Mark Miles of the ATP and Larry Scott of the WTA Tour who have worked with the ITF so that the players will receive much-deserved ranking points for the men's and women's singles."

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Men's Singles Event

COUNTRY	PLAYER(S)
Argentina	Juan Ignacio Chela, Guillermo Coria, Gaston Gaudio, David Nalbandian
Armenia	Sargis Sargsian
Australia	Mark Philippoussis
Austria	Jurgen Melzer
Belarus	Max Mirnyi
Belgium	Xavier Malisse, Olivier Rochus
Benin	Arnaud Segodo
Brazil	Gustavo Kuerten, Flavio Saretta
Chile	Fernando Gonzalez, Nicolas Massu
Chinese Taipei	Yen-Hsun Lu
Croatia	Mario Ancic, Ivo Karlovic, Ivan Ljubicic
Cyprus	Marcos Baghdatis
Czech Republic	Tomas Berdych, Jiri Novak
Ecuador	Nicolas Lapentti
Finland	Jarkko Nieminen
France	Gregory Carraz, Arnaud Clement, Sebastien Grosjean, Fabrice Santoro
Georgia	Irakli Labadze
Germany	Tommy Haas, Nicolas Kiefer, Florian Mayer, Rainer Schuettler
Great Britain	Tim Henman
Greece	Konstantinos Economidis
Italy	Filippo Volandri
Korea	Hyung-Taik Lee
Morocco	Hicham Arazi, Younes El Aynaoui
Netherlands	Raemon Sluiter, Martin Verkerk
Peru	Luis Horna
Romania	Andrei Pavel
Russia	Igor Andreev, Nikolay Davydenko, Marat Safin, Mikhail Youzhny
Slovak Republic	Karol Beck, Dominik Hrbaty, Karol Kucera
Spain	Juan Carlos Ferrero, Feliciano Lopez, Carlos Moya, Tommy Robredo
Sweden	Jonas Bjorkman, Thomas Enqvist, Joachim Johansson, Robin Soderling
Switzerland	Roger Federer
Thailand	Paradorn Srichaphan
USA	Taylor Dent, Mardy Fish, Andy Roddick, Vincent Spadea

Men's Doubles Event

COUNTRY	TEAM(S)
Argentina	Guillermo Coria/David Nalbandian and Gaston Etlis/Martin Rodriguez
Australia	Wayne Arthurs/Todd Woodbridge
Bahamas	Mark Merklein/Mark Knowles
Belarus	Max Mirnyi/Vladimir Voltchkov
Belgium	Xavier Malisse/Olivier Rochus
Canada	Daniel Nestor/Frederic Niemeyer
Chile	Fernando Gonzalez/Nicolas Massu
Croatia	Mario Ancic/Ivan Ljubicic
Czech Republic	Tomas Berdych/Jiri Novak and Martin Damm/Cyril Suk
France	Arnaud Clement/Sebastien Grosjean and Michael Llodra/Fabrice Santoro
Germany	Nicolas Kiefer/Rainer Schuettler
Greece	Konstantinos Economidis/Vasilis Mazarakis
India	Mahesh Bhupathi/Leander Paes
Israel	Jonathan Erlich/Andi Ram
Morocco	Hicham Arazi/Younes El Aynaoui
Netherlands	Raemon Sluiter/Martin Verkerk
Poland	Mariusz Fyrstenberg/Marcin Matkowski
Romania	Victor Hanesescu/Andrei Pavel
Russia	Igor Andreev/Nikolay Davydenko and Marat Safin/Mikhail Youzhny
Slovak Republic	Karol Beck/Dominik Hrbaty
Spain	Feliciano Lopez/Tommy Robredo and Carlos Moya/Rafael Nadal
Sweden	Jonas Bjorkman/Joachim Johansson and Thomas Enqvist/Rubin Soderling
Switzerland	Yves Allegro/Roger Federer
USA	Bob Bryan/Mike Bryan and Mardy Fish/Andy Roddick
Zimbabwe	Wayne Black/Kevin Ullyett

Women's Singles Event

COUNTRY	PLAYER(S)
Argentina	Gisela Dulko, Paola Suarez
Australia	Alicia Molik, Nicole Pratt
Belgium	Justine Henin-Hardenne
Bulgaria	Magdalena Maleeva
China	Jie Zheng
Colombia	Fabiola Zuluaga
Croatia	Jelena Kostanic, Karolina Sprem
Czech Republic	Iveta Benesova, Denisa Chladkova, Klara Koukalova, Barbora Strycova
Estonia	Kaia Kanepi
France	Nathalie Dechy, Amelie Mauresmo, Mary Pierce, Sandrine Testud
Germany	Anca Barna, Marlene Weingartner
Greece	Eleni Daniilidou
Hungary	Aniko Kapros, Petra Mandula
Indonesia	Angelique Widjaja
Israel	Anna Smashnova-Pistolesi
Italy	Maria Elena Camerin, Silvia Farina Elia, Tathiana Garbin, Francesca Schiavone
Japan	Shinobu Asagoe, Akiko Morigami, Saori Obata, Ai Sugiyama
Korea	Yoon Jeong Cho
Luxembourg	Anne Kremer, Claudine Schaul
Madagascar	Dally Randriantefi
Puerto Rico	Kristina Brandi
Russia	Elena Dementieva, Svetlana Kuznetsova, Anastasia Myskina, Nadia Petrova
Serbia & Montenegro	Jelena Jankovic
Slovak Republic	Daniela Hantuchova, Lubomira Kurhajcova, Martina Sucha
Slovenia	Maja Matevzic, Tina Pisnik, Katarina Srebotnik
Spain	Conchita Martinez, Anabel Medina Garrigues, Maria Antonia Sanchez Lorenzo, Magui Serna
Switzerland	Myriam Casanova, Patty Schnyder
Thailand	Tamarine Tanasugarn
Ukraine	Tetyana Perebiynis
USA	Jennifer Capriati, Chanda Rubin, Serena Williams, Venus Williams
Venezuela	Maria Vento-Kabchi
Zimbabwe	Cara Black

Women's Doubles Event

COUNTRY	TEAM(S)
Argentina	Paola Suarez/Patricia Tarabini
Australia	Alicia Molik/Rennae Stubbs and Nicole Pratt/Samantha Stosur
China	Ting Li/Tian Tian Sun and Zi Yan/Jie Zheng
Colombia	Catalina Castano/Fabiola Zuluaga
Croatia	Jelena Kostanic/Karolina Sprem
Czech Republic	Libuse Prusova/Barbora Strycova
Estonia	Maret Ani/Kaia Kanepi
France	Nathalie Dechy/Sandrine Testud and Amelie Mauresmo/Mary Pierce
Greece	Eleni Daniilidou/Christina Zachariadou
Hungary	Petra Mandula/Kyra Nagy
Indonesia	Wynne Prakusya/Angelique Widjaja
Italy	Silvia Farina Elia/Francesca Schiavone and Tathiana Garbin/Roberta Vinci
Japan	Shinobu Asagoe/Ai Sugiyama and Akiko Morigami/Saori Obata
Luxembourg	Anne Kremer/Claudine Schaul
Russia	Elena Dementieva/Anastasia Myskina and Svetlana Kuznetsova/Elena Likhovtseva
Slovak Republic	Daniela Hantuchova/Janette Husarova and Lubomira Kurhajcova/Martina Sucha
Slovenia	Tina Krizan/Katarina Srebotnik and Maja Matevzic/Tina Pisnik
Spain	Conchita Martinez/Virginia Ruano Pascual and Anabel Medina Garrigues/Arantxa Sanchez Vicario
Switzerland	Myriam Casanova/Patty Schnyder
Ukraine	Yuliya Beygelzimer/Tetyana Perebiynis
USA	Martina Navratilova/Lisa Raymond and Serena Williams/Venus Williams
Venezuela	Milagros Sequera/Maria Vento-Kabchi