

**2005
European Club Championships
for Men**

TC Ritspop/Belgium

Circular 1

1 DATE

The European Club Championships are taking place in the week commencing 19th September 2005. The exact starting date of the Championships depends on the number of entries Tennis Europe receives.

2 ENTRIES

The attached entry form has to be returned to TENNIS EUROPE by 14th January 2005. Entries are only accepted if the National Association and the Club sign them.

3 ELIGIBILITY

Criteria for entry acceptance:

- The competition is open to all the Clubs of the Tennis Europe Member Nations.
- A maximum of two Clubs per country can be entered to the competition.
- If more than two clubs from one country would like to enter the European Club Championships then the results of the previous National Interclub competition shall be considered to determine the two participating Clubs.
- In case the qualification criteria above are not determining the participants then the European Team Championships Committee takes a decision on the eligibility to participate.

Automatic entries, which do not affect the participation contingent of the Tennis Europe Member Nations:

- The winner of the preceding European Club Championships is automatically entered in this year European Club Championships. In case the winner renounces to participate the runner-up is eligible to replace the winner.
- The club organising the event during the year of the competition. If this club cannot line-up a strong enough team, a club invited by the organising club, but which must be from the same country, may enter the competition.
- A club being allocated a Wild Card by TENNIS EUROPE.
- Subject to the approval of TENNIS EUROPE, a National Tennis Association, not situated in Europe but playing Davis Cup in the European Zone, may also enter a club.

- Tennis Europe keeps the rights to limit the number of participants.

4 QUALIFICATION OF A PLAYER TO REPRESENT A CLUB

Any tennis player who is in good standing with his National Association shall be qualified to represent a club if he:

- *Has reached his 14th birthday before the first day of the Competition.*
- Is a member and registered as representing the participating club, at least 6 weeks before the commencement of the competition at the National Association.
- A team can enter per tie more than one player of foreign nationality (or stateless) per match.
- A Club, through its National Association, may appeal to TENNIS EUROPE to nominate a player who would not be eligible under the above rules.
- TENNIS EUROPE reserves the right to request a National Association to produce evidence to show how a player is qualified to represent his Club.
- The accuracy of the information given in relation to the qualification of the player nominations for the Competition must be confirmed by the National Association of the club concerned. Any irregularity with regard to the above will cause the immediate disqualification of the club concerned.

5 ENTRY FEES

An Entry Fee of € 210 must be paid by each participating club. This Entry Fee must be transmitted to, **Bank:** Credit Suisse, St. Albangraben 1-3, CH-4002 Basel, **Account holder:** European Tennis Federation, **Account Number:** 202006-62, **IBAN:** CH78 0406 0020 2006 6200 0, before 31st March 2005.

6 WITHDRAWAL

Clubs whose entries have been received by TENNIS EUROPE shall not withdraw. Any club withdrawing from the competition other than as specified in the Rules & Regulations, will be subject to the following fines:

Withdrawal less than 4 months before the tournament	No reimbursement of the entry fee
Withdrawal less than 3 months before the tournament	€ 210 + entry fee
Withdrawal less than 2 months before the tournament	€ 480 + entry fee
Withdrawal less than 1 month before the tournament	€ 960 + entry fee
Withdrawal after the Captains' Meeting (up to)	€ 2330 + entry fee
No show (up to)	€ 4600 + entry fee

7 RULES AND REGULATIONS

The rules and regulations of the 2005 Championships will be sent with Circular 2.

8 FORMAT OF THE COMPETITION

The competition will be played within a period of one week.

The European Team Championships & Regional Games Committee will decide the Format of this year's EUROPEAN CLUB CHAMPIONSHIPS and it will be announced at the Captains Meeting depending on the number of entries.

Each tie shall consist of 4 singles matches and 1 doubles match.

9 COMPOSITION OF TEAMS

Each team must consist of:

Minimum:

4 players, including a playing captain.
4 players, plus a non-playing captain

Maximum:

8 players, including a playing captain.
8 players, plus a non-playing captain

A minimum of four players including a playing captain or four players plus a non-playing captain must be present on site (on site means in the city where the competition takes place) not later than one hour before the Captains' Meeting

10 VENUE

The 2005 competition will be played at the TC Ritspop Belgium.

Address:

TC Ritspop vzw.
Zandstraat 174b
9900 Eeklo
Belgium

The court-surface will be clay, and the competition is played outdoors.

Further information, including the Fact Sheet, will be distributed to all TENNIS EUROPE Member Nations and the participating clubs with Circular 2.

11 TRAVEL AND HOSPITALITY

Each participating club is responsible for the travel- and hospitality costs of their team members. The Host Nation/Local Organiser shall make available free of charge, to a maximum of 8 (eight) players and (one) captain per participating team, lunch and dinner.

These free meals will be offered starting one day before the start of the competition, and terminate with the day following the elimination of a team from the competition.



The Host Nation/Local Organiser shall also arrange for 1 or 2 Official Hotels, with special rates for rooms, including breakfast, for the team members.

12 CIRCULAR 2

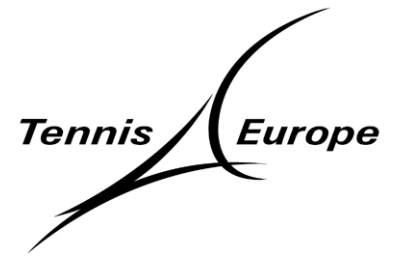
Circular 2 of the **EUROPEAN CLUB CHAMPIONSHIPS** will be distributed to all participating TENNIS EUROPE Member Nations and the participating clubs in March/April.

For any further information you may require, please do not hesitate to contact:

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Basel, November 2004



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Entry Form

The national Tennis Association of: _____ confirms the participation to the **2005 EUROPEAN CLUB CHAMPIONSHIPS** of the following club:

Please type; no handwriting:

Name Club	_____
Full Address	_____
Postal Code/City	_____
Telephone No.	_____
Fax number	_____
Email Address	_____
Contact Person	_____
Website	_____

National Tennis Association

Club

	_____	_____
Position	_____	_____
Date	_____	_____
Signature	_____	_____

**Please return the Entry Form duly filled in not later than
14th January 2005, to TENNIS EUROPE in Basel.**