



International Table Tennis Federation

Seamaster 2017 World Tour Bulgaria Open

17-20 Aug 2017, Panagyurishte (BUL)

Seamaster 2017 ITTF WORLD TOUR – Asarel Bulgaria Open

CITY: Panagyrishte, Bulgaria

SITE: Arena Asarel, Panagyrishte

DATE: 17-20 August 2017

PLAYERS: 113 men 72 women 185 total

COUNTRIES: 29

TABLES: 14

TABLE BRAND: Double Fish Rollaway

BALL BRAND: DHS

FLOOR BRAND: Gerflor Taraflex Table Tennis 3.7

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Introduction

Welcome to the Seamaster 2017 ITTF World Tour – Asarel Bulgaria Open.

The Bulgaria Open is a Regular Series event on the ITTF World Tour (Platinum&Regular) and also the fourth out of six Regular Series events, as the players fight for points to qualify for the season ending Seamaster 2017 ITTF World Tour Grand Final later in the year.

There are six titles on offer: men's singles, women's singles, men's doubles, women's doubles, under 21 men's singles, under 21 women's singles.

This media kit is designed to provide an update on the Seamaster 2017 Bulgaria Open. Enclosed are statistics and notes that will be of assistance during the tournament.

Players' biographies as well as statistical, historical and personal data can be found on ITTF.com.

Please make player interview requests through a member of the ITTF and OC media staff located in the press room.

Key Dates/Times

15 August 2017, 10:00am @ Arena Asarel – Qualifications Day 1

16 August 2017, 10:00am @ Arena Asarel – Qualifications Day 2

17 August 2017, 10:00am @ Arena Asarel – Main Draw Day 1

18 August 2017, 01:00pm @ Arena Asarel – Main Draw Day 2

19 August 2017, 10:00am @ Arena Asarel – Main Draw Day 3

20 August 2017, 01:00pm @ Arena Asarel – Main Draw Day 4

Full schedule:

http://d3mjm6zw6cr45s.cloudfront.net/2017/07/2017_BUL_WT_Schedule_2017_07_19_0.pdf



Playing System

Men's Singles: Main draw round of 32

15 seeded players, 1 host player + 16 players coming from the qualifications
All matches are played best of 7 games, in all stages of the competition.

Women's Singles: Main draw round of 32

15 seeded players, 1 host player + 16 players coming from the qualifications
All matches are played best of 7 games, in all stages of the competition.

Men's Doubles: Main draw round of 16

Top 7 seeded pairs according to the Doubles' Ranking, one pair from the host association + 8 pairs from the qualification event
All matches are played best of 5 games, in all stages of the competition

Women's Doubles: Main draw round of 16

Top 7 seeded pairs according to the Doubles' Ranking, one pair from the host association + 8 pairs from the qualification event
All matches are played best of 5 games, in all stages of the competition

U21 Men's Singles: Main draw round of 32

Starts Main Draw without qualification, where the top Top 31 plus 1 player from the host association (maximum 4 players per association)
All matches are played best of 5 games, in all stages of the competition.

U21 Women's Singles: Main draw round of 32

Starts Main Draw without qualification, where the top Top 31 plus 1 player from the host association (maximum 4 players per association)
All matches are played best of 5 games, in all stages of the competition.



Seamaster 2017 ITTF World Tour Events and Winners

There have been 7 out of 12 World Tour Events so far, 4 Platinum (Qatar, Japan, Chia, Australia) and 3 Regular series (Hungary, India and Korea).

Type	Location	Men's Singles		Women's Singles	
Regular	Hungary	YAN An	CHN	CHEN Xingtong	CHN
Regular	India	OVCHAROV Dimitrij	GER	MORI Sakura	JPN
Platinum	Qatar	LONG Ma	CHN	CHEN Meng	CHN
Regular	Korea	BOLL Timo	GER	TIANWEI Feng	SGP
Platinum	Japan	LONG Ma	CHN	YINGSHA Sun	CHN
Platinum	China	OVCHAROV Dimitrij	GER	DING Ning	CHN
Platinum	Australia	SAMSONOV Vladimir	BLR	CHEN Meng	CHN

Type	Location	Men's Doubles		Women's Doubles	
Regular	Hungary	FANG Bo / ZHOU Yu	CHN	CHEN Xingtong / LI Jiayi	CHN
Regular	India	MORIZONO Masataka/OSHIMA Yuya	JPN	EKHOLM Matilda/POTA Georgina	HKG
Platinum	Qatar	MORIZONO Masataka /OSHIMA Yuya	JPN	CHEN Meng / WANG Manyu	CHN
Regular	Korea	JANG Woojin/JEONG Sangeun	KOR	SHAN Xiaona/ SOLJA Petrissa	GER
Platinum	Japan	MA Long / XU Xin	CHN	CHEN Xingtong / SUN Yingsha	CHN
Platinum	China	UEDA Jin / YOSHIMURA Maharu	JPN	DING Ning /LIU Shiwen	CHN
Platinum	Australia	JANG Woojin / PARK Ganghyeon	KOR	CHEN Meng / ZHU Yuling	CHN

Race to Seamaster 2017 ITTF World Tour Grand Finals

The players are all battling it out for points to secure their qualification to the Seamaster 2017 World Tour Grand Finals (Location TBA)

How does it work?

Men's & Women's Singles

Places available: 15 players with the most points from the Seamaster 2017 World Tour events, plus one host country player that meets the below criteria. If the player from the host association is already amongst the 15 invited players or does not meet the participation criteria, the 16th player in order will be invited.

Criteria: Have to play in a minimum of 5 events

Men's & Women's Doubles

Places available: 7 doubles pairing with the most points, plus one host country player that meets the below criteria. If the pair from the host association is already amongst the 7 invited players or does not meet the participation criteria, the 8th pair in order will be invited.

Criteria: Have to play in a minimum of 4 events (playing together)

Full criteria can be found here: <http://bit.ly/2ldKzqU>



Current Race to World Tour Grand Final Standings:

Men's Singles

Rank	Points	Events	Player	Country
1	1050	3	MA Long	CHN
2	800	3	OVTCHAROV Dimitrij	GER
3	650	3	FAN Zhendong	CHN
4	589	5	SAMSONOV Vladimir	BLR
5	574	3	BOLL Timo	GER
6	404	6	NIWA Koki	JPN
7	357	4	GAUZY Simon	FRA
8	350	6	HARIMOTO Tomokazu	JPN
9	331	3	FANG Bo	CHN
10	325	4	YOSHIDA Masaki	JPN
11	300	2	MIZUTANI Jun	JPN
12	300	3	WONG Chun Ting	HKG
13	300	3	XU Xin	CHN
14	289	6	OSHIMA Yuya	JPN
15	274	5	CHUANG Chih-Yuan	TPE
16	256	5	MATSUDAIRA Kenta	JPN

Women's Singles

Rank	Points	Events	Player	Country
1	1531	5	CHEN Meng	CHN
2	800	2	SUN Yingsha	CHN
3	800	3	WANG Manyu	CHN
4	525	5	FENG Tianwei	SGR
5	500	1	DING Ning	CHN
6	400	2	GU Yuting	CHN
7	375	3	CHEN Xingtong	CHN
8	366	6	MORI Sakura	JPN
9	366	4	SHAN Xiaona	GER
10	350	3	ZHU Yuling	CHN
11	313	5	HIRANO Miu	JPN
12	300	5	ISHIKAWA Kasumi	JPN
13	283	5	ITO Mima	JPN
14	275	3	HAN Ying	GER
15	241	4	CHENG-I-Ching	TPE
16	200	1	IU Shiwen	CHN

The ITTF Race to Seamaster 2017 World Tour Grand Finals standing can be found here:
<http://bit.ly/2kBzywF>



Asarel Bulgaria Open Seeded Players:

Men's Singles

	Name/Nationality	WR	Date of birth
1	OVTCHAROV Dimitrij GER	4	09/02/1988
2	MATSUDAIRA Kenta JPN	15	04/11/1991
3	ARUNA Quadri NGR	29	08/09/1988
4	YOSHIMURA Maharu JPN	37	08/03/1993
5	ACHANTA Sharath Kamal IND	43	07/12/1982
6	UEDA Jin JPN	45	12/10/1991
7	DRINKHALL Paul ENG	48	01/16/1990
8	GARDOS Robert AUT	52	01/16/1979
9	TOKIC Bojan SLO	54	01/13/1981
10	KONECNY Tomas CZE	71	10/23/1985
11	ROBINOT Quentin FRA	73	01/07/1993
12	DESAI Harmeet IND	79	07/19/1993
13	NUYTINCK Cedric BEL	80	01/06/1993
14	GHOSH Soumyajit IND	85	05/10/1993
15	PROKOPCOV Dmitrij CZE	86	01/05/1980
16	ALEXANDROV Teodor BUL	362	08/20/1992

Women's Singles

	Name/Nationality	WR	Date of birth
1	ISHIKAWA Kasumi JPN	7	02/23/1993
2	ITO Mima JPN	11	10/21/2000
3	SATO Hitomi JPN	12	12/23/1997
4	HASHIMOTO Honoka JPN	16	07/05/1998
5	MORI Sakura JPN	27	04/17/1996
6	HAYATA Hina JPN	29	07/07/2000
7	POTA Georgina HUN	30	01/13/1985
8	KATO Miyu JPN	31	04/14/1999
9	EKHOLM Matilda SWE	34	06/15/1982
10	HAMAMOTO Yui JPN	42	07/28/1998
11	MORIZONO Misaki JPN	43	04/16/1992
12	SHIOMI Maki JPN	46	05/12/2000
13	SHIBATA Saki JPN	53	08/25/1997
14	KATO Kyoka JPN	62	12/24/1996
15	MATSUZAWA Marina JPN	69	03/24/1992
16	YOVKOVA Maria BUL	337	06/04/1999

Full list of players:

http://www.old.ittf.com/ittf_tournaments/ittf_entries_web5.asp?Gender=M&Tour_ID=2733&



Prize Money

Men's Singles and Women's singles:

1 Winner:	US\$ 16,000
1 Runner-up:	US\$ 7,800
2 Semi-finalist:	US\$ 3,800
4 Quarter finalist:	US\$ 1,900
8 Round of 16:	US\$ 1,000
16 Round of 32:	US\$ 500

Men's Doubles and Women's Doubles:

Winner:	US\$ 5,000
Runner-up:	US\$ 2,500
Semi-finalist:	US\$ 1,250

Total: US\$ 130,000

Points Allocation for ITTF World Tour Standings

Men's Singles and Women's singles:

1 Winner:	250 pts
1 Runner-up:	125 pts
2 Semi-finalist:	63 pts
4 Quarter finalist:	31 pts
8 Round of 16:	16 pts
16 Round of 32:	8 pts

Men's Doubles and Women's Doubles:

Winner:	200 pts
Runner-up:	100 pts
Semi-finalist:	50 pts
Quarter finalist:	25 pts
Round of 16:	13 pts



Past Winners

Men's Singles

Year Winner

2016	KONECHNY Tomas	CZE
2015	DONGHYUN Kim	KOR

Runner Up

Quentin Robinot	FRA
MATSUDAIRA Kenta	JPN

Women's Singles

Year Winner

2016	ISHIGAKI Yuka	JPN
2015	ISHIKAWA Kasumi	JPN

Runner Up

MORIZONO Misaki	JPN
FUKUHARA Ai	JPN

Men's Doubles

Year Winner

2016	LIVENTSOV Aleksei	RUS
2015	HO Eonrae	KOR

PAYKOV Michail	RUS
KIM Donghyun	KOR

Women's Doubles

Year Winner

2016	MORIZONO Misaki	JPN
2015	JEON Jihee	KOR

KATO Miyu	JPN
YANG Haeun	KOR

ITTF.com

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- Head to head comparisons between each player: <http://bit.ly/HPlnQ8>
- Live results: <http://www.ittf.com/tournament/2733/ittf-world-tour-bulgaria-open/#information>
- Up to date schedule: <http://bit.ly/2jXA89B>
- List of players:
http://www.old.ittf.com/ittf_tournaments/ittf_entries_web5.asp?Gender=M&Tour_ID=2733&
- Live streaming at <https://tv.ittf.com/>
- Photos for editorial use: <http://bit.ly/2aulFgi>
- Upcoming ITTF calendar: <http://www.ittf.com/tournaments/>
- Past results: <http://bit.ly/2kghgji>

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