

Cosa è MEF tennis tour?

MEF Tennis Tour è un circuito di tornei di tennis per giocatori e giocatrici professionisti che si svolge in Italia e comprende minimo tre tappe. La prima tappa (Campionati Italiani Assoluti) è riservata ai soli giocatori italiani mentre le successive sono aperte ai giocatori stranieri. Le partite saranno trasmesse in live streaming, live sui social e sui canali televisivi. Un circuito che nasce dalla necessità di riportare in campo il tennis professionistico, nell'attesa che il circuito internazionale riprenda dopo il coronavirus. Naturalmente tutto è soggetto alla riapertura da parte del Governo alla possibilità di svolgere eventi sportivi.

What is the MEF tennis tour?

MEF Tennis Tour is a new tennis tournaments circuit organizing matches between professional male and female tennis players that take place in Italy and includes a minimum of three tournaments. The first tournament (Campionati Italiani Assoluti) is reserved for Italian players only, while the following ones are open to foreign players. Matches will be live streamed, on social media and on television channels. A circuit that arises from the need to bring professional tennis back to the court, while waiting for the international circuit to resume after the coronavirus. Of course, everything is subject to the reopening of sporting events by the government.

Qual è il format del torneo?

Il regolamento prevede la partecipazione di 32 giocatori e 16 giocatrici, selezionati in base alla migliore classifica ATP/WTA. Nei tabelloni maschile e femminile saranno assegnate 4 wild cards dalla Federazione Italiana Tennis a giocatori di interesse nazionale. Il tabellone è ad eliminazione diretta e le partite si disputano al meglio di 3 set con super tie-break fino ai quarti; sono previsti per tutte le tappe gli standard dei tornei internazionali.

Which is the tournament format?

The regulation expects the participation of 32 (m) and 16 (f) professional players, selected on the ATP/WTA rankings basis. 8 of these tennis players (4 men and 4 women) will benefit from wild cards, assigned by the Italian Tennis Federation. The tournament has single-elimination and matches are played in the best of 3 sets (3rd set super tie-break until the quarterfinals); International tournament standards are provided for all tournaments.

Quali procedure per contrastare la pandemia da COVID-19 saranno adottate?

La salute di giocatori, coach e staff sono la priorità. Sarà obbligatorio utilizzare i dispositivi di sicurezza, come guanti, mascherine, gel igienizzanti in tutta l'area. Distanza di sicurezza, ingresso contingentato e disinfezione saranno garantiti in ogni area del circolo ospitante. Sarà distribuito ai giocatori un kit di sicurezza che includerà asciugamani personali, mascherine e guanti. Gel disinfettanti saranno presenti presso i Club ospitanti.

Which procedures will be adopted to counteract the COVID-19 pandemic?

Players', coaches' and staff's safety is our main priority. It is mandatory to use safety devices, such as disposable gloves, surgical masks, sanitizing gels on site. Social distancing, limited access and disinfection on site will be guaranteed. Upon arrival, a safety kit including personal towels, masks and gloves will be distributed to players. Disinfectant gel will be distributed at the Tennis Club.



1st STOP

Italian players only



2nd STOP

Open to foreigners



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These rules refer to the second and subsequent tournaments, open to foreign players.

Draw size

Singles main draws will be composed as follows: 32 male and 16 female players. 8 of these tennis players (4 men and 4 women) will benefit from wild cards, assigned by the Italian Tennis Federation.

Duration

Matches start at 9 am on Monday and the final is played on Saturday.

Courts

The tournament will be played on outdoor clay courts.

Admission

Players with ATP/WTA rankings can register. The entry list will be drawn up based on the ranking.

Registration

Registration must be received exclusively through the dedicated form on the website www.meftennisevents.com > click on EVENTS> MEF TENNIS TOUR section.

Registration deadline

Registrations received up to 10 days before the start of the main draw are considered valid.

Match limit

The tournament has single-elimination and matches are played in the best of 3 sets and super tie-break (until the quarterfinals).

Official balls

ATP Dunlop balls, with change according to ATP rules.

Order of play

Order of play for the following day is posted, every day, before 6 pm, at the clubhouse and published on MEF tennis events' web and social pages.

Arbitrage

All matches are arbitrated. Due to security purposes, linesmen and ball kids are not guaranteed.

Prize money

The prize money of each tournament is € 18,000 (men) and € 5,000 (women).

MEN: Winner (25%) € 4.500,00 / Finalist (15%) € 2.700,00 / Semifinalist (8%) € 1.440,00 / quarter final

(5%) € 900,00 / third round (3%) € 540,00.

WOMEN: Winner (40%) € 2.000,00 / Finalist (24%) € 1.200,00 /

Semifinalist (8%) € 400,00 / quarter final (5%) € 250,00.



circuit rules

Services for players

Hospitality

Each player has a mininum of three free nights in a single or double room starting from Sunday and until the night of the last match played.

Stringing service

Available from Sunday with rate € 15.00 per racket.

Transportation

The service starts from Sunday at 10 am and will include sanitation after each use. The use of your car is recommended, where possible, for safety reasons.

Physiotherapy assistance

Three physiotherapists from the Kleos studio will provide a personalized assistance service with packages of massages and extra treatments (Tecar, Kinesio Taping, Ultrasound).

On site services

Restaurant, bar, players' lounge, tournament director and supervisor, TV room in safety.

Next tournaments

The next tournaments are being defined. Dates and locations could be Francavilla al Mare (13 July) and Padua (20 July).

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