



ABOUT THE RACE TO TEB BNP PARIBAS WTA CHAMPIONSHIPS

Host City: Istanbul, Turkey (2011-13)
Venue: Sinan Erdem Arena
Prize Money: US\$4,900,000
Surface: Rebound Ace Synpave / Indoor
Draw Sizes: 8 singles (round robin) / 4 doubles (single elimination)
Website: www.wtachampionships.com
Tournament Director: Markus Guenthardt

CHAMPIONSHIPS QUICK HITS

- 2012 will be the 42nd staging of the Championships (began in 1972) and second year the event will be hosted in Istanbul
- Eight (8) different cities have hosted the Championships: Boca Raton (1972-73), Doha (2008-10), Istanbul (2011-13), Los Angeles (1974-76, 2002-05), Madrid (2006-07), Munich (2001), New York City (1979-2000) and Oakland (1978)
- There have been 18 different winners in 41 stagings; of those 18 winners, 14 have been former world No.1s, only exceptions were Hanika (1982), Sabatini (1988, 1994), Novotna (1997) and Kvitova (2011)
- Players from 10 different nations have won the year-end event: USA (15), GER (6), BEL (5), CZE (4), YUG (3), ARG (2), AUS (2), SUI (2), FRA (1) & RUS (1)
- Seven (7) players have advanced to the final on their Championships debut. Only Serena Williams (2001), Maria Sharapova (2004) and Petra Kvitova (2011) won the title on their debut; Tracy Austin (1979 R-Up), Andrea Jaeger (1981 R-Up), Lindsay Davenport (1994 R-Up) and Martina Hingis (1996 R-Up)

ABOUT CHAMPIONSHIPS FORMAT

- In 2003, the current round robin format feeding into a 4-woman single elimination draw was returned to Championships for the first time since 1982
- The singles event features 8 players and begins as a round robin event, with 4 players in the Red Pool and 4 in the White Pool. Over the first 4 days of round robin competition, each player meets the other 3 players in her group, with the top 2 in each pool moving on to the semifinals. Each of the group winners meets the runner-up in the other group in the semifinals. The winners of each semifinal meet in the championship match
- The Top 8 ranked singles players in the WTA Rankings the week of October 22, 2012 will qualify for the TEB BNP Paribas WTA Championships
- The Race to WTA Championships Singles Standings on wtatennis.com serves as a ranking projection for the week of October 22, 2012, the Monday prior to Championships. The Standings include points earned during the 2012 season
- The doubles event features the Top 4 doubles teams in a single elimination draw; throughout the season, doubles teams accumulate ranking points for any event that they play as a team, with an unlimited amount of events contributing to their point total
- In singles competition, players are awarded +70 ranking points for each round robin match played and an additional +160 points for each round robin win; at the single-elimination stage, players are awarded +360 points for winning their semifinal match and +450 points for winning the final match; a player can earn up to 1500 ranking points by winning all 5 matches at the Championships
- In doubles competition the semifinalists receive 690 ranking points, the runner-up receives 1050 points and the winner receives 1500 points

