



2019 World TeamTennis Media Information

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FACTS & FIGURES

- What:** World TeamTennis showcases the best in professional tennis with the innovative team format co-founded by Billie Jean King in the 1970s. Recognized as the leader in professional team tennis competition, WTT features many of the world's best players competing annually for the King Trophy, the league's championship trophy named after King.
- 2019 Teams:** New York Empire, Orange County Breakers, Orlando Storm, Philadelphia Freedoms, San Diego Aviators, Springfield Lasers, Vegas Rollers and Washington Kastles
- 2019 Schedule:** 2019 will mark the 44th season of World TeamTennis.
- Regular Season:** July 14-31 (Teams play 14 regular season matches-7 home/7 away)
- WTT Semifinals:** August 2 (Orleans Arena, Las Vegas) – The top four teams from the regular season compete against each other. Matchups are No. 1 vs. No. 4 and No. 2 vs. No. 3.
- WTT Final:** August 3 (Orleans Arena, Las Vegas) – The semifinal winners play for the King Trophy, awarded to the year's WTT champion.
- 2019 Broadcast:** CBS Sports is the official television broadcast partner of WTT, airing one match (Philadelphia at Vegas, July 21) on CBS and 16 matches on CBS Sports Network, including the WTT semifinals on Aug. 2 and WTT Final on Aug. 3. Online streaming service ESPN+ will exclusively live stream 18 matches during the 2019 WTT season, with an additional 24 streaming on both ESPN+ and WTT.tv.
- 2018 Champion:** The Springfield Lasers defeated the Philadelphia Freedoms, 19-18, to capture the 2018 WTT title and earn the franchise's first championship in its 23-year history.
- History:** The league was co-founded in the 1970s by Billie Jean King and Larry King, and first hit the courts in 1974. Since the League's debut, virtually every major champion of the Open era has played WTT including Pete Sampras, Andy Roddick, Kim Clijsters, Stefanie Graf, Bob and Mike Bryan, Andre Agassi, Venus and Serena Williams, Martina Hingis, Maria Sharapova, Lindsay Davenport, John McEnroe, Jimmy Connors, Martina Navratilova and Chris Evert.
- In 2015, WTT joined the NFL, NBA, NHL and MLB as only the fifth U.S. pro sports league to reach the 40 season milestone. In March 2017, WTT team owners Mark Ein (Washington Kastles) and Fred Luddy (San Diego Aviators) purchased majority ownership of World TeamTennis from league co-founder Billie Jean King who will remain involved as a minority owner of the league and majority owner of the Philadelphia Freedoms franchise. In February 2019, Orange County Breakers owner purchased a share of majority ownership of World TeamTennis, alongside Luddy.
- Sponsors:** Official WTT national sponsors include GEICO, DecoTurf, Forevermark, Wilson Racquet Sports and ROKIT. The United States Tennis Association is a promotional partner.
- Format:** In a WTT match, each team is comprised of two men, two women and a coach. Team matches consist of five sets, with one set each of men's and women's singles, men's and women's doubles and mixed doubles. The first team to reach five games wins each set. A nine-point tiebreaker is played if a set reaches four games all. One point is awarded for each game won and scoring is cumulative. If necessary, Extended Play and a Supertiebreaker are played to determine the winner of the match.



Owners: Eric Davidson and Fred Luddy own equal majority ownership of WTT; Billie Jean King is a minority owner.

CEO/Commissioner: Carlos Silva

Co-Founders: Billie Jean King, Larry King, Fred Barman, Jordon Kaiser, Dennis Murphy and Frank Fuhrer

Website: WTT.com

WTT Community Tennis – Youth / Juniors:

WTT supports and sponsors various junior, college and adult initiatives throughout the year. They include:

WTT Junior Nationals: A national three-day team competition that includes 96 high school age tennis players, playing on 16 coed teams. The players and coaches are from USTA Sections and communities. The event includes visits from college coaches and Tennis On Campus organizers, along with educational seminars.

San Diego CIF High School WTT League: A winter league for high school players in Southern California which leads to the WTT San Diego High School Festival with 190-plus kids from around 20 high school teams. This is currently active in San Diego County and the program will be expanding to Orange County in 2019.

Volleys Against Violence High School Challenges: These events are held in pro team markets to bring the local police together with high school tennis teams for a fun, fast-paced competition. Teams have the opportunity to win Wilson tennis balls for their high schools. Teams also support their local pro team(s) by buying a “High School Team” ticket package.

Freedoms TeamTennis Challenge: More than 300 youth tennis players participate in events held throughout the year at local tennis clubs in the Philadelphia area. The events are a collaboration between the clubs, the USTA Middle States section, the Philadelphia Freedoms, and the Down the Line and Beyond Foundation. Each participant receives a ticket to a Freedoms match, player autographs, and on-court recognition on court. In 2018, this program was expanded to the New York market.

WTT Community Tennis – College / Adults:

Tennis On Campus: WTT is a partner and the official format of the successful USTA Tennis On Campus (TOC) program, which is active in over 700 college campuses with more than 60,000 players. WTT assists with the TOC events at all levels, including 15 Sectionals, two Invitational tournaments and the Tennis On Campus National Championships.

Adult Leagues: At the grassroots level – WTT has over 19,000 players in more than 150 WTT leagues throughout the U.S. – all who continue to play the sport and support the industry with their discretionary dollars. More than 2,500 participants in seven WTT Community National Qualifier events throughout the U.S. Players advance from National Qualifiers to WTT Nationals, held annually in Indian Wells, Calif.



BROADCAST OUTLETS & HAWK-EYE LIVE

WTT.tv

World TeamTennis begins its 44th season and its second year with video streaming matches live on the league's digital platform, WTT.tv. Airing 24 of the 59 matches over 18 days in eight team markets, the 2019 WTT.tv schedule will include more than 60 hours of digital broadcast programming this summer.



Fans from around the globe are able to experience the high-energy WTT team format with live or on-demand access to 24 matches on WTT.tv's mobile-optimized website. Select live matches will also be available on World TeamTennis' Facebook and YouTube channels throughout the season. All 24 matches on WTT.tv will be produced by WTT broadcast teams in high definition with expert commentary.

Match coverage begins on WTT.tv on Sunday, July 14, when the league's two new expansion franchises, the Vegas Rollers and Orlando Storm, open the season against each other on WTT's opening day at the USTA National Campus in Lake Nona, Fla. Also on opening day, the 2018 champion Springfield Lasers begin their title defense at home against the Philadelphia Freedoms in a 2018 WTT Final rematch.

CBS Sports/Online Streaming Platforms

CBS Sports is the new official television broadcast partner of WTT in 2019, airing a July 21 regular season match featuring Philadelphia Freedoms at the Vegas Rollers live on CBS from 4-6 p.m. ET/1-3 p.m. PT and 16 other matches in the 2019 season on CBS Sports Network.

The 2019 season concludes at the Orleans Arena in Las Vegas with CBS Sports Network providing live coverage of both WTT semifinals on Saturday, August 2 (7 p.m. ET/4 p.m. PT) and the WTT Final on Sunday, August 3 (7 p.m. ET/4 p.m. PT), in which one team will take home the King Trophy.

World TeamTennis will also be showcased on regional sports networks and other partner networks.

In addition, online streaming service ESPN+ will exclusively live stream 18 matches during the 2019 WTT season, with an additional 24 matches streaming on both ESPN+ and WTT.tv. WTT also has deals with Youku (China), Claro Sports (Latin America) and Dailymotion for international distribution of its matches.

A full schedule denoting broadcast partners for each of WTT's 59 regular season matches in 2019 is available at WTT.com/schedule.

HAWK-EYE LIVE

In 2019, WTT will use the electronic line-calling system **Hawk-Eye Live** for all matches in team markets. While tennis audiences have grown used to seeing the Hawk-Eye challenge system over the years at major events, Hawk-Eye Live plays a very different role in the match. Hawk-Eye Live will make the on-court calls, supported by only two officials – the on-court chair umpire and a review official in the Hawk-Eye booth to monitor foot faults. The real-time ball-tracking technology determines whether a shot is in or out immediately after it has landed. No challenges are needed.



With 59 matches over 18 days in eight team markets, the utilization of Hawk-Eye Live will be the most extensive implementation of electronic line-calling in tennis. Hawk-Eye statistical data and line-calling graphics will be incorporated into coverage on WTT's live streaming platform, WTT.tv. Hawk-Eye Live will also be integrated with the in-stadium LED screens as well as WTT television broadcasts.

The Hawk-Eye Live system uses 12 ball-tracking cameras and six foot fault cameras. The technology has been utilized in other sports such as soccer and cricket.

The automated line-calling technology is also expected to help streamline play, building on a trend with WTT matches. With the addition of coach's timeouts in 2012 and the 25-second service clock in 2015, WTT match times have been reduced by approximately 30 minutes over the past five seasons.



TEAM ROSTERS

(full season unless otherwise noted; subject to change)

NEW YORK EMPIRE

Ulises Blanch (USA)
*Mardy Fish (USA) – 7/29-30
Kirsten Flipkens (BEL)
*John Isner (USA) – 7/14
Maria Jose Martinez Sanchez (SPN)
Neal Skupski (GBR)
*Sloane Stephens (USA) – 7/18
Coach: Luke Jensen (USA)

ORANGE COUNTY BREAKERS

*Victoria Azarenka (BLR) – 7/20
Luke Bambridge (GBR)
*Eugenie Bouchard (CAN) – 7/23
Nicole Gibbs (USA)
*Steve Johnson (USA) – 7/22-24
Andreja Klepac (SLO)
James Ward (GBR)
Coach: Rick Leach (USA)

ORLANDO STORM

Evan King (USA)
Darija Jurak (CRO)
*Madison Keys (USA) – 7/17-18, 7/24, 7/26-27
*Feliciano Lopez (SPN) – 7/14-19, 7/21-22
Whitney Osuigwe (USA)
Ken Skupski (GBR)
Coach: Scott Lipsky (USA)

PHILADELPHIA FREEDOMS

Raquel Atawo (USA)
Adrian Menendez-Maceiras (SPN)
Fabrice Martin (FRA)
*Danielle Collins (USA) – 7/21
Taylor Townsend (USA)
*Donald Young (USA) – 7/16-18
Coach: Craig Kardon (USA)

SAN DIEGO AVIATORS

*Amanda Anisimova (USA) – 7/25-26
Kaitlyn Christian (USA)
Petros Chrysochos (CYP)
*Ryan Harrison (USA) – 7/14-17
*Taylor Fritz (USA) – 7/19-20
Anna-Lena Groenefeld (GER)
Darian King (BAR)
Christina McHale (USA)
Jonny O'Mara (GBR)
Arina Rodionova (AUS)
*CoCo Vandeweghe (USA) – 7/22
Coach: John Lloyd (GBR)

SPRINGFIELD LASERS

Anna Blinkova (RUS)
Olga Govortsova (BLR)
*Miomir Kecmanovic (SRB) – 7/14, 7/16-18
Enrique Lopez Perez (SPN)
Jean-Julien Rojer (NED)
Abigail Spears (USA)
Coach: John-Laffnie de Jager (RSA)

VEGAS ROLLERS

*Bob Bryan (USA) – 7/20-21
*Mike Bryan (USA) – 7/20-21
Harriet Dart (GBR)
Asia Muhammad (USA)
*Reilly Opelka (USA) – 7/15-17
*Monica Puig (PR) – 7/20-21
*Sam Querrey (USA) – 7/19-21, 7/23, 7/25
Matt Reid (AUS)
Evan Song (USA)
Coach: Tim Blenkiron (USA)

WASHINGTON KASTLES

Marta Kostyuk (UKR)
*Nick Kyrgios (AUS) – 7/27
Yoshihito Nishioka (JPN)
Shelby Rogers (USA)
Bruno Soares (BRA)
*Frances Tiafoe (USA) – 7/15-17
*Venus Williams (USA) – 7/19, 7/25-26
Coach: Murphy Jensen (USA)

Note: Franchise players (*) play on the dates noted next to their name.

COUNTRIES REPRESENTED BY PLAYERS (22):

Australia - 3
Barbados - 1
Belarus - 2
Belgium - 1
Brazil - 1
Bulgaria - 1
Canada - 1
Croatia – 1
Cyprus - 1
France - 1
Germany - 1
Great Britain – 6
Japan - 1
Netherlands - 1
Puerto Rico - 1
Russia - 1
Serbia - 1
Slovenia - 1
South Africa – 1
Spain - 3
Ukraine - 1
United States – 28



SCHEDULE

DAY	DATE	VISITOR	@	HOME TEAM	LOCAL START		FEATURED PLAYER(S)
Sunday	7/14	San Diego	@	New York	5:00 PM	ET	Ryan Harrison (SD), John Isner (NY)
Sunday	7/14	Philadelphia	@	Springfield	7:00 PM	CT	Miomir Kecmanovic (SPR)
Sunday	7/14	Vegas	@	Orlando	7:00 PM	ET	Feliciano Lopez (ORL)
Monday	7/15	San Diego	@	Philadelphia	7:00 PM	ET	Ryan Harrison (SD)
Monday	7/15	Vegas	@	Washington	7:00 PM	ET	Reilly Opelka (VEG), Frances Tiafoe (WAS)
Monday	7/15	Orange County	@	Orlando	7:00 PM	ET	Feliciano Lopez (ORL)
Tuesday	7/16	Vegas	@	New York	6:00 PM	ET	Reilly Opelka (VEG)
Tuesday	7/16	Orange County	@	Philadelphia	7:00 PM	ET	Donald Young (PHI)
Tuesday	7/16	San Diego	@	Washington	7:00 PM	ET	Ryan Harrison (SD), Frances Tiafoe (WAS)
Tuesday	7/16	San Diego	@	Springfield	6:00 PM	ET	Ryan Harrison (SD), Frances Tiafoe (WAS)
Wednesday	7/17	Vegas	@	Philadelphia	1:00 PM	ET	Reilly Opelka (VEG), Donald Young (PHI)
Wednesday	7/17	Orange County	@	Washington	7:00 PM	ET	Frances Tiafoe (WAS)
Wednesday	7/17	New York	@	Springfield	7:00 PM	CT	Miomir Kecmanovic (SPR)
Wednesday	7/17	San Diego	@	Washington	7:00 PM	ET	Ryan Harrison (SD), Sam Querrey (ORL), Lopez (WAS)
Thursday	7/18	Orange County	@	New York	6:00 PM	ET	Sloane Stephens (NY)
Thursday	7/18	Washington	@	Springfield	7:00 PM	CT	Miomir Kecmanovic (SPR)
Thursday	7/18	Philadelphia	@	Washington	7:00 PM	ET	Bryan Brosovich (BEI), Keys, Lopez (WAS)
Friday	7/19	Washington	@	New York	6:00 PM	CT	Venus Williams (PHI)
Friday	7/19	Orlando	@	Philadelphia	7:00 PM	CT	Feliciano Lopez (ORL)
Friday	7/19	Vegas	@	San Diego	7:00 PM	PT	Sam Querrey (VEG), Taylor Fritz (SD)
Saturday	7/20	New York	@	Washington	5:30 PM	ET	
Saturday	7/20	San Diego	@	Orange County	4:00 PM	PT	Taylor Fritz (SD), Victoria Azarenka (OC)
Saturday	7/20	Springfield	@	Vegas	5:00 PM	PT	Querrey/Bryan Bros/Monica Puig (VEG)
Sunday	7/21	Orlando	@	New York	5:00 PM	PT	Feliciano Lopez (ORL)
Sunday	7/21	Springfield	@	San Diego	5:00 PM	CT	
Sunday	7/21	Philadelphia	@	Vegas	12:00 PM	PT	Danielle Collins (PHI), Querrey/Bryan Bros/Monica Puig (VEG)
Monday	7/22	Orlando	@	Washington	7:00 PM	ET	Feliciano Lopez (ORL)
Monday	7/22	Springfield	@	Orange County	6:00 PM	PT	Steve Johnson (OC)
Monday	7/22	Philadelphia	@	San Diego	7:00 PM	PT	CoCo Vandeweghe (SD)
Tuesday	7/23	Philadelphia	@	Orange County	6:00 PM	PT	Eugenie Bouchard/Steve Johnson (OC)
Tuesday	7/23	New York	@	Vegas	7:00 PM	ET	Sam Querrey (VEG)
Wednesday	7/24	Washington	@	Orlando	7:00 PM	ET	Madison Keys (ORL)
Wednesday	7/24	San Diego	@	Springfield	7:00 PM	CT	
Wednesday	7/24	New York	@	Orange County	6:00 PM	PT	Steve Johnson (OC)



Thursday	7/25	Philadelphia	@	Washington	7:00 PM	ET	<i>Venus Williams (WAS)</i>
Thursday	7/25	New York	@	San Diego	7:00 PM	PT	<i>Amanda Anisimova (SD)</i>
Thursday	7/25	Orange County	@	Vegas	7:00 PM	PT	<i>Sam Querrey (VEG)</i>
Friday	7/26	Washington	@	Philadelphia	7:00 PM	ET	<i>Venus Williams (WAS)</i>
Friday	7/26	Springfield	@	Orlando	7:00 PM	ET	<i>Madison Keys (ORL)</i>
Friday	7/26	Orange County	@	San Diego	7:00 PM	PT	<i>Amanda Anisimova (SD)</i>
Saturday	7/27	Springfield	@	Washington	6:00 PM	ET	<i>Nick Kyrgios (WAS)</i>
Saturday	7/27	New York	@	Orlando	7:00 PM	ET	<i>Madison Keys (ORL)</i>
Saturday	7/27	Vegas	@	Orange County	5:00 PM	ET	
Sunday	7/28	Springfield	@	Philadelphia	6:00 PM	ET	
Sunday	7/28	San Diego	@	Vegas	7:00 PM	PT	
Monday	7/29	Springfield	@	New York	7:00 PM	ET	<i>Mardy Fish (NY)</i>
Monday	7/29	Orlando	@	Orange County	6:00 PM	PT	
Monday	7/29	Washington	@	Vegas	7:00 PM	PT	
Tuesday	7/30	Philadelphia	@	New York	6:00 PM	ET	<i>Mardy Fish (NY)</i>
Tuesday	7/30	Orange County	@	Springfield	7:00 PM	CT	
Tuesday	7/30	Washington	@	San Diego	7:00 PM	PT	
Tuesday	7/30	Orlando	@	Vegas	7:00 PM	PT	
Wednesday	7/31	New York	@	Philadelphia	6:00 PM	PT	
Wednesday	7/31	Vegas	@	Springfield	7:00 PM	CT	
Wednesday	7/31	Washington	@	Orange County	6:00 PM	PT	
Wednesday	7/31	Orlando	@	San Diego	7:00 PM	PT	
Saturday	8/2	Seeds 1-4 & 2-3	@	Orleans Arena	4 & 7 PM	PT	WTT SEMIFINALS
Sunday	8/3	SF winners	@	Orleans Arena	4:00 PM	PT	WTT FINAL

(subject to change)



TEAM VENUES

TEAM	VENUE	ADDRESS
New York Empire	Cary Leeds Center for Tennis & Learning	1720 Crotona Avenue Bronx, NY 10457
Orange County Breakers	Breakers Stadium at Palisades Tennis Club	1171 Jamboree Road Newport Beach, CA 92660
Orlando Storm	USTA National Campus	10000 USTA Blvd. Orlando, FL 32827
Philadelphia Freedoms	Hagan Arena at Saint Joseph's University	2450 N. 54th Street Philadelphia, PA 19131
San Diego Aviators	Omni La Costa Resort & Spa	2100 Costa Del Mar Road Carlsbad, CA 92009
Springfield Lasers	Cooper Tennis Stadium at Cooper Tennis Complex	2331 E. Pythian Springfield, MO 65802
Vegas Rollers	Orleans Arena	4500 West Tropicana Avenue Las Vegas, NV 89103
Washington Kastles	Kastles Stadium at Union Market	1309 5 th St. NE Washington, DC 20002



MORE ABOUT WORLD TEAMTENNIS

- **ELITE COMPANY:** In July 2015, World TeamTennis became part of an elite and small list of U.S. pro sports leagues to reach the 40th season milestone, joining the NFL, NBA, NHL and MLB.
- **FOUNDED IN THE 1970s ON THE PHILOSOPHY OF GENDER EQUITY:** WTT co-founder Billie Jean King simply says, “If you have ever seen a WTT match you have seen my philosophy of life in action – men and women, competing together, on a team and both genders making equal contributions to the result.”
- **COMPETITIVE, WORLD-CLASS TENNIS:** At a World TeamTennis match, fans will see quality competitive tennis where every point matters, every game counts. For the players, its intense competition and for the fans, it's the opportunity to see some of tennis' best playing together on teams representing their community. The format features cumulative, no-ad scoring so every game counts toward the final score.
- **FAN INTERACTION & ACCESS:** A World TeamTennis match is a unique experience. The crowd is on top of the action. The atmosphere gives the players an opportunity to meet many of the fans and give back to the community that has supported their team for years. Teams host kids clinics each night before matches and children age 16 and under can come on the court after every WTT match and get player autographs. Fans can also keep any balls that are hit into the stands during play.
- **SINGLES & DOUBLES:** WTT matches feature singles, doubles and mixed doubles allowing fans to see professional players in a competitive team environment – all in less than three hours.
- **INNOVATIONS:** World TeamTennis has always been an innovator in the sport, introducing a number of fan-friendly initiatives – *playing let serves, timeouts, service clocks, men and women playing equal roles on a team, substitutions, instant replay, on-court coaching, music between points, names on back of players shirts, letting fans keep balls that are hit into the stands, multi-colored courts, Extended Play and Supertiebreaker. In 2017, WTT introduced on-player microphones, a first for pro tennis competition.*
- **GIVING BACK:** World TeamTennis has given away more than 300,000 junior tennis racquets in the past decade through clinics, WTT matches, and other youth activities. All WTT teams provide free tennis clinics and PlayDays, delivering a message of access and fitness to hundreds of thousands of youth.
- **BEST SPORTS TEAM EVER?:** The 2011-2013 Washington Kastles teams certainly have to be included in any discussion of top sports teams. The Kastles did not lose a match during the 2011 and 2012 seasons en route to the league championship. The Texas Wild handed the Kastles their first loss in three seasons on July 10, 2013, ending the Kastles winning streak at 34 consecutive matches. Washington’s win streak is the longest in major pro sports league history, surpassing the previous mark of 33 consecutive wins held by the NBA's 1971-72 Lakers. Washington didn’t slow down in 2013, winning their third consecutive title and fourth overall. In 2015, the Kastles set a new league record with their fifth consecutive championship.



IMPORTANT THINGS TO KNOW

*World TeamTennis. There are a few things to know about how we play the game.
It's always about the team. There are eight teams in World TeamTennis. Some of the world's best men and women team up to play singles, doubles and mixed doubles in an exciting and unique professional team tennis competition.
In WTT, every game counts – literally. Scoring is cumulative and it takes a team to win.
Here are key terms to know about the WTT experience.*

THE TEAMS

Draft

Team rosters are determined through the WTT player draft held in March. The draft rounds include some of the biggest names in tennis. Teams draft in reverse order of the previous year's final team standings (including playoffs), based on overall match won/loss record. Returning franchises have the right to protect players from the previous year's roster.

Franchises

Eight teams will compete during the 2019 season. The franchises are: New York Empire • Orange County Breakers • Orlando Storm • Philadelphia Freedoms • San Diego Aviators • Springfield Lasers • Vegas Rollers • Washington Kastles

THE SCHEDULE

Regular Season

Each of the teams will play 14 regular season matches - seven home, seven away. The 2019 regular season begins on Sunday, July 14 and concludes on Wednesday, July 31.

Post-season

The 2019 WTT Playoffs are played at the Orleans Arena in Las Vegas, Nev. The top four teams from WTT's regular season advance to the semifinals on Friday, Aug. 2. Semifinal winners will compete the next day – Saturday, Aug. 3 – in the WTT Final with the champion claiming the King Trophy.

Season/Playoff Qualification

For all players (other than franchise players), a season is defined as either (a) playing in three (3) matches for one team, or (b) playing a total of four (4) matches in one season regardless of the number of teams. To be eligible for Bonus Money or Awards they must appear on the roster for 80% of a team's matches (11 of 14). All players must participate on their team for three matches during the regular season to qualify for participation in the WTT Final.

ON THE COURT

Fan Experience

Fan participation is an important part of any WTT match. Crowds are encouraged to be vocal about great play (while still being respectful of all players) and are allowed to enter/exit the stadium during play without having to wait for a changeover. Often between games, music is played and the DJ fires up the crowd.

Match

A match is a contest between two WTT teams, consisting of five sets plus Extended Play (if any) and a Supertiebreaker (if necessary). The sets are men's and women's singles, men's and women's doubles and mixed doubles.

Match Order

The home team coach determines the order of sets and turns in the lineup to the head umpire one hour before match start time. Every match includes a halftime break – either after the second or third set.

Service Clock

An on-court service clock counts down 25 seconds from the end of a point to the next serve. The first time violation per set is a warning and additional violations will result in point penalties.



Substitution

A coach may substitute one player, per set, per gender at the conclusion of a point. If a player is substituted, he/she may not return to the match during that set.

Team

Each team has a coach and four players; two men and two women (five or more players if there are Franchise or Wild Card players on the team). Players are permitted to play in a maximum of three sets per match.

Timeouts

As with other professional league team sports, WTT features the use of timeouts during match play. Each team will be allotted two timeouts per set with an additional timeout being awarded to each team if a match goes into Extended Play. Timeouts will be twenty (:20) seconds in length and do not carry over between sets. Only the coach may call a timeout. Coaches or players may enter the court area during these breaks in action.

SCORING

Keeping Score

- Scoring is no-ad (the first team to win four points wins the game). Game scoring is 15, 30, 40, game.
- All games, sets and Supertiebreakers are won by a margin of one point.
- Each game counts as one point in the team's cumulative match score.
- The receiver has the choice from which side he/she will receive serve should the game reach three points each. In mixed doubles, the serve is always gender-to-gender at 40-all (deuce).
- Teams change sides after every four games.
- Let serves are played.

Extended Play

In WTT matches - every point matters, every game counts. That is never more evident than in Extended Play (formerly Overtime). If the team ahead in the cumulative score wins the final game of the last set, then that team is the winner. However, if the trailing team wins the final set, the match is sent into Extended Play and continues until a) the leading team wins one game, or b) the trailing team ties the match score. If the score becomes tied, the match is decided by a Supertiebreaker.

Set

The first team to reach five games wins a set. If the set is tied at 4-4, a 9-point tiebreaker is played.

Supertiebreaker

If the match is tied at the conclusion of five sets OR if the trailing team ties the score in Extended Play, a 13-point Supertiebreaker, involving the same fifth set, decides the outcome of the entire match. A coin toss determines the choice of side, server and receiver. Players change sides after six points. The first team to win seven points is awarded a single game and the match.

Tiebreaker

If a set reaches 4-4, a 9-point tiebreaker is played to decide the winner of the set. The first team to reach five points wins the tiebreaker. Players change sides after four points. The tiebreaker counts as one game and decides the outcome of the set.

OFF THE COURT

Fans: World TeamTennis is all about the fans. Fans are encouraged to get involved, get loud and have a great time.



INNOVATIONS & FIRSTS

Since its inception in the early 70s, World TeamTennis has been an innovator in the sports world. Many of WTT's novel rules have been recognized and adopted by others in the industry.

World TeamTennis is the original – the leader in professional team tennis competition. A WTT match is loud, exciting, innovative and intensely competitive tennis from some of the best pros in the sport – all in an electric atmosphere that makes for a great fan experience.

With a fascinating history of firsts, innovations and an emphasis on gender equity, WTT stands out among all professional sports leagues. Here are a few of the reasons why:

A League of Firsts & Innovations

EQUALITY:

- Professional sports league where men and women have equal roles.

SCORING & ON COURT:

- In 2018, WTT used the electronic line-calling system Hawk-Eye Live for all matches in team markets. Hawk-Eye Live will make the on-court calls, supported by only two officials – the chair umpire and a review official in the Hawk-Eye booth to monitor foot faults. This will be the most extensive implementation of electronic line-calling in tennis.
- In 2017, WTT introduced on-player microphones, a first for pro tennis competition.
- In 2015, the league introduced an on-court service clock which counts down 25 seconds from the end of a point to the next serve. The first time violation per set is a warning and additional violations will result in point penalties.
- Pro tennis competition to regularly feature no-ad scoring – first to four points wins the game.
- Features on-court coaching.
- Let serves are played.
- Sets are played to five games (nine-point tiebreak played at 4-4).
- Invented the use of Supertiebreaker and Extended Play in tennis.
- Use of instant replay technology in 2005 with the Coaches Challenge.
- As with other professional league team sports, the use of timeouts during match play was added in 2012. Each team is allotted two timeouts per set with an additional timeout being awarded to each team if a match goes into Extended Play. Timeouts will be twenty (:20) seconds in length and do not carry over between sets. Only the coach may call a timeout. Coaches or players may enter the court area during these breaks in action.

FAN EXPERIENCE:

- WTT encourages fan participation. WTT crowds are encouraged to be vocal about great play (while still being respectful of all players) and are allowed to enter/exit the stadium during play without having to wait for a changeover. Often between games, music is played or a DJ fires up the crowd.
- Tennis fans are allowed to keep balls hit out of play and get them autographed after the match.
- Substitutions are allowed during a WTT match.
- WTT matches have half-times, Extended Play and Supertiebreakers.
- Player names on the back of shirts.
- Played on multi-colored courts.



MILESTONES

2019: NEW OWNER/CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD – Orange County Breakers owner Eric Davidson became WTT’s Chairman of the Board while acquiring a majority ownership share in WTT equal to San Diego Aviators owner Fred Luddy. League founder and tennis legend Billie Jean King remains a co-owner of WTT.

2018: WTT.tv & ELECTRONIC LINE-CALLING – The league adds the electronic line-calling system Hawk-Eye Live for all matches in team markets. Hawk-Eye Live will make the on-court calls, supported by only two officials – the chair umpire and a review official in the Hawk-Eye booth to monitor foot faults. This will be the most extensive implementation of electronic line-calling in tennis. For the first time in league history, all 2018 WTT matches were available to view for free to U.S. and international audiences on the league’s new live streaming platform, WTT.tv.

2017: NEW OWNERS – WTT team owners Mark Ein (Washington Kastles) and Fred Luddy (San Diego Aviators) purchase majority ownership of World TeamTennis from league co-founder Billie Jean King who remains involved as a minority owner of the league and majority owner of the Philadelphia Freedoms franchise. Introduction of on-player microphones, a first for pro tennis competition.

2016: BACK IN THE BIG APPLE – WTT returns to New York City with the New York Empire.

2015: TURNING 40 – World TeamTennis becomes only the fifth U.S. pro sports league to reach the 40th season milestone, joining the National Football League, National Basketball Association, National Hockey League and Major League Baseball. WTT also introduces an on-court service clock.

2011-2015: THE KASTLES ERA –

- In 2011, the Washington Kastles completed the first perfect season in WTT history (16-0) and won their second WTT championship with a victory over St. Louis Aces.
- The Kastles did it again in 2012. Led by Venus Williams, Washington edged Sacramento in the WTT Final to complete another perfect season and hoist the King Trophy for the third time in its history.
- Before winning their third consecutive and fourth overall championship in 2013, the Kastles became the first league champion to be invited to the White House to meet with the President.
- Washington also rewrote the sports record books during the 2013 season by setting the mark of 34 consecutive wins (2011-2013), the longest streak in major pro sports league history. The previous mark of 33 consecutive wins was held by the NBA's 1971-72 Lakers.
- In 2015, the Kastles set a league record of five consecutive championship titles (2011-15), surpassing the record they shared with the Sacramento Capitals (1997-2000).

2013: NEW PARTNERS – Andy Roddick and Venus Williams join the WTT ownership group in May 2013.

2009: NAVRATILOVA TURNS 20 – The Boston Lobsters’ Martina Navratilova becomes the first to play 20 WTT seasons. Kim Clijsters comes out of retirement and makes her WTT debut for St. Louis in July 2009. Less than two months later, she returns to the WTA Tour and wins the U.S. Open women’s singles title.

2005: GRAF, HINGIS HIGHLIGHT 30th SEASON – WTT celebrates its 30th anniversary and introduces Instant replay to professional tennis competition. Stefanie Graf makes her return to pro tennis for the first time since 1999 to play WTT. Martina Hingis makes her WTT debut and leads the New York Sportimes to their first title. Hingis lost only one set during the 2005 season and was named MVP of the WTT Final. Her WTT performance spurred the tennis great to make a successful return to the WTA Tour.

2002: AMBASSADOR AGASSI – Andre Agassi joined WTT as a player and League ambassador.

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2000: 4-PEAT & ANDY IS A HIT - Sacramento had an unprecedented four-peat, winning the title from 1997 to 2000. Seven years later, the Capitals becomes the first team in WTT history to win six championships with the 2007 title. A 17-year-old Andy Roddick breaks onto the pro scene and makes his WTT debut playing a full season for the Idaho Sneakers.

1992: A NEW NAME - In line with the growing global popularity of the sport, the professional league is rebranded from TeamTennis to World TeamTennis.

1990: LEGENDS SIGN ON – WTT CEO/Commissioner Ilana Kloss signs Jimmy Connors and Martina Navratilova to the League's first multi-year marquee player contracts.

1984: COMMISSIONER KING - Billie Jean King becomes the first woman commissioner in pro sports history.

1981: TEAMTENNIS - Following a brief hiatus, the league returns as TeamTennis.

1974: FIRST SET – World TeamTennis, which was founded by Billie Jean King, Larry King, Fred Barman, Jordon Kaiser, Dennis Murphy and Frank Fuhrer, debuts as the inaugural season introduces professional team tennis competition to the sports landscape.

- Based on a concept of gender equity, WTT is also the first professional sports league to feature men and women on the same team. It is also the debut of WTT's unique multi-colored court.
- The Denver Racquets defeat the Philadelphia Freedoms to win the first championship.
- League co-founder Billie Jean King is named as the League's first MVP and is also the first woman to coach a team with male pros as the player-coach of the Freedoms.
- Among the first team owners was the Los Angeles Strings' Jerry Buss, who went on to own the NBA's Los Angeles Lakers. His daughter Jeanie became the team GM in 1981. Robert Kraft, current owner of the NFL's New England Patriots, became owner of the Boston Lobsters in 1975.
- On May 6, 1974, the first World TeamTennis match was played when the Philadelphia Freedoms hosted the Pittsburgh Triangles at the Spectrum. Philadelphia won 31-25.
- On May 9, 1974, WTT becomes the first regularly scheduled tennis serves coverage on HBO when the New York Sets take on the Pittsburgh Triangles.



WTT FINAL & CHAMPIONS

2018	Philadelphia, Pa.: Springfield Lasers def. Philadelphia Freedoms, 19-18
2017	Carlsbad, Calif.: Orange County Breakers def. San Diego Aviators 22-18
2016	Forest Hills, N.Y.: San Diego Aviators def. Orange County Breakers 25-14
2015	Washington, DC: Washington Kastles def. Austin Aces 24-18
2014	Springfield, Mo.: Washington Kastles def. Springfield Lasers 25-13
2013	Washington, DC: Washington Kastles def. Springfield Lasers 25-12
2012	Charleston, S.C.: Washington Kastles def. Sacramento Capitals 20-19
2011	Charleston, S.C.: Washington Kastles def. St. Louis Aces 23-19
2010	Kansas City, Mo.: Kansas City Explorers def. New York Sportimes 21-18
2009	Washington, DC: Washington Kastles def. Springfield Lasers 23-20
2008	Sacramento, Calif.: New York Buzz def. Kansas City Explorers 21-18
2007	Sacramento, Calif.: Sacramento Capitals def. New York Buzz, 24-20
2006	Newport Beach, Calif.: Philadelphia Freedoms def. Newport Beach Breakers 21-14
2005	Sacramento, Calif.: New York Sportimes def. Newport Beach Breakers 21-18
2004	Flushing Meadows, N.Y.: Newport Beach Breakers def. Delaware Smash 23-17
2003	Flushing Meadows, N.Y.: Delaware Smash def. Sacramento Capitals 21-14
2002	Flushing Meadows, N.Y.: Sacramento Capitals def. New York Buzz 21-13
2001	Flushing Meadows, N.Y.: Philadelphia Freedoms def. Springfield Lasers 20-18
2000	Flushing Meadows, N.Y.: Sacramento Capitals def. Delaware Smash 21-20
1999	Sacramento, Calif.: Sacramento Capitals def. Springfield Lasers 23-15
1998	Sacramento, Calif.: Sacramento Capitals def. New York OTBzz 30-13
1997	Orlando, Fla.: Sacramento Capitals won title due to regular season standings (final rained out)
1996	Wesley Chapel, Fla.: St. Louis Aces def. Delaware Smash 27-16
1995	Charlotte, N.C.: New Jersey Stars def. Atlanta Thunder 28-20
1994	Sacramento, Calif.: New Jersey Stars def. Idaho Sneakers 28-25
1993	Atlanta, Ga.: Wichita Advantage def. Newport Beach Dukes 26-23
1992	Atlanta, Ga.: Atlanta Thunder def. Newport Beach Dukes 30-17
1991	Atlanta, Ga.: Atlanta Thunder def. Los Angeles Strings 27-16
1990	Los Angeles, Calif.: Los Angeles Strings def. Raleigh Edge 27-16
1989	Sacramento, Calif.: San Antonio Racquets def. Sacramento Capitals 27-25
1988	Charlotte, N.C.: Charlotte Heat def. New Jersey Stars 27-22
1987	Charlotte, N.C.: Charlotte Heat def. San Antonio Racquets 25-20
1986	San Antonio, Texas: San Antonio Racquets def. Sacramento Capitals 25-23
1985	San Antonio, Texas: San Diego Buds def. St. Louis Slims 25-24
1984	Los Angeles, Calif.: San Diego Buds - Season Consisted of One-Week Tournament
1983	Los Angeles, Calif.: Chicago Fyre def. Los Angeles Strings 26-20
1982	Dallas Stars def. Phoenix Sunsets 27-22
1981	Los Angeles Strings - Champion determined by Regular Season Record
1979-80	<i>League Hiatus</i>
1978	Los Angeles, Calif. // Boston, Mass.: Los Angeles Strings def. Boston Lobsters 108-93 (24-21, 30-20, 26-27, 28-25)*
1977	New York, N.Y. // Phoenix, Ariz.: New York Apples def. Phoenix Racquets 55-39 (27-22, 28-17)*
1976	New York, N.Y. // San Francisco, Calif.: New York Sets def. San Francisco Golden Gaters 91-57 (31-23, 29-21, 31-13)*
1975	Pittsburgh, Pa. // San Francisco, Calif.: Pittsburgh Triangles def. San Francisco Golden Gaters 74-65 (25-26, 28-25, 21-14)*
1974	Denver, Colo. // Philadelphia, Pa.: Denver Racquets def. Philadelphia Freedoms 55-48 (27-21, 28-24)*

* From 1974-1978, championship matches were either best 2 out of 3 matches or 3 out of 5 matches.