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## World Championships – Rimini, Italy

From**June 25–29,2025**,the **IFBT WorldChampionshipsreturn to Rimini, Italy** — the **birthplace of Beach Tennis** and a city where the sport's legacy meets the **vibrant pulse of summer**. Taking place at **Marea Spiagge**, this year's championships promises **five unforgettable days** of **high-level matches**, **seaside celebrations**, and **global connection**.

The **best Italian and international players** have participated in our World Championships, which have been held since **2001**, when the first tournament took place in **Punta Marina (Italy)**. Since then, these championships have become an **essential event for beach tennis enthusiasts**, promoting the **sporting spirit** and the **growth of this discipline** worldwide.

Starting in **2007**, when another international federation decided to include beach tennis in its statutes, **IFBT had to take a different path** and focus all its efforts on **promoting popular and amateur sports**. This strategic shift has allowed us to bring beach tennis to a **broader audience**, encouraging the participation of **athletes of all ages and skill levels** while upholding the values of **inclusion, camaraderie**, and **passion for sports**.

With this goal in mind, **IFBT became a full-member of TAFISA (The Association For International Sport for All), ISCA (International Sport and Culture Association), and a partner of CSIT (International Workers and Amateurs in Sports Confederation)**. These collaborations have helped us **strengthen our international presence** and establish a **competition network that grows year after year**.

Today, IFBT has members in **36 countries and counting**, as we continue to **grow the sport** and share the joy of Beach Tennis with more players, families, and communities around the world.



## Celebrating 30 Years of IFBT

2025marks a historic milestone — **30yearssince the founding of the International Federation of Beach Tennis** by Dr. Guandomenico Belletini. What began on the beaches of Rimini has grown into a truly global movement, uniting players from all walks of life through passion, fair play, and a love for the game. Over three decades, IFBT has helped build a vibrant international community, hosting tournaments across continents, nurturing talent, and promoting a dynamic, inclusive vision of sport.

**Rimini 2025 isn't just a championships — it's a homecoming.** We return to where it all began to honor the pioneers, celebrate today's champions, and inspire the next generation. Join us as we reflect on the past, compete in the present, and shape the exciting future of Beach Tennis together.



## Accommodation – Stay in Comfort by the Beach

The**WorldChampionship will be heldin Rimini** withthe **organizationalsupport of San Marino Welcome**, which will be in charge of the preparation and coordination with the different collaborators of the event. **San Marino Welcome offers an optional tourist package** including a selection of **hotels near the event venue**. The package features:

**All packages include breakfast, a sunbed on the beach, and a BT PLAYER CARD** for discounts at local partners. **Family packages** are also available for a fun-filled stay. **Book early to secure the best rates and availability!**

For more details or to reserve, **contact desk@sanmarinowelcome.com**.

**IFBT recommends** the solution to enjoy **added comfort and services** throughout your stay:
**All players and spectators will have free access to the courts and competition facilities**, regardless of where they stay.
The **center court will offer seating for spectators**, and the **beach clubs partnering with the championship will provide food and drink services available to everyone**, at regular prices.

## Registration Process – Secure Your Spot at the World Championships!

It's easy to register for the IFBT World Championships and other IFBT-sanctioned tournaments:

1. **Get Your IP Code**
   The IP Code is essential for all participants. If you've played in any IFBT-sanctioned event before, you likely already have it! To check, simply visit the **IP Code page** on the IFBT website. If you don't have one, don't worry! It's easy to get by completing the online registration.
2. **Register & Select Categories**
   Visit the **IFBT website**, log in with your IP Code, or create a new account if you're a first-time participant. Select your categories, pay the registration fees, and you're all set!
   **Deadline**: June 15, 2025
   **Fees**: €15 for the first category, €10 for each additional category
   Need help? Contact Gabriela Bellavista at **gabriela@ifbt.eu**.




## Tournament Categories

The World Championship features an impressive **28 different categories**, ensuring that players of all levels and ages can find suitable competitions to participate in. **Whether you're a beginner, an advanced player, or a senior competitor, there is a place for you in the tournament.**

Players are welcome to **register for as many categories as they wish**, provided they meet the corresponding age and skill level requirements for each one.
The categories are divided as follows:

- **Open**: Pro, Advanced, Intermediate
- **Masters**: Over 30, Over 40, Over 50
- **Youth**: Under 12, Under 14, Under 16
- **Under 30**

**Skill-level categories** (Pro, Advanced, Intermediate) are determined based on the **official world rankings**. For players without a current ranking, the **Judge Referee** will assign the appropriate category based on their assessment.

To see the list of the full competition schedule and category list at the following link:
Click here: https://www.ifbt.eu/ifbt-world-championships-2025/

With such a wide variety of options, the World Championship truly offers an **inclusive and competitive experience** for everyone.
Players are ranked based on their **average IFBT World Ranking points**. Each division follows the **official IFBT rules and match formats**. 🏆 **Medals** are awarded in each category for the **champions, runners-up and semi-finalists**.

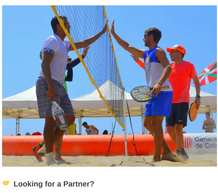


## Nations Tournament

The Nations Championship is open to **teams that wish to participate in the World Championship representing their country, nation, or region**. To enter, each team must submit an application including **at least two men and two women**.

The **match format** consists of **men's and women's doubles**, with a **mixed doubles match** used as a tiebreaker.
**Team registration is mandatory and separate** from individual event registration.

**Exceptionally**, the IFBT may authorize teams composed of players from **groupings of countries or continents**. In such cases, the **appropriate permissions must be requested in advance**.



## Looking for a Partner?

Don't have a teammate yet? No problem! Just email **Gabriela@ifbt.eu** and we'll add your name to the **official partner search page** on the **IFBT World 2025 website**. Other players looking for a partner can then contact you directly to team up — making it easier than ever to find your perfect match!

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