

2024 VIRTUS WORLD TENNIS CHAMPIONSHIPS

FROM 07 AU 15 SEPTEMBER

COMPLEXE
ANNECY TENNIS
LES MARQUISATS

58 Rue des Marquisats
74000 Annecy
FRANCE



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Editorial

Dear Athletes and visiting delegations,

On behalf of Virtus and the Tennis Committee we congratulate FFSA on hosting the Virtus World Tennis Championships in Annecy, from the 7th to 15th September 2024.

Tennis is a fast growing sport within the Virtus family, and we are excited to see a showcase of high performance athletes battle on the court. There are still fond memories of the energy, power and precision witnessed at the Virtus Global Games in Vichy.

This year promises to continue that legacy with even more thrilling matches and outstanding displays of skill and sportsmanship.

We warmly welcome all participants, officials, and fans to this prestigious event and wish everyone a memorable experience. Thank you for your dedication to the sport and your commitment to excellence.

Let the games begin!

Lesley Whitehead

Virtus Tennis Director

Editorial

From 7 to 15 September 2024, Annecy is preparing to host the 7th edition of the prestigious Virtus Adapted Para Tennis World Championships. Ten years after Mont-de-Marsan, the Fédération Française du Sport Adapté (FFSA) is once again organising the world championship, which has become a fixture on the international calendar.

Organised in conjunction with the Comité départemental Sport Adapté (CDSA) de Haute-Savoie and the Annecy tennis club, the event will see the world's best players from around ten nations go head-to-head: Australia, Belgium, the United States, France, Great Britain, India, Italy, Israel, Poland, the Czech Republic and, I hope, others.

Given the quality of the opponents, the challenge will be equal to the ambitions of the French players - who, after their excellent performance at the Global Games in Vichy, will be keen to shine again in front of their home crowd.

Organised in Auvergne-Rhône-Alpes (one of the largest regions for adapted sport) by the FFSA and the CDSA de Haute-Savoie - a dynamic committee that has already organised several French championships - this event is sure to be of the highest quality. All the more so as the local players, both institutional and private, who have known the committee for many years, are always ready to lend their support to the organisation of large-scale events.

A vibrant testament to the determination and talent of adapted para-sporters, this championship should inspire players the world over to push back their limits; let's hope it will also be an opportunity for adapted para-tennis - which never ceases to prove its excellence - to finally move forward on the road to recognition of its high-level status.

I wish all the participants, whether players, referees, support staff or spectators, an excellent competition, marked by the values that our federation defends.



Marc TRUFFAUT

FRENCH FEDERATION OF ADAPTED
SPORT PRESIDENT

1. ORGANISATION

Virtus France - FFSA - French Federation of Adapted Sport

2. STATUS – SANCTIONED BY

Virtus - World Intellectual Impairment Sport

3. DATES

From Saturday 7th to Sunday 15th September 2024

4. VENUE

Located in the Auvergne-Rhône-Alpes region, on the shores of the lake of the same name, Annecy is a city with a captivating atmosphere, harmoniously blending history, nature and modernity. Nicknamed the "Venice of the Alps" because of the canals running through its historic centre, the old town offers a picturesque charm with its cobbled streets, colourful houses and lively squares.

Lake Annecy, one of the purest in Europe, is a true natural wonder. Its crystal-clear waters are perfect for swimming, water sports or simply contemplating the many viewpoints dotting its shores. The surrounding mountains also provide an ideal playground for outdoor activities such as hiking, mountain biking or skiing, depending on the season.

The town is also renowned for its sporting dynamism, hosting numerous competitions and sporting events throughout the year, including the Lake Annecy International Marathon, the Annecy International Triathlon, which attracts thousands of participants from all over the world, and international tennis events such as the U14 European Tennis Championships and the ITF1 International Wheelchair Tennis Open.

5. VENUE MAP

The competition will take place au **Tennis club d'Annecy Les Marquisats.**

The city of Annecy is located in the Auvergne-Rhône-Alpes region and the the Haute-Savoie (74) département.

58 Rue des Marquisats
74000 Annecy.
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6. HOW TO GET TO ANNECY



TRAVEL BY PLANE

Geneva (switzerland) / 45 km (about 1 hour's drive)



TRAVEL BY TRAIN

Annecy Train Station

For departures and arrivals, the organisation will provide transportation between airport/train station and the accomodation.

7. LOCAL TRANSPORTATION

Transportation between the accommodation and competition venues will be organised by the LOC with buses or minibuses.

8. VISAS REQUIREMENTS

Each competing nation is responsible for arranging for the necessary visas for their delegation. Where required the LOC will issue a letter of invitation to participating nations. **[Most U.S. Passport holders do not require a Visa. Be sure your Passport does not expire at least 3 months before or after the event!]**

Note: Remember that visa request may need a long time especially for some countries, so please send as soon as you can the names and data of the people that will come to France so that we can prepare the invitation letter. You can also find further information regarding visas for France on the following website, which is available in different languages:

https://france-visas.gouv.fr/fr_FR/web/france-visas

9. ACCOMMODATION

Delegations will be accommodated in different hotels near the competition venue. The hotels will be located in Annecy or the surrounding area. The organizers will plan the transportation of the teams between hotels and the competition venue for trainings and competition days.

10. CATERING

All lunches and dinners will be taken at the competition venue.
All breakfasts will be taken at the accomodation.

The first meal will be dinner Saturday 7th September and the last one will be the breakfast Sunday 15th September.

11. PROVISIONAL PROGRAM

Saturday 7th September	Arrival
Sunday 8th September	Training ◆ Opening Ceremony
Monday 9th September	Competition
Tuesday 10th September	Competition
Wednesday 11th September	Competition
Thursday 12th September	Competition
Friday 13th September	Competition
Saturday 14th September	Competition ◆ Social Program and Closing ceremony
Sunday 15th September	Departure

The program is provisional

12. SPORT RULES AND REGULATIONS

Competitions include men's and women's singles, doubles, mixed doubles and men's and women's team competitions. The event will be governed by the rules of International Tennis Federation (ITF) with the approved variations by Virtus. Entry is open to all Virtus Member Organisations in good standing.

13. ELIGIBILITY AND ACCREDITATION

- All athletes entering the event must appear as “Active” on the Virtus Master List no later than the final entry deadline.
- Applications for new athletes must be submitted to Virtus as soon as possible
- Athletes who do not meet the qualifying criteria or do not appear on the Virtus Master List as “Active” are not eligible for this event
- There is no guest entry

According to the rules of Virtus, the competition is opened to the following Virtus’ categories:

- II1 – Athletes with an intellectual disability
- II2 – Athletes with an intellectual disability and significant additional impairment including Trisomy 21 or Translocation Down Syndrome
- II3 – Athletes with autism

14. LIST OF EVENTS

The following programme of events will be held:

- **Team Competition (male event & female event - 2 players in one team)**
- **Men’s Singles**
- **Women’s Singles**
- **Men’s Doubles**
- **Women’s Doubles**
- **Mixed Doubles**

Competition should take place in II1, II2 and II3 eligibility categories subject to entry numbers/viability. In doubles and team events, all players must play with players from their own nation.

An II2 player may play in the II1 category to form a team if necessary. Competitors may enter the singles, doubles and mixed doubles events. In exceptional circumstances where there is a player from a nation who can compete in one event only, then if possible the Virtus Tennis Director will try to offer another event with a player from another nation so that the player can compete in two events.

15. MINIMUM QUALIFYING STANDARDS II1

Entry is open to all Virtus Member Organisations in good standing. There is no minimum qualification criteria.

16. TEAM COMPETITION

- There will be a Men's Team Competition and a Women's Team Competition
- Each team will consist of 2 male or 2 female players
- A nation can enter a maximum of 2 teams per event
- The results of the Team Competition will be taken from the position each player finishes in the Men's & Women's Singles Competition
- Points will be allocated, eg the winner of the Men's Singles will get 1 point, the runner-up, 2 points etc, down to the last player in the draw
- The top team will be the 2 players from the same nation with the lowest combined score, etc. In the case of two teams having the same score, the placings will be decided on the highest 2nd placed athlete, eg If Team A has scored 1 and 4 = 5 and Team B has 2 and 3 = 5, the 2nd athletes score will decide, so Team B will be placed higher than Team A.

Link (Virtus - Tennis) : https://c3k8ff.n3cdn1.secureserver.net/wp-content/uploads/2024/01/7.11-Sport_Virtus-Championship-Specification-Tennis-Dec23.pdf

17. MEDICAL SERVICE

There will be a permanent medical service present during each competition day. In an emergency, there is a hospital 15km from the CHU Annecy Genevois (15 minutes).

24-hour emergency access (every day)

Fire secure service number : 18

SAMU number : 15

18. DOPING CONTROL

These championships are subject to doping control testing.

Any athlete requiring a Therapeutic Use Exemption (TUE) has to send a TUE application to the Virtus Anti-Doping Committee [via your Virtus member organization Athletes Without Limits] no less than 30 days before the competition.

19. INSURANCE

Organisers ensures satisfactory arrangements in respect of public liability and professional indemnity.

Participants are responsible for their own insurance requirements for travel, personal accident, liability and medical matters for the duration of the championships.

20. LANGUAGE

English is the official language of Virtus events. All materials and information will be available in english.

21. CEREMONIES

The opening ceremony will take place on Sunday 8th September, a parade will take place between the competition site and the site of the opening ceremony at around 6pm (to be confirmed in the welcome guide sent out before the competition), the day before the start of the competition.

The closing ceremony will take place just after the awards ceremony on Saturday 14th September at the venue, or on Saturday evening during the gala ceremony.

Medals ceremonies will take place Saturday 14th September.

22. EVENT FEE (for US Team Members)

The entry fee for delegation members (athletes, coaches and staff) are:

- **\$2,000/per person wo US athletes per room) + AIRFARE***
- **\$2,700/per person for a single room + AIRFARE***

The fee includes athlete and staff hotel accommodation, meals, transportation from and to the airport or train station, and local ground transportation/shuttles to/from events from **September 7-15, 2024**. It also includes entry to the competition and the Virtus capitation tax.

[As well as other U.S Team Specific costs like uniforms, coaching, etc.]

No discount will be made for shorter stay; you will have to pay the full fee.

***The event fee does not include the additional cost of Airfare to/From Geneva Airport from your home airport.**

IMPORTANT DATES (for US Athletes)

US Team Registration Deadline: July 30, 2024

US Team Registration Payment Due: July 31, 2024

Team Arrivals: September 7, 2024

Training and Opening Ceremony: September 8, 2024

Competition Dates: September 9-14, 2024

Closing Ceremony: September 14, 2024

Team Departures: September 15, 2024





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