



PREVIEW NOTES: TIANJIN OPEN
TIANJIN, CHINA | OCT 9 - 15, 2017 | USD \$500,000 INTERNATIONAL EVENT

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TIANJIN QUICK FACTS

Main draw dates: Monday - Sunday, October 9 - 15
Singles Final: Sunday, October 15, NB 2:00pm
Doubles Final: Sunday, October 15, 11:30am (TBC)
Venue: Tianjin Tuanbo International Tennis Centre
Status: International event
Staging: Tournament's 4th year
Draw sizes: 32 singles / 16 doubles teams / 24 singles qualifying
Surface: Deco Turf / Outdoors
Total prize money: USD \$500,000
Tennis Ball: Head Pro
2016 Singles Final: [WC] Shuai Peng (CHN) d. Alison Riske (USA) 76(3) 62
2016 Doubles Final: [4] Christina McHale (USA) / Shuai Peng (CHN) d. Magda Linette (POL) / Yifan Xu (CHN) 76(8) 60

PRIZE MONEY AND RANKING POINT BREAKDOWN

SINGLES	USD \$	RANK POINTS
Winner	111,164	280
Runner-Up	55,324	180
Semifinalist	29,730	110
Quarterfinalist	8,898	60
Round of 16	4,899	30
Round of 32	3,026	1

DOUBLES	USD \$	RANK POINTS
Winner	17,724	280
Runner-Up	9,222	180
Semifinalist	4,950	110
Quarterfinalist	2,623	60
Round of 16	1,383	1

PREVIOUS CHAMPIONS AND RUNNERS-UP

YEAR	CHAMPION	RUNNER-UP
2016	Shuai Peng	Alison Riske
2015	Agnieszka Radwanska	Danka Kovinic
2014	Alison Riske	Belinda Bencic

If highlighted denotes competing in 2017 Tianjin Open main draw



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MAIN DRAW QUICK HITS (excludes qualifiers)

Singles wildcards: Liu Fangzhou (CHN), Maria Sharapova (RUS), Wang Xiyu (CHN)

Youngest singles player: Xiyu Wang, 16 (March 28, 2001)

Oldest singles player: Hsieh Su-Wei, 31 (January 4, 1986)

Singles withdrawals: Misaki Doi (right abdomen), Sabine Lisicki (left thigh), Evgeniya Rodina (left thigh)

Main draw debutantes: Kristie Ahn (USA), Irina-Camelia Begu (ROU), Caroline Garcia (FRA), Beatriz Haddad Maia (BRA), Kateryna Kozlova (UKR), Petra Kvitova (CZE), Aryna Sabalenka (BLR), Maria Sakkari (GRE), Maria Sharapova (RUS), Sara Sorribes Tormo (ESP), Lesia Tsurenko (UKR) and Xiyu Wang (CHN)

TOURNAMENT TALKING POINTS

- Three former Tianjin finalists are in this year’s main draw: **Danka Kovinic** (2015 R-Up), **Alison Riske** (2014 champion and 2016 R-Up) and **Peng Shuai** (2016 singles and doubles champion)
- Six Top 50 players are competing in Tianjin: No.15 **Caroline Garcia**, No.18 **Petra Kvitova**, No.25 **Peng Shuai**, No.46 **Donna Vekic**, No.47 **Yulia Putintseva** and No.50 **Maria Sakkari**
- Two former Grand Slam champions are making their Tianjin debut this week: No.2 seed **Petra Kvitova** (2011 and 2014 Wimbledon) and wildcard **Maria Sharapova** (2004 Wimbledon, 2006 US Open, 2008 Australian Open and 2012 and 2014 Roland Garros). Sharapova has been drawn to face top seed Garcia in the first round, while Kvitova meets Zhu Lin
- Returning champion **Peng Shuai** became the first player to capture both the singles and doubles titles here last year
- **Garcia** enters Tianjin on fire, having not lost since arriving in China after capturing her first title of the year in Wuhan and advancing to the final in Beijing
- *One to Watch* – **Maria Sakkari** reached her first WTA semifinal at Wuhan Open, defeating four Top 50 players en route, including No.6 Caroline Wozniacki. With the result, the 22-year-old climbed 30 places to a career-high ranking of No.50 in the world

TOP FOUR SEEDS’ PREVIOUS TOURNAMENT HISTORY

PLAYER	TOURNAMENT HISTORY	WIN-LOSS	WIN %
[1] Caroline Garcia (FRA)	Making tournament debut	-	-
[2] Petra Kvitova (CZE)	Making tournament debut	-	-
[3] Shuai Peng (CHN)	WON (1): 2016 (d. Riske in final) SF (1): 2014 (l. Bencic)	6-1	.857
[4] Donna Vekic (CRO)	2r (1): 2016 (l. Kuznetsova)	1-1	.500



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COUNTRY BREAKDOWN

Excluding qualifiers, a total of 17 countries are represented in the main draw, led by China with six players:

Belarus (1)	Aryna Sabalenka
Brazil (1)	Beatriz Haddad Maia
China (6)	Zhu Lin, Fangzhou Liu, Peng Shuai, Wang Xiyu, Wang Yafan, Duan Ying-Ying
Croatia (1)	Donna Vekic
Czech Republic (1)	Petra Kvitova
France (1)	Caroline Garcia
Greece (1)	Maria Sakkari
Japan (1)	Nao Hibino
Kazakhstan (1)	Yulia Putintseva
Montenegro (1)	Danka Kovinic
Poland (1)	Magda Linette
Romania (1)	Irina-Camelia Begu
Russia (1)	Maria Sharapova
Spain (1)	Sara Sorribes Tormo
Taipei (1)	Su-Wei Hsieh
Ukraine (3)	Kateryna Bondarenko, Kateryna Kozlova, Lesia Tsurenko
United States (3)	Kristie Ahn, Christina McHale, Alison Riske