



## **Istria PlayOut Tennis Classic 2023**

Pula, Croatia  
16-18 June 2023

**GLTA Masters Series**

### **RULES**

The Istria PlayOut Tennis Classic 2023 is a GLTA sanctioned event and as such, it abides by the rules of the Gay & Lesbian Tennis Alliance (GLTA) and the International Tennis Federation (ITF).

By participating in the Istria PlayOut Tennis Classic, players agree with the tournament rules. In the event a situation arises which does not pertain to any of these rules, the tournament organization will decide how best to resolve the situation.

### **REGISTRATION**

Registration opens on 26 December 2022 and closes on 1 March 2023.

Your registration is only accepted when your payment is received. Payments should be made a.s.a.p. or until 31 March 2023 at latest. Participants who do not pay in time will be placed on the waiting list.

If you have any questions related to your entry, please contact us at [tennisplayout@gmail.com](mailto:tennisplayout@gmail.com).

### **ENTRY FEES**

#### **Entry Fees:**

100 EUR for two events (one singles and one doubles);  
80 EUR for one event (either singles only or doubles only)  
Both options include welcome drink & player gift bag

#### **Additional costs:**

30 EUR for player's dinner;  
40 EUR for guests (includes dinner & welcome drink)

### **PAYMENT OPTIONS**

You can pay in any of the following ways:

### **Bank transfers**

Bank Name: Zagrebačka banka d.d.  
Bank Address: Zagreb, Trg bana Josipa Jelacica 10  
SWIFT/BIC: ZABAHR2X  
Name of Account Holder: Kris Lazar  
Account Number (IBAN): HR0523600003224156508  
Payment Details: Your name + GLTA-ID  
Please do not forget to write your name and GLTA ID number on the bank transfer so we can cross-reference your payment and registration. Any banking fees that might result from the transfer need to be covered by the players themselves.

### **PayPal payment**

Paypal account: tennisplayout@gmail.com  
\*Use the "Friends & Family" transfer option to avoid paying handling fees. Any incurring PayPal handling fees will be charged on-site.

### **REFUNDS**

Full refund will be granted to players who withdraw before the announced withdrawal deadline of 1 April 2023. No refunds will be issued after that date.

### **WAITING LIST**

A waiting list will be maintained both because registrations are only complete once the entry fee has been paid, and if more entries are received than can be accommodated in the draw. Once the draws are full, if entrants withdraw prior to the draw being made, players from the waiting list will be added. Once the draw is made, players from the waiting list will be notified as slots become available.

### **EVENTS & MATCH FORMAT**

We are pleased to offer Men's Open, A, B C and D Singles and Doubles Draws.

#### **Main draw**

All main draw matches will be the best of 3 sets with a normal tiebreak at 6-6 in the first 2 sets, and the 3rd set taking the form of a 10-point match-tiebreak.

If there are not enough entries in one event, we may play round robins. For every match you win, you get 2 points. The player with most points is the winner of the round robin. When two or more players have an equal number of points, the head-to-head result counts. If scores are tied, the tournament organization will count the relative match-points, then the relative set difference, then the relative game difference, then the number of sets won, then the number of games won. If scores are still tied, the winner will be decided by a toss.

## **Consolation**

Consolation will be open to all players who lost their first match in the singles completion. A bye does not count as a first match. If time does not permit, consolation could be cancelled. However, there are no consolation matches for the round robin events.

All consolation matches will be played as Fast4 events, meaning the best of 3 FAST4 sets:

First player to four games wins the set;

If the set reaches three games all, a Fast4-tiebreaker game is played; first player to five points wins, with a PowerPoint played at 4 points all; (the first player to serve, serves twice); players change side after four points played;

Lets are played! If the serve hits the tape and lands inside the box, it's a legitimate serve

No advantage scores when deuce is reached. Instead, players play a 'deciding point'. The serving player/doubles pair decides the service side for that point;

If sets splitting after 2 sets, a regular tiebreaker game is played; first player to seven points with a two-point difference wins;

## **DO'S & DONT'S**

Report to the tournament desk 30 minutes prior to each match.

Warm up time will be strictly five (5) minutes only!

Report the match results to the tournament desk after the match.

Always enter the courts through the appropriate facility entrance and wearing suitable tennis attire (including clay court tennis shoes).

Avoid disturbing other matches.

Players shall not engage in un-sportsmanship conduct or disturb other players.

Do not enlist the aid of spectators in making line calls.

Wait until players on another courts have completed a point before retrieving or returning a ball.

## **COURTS & BALLS**

All matches will be played on red clay tennis courts.

All main draw singles matches will be played with a set of new tennis balls.

However, doubles and consolation matches will be played with used balls. We will play with Technifibre all court tennis balls.

After each match, balls must be returned to the tournament desk.

## **UNFORESEEN DELAYS & FORCE MAJEUR**

In case of an unforeseen delay (including heavy rain), the tournament organization may opt for one or more of the following:

- Main draw matches will be played either as an 8-game pro-set or as a Fast4 event
- Cancellation of consolation matches

The tournament organization decides which option will be played. This will be announced prior to the match/matches concerned. Any decision will be final and it is expected that players abide by these decisions.

## **WAIVER OF LIABILITY**

By participating at the Istria PlayOut Tennis Classic 2020 and related activities and events, participants agree to waive any and all rights and claims for bodily or emotional injury, injury to their reputation, or any other damage or harms that they might suffer, or any other claims of any nature they or their legal representatives may have against the Istria PlayOut Tennis Classic international tournament, PlayOut Tennis, GLTA and its officers, all tournament sites, tournament sponsors, or any organization, facility or individual associated with this tournament and the related activities and events. Participants agree to participate at their own risk and the above organizations, facilities, and individuals will not be responsible for any harm, injury or damage that they might suffer. They also release and waive any and all rights to claim damages or remuneration which may arise as a result of references to, photographs, images or likenesses of them which may appear in any publication or other media coverage.

## **MISCELLANEOUS**

Players must be at least 18 years old to play. Players' names could be posted on the GLTA website and tournament website.