

European Seniors Tournaments

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Please note that Australian Seniors players who are thinking of playing in the 'European Regional Championships' that they are only open to players with valid European passports.

For more information on this, here is a copy of an outline of the situation sent to TSA President Clive Wilkinson by Hayley Iveson:

There appears to be some confusion about the entry criteria of these tournaments. This remains the same as 2017 for the mentioned tournaments. In 2018 however, the tournaments have changed dates (to what they were in 2017) and this appears to be what has led to the confusion. In 2018 the Austrian Tennis Federation requested to move the dates of the two tournaments that previously took place in Austria in June to create a week for the European Regional Championships to be held.

In 2017;

- The Grade 1 in Austria took place 5-11 June in Poertschach. In 2018 this has moved to 5-9 September in Bad Kleinkirchheim – the entry criteria remains the same (open to all players with a valid IPIN membership)*
- The GA in Austria took place 12-17 June in Poertschach. In 2018 this will remain in Poertschach, but has moved to 4-6 June – the entry criteria remains the same (open to all players with a valid IPIN membership)*

The European Regional Championships (RC1) took place in Spain in 2017 however in 2018, this has been moved to Austria and will take place 11-16 June (the dates of the GA in Austria in 2017) – In accordance with the current ITF Senior regulations, the Regional Associations are responsible for the Criteria for Acceptances. The entry criteria set remains the same for this tournament as in previous years (limited to European passport holders only).

I appreciate that not having the two tournaments in June as they were in 2017 is not ideal and for this reason we encouraged the Regional Association to reconsider their entry criteria for the Regional Championships, however they decided to remain with the 'closed to European passport holders' entry status for 2018 and will review this for the 2019 calendar.

I also wanted to make you aware that as part of the ongoing seniors circuit review currently taking place, the regulation relating to the entry criteria and ranking points for all Regional Championships and National Championships will be reviewed during 2018 with considerations submitted to the ITF Seniors Committee for further discussion.

I hope this makes it a little clearer and whilst this rule will remain during 2018, I feel confident it will be addressed for the 2019 circuit for the reasons you mention below.

Kind regards

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