

BIDDING AND OFFICIAL REQUIREMENTS FOR HOSTING

THE FINAL ELIMINATOR 2027



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The IRTPA is delighted to announce that the bidding process for the World Championship's Final Eliminator in 2027 is now open; all clubs are invited to tender for the right to host this event.

Background Information

It is very much the desire of the International World Championship Committee (IWCC) comprising the IRTPA and the world's 4 National Associations, to see this event played over the challenge format of the best of 13 sets.

The Final Eliminator affords all clubs the chance to host what is a very exciting event, at a lower financial commitment than the Challenge itself, and most importantly gives supporters the opportunity to see the game being played at the highest level and in a format which is challenging to the players.

In Rob Fahey's own words this is what a best of thirteen sets format is:

"The physical, mental, emotional, tactical and tennis demands of a best of 13 set match are unlike any other format tennis players compete in. There are no "secret weapons", no "brilliant night out" that will get you through a best of 13. Whereas you might surprise someone with something on the night of the British Open final, by day 2 of a World Championship match that "weapon" has been worked on and solved, that "brilliance" has faded and you are back to the drawing board. Best of 13 is a true test of tennis, if you have any weakness – it will be found, if you like to play to a strength – it will be taken away from you, it comes down to who has the best all-around game, the strongest body, the strongest

mind, the biggest will to win and the nerve to stick with it all. At 2 sets all in a best of 5 matches there are still some questions to be answered and the natural ebbs and flows of a match can decide the outcome. At 6 sets all, in the best of 13 sets, there is nothing left unanswered. It is 2 players looking at each other, looking inside themselves and deciding who has the heart to win from here. There is nothing in Tennis that can compare to this!"

OFFICIAL REQUIREMENTS OF A HOST CLUB

The Minimum Guaranteed Prize Fund

The minimum bid is US\$20,000

It is disbursed as follows:

50:50 to the players

There are additional expenses to be borne by the host club in addition to the guaranteed prize fund and these are:

Provision for training and practice

- To provide a total of four hours court time, shared by the players, for each of the five days prior to the first day of play and for each of the two days between the match days. On a match day a total of two hours court the players share time. A total of 34 hours plus the hours used for the actual match.

The host club is responsible for all court usage costs.

Accommodation for the players and training partners

- Provide self-catering accommodation for the competing players and their training partners if billeting is not available. This should be close to the court.

The host club is responsible for this.

Balls

- The balls to be used for practice and the challenge will be provided by the IRTPA and passed on at cost to the host club.

- 120 rented balls will be in the region (dependent upon the cost of ball cloth and other materials in 2027) of £15 per ball plus delivery cost and any duties payable by the host club upon delivery and or return to the IRTPA.
- Any 'lost' ball is charged at an additional £20 per ball.
- The balls are to be shipped within 3 days of the event's conclusion and evidenced by a courier receipt. The cost of rental will increase to £25 per ball after the 3-day window and £50 for any lost ball

The Marker

- The marker will be appointed by the IRTPA in discussion with the host club. It is normal in the Challenge for the marker to stand at the net.

The Assistant Marker

- The assistant marker (formerly known as the Referee) will be appointed by the IRTPA. A seat in the front row of the Dedans will be provided for the assistant marker in a position where he can communicate with the Marker. It is also permissible for the assistant marker to be placed in the Grille. This is decided by the IRTPA in discussion with the professionals involved and the host club.

Accommodation for the Marker and Assistant Marker

- Accommodation for the marker and his assistant should be provided if they are not local to the court.

Free Ticket Allocation

- The Players

A total of 6 seats in the side galleries, three at the service end around the 1st gallery and three at the hazard end around the 1st gallery

- The IRTPA

Up to 2 seats should be set aside. These will be returned to the host if not taken up.

A total of 8 seats

Additional Ticket Allocation For The Players

- A further 4 tickets should be reserved for each player on each day's play. A total of 8 per day. These however are purchased at the full commercial rate set by the club and the revenue goes to the club.

Marketing and Advertising

- The host club is responsible for this. In your bid you should outline what you will be providing in this regard.

Live Coverage and Photography of the Event

- The IRTPA receives on behalf of the players all official images, whether still or movie, taken during the event.
- The host club should outline in their bid what live and still photography they will be providing.
- Web Streaming is a critical aspect of your bid. The IRTPA will require assurances that this will be available.

Ticketing

- The host club will be responsible for the ticket sales and distribution of tickets for the event.

Social Events

- These could be a welcome drinks party, a dinner, an amateur handicap doubles, a pro am during the week. They are not essential or a requirement to your bid, but it is an opportunity to raise additional funds.

The IRTPA Executive to the IWCC has in depth knowledge and experience on all aspects of the Final Eliminator and can be called on at any time for advice and guidance.

Provisional Bidding for the Final Eliminator

Some changes have been made for the bidding process of the Final Eliminator (FE). The change enables potential host clubs to only be the host if the player of their choice reaches the FE stage.

The changes are:

- Club X would like to bid (not less than \$20,000USD) irrespective of the players involved and this bid is held confidentially by the IRTPA.
- Club Y or Z would like to bid (not less than \$20,000USD) if a particular player reaches the FE, otherwise the bid does not stand.
- Bid from Club X takes precedence even if the bids from Club Y or Z is higher
- If there is not a bid from Club X a player bid upon by Club Y or Z reaches the FE then the highest bid wins.
- If there are no bids, then the format defaults to Home & Away basis.

Timing of the Event

The Final Eliminator will be played in May 2027. A two-week window will be determined by the IRTPA after discussion with the host club.

Submission of your Bid

Your bid document should be received by the IRTPA electronically to ceo@irtpa.com .

If there is more than one club bidding for the right to host this event then each bid is evaluated as by Appendix I.

Your bid should be received by November 28th 2026

The successful club will be notified in the week 7th December 2026 at the latest

The winning club should also bear in mind that there is a schedule of deposits to be made. These should be made electronically to the IRTPA

- 22nd January 2027 a deposit of 30%
- 26th March 2027 the balance

APPENDIX I

IWCC CRITERIA FOR EVALUATING HOST CLUB TENDERS

The following criteria have been set by the IWCC for the Executive as a guide for evaluating tenders to host the Challenge

| Criterion | | Maximum Points |
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| The prize fund | Absolute | 30 |
| | Proportional | 30 |
| International rotation | | 20 |
| Suitability of the proposed venue | | 10 |
| Good of the game | | 10 |
| TOTAL | | 100 |

For clarification of the prize fund criterion:

The best bid under the prize fund criterion will score maximum points and the points scored by other bidders will be proportionate to this.

For all other criteria the points awarded will be Absolute

Under the Absolute scale under the prize fund criterion, one point will be deducted for each 1000 by which the less bid trails the greater.

Example: Club A bids 60,000 and Club B bids 40,000
Absolute: Club A scores 30 and Club B scores 10 (i.e. 30 less 20)
Proportional: Club A scores 30 and Club B scores 20
Total: Club A scores 60 and Club B scores 30

Under international rotation criterion, weightings are applied as follows:

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| The most recent host club | 0 |
| All clubs in the most recent host country | 5 |
| All clubs in the previous host country | 10 |
| All clubs in the second previous host country | 15 |
| All other clubs | 20 |