



FIR – Federation of International Racketlon

World Tour Finals 13/14. December 2024 – Organisation

Background

The FIR Race measures who has been the most successful players on the FIR World Tour during the current calendar year by virtue of the total number of World Ranking points won for each tournament (WC/SWT/IWT/CHA/SAT) played.

The World Tour Finals is the culmination of the FIR Race, when FIR invites the top 8 Elite men and women to compete against each other in a 2-day showcase event at the end of the calendar year, after the FIR Race has been completed. The reigning World Champions are guaranteed a place, even if they would not otherwise qualify, as # 1 seed.

The World Tour Finals is considered the second most important tournament on the FIR calendar after the World Championships, and so demands a top-quality venue and organisation. The Swiss Racketlon Federation has been selected to stage the 2024 event at the Sihlsports venue.

General Organisation

Play will start Friday afternoon at approx. 15:30 and conclude late Saturday evening. The Sihlsports venue will also be hosting Friday Racket Night (with around 30-40 players) from 20:00, and on Saturday the Swiss National Racketlon Championships will be held from 14:00 – 22:00.

Group qualifiers on Friday will be played using Racketlon Sprint format i.e. 11-up with a 60-second warm-up before each sport, no break at half-time other than to change ends, and a single “Golden Point” deciding the set winner at 10-10 if needed. A full tennis set will be played in each match, even if the winner is decided earlier, and in case of multiple players having the same number of victories, a points-countback will decide the winner, as it was in pre-Gummiarm Playoff days.

Saturday matches will be monrad using standard 21-up Racketlon (with the usual set extension to win by two clear points if the score reaches 20-20).

All matches will be played on centre court using referees, commentators, live-scoring and live-streaming.

Player accommodation (shared room at the local Ibis hotel in Adliswil) will be provided for Friday and Saturday night (and can also for Thursday night on request). Player pick-up on arrival from the airport or a nearby railway station and transport between player hotel and the Sihlsports venue will be provided by the organiser.

Hot food will be provided free of charge on Friday and Saturday by the organiser.

Players will be required to supply some information about themselves for player biopsy information to be displayed at the venue (players will be contacted by email). Player interviews will take place at various venue locations throughout the tournament, including post-match on-court interviews.

Courts & balls:

TT – Gubler tables inside a squash court, orange Butterfly balls

BA – dark brown wooden parquet floors, white lines, Dunlop Aeroflite 1 (Championship) shuttlecocks

SQ – wooden parquet floors, Dunlop double yellow-dot balls

TE – blue rebound ace courts with green surroundings, Wilson balls

Prize money (split equally between men and women):

1st – EUR 1'125

2nd – EUR 750

3rd – EUR 425

4th – EUR 200

Friday Group-Stage (Racketlon Sprint, 11-up), start times

[09:00](#) court setup – all matches on Centre Court

[09:00](#) live-stream & live-score setup on all four courts – all matches live-streamed to streamster

[14:00](#) referee (at least one per sport) equipment setup & instruction

[12:00-14:00](#) player warm-up

15:30 – 21:00 Men's and Women's qualifying rounds

[23:00](#) closedown

Saturday Monrad stage (regular 21-point Racketlon), start times

[12:00](#) court setup – all matches on Centre Court

[12:00](#) live-stream & live-score setup – all matches live-streamed to streamster

[12:00](#) player warm-up

13:00 – 20:30 Men's and Women's playoffs

[22:00](#) prize-giving

[22:30](#) Live-stream decommissioning and tournament clean-up

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