



Seamaster 2018 World Tour Platinum German Open

CITY: Bremen, Germany
SITE: ÖVB-Arena Bremen, Bürgerweide, 28215 Bremen
DATE: 23-25 Mar 2018
PLAYERS: 169 men 104 women 273 total
COUNTRIES: 48
TABLES: 16
TABLE BRAND: Donic Delhi 25
BALL BRAND: DHS 40+
FLOOR BRAND: Gerflor (Taraflex)
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Introduction

Welcome to the Seamaster 2018 ITTF World Tour Platinum - German Open.

The German Open is a Platinum Series event on the ITTF World Tour, which is the top of the two tiers (Platinum & Regular).

The German Open is the second out of six Platinum Series, as the players fight for points to qualify for the season ending Seamaster 2018 ITTF World Tour Grand Final later in the year.

There are six titles on offer: men's singles, women's singles, men's doubles, women's doubles, under 21 men's singles, under 21 women's singles.

This media kit is designed to provide an update on the Seamaster 2018 German Open. Enclosed are statistics and notes that will be of assistance during the tournament. Players' biographies as well as statistical, historical and personal data can be found on ITTF.com. Please make player interview requests through a member of the ITTF and OC media staff located in the press room.

Key Dates/Times

20 March 2018, 10:00am @ ÖVB-Arena – Qualification Day 1
21 March 2018, 10:00am @ ÖVB-Arena – Qualification Day 2
22 March 2018, 10:00am @ ÖVB-Arena – Qualification Day 3
23 March 2018, 10:00am @ ÖVB-Arena – Main Draw Day 1
24 March 2018, 10:00am @ ÖVB-Arena – Main Draw Day 2
25 March 2018, 10:00am @ ÖVB-Arena – Main Draw Day 3

Full schedule: <http://bit.ly/2G473F7>

Playing System

Men's Singles: Main draw round of 32

16 seeded players + 16 players coming from the qualifications

152 players competing for 16 qualification slots, group stage followed by 2 Preliminary rounds

Women's Singles: Main draw round of 32

16 seeded players (2 German Players) + 16 players coming from the qualifications

91 players competing for 16 qualification slots, group stage followed by 1 Preliminary round.



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Men's Doubles: Main draw round of 16

8 seeded pairs + 8 pairs from the qualification tournament

34 pairs compete for 8 qualification slots, playing in knockout format

Women's Doubles: Main draw round of 16

8 seeded pairs (1 German Pair) + 8 pairs from the qualification tournament

25 pairs compete for 8 qualification slots, playing in knockout format

U21 Men's Singles: Main draw round of 32

Main Draw, no qualification, a total of 28 (+4 Host) entries is accepted according to the World Ranking (maximum 4 players per association)

U21 Women's Singles: Main draw round of 32

Main Draw, no qualification, a total of 28 (+4 Host) entries is accepted according to the World Ranking (maximum 4 players per association)



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Seamaster 2018 ITTF World Tour Events and Winners

There has been 2 World Tour so far, 1 Platinum (Qatar), 1 Regular series (Hungary).

Type	Location	Men's Singles			Women's Singles		
Platinum	Qatar	FAN Zhendong		CHN	LIU Shiwen		CHN
Regular	Hungary	FAN Zhendong		CHN	WANG Manyu		CHN

Type	Location	Men's Doubles				Women's Doubles			
Platinum	Qatar	FAN Zhendong	CHN	XU Xin	CHN	CHEN Ke	CHN	WANG Manyu	CHN
Regular	Hungary	FAN Zhendong	CHN	YU Ziyang	CHN	CHEN Xingtong	CHN	SUN Yingsha	CHN



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Race to Seamaster 2018 ITTF World Tour Grand Finals

The players are all battling it out for points to secure their qualification to the Seamaster 2018 World Tour Grand Finals, 13-16 Dec 2018.

How does it work?

Men's & Women's Singles

Places available: 15 players with the most points from the Seamaster 2018 World Tour events, plus one host country player that meets the below criteria. If the player from the host association is already amongst the 15 invited players or does not meet the participation criteria, the 16th player in order will be invited.

Criteria: Have to play in a minimum of 5 events

Men's & Women's Doubles

Places available: 7 doubles pairing with the most points, plus one host country player that meets the below criteria. If the pair from the host association is already amongst the 7 invited players or does not meet the participation criteria, the 8th pair in order will be invited.

Criteria: Have to play in a minimum of 4 events as a pair

Current Race to World Tour Grand Final Standings (after QAT Open):

Men's Singles

Rank	Points	Events	Player	Country
1	750	2	FAN Zhendong	CHN
2	363	2	CALDERANO Hugo	BRA
3	200	1	XU Xin	CHN
4	200	1	LIN Gaoyuan	CHN
5	131	2	GROTH Jonathan	DEN
6	125	2	WANG Chuqin	CHN
7	100	1	ZHOU Yu	CHN
7	100	1	WONG Chun Ting	HKG
7	100	1	HARIMOTO Tomokazu	JPN
10	66	2	KOU Lei	UKR
11	63	2	LIU Dingshuo	CHN
12	58	2	KARLSSON Mattias	SWE
13	56	2	FRANZISKA Patrick	GER
14	50	2	ACHANTA Sharath Kamal	IND
14	50	2	GNANASEKARAN Sathiyam	IND
14	50	1	MIZUTANI Jun	JPN
14	50	1	LEE Sangsu	KOR
14	50	1	FANG Bo	CHN
14	50	1	BOLL Timo	GER

Women's Singles

Rank	Points	Events	Player	Country
1	550	2	WANG Manyu	CHN
2	500	1	LIU Shiwen	CHN
3	231	2	CHEN Meng	CHN
4	225	2	SUN Yingsha	CHN
5	200	1	ISHIKAWA Kasumi	JPN
6	113	2	CHEN Xingtong	CHN
7	100	1	WANG Yidi	CHN
7	100	1	HIRANO Miu	JPN
7	100	1	SATO Hitomi	JPN
10	88	2	CHEN Szu-Yu	TPE
11	81	2	LEE Ho Ching	HKG
12	50	1	DING Ning	CHN
12	50	1	KATO Miyu	JPN
12	50	1	FENG Tianwei	SGP
12	50	1	NAGASAKI Miyu	JPN
12	50	1	HAYATA Hina	JPN
12	50	1	CHENG I-Ching	TPE



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The ITTF Race to Seamaster 2018 World Tour Grand Finals standing can be found here:
<http://bit.ly/2G2MVR3>

German Open Seeded Players & 2018 Stats

Men's Singles

Players name	Date of Birth	Age	Hand	Grip	Pl. Style	Seed	WR	% WON	2018 Stats	
									Played	Won
OVTCHAROV Dimitrij GER	02/09/1988	29	R	Shakehand	Attack	1	1	86%	7	6
BOLL Timo GER	08/03/1981	37	L	Shakehand	Attack	2	3	83%	6	5
XU Xin CHN	08/01/1990	28	L	Penhold	Attack	3	5	83%	6	5
NIWA Koki JPN	10/10/1994	23	L	Shakehand	Attack	4	6	20%	5	1
MA Long CHN	20/10/1988	29	R	Shakehand	Attack	5	7	100%	4	4
WONG Chun Ting HKG	07/09/1991	26	R	Penhold	Attack	6	7	67%	9	6
GAUZY Simon FRA	25/10/1994	23	R	Shakehand	Attack	7	9	0%	2	0
HARIMOTO Tomokazu JPN	27/06/2003	14	R	Shakehand	Attack	8	11	50%	10	5
FREITAS Marcos POR	08/04/1988	29	L	Shakehand	Attack	9	12	0%	1	0
CHUANG Chih-Yuan TPE	02/04/1981	36	R	Shakehand	Attack	10	13	33%	3	1
MIZUTANI Jun JPN	09/06/1989	28	L	Shakehand	Attack	11	14	50%	2	1
LEE Sangsu KOR	31/08/1990	27	R	Shakehand	Attack	12	15	50%	8	4
CALDERANO Hugo BRA	22/06/1996	21	R	Shakehand	Attack	13	16	77%	13	10
ASSAR Omar EGY	22/07/1991	26	R	Shakehand	Attack	14	17	67%	9	6
OSHIMA Yuya JPN	05/03/1994	24	R	Shakehand	Attack	15	18	50%	2	1
KARLSSON Kristian SWE	06/08/1991	26	L	Shakehand	Attack	16	19	33%	9	3

List of players (Men): <http://bit.ly/2FytLol>

Women's Singles

Players name	Date of Birth	Age	Hand	Grip	Pl. Style	Seed	WR	% WON	2018 Stats	
									Played	Won
FENG Tianwei SGP	31/08/1986	31	R	Shakehand	Attack	1	3	60%	5	3
ISHIKAWA Kasumi JPN	23/02/1993	25	L	Shakehand	Attack	2	4	80%	10	8
ITO Mima JPN	21/10/2000	17	R	Shakehand	Attack	3	6	33%	3	1
HIRANO Miu JPN	14/04/2000	17	R	Shakehand	Attack	4	7	67%	3	2
CHENG I-Ching TPE	15/02/1992	26	R	Shakehand	Attack	5	8	50%	6	3
DOO Hoi Kem HKG	27/11/1996	21	R	Shakehand	Attack	6	9	57%	7	4
LI Jie NED	06/03/1984	34	R	Shakehand	Defend	7	10	71%	7	5
CHEN Szu-Yu TPE	01/08/1993	24	R	Shakehand	Attack	8	11	57%	7	4
CHEN Xingtong CHN	27/05/1997	20	R	Shakehand	Attack	9	12	71%	7	5
LEE Ho Ching HKG	24/11/1992	25	R	Shakehand	Attack	10	13	57%	7	4
HAYATA Hina JPN	07/07/2000	17	L	Shakehand	Attack	11	14	60%	5	3
KATO Miyu JPN	14/04/1999	18	R	Shakehand	Attack	12	15	50%	2	1
MORI Sakura JPN	17/04/1996	21	R	Shakehand	Attack	13	17	0%	1	0
SUH Hyowon KOR	10/05/1987	30	R	Shakehand	Defend	14	18	0%	1	0
HAN Ying ^ GER	29/04/1983	35	R	Shakehand	Defend	15	34	50%	2	1
WINTER Sabine GER	27/09/1992	25	R	Shakehand	Attack	16	65	43%	7	3

List of players (Women): <http://bit.ly/2D95U9C>



Prize Money

Men's Singles and Women's singles:

Winner:	US\$ 28,000
Runner-up:	US\$ 14,000
Semi finalist:	US\$ 6,750
Quarter finalist:	US\$ 3,500
Round of 16:	US\$ 2,000
Round of 32:	US\$ 1,000

Men's Doubles and Women's Doubles:

Winner:	US\$ 8,000
Runner-up:	US\$ 4,000
Semi finalist:	US\$ 2,000

Total: US\$ 235,000

Past Winners

Men Singles

Year	Location	Winner		Runner Up	
2017	Magdeburg	OVTCHAROV Dimitrij	GER	BOLL Timo	GER
2016	Berlin	MA Long	CHN	SAMSONOV Vladimir	BLR
2015	Bremen	MA Long	CHN	ZHANG Jike	GER
2014	Magdeburg	OVTCHAROV Dimitrij	GER	MIZUTANI Jun	JPN
2013	Berlin	FAN Zhendong	CHN	OVTCHAROV Dimitrij	GER
2012	Bremen	OVTCHAROV Dimitrij	GER	BOLL Timo	GER
2011	Dortmund	ZHANG Jike	GER	BOLL Timo	GER
2010	Berlin	MA Long	CHN	WANG Hao	CHN
2009	Bremen	BOLL Timo	GER	SAMSONOV Vladimir	BLR
2008	Berlin	BOLL Timo	GER	CHUANG Chih-Yuan	TPE
2007	Bremen	MA Long	CHN	MA Lin	CHN
2006	Bayreuth	BOLL Timo	GER	HOU Yingchao	CHN
2005	Magdeburg	SAMSONOV Vladimir	BLR	MA Long	CHN
2004	Leipzig	BOLL Timo	GER	LIU Guozheng	CHN
2003	Bremen	WANG Liqin	CHN	MA Lin	CHN
2002	Magdeburg	MA Lin	CHN	SAMSONOV Vladimir	BLR
2001	Bayreuth	SAMSONOV Vladimir	BLR	SCHLAGER Werner	AUT
1999	Bremen	LIU Guoliang	CRO	SAMSONOV Vladimir	BLR

Women's Singles

Year	Location	Winner		Runner Up	
2017	Magdeburg	CHEN Meng	CHN	ZHU Yuling	CHN
2016	Berlin	WU Yang	GER	ISHIKAWA Kasumi	JPN
2015	Bremen	ITO Mima	JPN	SOLJA Petrissa	GER
2014	Magdeburg	SHAN Xiaona	GER	SEO Hyowon	KOR
2013	Berlin	WEN Jia	CHN	FUKUHARA Ai	GER
2012	Bremen	SHEN Yanfei	ESP	VACENOVSKA Iveta	CZE
2011	Dortmund	GUO Yan	CHN	LI Xiaoxia	CHN
2010	Berlin	FENG Yalan	CHN	DING Ning	CHN
2009	Bremen	HIRANO Sayaka	JPN	PAVLOVICH Viktoria	BLR



2008	Berlin	LIU Jia	AUT	WU Jiaduo	GER
2007	Bremen	LI Xiaoxia	CHN	CAO Zhen	CHN
2006	Bayreuth	WANG Yuegu	SIN	LI Jiawei	SIN
2005	Magdeburg	CAO Zhen	CHN	FAN Ying	CHN
2004	Leipzig	NIU Jianfeng	CHN	GUO Yan	CHN
2003	Bremen	ZHANG Yining	CHN	WANG Nan	CHN
2002	Magdeburg	BOROS Tamara	CRO	FAN Ying	CHN
2001	Bayreuth	RYU Ji Hae	KOR	SCHOPP Jie	GER
1999	Bremen	WANG Nan	CHN	LI Ju	CHN

Men's Doubles

Year	Location	Winner	
2017	Magdeburg	JEOUNG Youngsik (KOR)	LEE Sangsu (KOR)
2016	Berlin	MORIZONO Masataka (JPN)	OSHIMA Yuya (JPN)
2015	Bremen	BOLL Timo (GER)	FRANZISKA Patrick (GER)
2014	Magdeburg	WANG Hao(CHN)	LYU Xiang (CHN)
2013	Berlin	BOLL Timo (GER)	FRANZISKA Patrick (GER)
2012	Bremen	JIANG Tianyi (HKG)	WONG Chun Ting (HKG)
2011	Dortmund	HAO Shuai (CHN)	ZHANG Jike (CHN)
2010	Berlin	CHEN Qi (CHN)	MA Long (CHN)
2009	Bremen	BOLL Timo (CHN)	SUSS Christian (CHN)
2008	Berlin	<i>TEAM EVENT</i>	
2007	Bremen	WANG Hao (CHN)	WANG Liqin (CHN)
2006	Bayreuth	CHILA Patrick (FRA)	SCHLAGER Werner (AUT)
2005	Magdeburg	LEE Jung Woo (KOR)	OH Sang Eun (KOR)
2004	Leipzig	BOLL Timo (GER)	SUSS Christian (GER)
2003	Bremen	KO Lai Chak (HKG)	LI Ching (HKG)
2002	Magdeburg	MA Lin (CHN)	KONG Linghui (CHN)

Women's Doubles

Year	Location	Winner	
2017	Magdeburg	HAYATA Hina (JPN)	HIRANO Miu (JPN)
2016	Berlin	JEON Jihee (KOR)	YANG Haeun (KOR)
2015	Bremen	SHAN Xiaona (GER)	SOLJA Petrissa (GER)
2014	Magdeburg	ITO Mima (JPN)	HIRANO Miu (JPN)
2013	Berlin	WEN Jia (CHN)	ZHAO Yan (CHN)
2012	Bremen	SOLJA Petrissa (GER)	WINTER Sabine (GER)
2011	Dortmund	GUO Yue (CHN)	LI Xiaoxia (CHN)
2010	Berlin	FUKUHARA Ai (CHN)	ISHIKAWA Kasumi (CHN)
2009	Bremen	LI Xiaodan (CHN)	MU Zi (CHN)
2008	Berlin	<i>TEAM EVENT</i>	
2007	Bremen	GUO Yue (CHN)	LI Xiaoxia (CHN)
2006	Bayreuth	LI Jiawei (SIN)	SUN Beibei (SIN)
2005	Magdeburg	TIE Yana (HKG)	ZHANG Rui (HKG)
2004	Leipzig	GUO Yue (CHN)	NIU Jianfeng (CHN)
2003	Bremen	ZHANG Yining (CHN)	WANG Nan (CHN)
2002	Magdeburg	NIU Jianfeng (CHN)	LI Jia (CHN)



Most Successful German Open Players

Timo Boll (GER) & Ma Long (CHN) will be looking to win the Men's Singles title for the 5th time. Dimitrij Ovtcharov will look to match the record having won it the 3rd time in 2017. No one has won the women singles title twice.

Men's singles – Timo Boll (GER) and Ma Long (CHN) – four

Women's singles – none

Men's doubles – Timo Boll (GER) – four. Partners all were German – Christian Suss (2), Patrick Franziska (2)

Women's doubles – Guo Yue (CHN) - three. Partners all were Chinese – Li Xiaoxia (2), Niu Jianfeng (1)

Tournament Facts

- The 2018 German Open is the 19th edition since 1999.
- Bremen will be hosting the German Open for the 6th time.
- This leg of the World Tour was brought forward in the calendar year. The 2017 installment was in November.
- Mima Ito (JPN) became the youngest ever female singles champion on the World Tour in 2015, at the age of 14 years and 152 days old.

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- Head to head comparisons between each player: <http://bit.ly/2Dwi4eu>
- TV Schedule: <http://bit.ly/2HO6n3O>
- Main Draw Schedule: <http://bit.ly/2G473F7>
- List of players (M): <http://bit.ly/2FDknQy>
- List of players (W): <http://bit.ly/2D9VE0L>
- Live streaming at <https://tv.ittf.com/>
- Live twitter blog #ITTFWorldTour: <http://bit.ly/2Fgu6fa>
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