



## **ITF World Tennis Masters Tour Update – Syria / Türkiye**

Dear Player,

Our thoughts are with our many friends at the Syrian Tennis Federation, the Türkiye Tenis Federasyonu, the wider tennis community, and indeed with all those affected in Syria and Türkiye by the recent devastating earthquakes. Türkiye hosts multiple ITF Tours tournaments and other events each year, some of which were ongoing when the earthquakes struck. The venues for upcoming tournaments are located over 500km from the affected region, and we understand from the organisers that they have not been adversely affected, which is welcome news. This includes the ITF Masters (30, 35, 40, 45, 50) World Team & Individual Championships which is scheduled to take place in Manavgat, Türkiye from 19 March to 1 April 2023, where host preparations continue.

The decision of the Turkish Government to suspend all nationwide sporting activities until further notice, and at least for the 7-day period of mourning, obliges the ITF to cancel this week's tournaments, which we have communicated to affected players. A decision to proceed with tournaments scheduled in Türkiye for the week of 13 February 2023, and beyond, is contingent upon a decision by the Turkish Government to lift the current suspension and will be communicated by the ITF as soon as possible.

We expect that many of you may have concerns and questions, in which case you are advised to be in touch with [masters@itftennis.com](mailto:masters@itftennis.com) (for Tour event) or [masterswc@itftennis.com](mailto:masterswc@itftennis.com) (for World Championships) to raise a query and the team will do their best to respond to you as quickly as possible.

Please note that further updates will be issued by the ITF as and when we receive more information.

Kind regards,

ITF World Tennis Masters Tour Team

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