

# First top players have signed up for the Porsche Tennis Grand Prix

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17/02/2022 The Porsche Tennis Grand Prix will this year once again present a world class field. Eight weeks before play starts in the Porsche Arena, three current Top 10 players – Karolina Pliskova (Czech Republic), Paula Badosa (Spain) and Anett Kontaveit (Estonia) – have confirmed they will be competing at the 45th edition of the long-landing Stuttgart tournament (16 to 24 April).

The Porsche Brand Ambassador Angelique Kerber is also looking forward to playing in front of the enthusiastic Stuttgart crowd for the attractive main prize for the winner – the Porsche Taycan GTS Sport Turismo.

“The fact that such top players have already confirmed they will be coming is a fantastic prospect for our spectators and great motivation for the whole team. I'm however sure that, up until the official entry deadline on 21 March, a few more stars will be adding their names to the list,” says Tournament

Director Markus Günthardt. “Our preparations are going according to plan and we’re all really looking forward to again being able to welcome as many tennis fans as possible to the Porsche Arena.“

The provisional entry list is headed by Karolina Pliskova. The Czech won in the Porsche Arena in 2018 and is currently the world No. 4. In the 2021 season, she was the Wimbledon runner-up and also reached finals in Rome and Montreal. As 2021's top up-and-coming player, Paula Badosa has catapulted herself up to No. 5 in the world rankings after winning in Indian Wells and Belgrade and making it to the semifinals at the WTA Finals in Guadalajara. The Spaniard started the 2022 tennis year by claiming the title in Sydney.

Anett Kontaveit has also risen spectacularly into the world's Top 10. The Estonian, currently the No. 6, won in 2021 in Moscow, Cleveland, Ostrava and Cluj-Napoca and the winning run qualified her at the last minute for the WTA Finals where she sensationally reached the final. The 2019 Porsche Tennis Grand Prix runner-up has already claimed a title this season after triumphing at the Porsche supported tournament in St. Petersburg.

One player with a special bond to the Porsche Tennis Grand Prix is Angelique Kerber. “The tournament means a lot to me,” says the Porsche Brand Ambassador who, after an unfortunate start to the season, enjoyed a fantastic comeback in 2021 when winning the Porsche supported Bad Homburg Open as well as going all the way to the Wimbledon and Cincinnati semifinals. She won in the Porsche Arena in 2015 and 2016. It is not only the good memories of the successes that gives her good vibes: “The Porsche Tennis Grand Prix is a very special tournament and the players love coming to Stuttgart. They simply feel at home here. And I so look forward every year to returning to the Porsche Arena.”

## Advanced ticket sales

Tickets for the 45th Porsche Tennis Grand Prix from 16 to 24 April are available at Easy Ticket Service by calling +49 711 / 2 55 55 55 or in Internet at www.easyticket.de. The number of spectators allowed in the Porsche Arena will be determined by the latest Corona regulations issued by the Federal State of Baden-Württemberg.

## Porsche in Tennis

Porsche has been sponsoring the Porsche Tennis Grand Prix ever since 1978 and has also been the organiser since 2002. The tournament in Stuttgart's Porsche Arena has been chosen ten times by the players as their favourite event in its category since 2006. Within the scope of its global partnership with the Women's Tennis Association (WTA), Porsche was, amongst other things, the title partner of the “Porsche Race to the WTA Finals”, the official qualifying ranking for the WTA Finals, in 2021. The Stuttgart-based sports car manufacturer was also the exclusive automotive partner of the WTA, the season-ending WTA Finals and of the WTA tournaments in Lyon (France), St. Petersburg (Russia), Berlin and Bad Homburg (Germany), Cincinnati (USA), Linz (Austria) and the two events in Cluj-Napoca

(Romania). Porsche has begun the 2022 tennis year with sponsoring engagements at the events in St. Petersburg and Lyon. As a premium partner of the “Deutsche Tennis Bund” (DTB – German Tennis Association), the company supports Porsche Team Germany in the Billie Jean King Cup (formerly the Fed Cup) and fosters up-and-coming players in the Porsche Talent Team and the Porsche Junior Team. Angelique Kerber and Maria Sharapova give Porsche a face in tennis as Brand Ambassadors.

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### Consumption data

**Taycan GTS Sport Turismo** (Predecessor model)

*Further information on the official fuel consumption and the official specific $CO_2$ emissions of new passenger cars can be found in the "Leitfaden über den Kraftstoffverbrauch, die $CO_2$-Emissionen und den Stromverbrauch neuer Personenkraftwagen" (Fuel Consumption, $CO_2$Emissions and Electricity Consumption Guide for New Passenger Cars), which is available free of charge at all sales outlets and from DAT (Deutsche Automobil Treuhand GmbH, Helmuth-Hirth-Str. 1, 73760 Ostfildern-Scharnhausen, www.dat.de).

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