

## GAC Group 2013 ITTF World Tour Grand Final

**CITY:** Dubai, UAE  
**VENUE:** Al Nasr Sports Club  
**DATE:** 9-12 January 2014  
**PLAYERS:** Singles: 17 men and 17 women, Doubles: 16 men (8 pairs), 16 women (8 pairs)  
 and under 21 singles: 8 men and 8 women. Total: 82  
**COUNTRIES:** 18  
**TABLES:** 4  
**TABLE BRAND:** Double Fish  
**BALL BRAND:** Double Happiness  
**FLOOR BRAND:** Gerflor  
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### Introduction

Welcome to the GAC Group 2013 ITTF World Tour Grand Final.

The World Tour Grand Finals involves all the best players from the GAC Group 2013 World Tour, which comprised 19 events in 18 countries during 2013.

The top 16 men and 16 women (plus one man and one woman from the host country UAE), the top 8 men's and women's doubles pairs, as well as the 8 best under-21 boys and girls will be making the trip to this one-million-dollar event.

This preview is designed to provide an update on the GAC Group 2013 ITTF World Tour Grand Finals. Enclosed are statistics and notes that will be of assistance during the tournament. Players' biographies as well as statistical, historical and personal data may be found on ITTF.com. Please make player interview requests through a member of the ITTF media staff located in the press room.

### Prize Money

	Men's Singles	Women's Singles	Men's Doubles	Women's Doubles
Winner	\$104,000	\$104,000	\$50,000	\$50,000
Runner UP	\$52,000	\$52,000	\$25,000	\$25,000
Semi Finalist	\$26,000	\$26,000	\$12,500	\$12,500
Quarter Finalist	\$13,000	\$13,000	\$6,250	\$6,250
Round of 16	\$6,500	\$6,500		
Round of 32	\$2,000	\$2,000		
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$314,000</b>	<b>\$314,000</b>	<b>\$125,000</b>	<b>\$125,000</b>
	U/21 Men's Singles	U/21 Women's Singles		
Winner	\$25,000	\$25,000		
Runner UP	\$12,500	\$12,500		
Semi Finalist	\$6,250	\$6,250		
3rd & 4th in Group	\$3,250	\$3,250		

## Key Dates/Times

07 January 2014 16:00 @ SPiN Dubai (Wafi Pyramids) – Draw and Press Conference  
09 January 2014, 10:00 @ Al Nasr Sports Club – Day 1, first round matches  
10 January 2014, 10:00 @ Al Nasr Sports Club – Day 2, Women's quarterfinal and semifinals, under-21 men's and women's final  
11 January 2014, 10:00 @ Al Nasr Sports Club – Day 3, Men's quarterfinals, women's singles final, men's doubles final  
12 January 2014, 10:00 @ Al Nasr Sports Club – Day 4, Men's singles semifinals, women's doubles semifinal, men's singles final and women's doubles final.

Full schedule: <http://bit.ly/1cfTfAA>

## How players qualified

### Singles

The top sixteen (16) men and sixteen (16) women who have accumulated the largest number of points at ITTF World Tour events during 2013 were invited to participate in the GAC GROUP 2013 ITTF World Tour Grand Finals.

To qualify for the Grand Finals in singles, the players have to attend at least 5 events.

In addition, the ITTF will invite one men's and one women's player from the association hosting the 2013 World Tour Grand Finals as the 17th player.

### Doubles

The top eight (8) men's doubles pairs and eight (8) women's doubles pairs who have accumulated the largest number of points, as a pair, at ITTF World Tour events in 2013 have been invited to participate in the 2013 World Tour Grand Finals.

To qualify for the Grand Finals in doubles, the same pair must have played in at least 4 events.

In the case that one player appears in two or more double pairs, only the highest qualifying pair will be considered. To be eligible, the players have to play at least 4 events together.

### Under 21 Singles

The top eight (8) U21 men and eight (8) U21 women who have accumulated the largest number of points at ITTF World Tour events during 2013 have been invited to participate in the 2013 World Tour Grand Finals.

Players or pairs finishing equal on points for the last positions to be qualify is decided by their position (ranking place) on the last available ITTF World Ranking list.

If players or pairs are still equal, reference will be made to the previous World Ranking list and so on.

To qualify for the Grand Finals in U21, the players have to attend 4 events in at least 2 continents.

Seeding of the players or pairs is determined by the final order of the World Tour standing.

Full explanation: <http://bit.ly/19cS8MS>.

## Playing System

### Men's and Women's Singles and Doubles

- Will be conducted as knockout events.
- Draw will be conducted according to ITTF and World Tour Regulations.
- There will be no separation by Association.
- In Men's and Women's Singles the player from the host association will play in the first round (Challenge match) against the lowest ranked player from the final Standing of the World Tour Standing 2013.

### Under-21 Singles

- Will consist of 2 stages
- For the 1st stage, the highest-ranked player will be placed in Group A, the 2nd highest in Group B. The remaining players will be drawn into the groups 2 at a time in ranking order.
- If there are 2 players from the same Association, they will be drawn into separate groups but additional players from the same Association may be drawn into either group.
- For the 2nd stage, the winner of Group A will play the runner-up of Group B and the winner of Group B will play the runner-up of Group A.
- The winners of these 2 matches will play each other in the final.

Full criteria can be found here: <http://bit.ly/19cS8MS>.

## GAC GROUP 2013 ITTF World Tour Events and Winners

Tier	Country	Male Winner	Assn	Female Winner	Assn
Super Series	Sweden	YAN An	CHN	CHEN Meng	CHN
Major Series	Russia	CHAN Kazuhiro	JPN	DING Ding	CHN
Super Series	Germany	FAN Zhendong	CHN	WEN Jia	CHN
Major Series	Poland	FAN Zhendong	CHN	SEO Hyo Won	KOR
Challenge Series	Belarus	YOSHIDA Kaii	JPN	WINTER Sabine	GER
Major Series	Czech Republic	SHIONO Masato	JPN	PAVLOVICH Viktoria	BLR
Super Series	China	MA Long	CHN	CHEN Meng	CHN
Challenge Series	Brazil	CALDERANO Hugo	BRA	SAMARA Elizabeta	ROU
Challenge Series	USA	WANG Eugene	CAN	ABE Megumi	JPN
Challenge Series	Morocco	SALIFOU Abdel-Kader	FRA	BYKOVA Maria	RUS
Super Series	Japan	SHIONO Masato	JPN	FUKUHARA Ai	JPN
Super Series	China	MA Long	CHN	LI Xiaoxia	CHN
Challenge Series	Croatia	SALIFOU Abdel-Kader	FRA	LEE Dasom	KOR
Major Series	South Korea	XU Xin	CHN	SEO Hyo Won	KOR
Challenge Series	Egypt	SALIFOU Abdel-Kader	FRA	DOLGIKH Maria	RUS
Super Series	Qatar	MA Long	CHN	DING Ning	CHN
Super Series	Kuwait	ZHANG Jike	CHN	LIU Shiwen	CHN
Major Series	Austria	FANG Bo	CHN	DING Ning	CHN
Challenge Series	Spain	MATSUMOTO Cazu	BRA	JIANG Huajun	HKG

The full World Tour Rankings: <http://bit.ly/18l98B0>

## Most Successful 2013 Players

### Men:

Ma Long (CHN) 3 (China, Harmony, Qatar)

Abdel-Kader SALIFOU (FRA) 3 (Morocco, Egypt, Croatia)

### Women:

Ding Ning (CHN) 3 (Austria, Qatar, Russia)

No other player won more than one event

## Players Biographies

Men's biographies: <http://bit.ly/1fGRM76>

Women's biographies: <http://bit.ly/1gHL3gc>

## Qualified Players and Stats

### Men's Singles

Player information				Current WR	Highest	Participation stats				Performance statistics					
Name	DOB	Age at WTGF	Seeding	WR-Dec	WR	WT	Sgls	Dbls	U21	WT	Plyd	Won	Sgls	Plyd	Won
MA Long <b>CHN</b>	10/20/1988	25	1	1	1	5	5	5	0	89.58%	48	43	92.86%	28	26
FAN Zhendong <b>CHN</b>	01/22/1997	16	2	5	5	5	5	5	1	81.40%	43	35	86.96%	23	20
XU Xin <b>CHN</b>	01/08/1990	24	3	2	1	6	6	5	0	84.00%	50	42	83.33%	30	25
SHIONO Masato <b>JPN</b>	04/30/1986	27	4	46	46	5	5	0	0	84.00%	25	21	84.00%	25	21
ZHANG Jike <b>CHN</b>	02/16/1988	25	5	3	1	6	6	6	0	80.85%	47	38	78.26%	23	18
WANG Hao <b>CHN</b>	12/15/1983	30	6	4	1	5	5	5	0	73.53%	34	25	77.27%	22	17
OVTCHAROV Dimitrij <b>GER</b>	09/02/1988	25	7	6	5	5	5	3	0	70.37%	27	19	76.19%	21	16
SALIFOU Abdel-Kader <b>FRA</b>	12/07/1989	24	8	103	99	9	9	3	0	74.29%	35	26	80.00%	30	24
CHAN Kazuhiro <b>JPN</b>	07/15/1985	28	9	40	27	9	9	7	0	55.88%	34	19	63.64%	22	14
CHUANG Chih-Yuan <b>TPE</b>	04/02/1981	32	10	9	6	7	7	7	0	68.89%	45	31	72.00%	25	18
NIWA Koki <b>JPN</b>	10/10/1994	19	11	16	12	5	5	4	0	67.86%	28	19	70.59%	17	12
KIM Minseok <b>KOR</b>	02/25/1992	21	12	27	27	6	6	5	0	62.07%	29	18	62.50%	16	10
TAKAKIWA Taku <b>JPN</b>	09/29/1988	25	13	38	29	8	8	2	0	64.00%	25	16	65.22%	23	15
MATSUMOTO Cazuo <b>BRA</b>	08/02/1985	28	14	86	45	7	7	5	0	51.85%	27	14	57.89%	19	11
WANG Eugene ^ <b>CAN</b>	11/13/1985	28	15	65	65	5	5	2	0	70.00%	20	14	77.78%	18	14
GAO Ning <b>SIN</b>	10/11/1982	31	16	20	13	7	7	7	0	57.58%	33	19	58.82%	17	10
ALMOHAISENI Abdulla <b>UAE</b>	03/16/1999	14	17	1615	1609	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

## Women's Singles

Player information				Current WR	Highest WR	Participation stats				Performance statistics					
Name	DOB	Age at WTGF	Seeding	WR-Dec		WT	Sgls	Dbls	U21	WT	Plyd	Won	Sgls	Plyd	Won
DING Ning <b>CHN</b>	06/20/1990	23	1	2	1	5	5	5	0	93.48%	46	43	92.00%	25	23
LIU Shiwen <b>CHN</b>	04/12/1991	22	2	1	1	5	5	5	0	84.09%	44	37	84.62%	26	22
LI Xiaoxia <b>CHN</b>	01/16/1988	25	3	3	1	5	5	5	0	85.71%	42	36	81.82%	22	18
SEO Hyowon <b>KOR</b>	05/10/1987	26	4	12	12	6	6	1	0	80.00%	25	20	83.33%	24	20
FENG Tianwei <b>SIN</b>	08/31/1986	27	5	4	2	6	6	6	0	58.62%	29	17	70.00%	20	14
PAVLOVICH Viktoria <b>BLR</b>	05/08/1978	35	6	17	12	6	6	2	0	66.67%	21	14	70.59%	17	12
ZHU Yuling <b>CHN</b>	01/10/1995	19	7	7	5	5	5	4	0	78.57%	42	33	76.19%	21	16
LI Jiao <b>NED</b>	01/15/1973	40	8	16	10	7	6	7	0	66.67%	36	24	71.43%	21	15
SAMARA Elizabeta <b>ROU</b>	04/15/1989	24	9	27	14	7	7	5	0	65.63%	32	21	71.43%	21	15
LEE Ho Ching <b>HKG</b>	11/24/1992	21	10	23	23	9	9	7	6	63.16%	57	36	62.50%	24	15
JIANG Huajun <b>HKG</b>	10/08/1984	29	11	14	7	7	7	6	0	58.62%	29	17	66.67%	18	12
CHENG I-Ching <b>TPE</b>	02/15/1992	21	12	28	22	8	8	8	5	58.00%	50	29	61.90%	21	13
JEON Jihee ^ <b>KOR</b>	10/28/1992	21	13	25	25	8	8	8	1	68.00%	50	34	65.22%	23	15
DOLGIKH Maria <b>RUS</b>	07/24/1987	26	14	185	143	6	6	2	0	69.23%	26	18	70.00%	20	14
ZHAO Yan <b>CHN</b>	11/28/1993	20	15	36	36	5	5	5	0	72.73%	33	24	66.67%	15	10
BYKOVA Maria <b>RUS</b>	10/10/1987	26	16	249	234	6	6	1	0	64.00%	25	16	66.67%	24	16
ALBLOOSHI Majd <b>UAE</b>	05/21/1992	21	17	unr	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

**Men's Doubles**

Name P1	Name P2	Assn	Seeding	WR	DOB P1	DOB P2	P1 Age at WTGF	P2 Age at WTGF	Total matches	Won	Loss	Won %
GAO Ning	LI Hu ^	SIN	1	2	10/11/82	6/26/88	31	25	16	9	7	56.25%
LIVENTSOV Alexey	PAIKOV Mikhail	RUS	2	6	11/2/81	7/31/89	32	24	16	10	6	62.50%
CHIANG Hung-Chieh	HUANG Sheng-Sheng	TPE	3	3	2/22/89	10/26/87	24	26	13	8	5	61.54%
GARDOS Robert	HABESOHN Daniel	AUT	4	5	1/16/79	7/22/86	34	27	15	9	6	60.00%
KIM Minseok	SEO Hyundeok	KOR	5	7	2/25/92	5/9/91	21	22	10	6	4	60.00%
YANG Zi	ZHAN Jian ^	SIN	5	11	6/19/84	1/30/82	29	31	11	6	5	54.55%
CHEN Chien-An	CHUANG Chih-Yuan	TPE	6	1	6/16/91	4/2/81	22	32	14	9	5	64.29%
KARLSSON Kristian	KARLSSON Mattias	SWE	8	8	8/6/91	9/7/91	22	22	10	5	5	50.00%

**Women's Doubles**

Name P1	Name P2	ASSN	Seeding	WR	DOB P1	DOB P2	Age at WTGF	Age at WTGF	Total matches	Won	Loss	Won %
DING Ning	LI Xiaoxia	CHN	1	4	6/20/90	1/16/88	23	25	17	16	1	94.12%
CHENG I-Ching	HUANG Yi-Hua	TPE	2	1	2/15/92	7/20/84	21	29	17	9	8	52.94%
BARTHEL Zhenqi	SHAN Xiaona ^	GER	3	9	1/9/87	1/18/83	27	30	15	10	5	66.67%
PARK Youngsook	YANG Haeun	KOR	4	8	12/18/88	2/25/94	25	19	12	9	3	75.00%
CREEMERS Linda	LI Jiao	NED	5	16	1/13/85	1/15/73	28	40	10	7	3	70.00%
JIANG Huajun	LEE Ho Ching	HKG	6	6	10/8/84	11/24/92	29	21	10	5	5	50.00%
FENG Tianwei	YU Mengyu	SIN	7	2	8/31/86	8/18/89	27	24	9	3	6	33.33%
POLCANOVA Sofia ^	SOLJA Amelie ^	AUT	8	13	9/3/94	9/29/90	19	23	15	8	7	53.33%

## Under 21 Men's Singles

Player information			Seeding	Current WR	U21 WR	Participation stats				Performance statistics								
Name	Date of Birth	Age at WTGF		WR-Dec	WR-Dec	WT	Sgls	Dbls	U21	WT	Plyd	Won	Sgls	Plyd	Won	U21	Plyd	Won
MORIZONO Masataka JPN	04/05/1995	18	1	92	15	8	8	6	7	70.59%	68	48	68.97%	29	20	75.00%	20	15
HUNG Tzu-Hsiang TPE	01/27/1994	19	2	101	17	9	9	9	8	62.50%	72	45	62.07%	29	18	69.57%	23	16
FRANZISKA Patrick GER	06/11/1992	21	3	49	8	7	7	4	6	68.75%	48	33	58.82%	17	10	75.00%	20	15
ROBINOT Quentin FRA	01/07/1993	21	4	95	16	9	9	7	7	65.71%	70	46	61.54%	26	16	70.83%	24	17
INDEHERBERG Julien BEL	01/29/1993	20	5	296	82	7	7	3	7	58.14%	43	25	50.00%	18	9	71.43%	21	15
GAUZY Simon FRA	10/25/1994	19	6	75	13	7	7	3	6	68.09%	47	32	73.08%	26	19	66.67%	15	10
WU Zhikang ^^ SIN	01/07/1994	20	7	130	25	7	7	2	6	62.79%	43	27	62.50%	24	15	63.16%	19	12
CHEN Feng ^ SIN	03/24/1994	19	8	110	19	8	8	6	7	52.00%	50	26	50.00%	22	11	58.82%	17	10

## Under 21 Women's Singles

Player information			Seeding	Current WR	U21 WR	Participation stats				Performance statistics								
Name	Date of Birth	Age at WTGF		WR-Dec	WR-Dec	WT	Sgls	Dbls	U21	WT	Plyd	Won	Sgls	Plyd	Won	U21	Plyd	Won
MORIZONO Masataka JPN	04/05/1995	18	1	92	15	8	8	6	7	70.59%	68	48	68.97%	29	20	75.00%	20	15
HUNG Tzu-Hsiang TPE	01/27/1994	19	2	101	17	9	9	9	8	62.50%	72	45	62.07%	29	18	69.57%	23	16
FRANZISKA Patrick GER	06/11/1992	21	3	49	8	7	7	4	6	68.75%	48	33	58.82%	17	10	75.00%	20	15
ROBINOT Quentin FRA	01/07/1993	21	4	95	16	9	9	7	7	65.71%	70	46	61.54%	26	16	70.83%	24	17
INDEHERBERG Julien BEL	01/29/1993	20	5	296	82	7	7	3	7	58.14%	43	25	50.00%	18	9	71.43%	21	15
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WU Zhikang ^^ SIN	01/07/1994	20	7	130	25	7	7	2	6	62.79%	43	27	62.50%	24	15	63.16%	19	12
CHEN Feng ^ SIN	03/24/1994	19	8	110	19	8	8	6	7	52.00%	50	26	50.00%	22	11	58.82%	17	10



## Past Winners

Year	Location	Men's Champion	Women's Champion
2012	Hangzhou	<b>Xu Xin (CHN)</b>	<b>Liu Shiwen (CHN)</b>
2011	London	<b>Ma Long (CHN)</b>	<b>Liu Shiwen (CHN)</b>
2010	Seoul	Jun Mizutani (JPN)	<b>Feng Tianwei (SIN)</b>
2009	Macau	<b>Ma Long (CHN)</b>	Guo Yan (CHN)
2008	Macau	<b>Ma Long (CHN)</b>	Guo Yan (CHN)
2007	Beijing	Ma Lin (CHN)	<b>Li Xiaoxia (CHN)</b>
2006	Hong Kong	<b>Wang Hao (CHN)</b>	Zhang Yining (CHN)
2005	Fuzhou	Timo Boll (GER)	Zhang Yining (CHN)
2004	Beijing	Wang Liqin (CHN)	Guo Yue (CHN)
2003	Guangzhou	<b>Wang Hao (CHN)</b>	Niu Jianfeng (CHN)
2002	Stockholm	<b>Chuang Chih-yuan (TPE)</b>	Zhang Yining (CHN)
2001	Hainan	Ma Lin (CHN)	Wang Nan (CHN)
2000	Kobe	Wang Liqin (CHN)	Zhang Yining (CHN)
1999	Sydney	Liu Guozheng (CHN)	Chen Jing (TPE)
1998	Paris	Wang Liqin (CHN)	Wang Nan (CHN)
1997	Hong Kong	Vladimir Samsonov (BLR)	Li Ju (CHN)
1996	Tainjin	Kong Linghui (CHN)	Deng Yaping (CHN)

## Most Successful World Tour Grand Final Players

Male:

<b>Ma Long (CHN)</b>	<b>3 (2011, 2009, 2008)</b>
Wang Liqin (CHN)	3 (2004, 2000, 1998)
<b>Wang Hao (CHN)</b>	<b>2 (2006, 2003)</b>

Ma Long has the chance to become the most successful World Tour Grand Final player of all time if he wins in Dubai.

Female:

Zhang Yining (CHN)	4 (2006, 2005, 2002, 2000)
Guo Yan (CHN)	3 (2009, 2008, 2004)
<b>Liu Shiwen (CHN)</b>	<b>2 (2012, 2011)</b>

Liu Shiwen has the chance to move to equal second on the all time list, as well as becoming the first ever women to win the World Tour Grand Finals three times in a row.

Full results can be found here: <http://bit.ly/1bRALSG>.

## Tournament Facts

- Youngest singles female player is ZHU Yuling (CHN) who will be 19 during the event
- Oldest singles female player is LI Jiao (NED) who will be 40 during the event
- Youngest singles male player is ALMOHAISENI Abdulla (UAE) who will be 14 during the event
- Oldest singles male player is CHUANG Chih-Yuan (TPE) who will be 32 during the event
- Average age of the male singles players is 24.82 years old
- Average age of the female singles players is 25 years old
- Macau held the tournament in consecutive years 2008 and 2009; the winners were the same – MS (Ma Long) WS (Guo Yan)
- Used as Test event for London 2012 Olympic, Beijing 2008 Olympics and Sydney 2000 Olympics.
- Notably in 2010 no Chinese player qualified for the Grand Finals.
- Kong Linghui only man to have won MS at Olympics, MS at World Championships, Men's World Cup and World Tour Finals
- For the Women – Deng Yaping, Wang Nan and Zhang Yining have won all four of WS (Olympics), WS (World Championships), Women's World Cup, Grand Finals

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- Men's biographies: <http://bit.ly/1fGRM76>
- Women's biographies: <http://bit.ly/1gHL3gc>
- Head to head comparisons between each player: <http://bit.ly/HPlnQ8>
- Live results: [itf.com/2013WTGF/](http://itf.com/2013WTGF/)
- Up to date schedule: <http://bit.ly/1cfTfAA>
- Live streaming at ITTF.com/itTV
- Live twitter blog #ITTFWorldTour: <http://bit.ly/1hnaD7S>
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