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## ITF launches 2024 Tennis Photograph of the Year competition

The global search for the best tennis imagery of 2024 begins today, with the launch of the ITF Tennis Photograph of the Year competition.

For the first time ever, the game's international governing body is welcoming entries from both professional and amateur photographers across the world, with a top prize of \$3,000 USD on offer for the winner.

The ITF is responsible for supporting tennis from global development through each stage of the player pathway to the very top of the game, and the new competition is designed to celebrate the breadth of that work.

The winner, runners-up and top 10 shortlist will be selected by a judging panel consisting of ITF President David Haggerty, tennis photographer Paul Zimmer and two-time Grand Slam champion Garbine Muguruza.

Each entrant can submit up to three images, all of which must have been taken in 2024 and depict tennis activity.

Second and third prize winners will receive \$1,000 and \$500 USD respectively, and the top 10 images will be displayed in an exhibition at the 2025 ITF World Champions Awards. Full details of how to enter and competition terms and conditions are available at <a href="ITFTennis.com">ITFTennis.com</a>.

David Haggerty, ITF President, said: "The ITF is the global guardian of the game, and our role is to nurture tennis' development and sustainability – from playgrounds to podiums. This vital work is often documented through the most stunning images so we wanted to give photographers – both amateur and professional – the chance to have their creativity recognised. I would encourage anyone who captures a special tennis moment at any level of the game to enter our competition to be in with a chance of global exposure and a fantastic prize."

Garbine Muguruza said: "When you step onto a tennis court to compete, the photographers are part of the action. The clicks of their cameras are an integral part of the game, and thanks to them, I have been able to see myself in spectacular moments, captured in incredible still images that summarize so many details of what happens on the court. I have always been very interested in this art – because it is an art. So, being able to assist in this ITF photography contest is very exciting. I hope that many professionals and amateurs participate and I'm looking forward to seeing what we receive."

The closing date for entries is 1200 GMT on Wednesday 27 November and winners will be announced in December. For more information visit ITFTennis.com.

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## **About the ITF**

The International Tennis Federation (ITF) is the world governing body of tennis. Founded in 1913, its purpose is to ensure the long-term growth and sustainability of the sport, delivering tennis for future generations in association with its 213 member National Associations. The ITF oversees the rules and regulations that govern international and national competition. The ITF is responsible for the worldwide development of tennis through its highly regarded global Development Programme, its Science and Technical department which monitors equipment and technology, and its Officiating department which oversees the education and advancement of officials. The ITF organises up to 1850 men's, women's, and junior tournaments on the ITF World Tennis Tour, and manages the ITF junior team competitions,

ITF Beach Tennis World Tour, UNIQLO Wheelchair Tennis Tour and the ITF World Tennis Masters Tour, together with the men's and women's World Cup of Tennis, Davis Cup and Billie Jean King Cup by Gainbridge respectively, the two largest annual international team competitions in tennis. The ITF manages the Olympic Tennis Event on behalf of the IOC and the Paralympic Tennis Event on behalf of the IPC and the Qualification Pathways for both events at the Games.