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## **2017 Irving Tennis Classic Announces ATP Tournament Player Acceptance List**

*Draw Includes 6 Players Ranked in Top 50 and All 32 Players Ranked in Top 100*

IRVING, TX (FEBRUARY 21, 2017) -- The 2017 Irving Tennis Classic (ITC), an Association of Tennis Professionals (ATP) Challenger Level Tour event announced the players acceptance list for its sixth annual tournament, held in Irving at the Four Seasons Golf and Sports Club at Las Colinas, March 13-19, 2017.

The current list of players is packed full of talent with an exciting mix of young up-coming players and many experienced players including 6 Top 50 and 26 other Top 100 ATP ranked players. Returning to the ITC is the 2016 ITC Champion, Marcel Granollers, from Spain, ranked 38 in the world. Also from Spain, accepting one of the four Wild Cards and making his first ITC appearance is Fernando Verdasco, with his powerful left-handed forehand, currently ranked number 37 in the world. Other notable players include Denis Istomin who upset Novak Djokovic at the 2017 Australian Open, the heavy hitting Georgian, Nikoloz Basilvasvili, ranked 50 and just competed for the championship in Memphis, the high energy play from Italian Paolo Lorenzi ranked 40 and holder of 2 ATP World Tour Singles and Doubles Titles, Thomaz Bellucci, currently ranked 76 (former Top 30) in the world with 4 ATP World Tour Singles Titles and 1 Doubles Title, the very talented 20 year old Croatian, Boran Coric, ranked 59, and many other talented players from around the world in this Top 100 field.

### **Player Acceptance List (As of February 21, 2017)**

#### **PLAYER COUNTRY RANKING**

Marcel Granollers ESP 38  
Paolo Lorenzi ITA 40  
Daniel Evans GBR 44  
Malek Jaziri TUN 47  
Karen Khachanov RUS 48  
Kyle Edmund GBR 49

Nikoloz Basilashvili GEO 53  
Borna Coric CRO 59  
Andrey Kuznetsov RUS 61  
Jan-Lennard Struff GER 62  
Yen-Hsun Lu TPE 63  
Martin Klizan SVK 65  
Denis Istomin UZB 70  
Andreas Seppi ITA 72  
Horacio Zeballos ARG 73  
Thomaz Bellucci BRA 76  
Jeremy Chardy FRA 77  
Michail Kukushkin KAZ 78  
Damir Dzhumhur DIH 79  
Facundo Bagnis ARG 82  
Hyeon Chung KOR 83  
Dustin Brown GER 84  
Thiago Monteiro BRA 85  
Gastao Elias POR 86

### **About Irving Tennis Classic**

The Irving Tennis Classic (ITC) is an international Challenger Level event governed by the Association of Tennis Professionals (ATP), with players competing to earn valuable Emirates Ranking points and \$150,000.00 USD in prize money. The tournament features a 32-player singles draw and a 16-team doubles draw. Unlike other ATP Challenger Level events, top 50 ATP ranked players in the world can play in the Irving Tennis Classic without obtaining a wildcard. This extraordinary exception helps to attract high level players to the ITC as they move from the BNP Paribas Open in Indian Wells, California and prepare for the Miami Open in Florida. For more information about the Irving Tennis Classic, go to the ITC website at [IrvingTennisClassic.com](http://IrvingTennisClassic.com) or follow the ITC tournament on Twitter ([@irvingtennisclassic](https://twitter.com/irvingtennisclassic)) and Facebook ([www.facebook.com/irvingtennisclassic/](http://www.facebook.com/irvingtennisclassic/)).