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Finals of The Billie Jean King Cup by BNP Paribas to be hosted by Great Britain

- *Finals of the women's world cup of tennis to be hosted in Glasgow on 8-13 November 2022*
- *Great Britain join 11 other nations in six days of high quality tennis*
- *First time Great Britain will host the finals in over 30 years*

The LTA and ITF can today confirm that Great Britain will host the 2022 finals of the Billie Jean King Cup by BNP Paribas in November, providing the culmination to what is a stellar year for women's sport in Britain. The finals of the premier team competition in international women's tennis will be played in Glasgow and will be coming to Great Britain for the first time since 1991.

The finals will be hosted at Glasgow's Emirates Arena across 8-13 November, and will see 12 teams, including Great Britain as host nation, compete to win the rose bowl trophy.

The finals will cap a year in which the LTA is putting a special focus on putting tennis at the forefront of women's sport. The event will be used to raise awareness of tennis as the leading women's sport and inspire more women and girls to get on court for the first time.

The Billie Jean King Cup by BNP Paribas is the name since 2020 for the women's world cup of tennis, which was previously known as the Federation Cup and then the Fed Cup. Each country is allowed to field a team of up to 5 players, who compete in singles and (if needed) a doubles match in each tie.

Joining Great Britain in the finals will be teams from Australia, Belgium, Canada, Czech Republic, Italy, Kazakhstan, Poland, Spain, Slovakia, Switzerland and the USA. The 12 teams will compete in four round robin groups of three. The four group winners will then qualify for semi-finals.

The LTA has stated its ambition to bring more major events to Great Britain and the Billie Jean King Cup will join the Group Stage of the Davis Cup by Rakuten Finals, which will also be hosted

in Glasgow in September. Making Glasgow the first city to host Davis Cup and Billie Jean King Cup Finals events in the same year. The LTA will work closely with Tennis Scotland and other local partners to ensure the event can benefit engagement and participation in tennis in Scotland and across Great Britain. Tickets will be on sale later in the year.

Anne Keothavong, Great Britain, Billie Jean King Cup Captain said: "This is a fantastic opportunity to build the profile of women's tennis and focus attention on women's sport. The entire team are very excited about playing in front of a home crowd and hearing some loud support across the whole week."

Scott Lloyd, Chief Executive of the LTA said: "We have said that we were ambitious to bring more major events to Great Britain and raise the profile of tennis across the whole year, and I'm delighted that Glasgow will be hosting the Billie Jean King Cup Finals as well as the Davis Cup Finals Group stage this year. The first ever finals were held in Great Britain in 1963, and it's brilliant that the finals will be returning here for the first time since 1991. This gives us a great chance to open up tennis to more people, and create special memories that we hope will inspire the next generation of players."

David Haggerty, ITF President said: "We are delighted to be bringing the 2022 Billie Jean King Cup by BNP Paribas Finals to Glasgow. The LTA presented a very impressive bid as part of a competitive hosting process. They have successfully hosted Davis Cup ties in Glasgow, and we look forward to having the women's World Cup of Tennis take place in front of passionate tennis fans from around the world in an electric atmosphere, at the culmination of the women's tennis season."

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