

# Regional Rally: Experience the First-Ever Singapore Tennis Invitational Cup at the Singapore Tennis Open 2025

• Experience the thrill of the Singapore Tennis Invitational Cup from 28 January to 1 February 2025 at the Kallang Tennis Hub, alongside the Singapore Tennis Open 2025!



**SINGAPORE**, **16 January 2025** – The highly anticipated Singapore Tennis Open (STO) 2025 is set to deliver an unparalleled tennis experience with the prestigious WTA 250 tournament taking place from 27 January to 2 February 2025 at Singapore Sports Hub. To serve even more excitement, we're thrilled to host the inaugural **Singapore Tennis Invitational Cup**, which will feature the finest tennis talent from **Singapore**, **Malaysia**, **Indonesia**, **and Cambodia**. The Singapore Tennis Invitational Cup, organised by Singapore Tennis Association (STA) in partnership with Kallang Alive Sport Management (KASM), will run concurrently alongside the Singapore Tennis Open 2025, from **28 January to 1 February**, making it an unmissable celebration of the sport.

Hosted at the Kallang Tennis Hub – a four-storey venue designed for international competitions and athlete training – the thrilling Singapore Tennis Invitational Cup will feature 32 national players competing across five events: Ladies' Singles & Doubles, Men's Singles & Doubles, and Mixed Doubles.

## Courts of Opportunity: Empowering the Future of Tennis in Southeast Asia

The Singapore Tennis Invitational Cup provides regional talent with a platform to showcase their skills, gain valuable experience, and strengthen connections within the community.

"This tournament represents an invaluable opportunity for Southeast Asia's national tennis athletes to compete in a high-calibre environment that replicates the intensity of international competition. It serves as a vital platform for our Team Singapore athletes as they prepare for the 2025 SEA Games," said Jasmine Quek, President of STA, underscoring the significance of the Singapore Tennis Invitational Cup in nurturing the development of the next generation of tennis talent and contributing to the advancement of tennis excellence in Southeast Asia.

"The Singapore Tennis Invitational Cup is more than just a competition. It is a springboard for Southeast Asian athletes to showcase their skills, compete on an international stage, and inspire other young talents to continue growing in our vibrant sports scene. By running alongside the Singapore Tennis Open, we are creating a pathway for these athletes to shine on a global platform and allow fans to discover and connect with the region's rising stars," said Yazed Osman, Group Head of Events & Placemaking and Place Management at Kallang Alive Sport Management, and Co-tournament director of the Singapore Tennis Open. "This invitational cup underscores Singapore's role as a regional sporting hub and aims to create a ripple effect across local and regional tennis ecosystems, offering both players and fans a richer, more engaging experience with the sport."

"Indonesia would like to thank and congratulate STA for hosting the Singapore Tennis Open Singapore Tennis Invitational Cup. We hope that through tournaments like this, potential players from ASEAN will emerge at the world level, and ASEAN can become a world-class tennis hub," said Ghofar Ismail, spokesperson of Indonesian Tennis Association. Leading the Indonesian team is Andrian Raturandang, a distinguished former player who brought glory to Indonesia with a gold medal at the 1997 Southeast Asian Games. Known for his resilience and skill, Raturandang reached a career-high singles ranking of 484 and represented Indonesia in 10 Davis Cup ties, cementing his reputation as one of the nation's tennis stalwarts.

"We welcome this initiative by Singapore to organise this team tournament. It is an opportunity for us to expose members of our national squad to a competitive environment. We look forward to participating as part of our preparation for the SEA Games next December," said Mirzan Mahathir, President of Lawn Tennis Association of Malaysia. Within the Malaysian players' lineup is Hao Sheng Koay, a doubles bronze medallist at the 2023 SEA Games, who is set to showcase his seasoned expertise that has helped highlight Malaysia's growing prominence in the sport and its commitment to nurturing top-tier talent.

"Tennis Cambodia is honored to participate at the Singapore Tennis Invitational Cup. This initiative speaks volumes on the role STA plays in the region. Cambodia is proud to be alongside Malaysia, Indonesia and Singapore. This special tennis event will definitely strengthen not only our tennis relationship but also solidify our friendship. Thank you STA for making this event a reality," said Tep Rithivit, Secretary-General of Cambodian Tennis Federation. Chenda Som, a pivotal member of the bronze-medal-winning duo at the 2023 SEA Games, will bring her signature grit and determination to the courts. Her performance in Phnom Penh has made her a rising star in Cambodian tennis, and her participation in this event underscores the region's depth of talent.

Entry is free for all, on a first-come, first-served basis.

## Get your tickets now!

The Singapore Tennis Open 2025 promises an exciting experience for fans, bringing world-class tennis action up close and personal, from 27 January to 2 February. Tennis fans can enjoy free entry to two days of thrilling action at the qualifying rounds on 25 and 26 January. Secure your tickets to the Singapore Tennis Open 2025 here.

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### ABOUT SINGAPORE SPORTS HUB

Singapore Sports Hub is an iconic, premier destination offering sporting, entertainment and lifestyle experiences for all to enjoy. This world-class development is managed by Kallang Alive Sport Management Co Pte Ltd (KASM). It offers programming that comprises international recreational and competitive events, live entertainment as well as activities that cater to the broader community. The Singapore Sports Hub aims to serve the sporting and entertainment needs of people from all walks of life.

Home to unique world-class sports facilities within the city, the Singapore Sports Hub plays a critical role in accelerating the development of Singapore's sports industry, excellence and participation. Located in Kallang, the Singapore Sports Hub includes the following facilities:

- A 55,000-capacity National Stadium with a retractable roof and movable tiered seating
- A 12,000-capacity Singapore Indoor Stadium with pillarless interior
- A 6,000-capacity OCBC Aquatic Centre that meets FINA standards
- A 3,000-capacity OCBC Arena which is scalable and flexible in layout
- Kallang Tennis Hub, Singapore's first international tournament-ready indoor tennis facility
- Kallang Football Hub housing Singapore's National Training Centre for football
- Water Sports Centre featuring kayaking and canoeing
- 41,000 sqm Kallang Wave Mall, including indoor climbing wall and Splash-N-Surf facility (Kids Waterpark, Stingray and Lazy River)
- 100PLUS Promenade that encircles the National Stadium
- Singapore Youth Olympic Museum & Singapore Sports Museum

- Shimano Cycling World
- Daily community facilities and activities, including beach volleyball, hard courts (futsal, basketball and netball) lawn bowls, giant chess, skate park and running & cycling paths.

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