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ASIA TO HOST THE 2025 BILLIE JEAN KING CUP FINALS IN SHENZHEN, CHINA

The prestigious 2025 Billie Jean King Cup by Gainbridge Finals will take place in Shenzhen, China. The Finals will be hosted at the iconic Shenzhen Bay Sports Arena, known as the “Spring Cocoon”, from 2025 to 2027.

This world-class venue previously hosted the 2019 WTA Finals and has staged many top-level sports events. Now, it’s set to welcome the biggest team event in women’s tennis

The 2025 Finals will feature eight nations, following a new format that mirrors the Davis Cup Final 8. Host nation China and 2024 champions Italy qualify automatically. They are joined by six qualifiers: Great Britain, Japan, Kazakhstan, Spain, Ukraine and the USA.



Bringing the Finals to Shenzhen is part of the BJK Cup’s global vision. The aim is to grow the sport, raise the profile of women’s tennis, and create a space for cultural exchange. The event brings athletes and fans together from all over the world to celebrate unity through tennis.

Only Japan has hosted the BJK Cup Finals in Asia before – in Tokyo during 1981, 1985, and 1989. After more than three decades, the Finals return to Asia, this time to China.



This is not just a tournament – it’s a global celebration of sport, diversity, and unity.

Following the announcement last year of the WTA Finals being hosted in Riyadh, Saudi Arabia from 2024 to 2026, the Billie Jean King Cup Finals in Shenzhen marks the second major women’s tennis event to be staged in Asia. Together, these two flagship events highlight a significant shift towards the region, expected to inspire new fans, boost local engagement, and drive the growth of women’s tennis across Asia.

With Shenzhen set to take center stage, Asia is ready to shine in the world of women’s tennis.



THREE ASIAN NATIONS TO COMPETE AT BJK CUP FINALS IN SHENZHEN



Three Asian nations including Japan, Kazakhshtan and hosts China have made it to the eight-team Billie Jean King Cup Finals with action set to unfold in Shenzhen, China from September 16-21.

China, Japan and Kazakhstan will be joined by the USA, Ukraine, Spain, Great Britain and Italy.

Japan and Kazakhstan made it to the Finals through the Qualifiers.

Kazakhstan played their Group D ties on April 10 and 11 at Pat Rafter Arena in Brisbane. They began with a strong 2-1 win over host Australia. Yulia Putintseva gave Kazakhstan the early lead by defeating Maya Joint 6-2 6-1, followed by Elena Rybakina sealing the tie with a 6-3, 7-6(4) win against Kimberly Birrell.

Kazakhstan continued their good run by defeating Colombia 3-0 in the second tie. Putintseva beat Valentina Mediorreal 6-0 6-1 and Rybakina won over Yuliana Lizarazo 6-1 6-2 to confirm Kazakhstan's third appearance at the BJK Cup Finals.

Japan hosted their Group A qualifier from April 12-13 at Ariake Colosseum in Tokyo. Japan began with a 3-0 win over Romania. Ena Shibahara won the first singles against Miriam Bulgaru 7-5 6-2 and Moyuka Uchijima saved two match points to beat Anca Todoni 3-6 7-6(3) 6-2 and clinch the tie.

Japan's second tie was a close one against Canada. After losing the opening singles Moyuka Uchijima eased past Marina Stakusic 6-3 6-3 to level the tie. Shibahara and Shuko Aoyama won the deciding doubles 6-3, 5-7, 6-2 over Kayla Cross and Rebecca Marino to take Japan into the Finals.

It will be Japan's second consecutive appearance at the Billie Jean King Cup Finals. Their best result was a semi-final finish in 1996.

