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### France v Australia among stand-out match-ups in 2026 Billie Jean King Cup by Gainbridge Play-offs draw

The draw for the 2026 Billie Jean King Cup by Gainbridge Play-offs took place earlier today at the International Tennis Federation (ITF) offices in London and produced a series of eye-catching ties.

France will take on Australia in the nations' first meeting since they contested the 2019 final, which France won in a dramatic decisive doubles match in Perth. Other intriguing clashes include USA's home tie against Hungary and Brazil hosting 2023 world champions Canada.

The Play-offs will be contested on either 20-21 or 21-22 November. Home nations have choice of dates.

The teams competing in the Play-offs are the seven nations that gained promotion from the 2026 Regional Group I events alongside the seven nations that lost in the 2026 Qualifiers earlier this month.

Winning nations from the 2026 Play-offs will advance to the 2027 Qualifiers, the first step towards becoming 2027 world champion and lifting the coveted Billie Jean King Cup trophy. Losing nations will compete in the 2027 Regional Group I events.

Each tie in the Play-offs will consist of two singles matches on day one, then the doubles match followed by the two reverse singles matches on day two. This month's Qualifiers marked the first time in the competition's history that live doubles matches are guaranteed at all best-of-five match Billie Jean King Cup ties and further aligns the competition's format with the Davis Cup. All live matches will be played as best-of-three tie-break sets.

The full 2026 Play-offs draw is listed below, with seedings determined by the most recent [Billie Jean King Cup Nations Rankings by Mastercard](#) from 13 April 2026.

#### 2026 Billie Jean King Cup Play-offs draw

USA (1) (c)\* v Hungary  
Brazil (c)\* v Canada (2)  
Poland (3) (c) v Sweden  
Japan (4) (c) v Argentina  
France (c) v Australia (5)  
Thailand (c)\* v Switzerland (6)  
Slovenia (7) (c) v Indonesia

(c) = choice of ground; \* = choice of ground decided by lot

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The Billie Jean King Cup by Gainbridge is the women's World Cup of Tennis. Previously known as the Fed Cup, it is the largest annual international team competition in women's sport, with a record 148 nations entered to compete in 2026. Global partners of the event include Gainbridge®, e.l.f. Beauty, 1xBet, Microsoft and Mastercard.

### **About Billie Jean King Cup Ltd**

Billie Jean King Cup Limited is a partnership between the International Tennis Federation and TWG Global created to deliver transformative investment and innovation to the Billie Jean King Cup, the women's World Cup of Tennis. Bringing together expertise and experience from the tennis, business, and entertainment industries, our core mission is to grow and leverage the world's most popular annual team competition for women as a platform for positive change.

### **About the ITF**

The International Tennis Federation (ITF) is the world governing body of tennis. In June 2026 it will become World Tennis, following an overwhelming majority vote in favour of the name change from its member national tennis associations at the 2025 ITF Annual General Meeting. 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 214 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 Wheelchair Tennis Event on behalf of the IPC and the Qualification Pathways for both events at the Games. For further information please visit [www.itftennis.com](http://www.itftennis.com).

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