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## AMERICAN TENNIS STAR FRANCES TIAFOE AND ATP SENSATION NICK KYRGIOS COMMIT TO 2019 DELRAY BEACH OPEN

American Young Gun Frances Tiafoe Returns to Delray Beach to  
Defend His 1<sup>st</sup> ATP Career Title, 2019 Tickets Now On-Sale

AUGUST 24, 2018, DELRAY BEACH, FL – Today, the Delray Beach Open (<https://yellowtennisball.com/>) announced that **2018 Singles Champion Frances Tiafoe** and international **tennis sensation Nick Kyrgios** have committed to playing the 2019 Delray Beach Open for the 27th annual event.

Swinging underway February 15-24, 2019, at the Delray Beach Stadium & Tennis Center, for the first time ever, a promotion on Delray Beach Open series packages (Best Seats in the House, Stadium Veranda Seating, Courtside Box Seats and budget-friendly Reserved Seats) is available August 15-28. Fans who purchase a series package before August 28 will have access to the closest seats in the stadium before individual tickets go on sale and:

- Be entered to win a behind-the-scenes tour of Players' Lounge and Media Center including meet-n-greet with an ATP player and photo opportunity (1 winner)
- Be entered to win a 'Delray Our Way' package including lunch or dinner for four at a Delray Beach Open favorite restaurant, i.e. City Oyster, Rocco's Tacos (2 winners)
- Be entered to win a Delray Beach Open 'top fan' swag kit – Official tournament shirt, sweatshirt, hat (3 winners)
- Be entered to win an autographed official tournament poster (4 winners)

"We are excited to have Frances Tiafoe return to Delray Beach to defend his first ATP title and a top player like Nick Kyrgios committed to play here," said **Tournament Director, Mark Baron**. "Our 2019 event is shaping up to be another exciting and entertaining year for fans to take advantage of seeing some of the youngest, and best, in the game."

In 2018, Tiafoe had the most successful week of his young career when he captured his first ATP World Tour singles title at the Delray Beach Stadium and Tennis Center. Tiafoe was the first wild card winner at Delray Beach and is the youngest American to win an ATP title since 19-year-old Andy Roddick won in Houston in 2002. He is also the first Next-Gen American to win a title and the eighth player to capture his first ATP title at Delray Beach.

Currently residing in Orlando, Florida, Tiafoe is just 20-years-old and has reached a career high singles ranking of 38. Tiafoe is coached by former American tennis star Robby Ginepri.

Nick Kyrgios, currently ranked 30 on the ATP World Tour, is no stranger to the local community as he trains in nearby Boca Raton. Kyrgios has four singles titles under his belt at the young age of 23-years-old including the 2018 Brisbane International. Kyrgios is known for his unique style, character and on-court flair for the dramatic.

"I am excited to make my debut in the Delray Beach Open, being there this year unable to play was really tough for me but I am so looking forward to playing in front of the great fans in Delray," stated **Nick Kyrgios**. "It's always been a little home away from home for me as I spend so much time in Boca and the local community really knows their tennis. It's going to be a lot of fun."

Kyrgios has reached the quarterfinals of the Australian Open and Wimbledon Championships, the semifinals twice at the Miami Masters 1000 and the finals of the Cincinnati Masters 1000. Kyrgios also boasts impressive wins over world #1 players Roger Federer, Rafael Nadal, Novak Djokovic and Andy Murray.

The 10-day 2018 Delray Beach Open will begin with a ATP Champions Tour team-event over President's Day weekend (Friday, Feb. 15 - Sunday, Feb. 17), continue with the ATP World Tour singles and doubles draws starting on Monday, Feb. 18 and conclude with the ATP World Tour finals on Sunday, Feb. 24.

Series packages and individual seats are now on sale. Individual tickets start at \$38. Courtside Box Series are available in Standard, Premium and Platinum packages starting at \$1,800 (\$2,706 value), while the on-court Best Seats in the House and covered Stadium Veranda packages are up to 60 percent off regular prices, starting at \$4,000 (\$5,734 value). Series packages also include covered seating on Court 1, a new feature for the 2019 tournament.

A complete schedule of all Delray Beach Open match times and ticket opportunities is posted at [YellowTennisBall.com](http://YellowTennisBall.com). Tickets can be secured online or by calling 561-330-6000.

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***Disclaimer - Match schedule, including number of sessions, dates, times, number of matches and players scheduled are subject to change. Tickets are not eligible for refund or exchange.***

**About The Delray Beach Open:** The only tournament in the world featuring an ATP Champions Tour event and an ATP World Tour event in the same week at the same venue is held in Delray Beach, Florida, February 15-24 at the Delray Beach Stadium & Tennis Center. The ATP World Tour's first North American hard court event of the outdoor season is one of just 10 ATP World Tour events in the United States. 2019 will be its 21<sup>st</sup> year in Delray Beach, and 27<sup>th</sup> overall. The 3-day, ATP Champions Tour team-event is in its 10<sup>th</sup> year and was the first-ever event played on US soil. Each year the Delray Beach Open brings world-class tennis players and thousands of visitors to Delray Beach and Palm Beach County. In 2010, the tournament received the Discover The Palm Beaches Florida's annual Providencia Award for its extraordinary contribution to tourism. The City of Delray Beach was also a finalist for the USTA's "Best Tennis Town" Award and in 2003, the tournament was the recipient of an "ATP Award of Excellence." For more information please visit [www.YellowTennisBall.com](http://www.YellowTennisBall.com).

**About the ATP:** The ATP is the governing body of the men's professional tennis circuits - the ATP World Tour, the ATP Challenger Tour and the ATP Champions Tour. With 64 tournaments in 31 countries, the ATP World Tour

showcases the finest male athletes competing in the world's most exciting venues. From Australia to Europe and the Americas to Asia, the stars of the 2017 ATP World Tour will battle for prestigious titles and Emirates ATP Ranking Points at ATP World Tour Masters 1000, 500 and 250 events, as well as Grand Slams (non ATP events). At the end of the season only the world's top 8 qualified singles players and doubles teams will qualify to compete for the last title of the season at the ATP Finals. Held at The O2 in London, the event will officially crown the 2018 ATP World Tour No. 1 presented by Emirates. For more information, please visit [www.ATPWorldTour.com](http://www.ATPWorldTour.com).

**About the ATP Champions Tour:** The ATP Champions Tour brings together many of the greatest tennis players in history for nostalgic, competitive and entertaining tournaments around the world. Players are either formerly ranked No. 1 in the world in singles, a Grand Slam singles champion or finalist, or a singles player on a winning Davis Cup team. Players must be retired from ATP World Tour competition and each event can invite wild card entrants of its choice. The Delray Beach Open features a team-format for its 3-day ATP Champions Tour event.

**About The City of Delray Beach:** In the southeast corner of Palm Beach County on the Atlantic seashore, a Village by the Sea that began as an agricultural community in 1895 has become one of Florida's most popular destinations for visitors, new families and seasonal residents. The City of Delray Beach encompasses slightly over 16 square miles with a permanent population of nearly 65,000 and growing. The City's charm continues to garner national awards, including three in 2017: an "All-America City" award from the National Civic League for literacy strides (the city was also recognized in 1993 and 2001), a "Playful City USA" designation for providing 24 playgrounds for residents, and the recognition of Atlantic Ave as one of the "10 Great American Shopping Streets" by USA Today. In 2012 during the nationally televised "Best of the Road" special, Delray Beach was chosen by Rand McNally, USA Today and the Travel Channel as the "Most Fun Small Town" in America. In 2014, USA Today named it as one of the "Best Atlantic Beaches in Florida."