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## **GRAND SLAM CHAMPION SOFIA KENIN ENTERS CHARLESTON FIELD**

*Australian Open champion Sofia Kenin joins a Charleston field with five top 10 players*

**Twitter:** Grand Slam champion Sofia Kenin will compete in the @CreditOneBank @CharlestonOpen this April. She joins a player field featuring five of the world's top 10 players and five past #CharlestonOpen champions. Tickets are available now. #CHS #WTA

CHARLESTON, S.C. – 2020 Australian Open champion Sofia Kenin has been awarded a main draw wild card into the Credit One Charleston Open, the largest women's-only tennis tournament in North America. The tournament, which was recently named the WTA 500 Tournament of the Year, is the annual clay season kickoff event on the WTA Hologic Tour. The Charleston Open is scheduled April 1 - 9 in the renovated and modernized Credit One Stadium on Daniel Island in Charleston, South Carolina.

Kenin joins fellow Grand Slam champions Aryna Sabalenka, Victoria Azarenka, Sloane Stephens and Jelena Ostapenko in the field. Charleston's player field features five of the world's top 10 players, including World No. 2 Sabalenka, World No. 3 Jessica Pegula, World No. 5 Ons Jabeur, World No. 8 Daria Kasatkina and World No. 9 Belinda Bencic.

"Adding Sofia to our already strong player field reinforces the level of talent that will be on display in April at the Credit One Charleston Open. As a Grand Slam champion and former top 10 player, we are happy to support her return to tennis competition after injuries," said Bob Moran, Tournament Director of the Credit One Charleston Open and President of Charleston Tennis LLC. "Our attendees are in for a great nine days of tennis in April, where the best in women's tennis will be in competition at the Credit One Stadium."

Kenin was named the 2020 WTA Player of the Year following an impressive season that included her Australian Open victory and a finals appearance at Roland-Garros. With her Australian Open title, she became the youngest American to win a Grand Slam women's singles title since Serena Williams in 1999.

The 24-year-old has five career WTA titles and has been ranked as high as World No. 4. This is her fourth appearance in Charleston's main draw.

The Charleston Open has also awarded main draw wild cards to Elina Svitolina and Emma Navarro.

The nine-day Credit One Charleston Open showcases a singles draw of 56 players, a qualifying draw of 32 players and a doubles draw of 16 players. The event traditionally hosts more than 90,000 attendees on Daniel Island.

Charleston Tennis, LLC, which manages Credit One Stadium under a lease from the City of Charleston, recently renovated and modernized the 20-year-old facility. The city-owned venue underwent upgrades to enhance the stadium experience for patrons, performers, tennis players and event management, allowing the venue to attract world-class athletes and talent to Daniel Island.

The Credit One Charleston Open celebrated its 50th year in 2022. The tournament has been a pioneer in women's professional sports since 1973, paving the path for female tennis players to receive equal recognition, respect and pay in the sport. Originally held on Hilton Head Island, the event moved to Charleston in 2001 and is played on Daniel Island at the LTP Daniel Island tennis center, home to the Credit One Stadium.

Tickets for the 2023 tournament can be purchased online at [creditonecharlestonopen.com](https://creditonecharlestonopen.com) or by calling (843) 856-7900. When purchasing tickets for the 2023 Credit One Charleston Open, patrons can choose from single session tickets (\$25+) from Saturday, April 1 - Sunday, April 9. All tournament packages have officially sold out for the 2023 tournament, inclusive of all 100 and 200 level packages.

For additional information, please email [tickets@charlestantennisllc.com](mailto:tickets@charlestantennisllc.com). For more information on the Credit One Charleston Open, visit [creditonecharlestonopen.com](https://creditonecharlestonopen.com) or call 843-856-7900.

**About the Credit One Charleston Open:**

The Credit One Charleston Open is North America's largest women's-only tennis tournament and was named the 2022 WTA 500 Tournament of the Year. The event, formerly known as the Volvo Car Open, moved to Charleston, S.C., in 2001 from Hilton Head Island, S.C., and celebrated its 50th year in 2022. The Credit One Charleston Open traditionally welcomes more than 90,000 spectators each year. The tournament features a singles draw of 56 players, a qualifying draw of 32 players and a doubles draw of 16 players. In conjunction with Tennis Channel and WTA Media, the Credit One Charleston Open is showcased from the first ball struck in main draw competition to the last ball played in finals, throughout the U.S. and 174 international partners. The tournament receives more than 100 hours of tennis coverage, broadcast live from Charleston across the globe to millions of fans. The tournament is operated by Charleston Tennis, LLC. For more information on the Credit One Charleston Open, visit [creditonecharlestonopen.com](https://creditonecharlestonopen.com), call (843) 856-7900, email [info@charlestantennisllc.com](mailto:info@charlestantennisllc.com), Facebook (Credit One Charleston Open), Twitter (@CharlestonOpen) or Instagram (@CreditOneCharlestonOpen).

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