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Toray Pan Pacific Open Tennis Tournament 2022 Defending Singles Champion Naomi Osaka (age 24 /Japan) Commits to Compete!



Naomi Osaka, the defending singles champion from the Toray Pan Pacific Open Tennis last held in 2019 announced to the Executive Committee (headquartered in Tokyo's Minato ward and led by Tournament Director Yutaka Nakagawa), her intention to participate in this year's tournament scheduled to be held from Saturday, September 17 to Sunday, September 25

Naomi Osaka's current ranking is WTA 38. However, she has set an ambitious world ranking target "to be back at the top again", and many Japanese fans await to see her play to defend her championship.

Since its inception in 1984, the TPPO has attracted many Japanese tennis fans. It is a sporting event that showcases the intense competition of the iconic superstars who are inspiration to the women's tennis world. This year will mark the tournament's return after three-year hiatus and the first time in five years that it will be held at the Ariake Coliseum. Don't miss this nine-day event, which will be the focus of many enthusiastic tennis fans worldwide.

Tickets for the tournament has already started, with the second presales to start on Friday, July 22 at noon, available at e+ (<u>https://ib.eplus.jp/toray-ppo</u>), Ticket Pia (<u>https://w.pia.jp/t/toray-ppo/</u>), and Rakuten Ticket (<u>https://r-t.jp/toray-ppo/</u>).

Visit the official website (www.toray-ppo.com) for tournament and ticket sales details.

Profile: Naomi Osaka

Nationality: Japan (JPN) (as of July 18, 2022) World ranking: 38th Date of birth: October 16, 1997 (24 years old) Height/weight: 180 cm / 69 kg Style of play: Right-handed (two-handed backhand) Major results: 2022 Miami Open, runner up 2022 Australian Open, third round 2021 Australian Open, winner 2020 US Open, winner 2020 Australian Open, third round 2019 China Open, winner 2019 Toray Pan Pacific Open Tennis, winner 2019 Australian Open, winner 2018 Toray Pan Pacific Open Tennis, runner up 2018 US Open, winner 2018 BNP Paribas Open, winner



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2016 Toray Pan Pacific Open Tennis, runner up

Outline of the Tournament

| Tournament : | TORAY PAN PACIFIC OPEN TENNIS TOURNAMENT 2022 (TORAY PAN PACIFIC OPEN TENNIS 2022) |
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| Schedule: | Main Draw: Monday (national holiday), Sept. 19 - Sunday, Sept. 25 Qualification: Saturday, Sept. 17 - Monday (national holiday), Sept. 19 |
| Venue: | Ariake Coliseum and Ariake Tennis Forest Park Address: 2-2-22 Ariake, Koto-ku, Tokyo Access: 8 min. walk from 'Ariake Station' or 'Ariake Tennis no Mori Station' on the Yurikamome Line |
| Draw Size: | Main Draw: Singles 28 / Doubles 16 Qualification: Singles 24 (TBC) |
| Prize money: | US\$757,900 |
| ■ Surface: | Hard court (outdoors, TBC) |
| Cumulative attendance: | 1,363,458 persons (between 1984 and 2019) |
| Broadcaster: | WOWOW: all singles matches (TBC) Monday, Sept. 19 through Sunday, Sept. 25 |
| Organizer: | Toray Pan Pacific Open Tennis Executive Committee |
| Title sponsor: | Toray Industries, Inc. |
| Official special partner: | Hologic |
| Official sponsor: | SAP, Seiko Holdings Corporation, FILA, YONEX CO., LTD. |
| Tournament supporter: | eplus inc., Dunlop Sports Marketing Co. Ltd. |
| Special support: | Japan Tennis Association—JTA |
| ■ Support: | Tokyo Metropolitan Government (TBC) |
| ■ Sanction: | Women's Tennis Association—WTA International Tennis Federation—ITF |
| Cooperation: | Japan Ladies Tennis Federation—JLTF Japan Tennis Industry Association—JTIA Japan Professional Tennis Association—JPTA |