



Volvo Car Open



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SIMONA HALEP TO MAKE VOLVO CAR OPEN DEBUT IN 2020

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Social Media: Grand Slam champion @Simona_Halep will play the @VolvoCarOpen for the first time in 2020. The reigning Wimbledon winner has been ranked within the @WTA's top 10 for the past six seasons. Tickets available now for the #VolvoCarOpen: tickets.volvocaropen.com. #CHS #Charleston

DANIEL ISLAND, S.C. – Reigning Wimbledon champion and Former World No. 1 Simona Halep will make her Volvo Car Open debut in 2020. The 27-year-old Romanian has been ranked within the WTA's top 10 for the past six years.

The Volvo Car Open will take place April 4 – 12 on Daniel Island in Charleston, SC. Halep joins Belinda Bencic, Amanda Anisimova, Garbiñe Muguruza and defending champion Madison Keys in the growing player field.

"I am so looking forward to playing in Charleston for the first time in my career," said Halep. "I have heard so many great things about it and am so pleased to have it on my calendar for 2020. I know the players always say they feel at home there, so I can't wait to visit the city and make my debut on the green clay."

Halep has won 19 WTA tournaments in her career, including winning the 2019 Wimbledon title and 2018 French Open title. In addition to capturing her second Grand Slam title in 2019, she was a finalist in Doha and Madrid, a semifinalist in Miami and a quarterfinalist in Dubai, Paris, Eastbourne and Toronto.

"Simona competing in the Volvo Car Open for the first time means so much to us," said Eleanor Adams, Volvo Car Open Tournament Manager. "We will be celebrating our 20th year in Charleston and to finally have Simona join our storied roster of players... the timing couldn't be better! Twice voted a WTA Fan Favorite, Simona has an aggressive, precise style of play; she's powerful and fast. I am certain our fans will embrace her. Simona has been worth the wait!"

Halep was also the 2018 Australian Open finalist and 2017 French Open finalist.

The Volvo Car Open will celebrate its 20th year in Charleston in 2020. The tournament relocated to Charleston from Hilton Head Island, where it was held from 1973 – 2000.

The nine-day Volvo Car Open is the largest women's-only tennis tournament in North America. The event attracts an average of 90,000 attendees and more than 100 of the top singles and doubles tennis players to Charleston every year.

Patrons have the option to choose from individual tickets, ticket packages and travel packages. Ticket prices range from \$25 for an individual session to \$540 for an all-inclusive weeklong package with complimentary access into a private hospitality suite. The Volvo Car Open also offers packages that include premium seats, ticket savings and membership into the tournament's Ace Club.

For more information on the tournament and ticket options, visit volvocaropen.com or call 843.856.7900.

About the Volvo Car Open:

The Volvo Car Open is North America's largest women's-only tennis tournament. The event, formerly known as the Family Circle Cup, moved to Charleston, S.C., in 2001 from Hilton Head Island, S.C., and will celebrate its 48th tournament in 2020. The Volvo Car Open 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 Volvo Car 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; live from Charleston, broadcast across the globe to millions of fans. The tournament is operated by Charleston Tennis, LLC. For more information on the Volvo Car Open, visit <http://www.VolvoCarOpen.com>, call (843) 856-7900, email info@volvocaropen.com, Facebook (Volvo Car Open), Twitter (@VolvoCarOpen) or Instagram (VolvoCarOpen).

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