



Novak Djokovic questions equal prize money in tennis

Djokovic said statistics should be used to determine distribution of prizes

counterpart (n): a person who has the same function/ position as another in a different place or situation

fight (vb - context): to campaign against s.t. unjust/unfair

deserve (vb): have or show qualities worthy of reward

prize money (n): money given to a competition winner

challenge (n): a task or situation that tests one's abilities

undermine (vb): to reduce the effectiveness of s.t.

irrespective (of) (adj): without taking s.t. into account

World number one Novak Djokovic says male tennis players should earn more money than their female counterparts, as more people watch their matches.

After claiming victory at the BNP Paribas Open in Indian Wells, 11-time major winner Djokovic said the men's tennis tour "should **fight** for more".

Djokovic, 28, said women "fought for what they **deserve** and they got it", but claimed **prize money** should be "fairly distributed" based on "who attracts more attention, spectators and who sells more tickets".

There has been equal **prize money** in all four majors - the Australian Open, US Open, French Open and Wimbledon - since 2007, and combined Masters events such as Indian Wells and Miami pay the same to men and women.

But female players are paid significantly less at women-only events when compared to similar sized men's events.

The Serb admitted it was a "very delicate situation" and was "completely for women power". He said:

- Equal **prize money** has been the main subject of the tennis world in the past seven or eight years

- Both men and women's games should "fight for what they think they deserve"
- Women have to go through "hormones" and other **challenges** men do not
- Women have to make "sacrifices for certain periods of time, the family time or decisions that they make on their own bodies in order to play tennis"

A debate about the relative strengths of the men's and women's game should not be off limits.

Novak Djokovic's comments are shared by very many in the men's game.

He is suggesting prize money at combined events should be distributed on the basis of ticket sales and TV viewing figures.

That may lead in future to women being paid more, but could also fatally **undermine** the principle that men and women should be treated equally for competing on the same stage - **irrespective** of the number of sets they are asked to play.

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"Let's chat about that!"

- *In general, do you agree with what Djokovic says? Why / Why not?*
- *Women have fought hard for equality in this sport. Why should they give up now?*
- *Should all sportspeople be paid the same amount of prize money? Why / (not)?*
- *If so, why don't they play against each other in competitions?*
- *Male tennis players play 5 sets, females only 3 sets, but men do less housework than women. Are the two situations comparable?*
- *The Olympics used to be amateur. Do you think all sports should become amateur again?*

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HOLIDAY VOCABULARY

HERE ARE SOME USEFUL EXPRESSIONS FOR TALKING ABOUT VACATIONS

1. **all-in package/package holiday**: a holiday where you purchase the travel and accommodation together
2. **brehtaking view**: an extremely beautiful view
3. **charter-flight**: a cheaper form of flying than a scheduled flight
4. **check-in desk**: the place at the airport where you register for your flight and deposit your luggage
5. **departure lounge**: where you wait for your flight to be called
6. **far-off destination**: somewhere a long way away
7. **to get away from it all**: to take a holiday to escape a busy or stressful lifestyle
8. **guided tour**: an organised group shown around a place of interest by an expert
9. **holiday brochure**: a glossy publication with details of holiday packages
10. **holiday destination**: where you go for a holiday
11. **holiday of a lifetime**: a special holiday that you are unlikely to repeat
12. **holiday resort**: a place where lots of people go for a holiday
13. **hordes of tourists**: crowds of tourists
14. **local crafts**: objects produced locally
15. **long weekend**: an extended weekend holiday including Friday or Monday
16. **out of season**: outside of the main holiday period
17. **picturesque village**: very pretty village
18. **passport control**: the place where your passport is checked
19. **places of interest**: sites of interest to tourists
20. **wildlife safari**: a holiday, often in Africa, to observe wild animals
21. **self-catering**: a holiday where you supply your own food
22. **short break**: a short holiday
23. **to go sightseeing**: to look around the tourist sites
24. **stunning landscape**: extremely beautiful countryside
25. **travel agent**: a shop that specialises in booking holidays
26. **tourist trap**: somewhere where too many tourists go
27. **youth hostel**: a cheap form of accommodation



*“The Internet is a great source of information and high street **travel agents** are still very popular ... that’s where I like to go to get **holiday brochures** for the place I’m interested in.”*

“We have a lot of **holiday resorts** along the coast that are popular with tourists ... most people come on **package holidays** and stay in one of the many hotels and **self-catering** apartments.”

*“I try to avoid **tourist traps** ... I like to get **away from it all** and prefer going somewhere **off the beaten track** ... last year I had **the holiday of a lifetime** ... a two week **wildlife safari** in Kenya.”*

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“It’s much easier and affordable to travel now ... nowadays you can get cheap **charter-flights** or **all-in packages** ... to somewhere near or to a **far-off destination**.”

*“Flying can be quite boring ... queuing up at the **check-in desk** ... going through **passport control** ... sitting for ages in the **departure lounge** ... then the flight itself can be quite uncomfortable.”*

“I enjoy visiting the local **places of interest** ... I like to **go sightseeing** and always sign up for **guided tours** as it’s a chance to be shown around and take photographs ... one of my hobbies.”