



**TECHNICAL RULES BOOK**  
**INTERNATIONAL**  
**TOURNAMENTS**  
**FIP TOUR**

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## TECHNICAL RULES AND REGULATIONS OF THE INTERNATIONAL PADEL FEDERATION

### IPF INTERNATIONAL TOURNAMENTS AND CHAMPIONSHIPS FOR DOUBLES PAIRS

#### CHAPTER I: GENERAL

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##### **I.1. PURPOSE AND APPLICATION**

The aim of these rules and regulations is to regulate the organisation and running of all the Official International Padel Tournaments and Championships for Doubles, organised, authorised or recognised by the International Padel Federation (henceforth IPF) anywhere in the world.

##### **I.2. AUTHORITY**

The expression Official International Tournament and Championships refers to all those which have been included in the Official IPF Calendar and count for the Official ranking FIP-WPT.

##### **I.3. RESPONSIBILITY**

The IPF is responsible for the general running of all the Official International Tournaments and Championships, including:

- I.3.1.** Selection: Choice of the competitions to be included in the Official Calendar.
- I.3.2.** Dates: Confirmation or appointment of competition dates.
- I.3.3.** Conflicts: Classification and resolution of all conflicts that arise.

##### **I.4. CALENDAR**

The IPF will publish the Official Calendar every year on the 31<sup>st</sup> December. Modifications and inclusions can be done throughout the year, and will be communicated to the Associate Members and posted in the official web system.

##### **I.5. TAKING PART IN COMPETITIONS**

Each international competition authorised by the IPF will be subject to these Rules and Regulations. All players who participate in a Competition authorised by the IPF will likewise be subject to the present Rules and Regulations.

In order to participate in the Official Competitions, players are required to hold a valid membership or licence issued by a National Federation or Association affiliated to the IPF.

##### **I.6. ANTI DOPING REGIME**

All competitions under the control of the IPF will be bound by its Anti Doping Regime, by the stipulations set by the World Anti-Doping Code, and by the list of prohibited substances and pharmacological groups and non-regulated sports doping methods approved by the World Anti- Doping Agency.

## CHAPTER II: OFFICIAL COMPETITIONS

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### II.1. DEFINITION

The Competitions in the Official Calendar are “**Official Competitions**”.

“**Official Competitions**” are divided into:

- The “**World Championships**” are those in which the World Champion Title is at stake. They are defined and selected by the IPF.
- The “**Continental o Regional Championships**” are those in which the Continental o Regional Champion Title is at stake. They are defined and selected by the corresponding Continental o Regional Federation in the event that it is recognised by the IPF, or in their absence, by the IPF itself.
- “**International Tournaments**” are all the other competitions included in the IPF Official Calendar and include the World Padel Tour (WPT) circuit and the FIP TOUR tournaments.

### II.2. CATEGORY, NAME, LICENCES AND UMPIRING

#### II.2.1. Category and Official Calendar

- II.2.1.1.** “Official Competitions” are the direct responsibility of the IPF (not included WPT tournaments, which only share Ranking and calendar) as regards the Competition Rules and Regulations, Disciplinary Rules and Regulations, Game Rules, etc.. They decide World Champions or Continental o Regional Champions or simply count towards the Official IPF Rankings. Those competitions that do not meet the indicated requirements but which have been included on the Organiser’s request in the Official Calendar on the condition that they respect all the IPF Rules and Regulations will also be considered as “Official Competitions”.
- II.2.1.2.** The following will be included in the Official Calendar: World Championships in all categories, Continental Championships, Regional Championships and those International Tournaments that, in the opinion of the IPF, form part of a sports project that meets all the appropriate budgetary, sponsorship and organisational conditions.
- II.2.1.3.** In order to count towards the IPF Ranking an event must be included in the Official Calendar and meet the requirements established by the FIP for its development.
- II.2.1.4.** The Competitions requests must be made to the IPF (WPT tournaments not included) via the corresponding National Federations/Associations who must ensure that IPF Rules and Regulations are respected. If the IPF considers it convenient, they sign contracts awarding competitions to Potential Organisers, but if these have the authority to choose the country in which the competition will be held, the application must be escalated to the IPF via the Federation/Association of the Associate Member. The Association/Federation will give course to the request if in agreement but should it do so it will have to respect the terms agreed between the IPF and the Potential Organizer.
- II.2.1.5.** If the IPF considers it convenient, they sign contracts awarding competitions to Potential Organisers, but if these have the authority to choose the country in which the competition will be held and select a country without Associate Member, the application must be escalated to the IPF directly and will be

provided the necessary help to IPF to carry out the own functions of supervision and control, in order to approve the competition.

**II.2.1.6.** When presented a request for a number of International Tournaments higher than four (4) and to be held at least in three (3) different countries, it will be considered it is a “circuit”. The Circuits shall be requested to the IPF directly from the Potential Organisers. In the case the Potential Organiser is a registered Promotion company, the IPF will inform the corresponding National Associations or Federations, asking for the acceptance, and will join the IPF in the control of IPF Rules and Regulations respect. The IPF could, if it is considered convenient, sign direct agreements for competitions assignment with Potential Organizers.

## II.2.2. Names

The Official International Competitions are the following:

- World Padel Championships by national teams Male and Female (included seniors and juniors)
- Regionals Padel Championships by national teams Male and Female (included seniors and juniors)
- World Padel Championships OPEN by pairs Male and Female (included seniors and juniors)
- Regionals Padel Championships OPEN by pairs Male and Female (included seniors and juniors)
- WPT Master Final, male and female.
- WPT Master, male and female.
- WPT Open, male and female.
- WPT Challenger, male and female
- FIP STAR, male and female.
- FIP RISE, male and female.
- FIP PROMOTION, male and female
- FIP exhibition organized by National Federations Associated Members to the FIP, male and female .
- Master Final, male and female.

## II.2.3. Licenses

**II.2.3.1.** As indicated in paragraph I.5., in order for a player to participate in Official Competitions, they have to hold a valid license or membership issued by one of those National Federations or Associations that are an Associated Member of the former and which, furthermore, have not been sanctioned by the IPF.

**II.2.3.2.** All National Federations or Associations upon request will inform the IPF of the licenses issued to players so they can be checked, providing a record of the official licenses issued during the season.

**II.2.3.3.** Each player may have as many licenses or memberships as he wants, issued by Associated Members, but the player has to declare the elected nationality at the time of requesting the license in order to show it in the official IPF Individual Ranking.

## II.2.4. Umpiring

**II.2.4.1.** The special features of Padel and the lack of means at specific times, means that it is impossible to demand the presence of an Umpire in all matches. When this occurs, the players themselves should apply the Game Rules, as a general rule, each couple umpiring in their own court.

In the event that it is not possible to reach an agreement concerning a specific point or action, the presence of the Referee will be requested, this person taking the final decision once both sides have been heard.

Control of the march by the Umpires and their team can have two different modalities:

- Active Umpiring: In active umpiring play stops once the umpire has called a decision signalling all infractions to the rules. II.9.15.

- **Passive umpiring:** In passive umpiring the umpiring team intervenes directly when points named in II.9.14. arise but in all others act at the request of players.

**II.2.4.2.** The IPF will determine whether the umpiring is active or passive but their decision should be known before the competition begins.

**II.2.4.3.** The Chair Umpire shall be obligatory in all finals and semi-finals of the FIP STAR tournaments included in the IPF Official Tournaments Schedule. It is not mandatory, but suggested, in the FIP RISE AND FIP PROMOTION tournaments.

### II.3. COMPETITIONS ORGANISERS

**II.3.1.** The following will be considered as Potential Organizer of competitions included in the IPF calendar:

- National Federations/Associations which are an Associate Member.
- Promotion Companies that are accredited by the IPF.

**II.3.2.** Organization of the International Tournaments included in the IPF Official Calendar corresponds to the Potential Organizer who has requested it, and if it is a Promotion company, it will be supervised by the IPF.

Applications for a tournament to be included in the Official Calendar will be processed by the Associated Member, except in the cases indicated in the articles II.2.1.5 and II.2.1.6.

The Potential Organizer shall be responsible for the payment of prizes, and, if it is a Promotion company, the IPF shall verify the necessary existence of endorsements or guarantees in order to hold the competition

**II.3.3.** In order to receive accreditation the Board of Directors will require:

- Experience in the organization of sporting events, either having already organized some or having personnel with proven capacity to do so.
- Sufficient qualified personnel.
- Economic capacity. Directly related to the category of the Championships or Tournaments they intend to organize
- It will be suggested but not obligated the backing from the Associated Member which is responsible for the country where the Organizer's head office is located.

### II.4. REQUESTING COMPETITIONS

**II.4.1.** The IPF will send to the Associated Members approximately before the 30<sup>th</sup> November a Provisional Calendar stating all the World, Continental and Regional Championships that have been programmed for the year with an indication of the estimated dates. It will also include all the Tournaments included in the Official Calendar of the previous year attempting to adjust the dates to the New Year as far as possible. The said Provisional Calendar will provide guidance concerning the name of the competition, the prize amount, venue and probable dates.

**II.4.2.** Once the Provisional Calendar has been received, the Associated Members and promoting Companies that wish to repeat the organization of Tournaments or organize other new ones should apply in writing to the IPF through their Associated Member, indicating the Tournament name, tentative date and the budget available for prizes. Obviously, when requesting dates, preference will attempt to be given to those Tournaments that have already been held in previous years.

Information must on all occasions be included about the facilities of the Club where the competition will be held; this must be registered and up to date on payment to the Associated Member corresponding to its country, except in special circumstances to spread and promote padel: organization in a street or square, shopping center, etc.

The IPF must receive all requests approximately prior to the 15<sup>th</sup> of December.

**II.4.3.** Once it has received the information the IPF will draw up the Tentative Calendar which will be published approximately prior to the 31<sup>st</sup> of December, showing the bids chosen to organize the World Championships as well as the Tournaments that meet with requirements. The Board of Directors, once they have attended to the comments of the interested parties, will draw up the Official Calendar, no later than the 31<sup>st</sup> of January, after which it can no longer be modified related to date of World Championships to avoid affecting the calendars of the Associated Members.

## **II.5. COMPETITION ADJUDICATION**

**II.5.1.** In order to includes the World Open Championships, the Tournaments FIP STAR, FIP RISE, FIP PROMOTION and Final Master in the Official Calendar, the IPF will take into account, amongst others, the following circumstances:

### **Installations:**

- Number of courts and their technical conditions: dimensions, lighting, wall materials, surface, etc..
- Existence of glass courts.
- Adequate changing rooms
- Players' room.
- Room or reserved space for the use of Umpiring Team.
- Other usable installations: gym, swimming pool, SPA, etc..

### **Facilities:**

- Club restaurant with accessible prices.
- Massage and physiotherapist services.
- On-site medical attendance.
- Availability of communication media: telephones, e-mail, internet, Wi-Fi, etc..

### **Communications:**

- Press room.
- Relevant information about the event (results, information releases, access to IPF web-system, etc.) to press and Associated Members.
- Space reserved for TV cameras and photographers.

### **Organizational Capacity:**

- Organizational experience of sporting events.
- Sufficient and qualified personnel.
- Lodging in appropriate hotels.
- Transport between club-hotel or sufficient proximity for transport to be unnecessary.

Once these concepts have been taken into account, others relating to rotation or geographical distribution can be taken into account, at the sole discretion of the IPF. Article II.12. that shows the economic conditions relating to the adjudication of Competitions the bidder's document must refer to the Technical Conditions and Requirements as agreed with the IPF, taking into account as guideline the document: "Indications of Necessities to organize a World Open Padel Championships and International Tournament" (see annexes A and B).

**II.5.2.** The IPF may demand a deposit that never could be higher than US\$ 30.000,00, either in cash or by means of a bank guarantee, to guaranty that the requested Championships or Tournament is held in the offered conditions. The initial deposit should be increased until reach the prizes amount within sixty (60) days before the planned start date of the competition.

These deposits will be returned immediately should the inscription request for the Championships in the Official Calendar be turned down, or if the bid to organize a Championships is not selected. Otherwise the refund will be made within sixty (60) days of the completion date of the Tournament or Circuit.

**II.5.3.** If the same Potential Organizer promotes or requests the inscription of various events in an Official Calendar, the total amount of all the deposits can be negotiated with the IPF, so that, in order to protect common interests, they are not too excessive a burden.

## **II.6. AMENDMENTS TO THE OFFICIAL CALENDAR**

**II.6.1.** In order to change any of the data relating to an International Tournament once it has been included in the Official Calendar, the requesting Organizer has to make the appropriate written request to the IPF within the following periods:

- Change of Name: one (1) month
- Change de City: two (2) months
- Change de Club: one (1) month
- Change of Referee: fifteen (15) days

In order to change any of the data relating to the World Open Championships once it has been included in the Official Calendar, the requesting Organizer has to make the appropriate written request to the IPF within the following periods:

- Change de City: ten (10) months
- Change de Club: four (4) month
- Change of Referee: fifteen (15) days

All these periods are understood to be the minimum before the programmed Competition start date.

The IPF will study the received requests and attempt to attend to them as long as they do not harm the rights of third parties or that the requested changes are not sufficiently big to alter the normal programming of the competition calendar.

Any Organizer that cancels a competition or introduces changes in its organization without the authorization of the IPF will lose their deposit and can, in addition, be sanctioned by not being able to organize competitions included in the Official Calendar for one (1) year irrespective of the possible sanctions that might arise in accordance with the Sporting Discipline Regulations.

**II.6.2.** The following conditions need to be met to request the incorporation of new competitions in the Official Calendar:

- The request is received at least two (2) months in advance of the planned start date of the competition.
- The interests of Organizers of competitions already included in the Official Calendar will not be harmed.
- There are not overlap of date with Competitions already includes in the Official IPF Calendar, to be held in the same country or in an adjacent country, except of IPF proper authorization.
- The request complies with the requirements set out in II.5..

## II.7. INSTALATIONS

In order to hold an International Tournament in the IPF Official Calendar, the Organization must have sufficient courts with specified lighting to guaranty that the competition runs smoothly, taking into account the available days, the numbers of matches to be played, as well as adequate auxiliary installations and sufficient human and material resources.

- FIP STAR: 6 courts ( 1 central court with seats for 500 persons)
- FIP RISE: 4 courts (1 central court with seats for 200 persons)
- FIP PROMOTION: 2 courts.

The board can decide the number of a minimum of courts to succeed in the competition in each category.

In cases of exception, the IPF, in defense of the promotion of padel, can decide to authorize holding the tournament in installations that do not meet the mentioned requirements, providing the courts respect the IPF's Rules for the Game of Padel. Competitions will always be held on courts with lighting with the same type of walls and surface. When the courts where the matches to be held are of different surface or construction (glass and brick-wall) the criteria to be followed for the adjudication should be publicly established beforehand, included the possibility for the organizer to assign the court due to TV needs. Should these criteria be lacking, there will be a draw to decide who plays on each court.

Inspection of the installations: The IPF reserves the right to send a Supervisor to review the general infrastructure and courts, assessing their state to hold matches as well as the other directly related installations, such as changing rooms, dining rooms, rest rooms, etc..

Should the report be negative, the Organizer, the Referee of the competition and the Owner of the installations will immediately be informed so they can remedy the notified faults before the start of the matches. Should this not be possible, the necessary measures will be taken, from forbidding the use of the defective installations to cancellation of the Competition.

## II.8. COMPETITION DIRECTOR

**II.8.1.** The Competition Director will be designated by the Organizer, bearing in mind that no one may be Competition Director and Player or Umpire in the same event.

**II.8.2.** The Competition Director is responsible to the Organizer for the organization and smooth running of the competition, and the latter is responsible to the IPF.

**II.8.3.** Competition Director Duties:

- To ensure that the sports installations are prepared to hold the competition.
- To ensure the proper placement of the branding following the FIP guideline
- To check that the balls and trophies are in the installations before the beginning of the competition.
- To check the registrations and provide the Referee with a list of the players who have not paid so the latter can prevent them from taking part.
- To send to the IPF a list of the players that have declared a W.O. and who have not paid the registration.
- To liaise between the Organizer, the people responsible for the installations, the players, the sponsors, the Referee and the IPF Supervisor.
- To be prepared to handle any emergency that may arise during the competition, especially from the medical point of view.
- To attend to the press and provide them with all the necessary information should there be specifically designated Press Manager to do so.

## II.9. UMPIRING TEAM

**II.9.1.** The umpiring team will be made up of: the Umpire, Auxiliary Umpire, Deputy Umpire, Chair Umpire, Assistant Umpires. All of them must hold the qualification issued by a National

Federation or Association affiliated to the IPF. The Referee, Auxiliary and Deputy should wear some distinctive clothing or article which identifies them e.g.: T- shirt, cap, arm band, etc.

**Head Umpire.** The person with maximum umpiring responsibility in an Official Sports Competition. In addition, they assign the tasks that the Referees making up the umpiring team should carry out at any time.

**Auxiliary Umpire.** Basically the person responsible for the administrative control, announcing of results, calling players, etc.

**Deputy Umpire.** Collaborates with the umpire to oversee matches when there are a large number taking place simultaneously.

**Chair Umpire.** Umpires the match and has a microphone to inform spectators of the details.

**Assistant Umpires.** Collaborate with the Chair Umpires in controlling a match.

**II.9.2.** For the International Tournaments included in the Official Calendar, the Organizer will propose the name of the Umpire to the IPF at least one (1) month before the programmed start date. The proposed Umpire should be an official from a National Federation or Association affiliated to the IPF. This proposal should be accompanied by their umpiring curriculum. Should the proposal not be accepted, considering that the person is not the ideal Referee for the Tournament in question, or if the Organizer chooses not to use any of the selected Umpires that are deemed to not have the capacity to perform the work, the IPF, after consulting with the corresponding Federations, will provide the name of three (3) people so that the Organizer can chose the Referee from among them.

**II.9.3.** No-one can be a member of the Umpiring Crew and a player in the same competition.

**II.9.4.** Duties of the Umpire are to:

- 1.** Carry around the Game Rules and Technical Rules, respect them and ensure they are respected.
- 2.** Draw up the timetables and announce them in a timely manner.
- 3.** Designate the duties of each one of the Umpiring team, and, should there be events that so require, halt them in their exercise of those functions.
- 4.** Decide whether a court meets the necessary conditions to be able to play on it, whether a court should be changed for a match or decide on which court each match should be played.
- 5.** Identify participating players.
- 6.** Not allow players to participate if their age or nationality does not correspond to the event category in which they intend to take part, or those people who, according to the report presented to the Organizer, have not paid their inscription.
- 7.** Notify players of the game system and conditions.
- 8.** Notify players, before the start of the competition, of the criteria to be followed to allocate courts when there are different construction types.
- 9.** Apply Walk-Over (W.O.).
- 10.** Carry out the draws of the plate tournaments.
- 11.** Order the change of balls. These are obligatory for semi-final and final matches, the first change occurring after eleven (11) games and then every thirteen (13) games. In the other matches of the first level table, they will only be changed, in the event of three (3) sets being played, at the start of the third set.
- 12.** Note all the results of the tables: winners, set results, players' licence numbers, etc..
- 13.** Decide when a match must be delayed or restarted.
- 14.** Apply the Sports Discipline Rules approved by the IPF.
- 15.** Be present at the competition venue during all the matches and should that not be possible name an Umpire to stand in provisionally during their absence.
- 16.** Oversee as far as possible all the matches being played through being present on the courts, and, in the absence of a Chair Umpire, can carry out their duties, such as decide whether the players are appropriately dressed or do the draw for courts and service.

- 17.** Take the final decision when disagreements arise between match players during a match without a Chair Judge. If the disagreement lasts, they will demand it to end within twenty (20) seconds, even if their intervention has not been requested. Should that not occur they will take the final decision.
  - 18.** Take the final decision if there is a conflict between the players and the Chair Umpire in the interpretation of a concrete point of the Rules.
  - 19.** Name a provisional Umpire if they have to act as a Chair Umpire.
  - 20.** Send the results, reports of incidences relating to the Umpiring Team and final report of the competition in the set delays and by the means determined.
- II.9.5.** The IPF's Disciplinary Committee will understand there to have been possible mistakes committed by the Umpires when either voluntarily or unknowingly:
- 1.** They have ignored the Rules.
  - 2.** They have made errors in the draw.
  - 3.** They have falsified the results.
  - 4.** They have favored or prejudiced, clearly and unjustifiably, a player with their decisions.
  - 5.** They have falsified the competition report.
  - 6.** They have allowed an unregistered player to participate, or substitute a third party acting in the stead of a registered player, or one who has not paid the inscription.
  - 7.** And, in general, they have not respected the duties of their position.
- II.9.6.** The decisions of the Umpires are without appeal with regard to technical rules of the game, without prejudicing possible recall to the IPF Sports Discipline Committee. The Umpire is also capacitated to take decisions concerning any incidence that may arise during the competition, even in the case that it was not covered by the Rules and Regulations.
- II.9.7.** Report, reports of incidences and match results. The report of the draws and the results of the matches in which the name and license number of the players must appear, the umpiring report and incidences reports, should be sent to the IPF in a period of three (3) days from the end of the competition. In the team competitions they will also send the reports of the knock out matches, duly completed and signed by the team captains.
- II.9.8.** In the case of inclement weather, the Umpire will be responsible for taking the appropriate decisions, but under no circumstances can the competition continue later than 12 p.m. of the day specified as being as the last day of the competition if the players do not agree. If, by this time, the competition has not finished and the players are not ready to continue, the competition will be delayed until the IPF decides whether to suspend it indefinitely or notifies of the dates of its continuation.
- II.9.9.** The Umpire is responsible, unless they themselves consider that there is a case of force majeure, for declaring W.O. partners or a team that do not present themselves in the court, ready to play, once ten (10) minutes after the time set for the match to start have passed.
- II.9.10.** The following are the duties of the Auxiliary Umpire: from those assigned to the Umpire the following: 1, 5, 6, 12, 13 and 14 in the case of incidences to send the written report to the Umpire.
- II.9.11.** The following are the duties of the Deputy Umpire: from those assigned to the Umpire the following: 1, 4 (in what concerns the match court conditions), 13, 14, 16 and 17 and in the case of incidences to send the written report to the Umpire.
- II.9.12.** The Chair Umpires duties are: out of those assigned to the Umpire the following: 1, 5, 7, 11, 13 and 14 and also to:
- 1.** Determine whether the players are correctly dressed.
  - 2.** Give each player the necessary information.
  - 3.** Draw courts and service.
  - 4.** Give the public relevant information during the match.
  - 5.** Apply the Game Rules actively or passively as corresponds.
  - 6.** Resolve conflicts that arise concerning the application of padel rules, accepting the player's right to consult the Umpire.
  - 7.** Announce the score in accordance with set conditions.

8. Control the public, halting play if necessary, until order has been re-established.
9. Fill the score and behavior sheet.
10. Inform in writing the Referee of all the incidences that occur during the match.

**II.9.13.** The following are the duties of the Assistant Umpires. Collaborating with the Chair Umpire in the conditions fixed in these rules for the type of active or passive umpiring to be applied.

**II.9.14.** The passive umpiring the Chair Umpire intervenes at the request of the players, but should stop play when one of the following infractions has occurred:

- Service faults (those produced in the servers side of the court)
- Let (player who touches the net)
- Double bounce
- Through ball (ball that goes through a hole in the net)
- Shot against the rules (double hit, handball, etc.)
- Let
- Hindrance

In the event of discussion between players who have not requested the intervention of the Chair Umpire, the latter will be responsible for ensuring that the discussion does not last for longer than the twenty (20) seconds indicated in the rules as the maximum delay to serve. After these twenty (20) seconds without agreement the Chair Umpire will decide and play will continue.

In opaque courts the Chair Umpire can be helped by an Assistant Umpire, in this case they will be situated one on each side of the court at net height.

**II.9.15.** In Active Umpiring all rule infractions that occur are called. If the match is played on opaque walled courts the Umpiring crew will consist of a Chair Umpire and an Assistant Umpire who will occupy the positions indicated in the previous point.

If the transparent courts are used, the Umpiring Crew will be formed by a Chair Umpire and one or two Assistant Umpires. The role of the Assistant Umpires is to check the bounce of the ball on the wall opposite that occupied by the Chair Umpire, and the service line on the receiver's side of the net.

**II.9.16.** The IPF's Disciplinary Committee will hear all the possible intentional faults or those due to lack of awareness committed by the Umpires when exercising their duties:

1. Having falsified the Rules.
2. Having falsified the Results.
3. Having clearly and unjustifiably favored or prejudiced a player with their decisions.
4. Having falsified the match report.
5. Having permitted a player to compete who is not registered or being registered has replaced a third party.
6. And, in general, has not met the duties related to their position.

## **II.10. THE FEDERAL DELEGATE WITH SUPERVISION FUNCTIONS**

**II.10.1.** This person is an official representative of the IPF during a Competition. They are named by the Competition's Committee itself at the request of the IPF President. Their role is to act as observer and supervisor, without any power to intervene in any kind of technical decision, this corresponding solely to the Umpiring Team. At the end of the Competition they will present a report of the event which will be considered to be an official document.

**II.10.2.** Any party interested in an International Tournament can request from the President of the IPF the presence of a Federal Delegate, with at least thirty (30) days notice. Should any travel/lodging costs be incurred they will be borne by the applicant.

**II.10.3.** The name of the Federal Delegate with Supervisor functions will be sent in writing to the Referee, who in turn will inform all the participants, or otherwise, will place an Information Note next to the Competition match draws.

## II.11. THE PLAYERS

- II.11.1.** In order to take part in an Official International Tournament the player must be in possession of a player's license issued by the National Federation or Association of an Associated Member recognized by the IPF. In addition, they should be covered by a Sports Insurance Policy that covers the possibility of an accident during the Competition. In the cases that the license the player holds does not cover the possibility of an accident when doing sport, the IPF or in the event the Organizer, will have the right to demand that this risk be covered.
- II.11.2.** The player must pay the inscription set for the International Tournament in advance. Should they not do so the Organizer will inform the Referee in writing so they can stop the player from taking part, the match being lost by W.O. For the purposes of sanctions, this will considered to be an unjustified W.O.
- II.11.3.** Registration payment should be made even when the player declares W.O., not being able to play in another competition until it has been paid. The Organizer will therefore sent a list of players that declared W.O. and have not paid to the IPF who will inform the players concerned sending a copy to the represented Association/Federation who issued the player's license, warning them that they cannot enter any competition until the situation has been dealt with.
- II.11.4.** If a doubles pair or player unjustifiably leaves a competition, the doubles pair will lose any rights to the prize they might have won so far. The player/s can appeal against this sanction in writing within a fifteen (15) day delay, without prejudice to any eventual disciplinary responsibility that might be incurred.
- II.11.5.** The trophies and prizes must be collected during the closing ceremony. Should the players absence been unjustified the player will lose all rights to the prizes. The trophies will be relayed to the IPF, where the player can recuperate them.
- II.11.6.** During the rest periods of the match, the players can receive instructions and technical advice relating to the game from their trainer or captain. The trainer and/or captain should present themselves to the Chair Umpire or Referee before the beginning of the match. They will remain in one place outside the court, next to the players' chairs. They can only have verbal contact with the players during the rest and for the time permitted, not during the change of sides without rest.
- II.11.7.** Rest between matches. When necessary if the schedule programs more than one match in a day for the same double players, the Umpire will allow a period of rest to affected players in the event that the previous match is up next to the upcoming match, unless both players accept to start before.

If the previous match last less than one (1) hour	One (1) hour of rest
If the previous match last between one (1) hour and one (1) hour and half (½)	One (1) hour and half (½) of rest
If the previous match last more than one (1) hour and half (½)	Two (2) hours of rest

Apart from exceptional cases, the players cannot play more than two (2) matches a day. The exceptions will be determined by the Umpire, who will inform the IPF's Supervisor and the Tournament Director before give notice about the programmed changes.

- II.11.8.** The players must be correctly attired, the Chair Umpire or Referee being responsible for this point.
- II.11.9.** The players can use the shoes, clothes and rackets they wish as long as they respect the rules.
- II.11.10.** If any of the players registered in one of the International Tournaments or Championships included in the Official IPF Calendar is declared W.O., or once the draw has been made decides not to take part in the Competition, they must justify of their absence within fifteen

(15) days. Should they not do so, or should the Discipline Committee consider that the given reasons are insufficient, the Disciplinary Rules and Regulations will be applied.

**II.11.11.** A player who is obviously not fit to play, as the consequence of an accident or injury that occurred prior to the warming up of the first match of the draw, will not be able to start the match, losing by W.O., without the right to any points. If the affected player has classified to play at a specific level, by playing the previous level, even though they lose by W.O. they will have the right to points.

**II.11.12.** Participants have, in any official International Competition, to prove when requested to do so by to the Referee, their identity, nationality, age or any other circumstance directly related to the Competition, by means of the presentation of the appropriate documentation.

## **II.12. ECONOMIC CONDITIONS FOR THE ORGANIZATION OF INTERNATIONAL TOURNAMENTS**

**II.12.1.** For International Tournaments, the amounts that must be paid to the IPF as a levy are fixed and defined in the article II.12.4.. The Organiser must submit to the IPF, a signed agreement to show their acceptance, the document indicating the Technical Conditions and Specifications that will be satisfied for the organization of an International Tournament. In that document it will be indicated the imposed IPF conditions and requirements to ensure the competitions are of the required level, taking into account as guideline the document: "Necessities Indications to organize a World Open Championships and International Tournament" (see Annexes A and B).

**II.12.2.** The Organizer is liable to the IPF for the economic repercussions that could arise from the organization of the Competition, and bear all the costs arising from it. They are also responsible for compliance with the conditions agreed upon with the IPF, clubs, installations, etc.. They are also responsible for obtaining and benefiting from sponsorship or advertising income, without affecting that which corresponds to the IPF.

**II.12.3.** The Organizer will reach an agreement with all the other interested parties (promoters, sponsors, clubs, and sports installations) about all the necessary conditions to ensure the Tournament runs smoothly. Likewise, the organizer must contract a Civil Liability Insurance to cover the event.

**II.12.4.** The Organizer of each of the International Tournaments included in the Official Calendar will pay IPF a levy of 10% of the prize money (men's and women's), which becomes a fixed amount of US\$:

- FIP STAR: US\$ 1.200
- FIP RISE: US\$ 800
- FIP PROMOTION: US\$ 150 for the first 2 tournaments. From the next tournament organized in the same country will be US \$ 250.

For the years after this technical rules-book publishing, verify the minimum values decided and communicated by the IPF. In absence of related communication, remain valid the amounts of levy here indicated.

The Organizer of the World Open Padel Championships will pay IPF the levy indicated in the specific agreement or in their proper Technical Specifications.

**II.12.5.** The Organizer will be responsible for ensuring that the players, Organizers and IPF members have free access to the Padel installations. Right to access the remainder of the installations can be restricted in accordance with the internal rules of the venue. Competitors should be notified of these restrictions.

**II.12.6.** The IPF reserves the right to supervise the organization of all the competitions included in the Official Calendar and will require all the conditions agreed upon and covered by the form "Technical Conditions and Specifications to be satisfied for the Organization of International Competitions" (see annexes) and those included in the documents mentioned in point II.12.1. are to be met.

**II.12.7.** The different Tournaments included in the Official Calendar are grouped according to the prize money, in the following manner:

- FIP STAR Tournament:
  - Men's, minimum US\$ 6.000.
  - Women's, minimum US\$ 4.200.
- FIP RISE Tournament:
  - Men's, minimum US\$ 3.000.
  - Women's, minimum US\$ 2.010.
- FIP PROMOTION Tournament:
  - Men's, minimum US\$ No minimum
  - Women's, minimum US\$ No minimum.

For the years after this technical rules-book publishing, verify the minimum values decided and communicated by the IPF. In absence of related communication, remain valid the amounts of prizes here indicated.

**II.12.8.** The economic conditions for the organization of the World Open Championships for doubles are reported in the annex of the agreement signed by the Organizer and the IPF, and properly in the Technical Specifications agreed for any edition. In this document are detailed the levy, the prize amount, the Associate Members subsidies, the coverage of board, transport and accommodation for the invited doubles from the IPF and for the Board of Directors.

**II.12.9.** The amount allocated to each event will be spread in accordance with the following alternatives:

**Final Draws of 32 doubles pairs.**

- Winners: 30 %
- Runners up: 16 %
- Semi-finalists: 18 %
- Quarter-finalists: 20 %
- Eighth-finalists: 16 %
- Sixteenth-finalists: 0%

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## II.13. COMPETITIONS BY AGE CATEGORY

**II.13.1.** The following are the categories for competitions by age:

- **Under 12:** Must not have reached the age of 12 by 1<sup>st</sup> of January of the year of the competition.
- **Under 14:** Must not have reached the age of 14 by 1<sup>st</sup> of January of the year of the competition.
- **Under 16:** Must not have reached the age of 16 by 1<sup>st</sup> of January of the year of the competition.
- **Under 18:** Must not have reached the age of 18 by 1<sup>st</sup> of January of the year of the competition.

- **Under 20:** Must not have reached the age of 20 by 1<sup>st</sup> of January of the year of the competition.
- **Junior Veterans:** Reach at least the age of 45 the year of the competition.
- **Veterans:** Reach at least the age of 50 the year of the competition.
- **Senior Veterans:** Reach at least the age of 55 the year of the competition.

And generally:

- **Under X:** Must not have reached the age of X by 1<sup>st</sup> of January of the year of the competition.
- **Over X:** Reach at least the age of X the year of the competition.

**II.13.2.** The only competitions that are considered “official” are the ones for kids “under 14”, “under 16” and “under 18” and for veterans “over 45”, “over 50” and “over 55” categories. The competitions for all other categories are considered “not official”.

## CHAPTER III: TECHNICAL SPECIFICATIONS

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### III.1. GENERAL TECHNICAL REGULATIONS

- III.1.1.** All International Tournaments and Championships should adopt specific IPF Rules and Regulations. In the event of any irregularity or infraction being uncovered, the Competition could be declared null and void for the classification purposes.
- III.1.2.** Competitions included in the Official Calendar will be played with the official ball of the IPF, having to release a can of balls in each final of the main draw in the FIP STAR and FIP RISE category. The change of balls will be made at nine (9) and eleven (11) games. For consolation draw, the organizer together with the referee will have the right to choose whether to play with balls with a second use. Having to buy the organizer as many boxes of balls as necessary for the proper organization of the tournament.
- III.1.3.** For the Tournaments included in the Official Calendar, the men’s and women’s tournaments can be held independently. The maximum number of couples who must compose the main draw for the tournament to count will be 32 pairs and a minimum of pairs who must compose the main draw for the tournament to count will be 16 couples if it is a male and female category. If it had more registrations, we would proceed to a qualification draw with no limit of pairs except for the particular requirements accepted by the IPF.
- III.1.4.** On receiving the adjudication of a Competition, the Organizer must immediately propose the name of the person responsible for it, called the Competition Manager, who will liaise with the IPF for everything relating to the technical / sports organization.
- III.1.5.** In the case of a tie between three doubles pairs in a ranked competitions the solution is as shown in the rules and regulations in relation to that particular competition. Should there be no established regulation the following process will be followed:

In the case of a tie in doubles competitions:

1. - use the difference between sets won and lost, only taking into account the result of the players in the tie, and if the tie persists;
- 2.- use the difference between games won and lost, only taking into account the result of the players in the tie, and if the tie persists;
- 3.- a coin will be flipped.

Once solved the tie between three doubles pairs and in case remain the tie between two doubles pairs, win the winner of their direct match.

For the single purpose of elucidating that a tie can take place during doubles pairs or team competitions, the result of the matches in which one of the contenders does not show up will be 6/0-6/0.

In the case that a match is not finished due to player injury, the final result will be defined supposing that as of the moment of injury the loser has not won a point.

Example: the match is stopped when the injured player was winning 6/4-5/1, final result 6/4-5/7-0/6.

- III.1.6.** In ranked competitions the winning doubles pair or team will get two (2) points, the loser gets one (1) and zero (0) points for a no show.
- III.1.7.** Unless the needs of the Competition state otherwise, all matches will be played over the best of three (3) sets. In the case of tie at six (6) games a “Tie-Break” or “sudden death” will be held to decide the winner of the set.
- III.1.8.** It is the duty of the Organizer to assure that, from quarter-finals in FIP STAR and from semi-finals in FIP RISE tournaments, the matches are played on time and on the courts they designate, always with the intention of attracting the greatest sports coverage, public and commercial interest and where a minimum of one camera can be set up behind to broadcast streaming live the matches.
- III.1.9.** The organizer should provide to the players one or more courts for training free of charge, since the afternoon of the day before competition starts and until the time of its official start.
- III.1.10.** The Competition’s Committee has jurisdiction to interpret the present Technical Regulations. If within this interpretation the existence of unregulated issues arises, necessary actions must be started to amend these Regulations

## **III.2. REGISTRATIONS**

- III.2.1.** In order to register for an IPF International Tournament the player must hold a federative official license in effect issued by a National Federation/Association that is an Associated Member. Should the organization so decide the players have to pay the set amount of the registration fee to the Organizer before the first match. The Referee will not let any player take part until they have made the payment.
- III.2.2.** Registration in the Tournaments and Championships will close on the day and at the time previously agreed between the Organizer and the IPF, as long as it will be the Organizer who will communicate these data in the Event Fact Sheet.
- III.2.3.** Registrations for the International Tournaments and World Open Championships will be done directly by the players. The registrations should be made exclusively through the IPF software, that leaves evidence of receipt, cross checked through the list of registrations received and accepted, and containing the following data:
- Championship or Tournament name.
  - Event date.
  - First and surnames of players as they appear on their federation license.
  - Players’ nationality.
  - License number.
  - National Association or Federation who issue the license.
  - Date of birth.

The registration will be done by formalized pairs. The formation of the doubles pairs can only be changed up to the moment of the final close of registration.

- III.2.4.** All registration for IPF Tour tournaments will have a maximum cost of US \$ 40 per player and will be the same for all categories. The money generated from the inscriptions will be distributed with the local federations and the organizer in a percentage of 15% for the local

Federation and 85% for the organizer. If the organizer were the same as the local federation it will be the full amount of 100% for it.

- III.2.5.** The signed on participants to the Official International Tournaments will be published in the IPF web system 2 days before of the publication of the draws. A period of forty-eight (48) hours will be given from the time of the publication for implicated parties to present any appropriate complaints should they consider there are errors or omissions. Once this period has passed, no changes can be made and the draw could proceed.

### **III.3. INTERNATIONAL COMPETITION DRAWS, BOXES AND DRAW SHEETS**

- III.3.1.** Official International Tournaments and Championships draws must be public and the Organizations responsible for them are:

- World Open Championships for doubles. The IPF.
- International Tournaments. The Organizers or the Associate Members of the country where the event takes place.

- III.3.2.** In an Official International Tournament, no player can enter the draw who:

- Has an unpaid registration.
- Does not have a current license in effect.
- Has been disqualified or has received a sanction.
- Whose age does not correspond to the event category.
- Whose registration arrives once the deadline has passed.

- III.3.3.** Draw sheets of Official International Tournaments are of successive elimination, except than indicated in the Tournament Fact Sheet.

- III.3.4.** The types of draw and their characteristics will depend on the Official Competition in question. When it is a Tournament of category FIP PROMOTION, included in the Official IPF Calendar the rules of the Associated Member in whose country it is held will be applied.

- III.3.5.** The IPF is the only entity that can grant in exceptional and particular cases a “Wild Card” (W.C.) to be able to participate in an Official Competition. Any other entity needs prior approval from the IPF to do so, to request a W.C it will be necessary to communicate it via email to the IPF two weeks in advance of the publication of the draw date, being the Member Associations the only ones that can request them:

- FIP STAR y FIP RISE:
  - Draws of 32: 4 wildcards given to the first 4 Member Associations to request a place for their top-ranked players.
  - Draws of 24: 3 wildcards given to the first 3 Member Associations to request a place for their top-ranked players.
  - Draws of 16: 1 wildcards given to the first Member Association to request a place for their top-ranked player.
- FIP PROMOTION: There is no minimum or maximum wildcard

- III.3.6.** The main draws will consist of a maximum of 32 pairs and a minimum of 16 pairs in both female and male categories:

- Main draw of 32 teams FIP STAR - FIP RISE:
  - 24 direct pairs best ranked in the IPF Individual Ranking in updated at the time of the draw.
  - 4 pairs with a Wildcard accepted by IPF
  - 4 pairs from the qualification draw.
- Main draw of 24 teams FIP STAR - FIP RISE:
  - 19 direct pairs best ranked in the IPF Individual Ranking in updated at the time of the draw.
  - 3 pairs with a Wildcard accepted by IPF
  - 2 pairs from the qualification draw
- Main draw of 16 teams FIP STAR - FIP RISE:
  - 13 direct pairs best ranked in the IPF Individual Ranking in updated at the time of the draw.
  - 1 pairs with a Wildcard accepted by IPF
  - 2 pairs from the qualification draw

**III.3.7.** When the number of couples making up a draw are not a power of two, the system of “byes” will be applied which enables having this power in the second round. Those players who do not need to play the first round will be called “byes”. In the draw will appear as “BYE”.

In order to calculate the number of byes, the total number of registrations is taken away from the power of two immediately above. The first bye will be the number one seed; second bye, number two seed; third bye, number three seed; etc.. If, once all the seeds have been placed, there are more byes, they will be divided into two parts, one half being placed in the upper half of the draw sheet, the other half in the lower, filling in the upper part the highest empty slots and in the lower part, those that are the lowest alternatively. When the numbers are odd, one more will be placed in the draw sheet part where the number one seed is positioned.

**III.3.8.** As a general rule, the choice of the Tournament seeds should be based on the IPF Individual Ranking, in effect of the day of the draw. In those cases in which very few or none of the players have points in the IPF Ranking, the ranking of the Federation/Association of the Member Country where the event is being held can be used alongside.

The number of seeds being obtained by dividing by four the number of competing doubles pairs, rounding upwards or downwards to the closest power of two. In the case of identical standings, the lowest will be chosen.

**III.3.9.** In order to calculate a doubles couples points, the points of both players are added up and if neither of them appear in the IPF Individual Ranking they are considered to have zero (0) points. The order of the seeds will be based on the sum of points. Should two (2) or more doubles pairs have the same number of points the order will be drawn between them.

**III.3.10.** The draw sheets corresponding to International Tournaments and Official Competitions will be published on the web systems of IPF, the Organizer and the Associate Member of the country where the event takes place with at least 5 days before of the beginning of the competition. No amendments to the published draw sheets will be made unless the IPF’s Competition Committee consider it necessary.

**III.3.11.** Once published the Entry list and definitively closed the registration, it will be not allowed any change or substitution of players in the doubles. The formation of the doubles pair will remain the same throughout the Competition. Non observance of this rule means immediate disqualification of the doubles pair as soon as it is detected, without affecting the actions that the Discipline Committee might consider opportune.

**III.3.12.** A doubles pair must withdraw from the competition if either of the players pulls out or does not turn up to play in the set period.

**III.3.13.** The obligation to organize the consolation competition depends on the Competition in question. In case of competitions with an initial phase of groups, it will be not necessary to organize a consolation round. Should it exist, first round losers of the respective draws will have the right to take part. No doubles pair that has lost the first round by W.O. or have won the first match W.O. and lost the second will be able to compete.

**III.3.14.** In competitions in which there is a consolation phase, the doubles pairs who have the right to play in it and desire to do so, should inform the Referee within thirty (30) minutes of the end of their match. The consolation tournament not assign points for the IPF ranking, the points obtained by any double pair participating to the consolation phase depending on the position reached in the Main Draw, in the Qualifying Draw or in the pre-Qualifying Draw of the corresponding tournament.

**III.3.15.** A new draw will be made with the doubles pairs that go through to the consolation, following the article III.3.7..

The Umpire has the right and could decide to organize the consolation competition with “mirror-exit” method from the main draw, without the necessity to identify the new seeds of consolation phase and new draw. This decision shall be communicated before the competition starts.

**III.3.16.** Any challenge or complaint related to the plate draw should be made in writing to the Referee

before the start of the event. Once an event has been started, no change at all can be made to the draw for that event, even if the complaint is justified.

### III.3.17. Seeded players will be put into the draw as follows:

- **The number one seed** will be placed on the first line of the draw sheet and **the number two seed** will be placed on the last line of the draw sheet.
- **Third and fourth seeds** position will be drawn, they must not come up against the first and second seeds until the semi-final, nor play each other until the final.
- **Fifth and sixth seeds** will be drawn; they must not come up against the 3<sup>rd</sup> or 4<sup>th</sup> seeds until the quarter-finals, against the 1<sup>st</sup> or 2<sup>nd</sup> seeds until the semi-finals, nor play against each other until the final.
- **Seventh and eighth seeds** will be drawn, they must not come up against 1<sup>st</sup> or 2<sup>nd</sup> seeds until the quarter finals, against 3<sup>rd</sup> or 4<sup>th</sup> seeds until the semi-finals, nor play each other until the final.
- **Seeds nine to sixteen**, when relevant will be put into a draw for their position on the draw sheet as they must not come up against any other seeded player until the eight of finals, nor with each other until the quarter-finals.
- The positioning of the **rest of the couples** will be done by draw. If possible, avoiding the possibility that two pairs of players from the same country come face to face in the first round, mainly from different countries than the ones where the competition takes place.

## III.4. WORLD OPEN CHAMPIONSHIPS, MALE AND FEMALE DOUBLES

**III.4.1.** The World Open Championships, male and female doubles, will be held every two years, coinciding with odd-numbered years.

**III.4.2.** The participating doubles should apply for the following requirements:

- each player must hold a federative official license in effect issued by a National Federation/Association that is an Associated Member recognized by the IPF.

**III.4.3.** The main draw will be made up of a maximum of 32 men and 24 women doubles players. Except the seeds, all the rest of the draw is done by drawing lots.

### Men's Final Phase draw. 32 doubles players.

- 16 pairs directly, the best classified following the valid IPF Individual Ranking at the draw stage.
- 8 pairs will be invited by the IPF through the correspondent Associate Members.
- 8 pairs from the preliminary round held immediately before the Final Phase.

### Men's Qualifying draw. 32 doubles players.

- 1 pair from any Associate Member who send a request, unless they have already been invited by the IPF to the Final Phase draw, and both players should have the same citizenship.
- 4 pairs from the pre-preliminary round held before the Qualifying Phase.
- Rest of pairs direct, the best classified signed on following the valid IPF Individual Ranking and without direct access to the Main Draw, until the draw sheet is completed.

### Men's Pre-Qualifying draw.

- Open to all players with federative license who do not comply with the conditions to have direct access to the Final Phase Draw Sheet or Qualifying Draw Sheet. The draw sheet capacity will be defined taking into account the organizing and logistic capability of the Organizer.

### Women's Final Phase draw. 24 doubles players.

- 14 pairs directly, the best classified following the valid IPF Individual Ranking at the draw stage.
- 6 pairs will be invited by the IPF through the correspondent Associate Members.
- 4 pairs from the preliminary round held immediately before the Final Phase.

### Women's Qualifying draw. 32 doubles players.

- 1 pair from any Associate Member who send a request, unless they have already been invited by the IPF to the Final Phase draw, and both players should have the same citizenship.
- 4 pairs from the pre-preliminary round held before the Qualifying Phase.
- Rest of pairs direct, the best classified signed on following the valid IPF Individual Ranking and without direct access to the Main Draw, until complete the draw sheet.

**Women's Pre-Qualifying draw.**

- Open to all players with federative license who do not comply with the conditions to have direct access to the Final Phase Draw Sheet or Qualifying Draw Sheet. The draw sheet capacity will be defined taking into account the organizing and logistic capability of the Organizer.

**III.4.4.** World Open Championships seeds election and draw sheet compilation will be done considering the IPF Individual Ranking.

### III.5. INTERNATIONAL TOURNAMENTS

**III.5.1.** International Tournaments are those included in the official IPF calendar of competitions and who will determine whether they are rated or not for IPF individual ranking. In the case that they are, the number of points granted will be set based on the assigned category. Apart from the exceptions referred to in III.5.4. tournaments will be governed by the technical regulations of the country where the tournaments are held, provided that the minimum requirements listed below are respected:

- Prize money. As referred to in III.5.4. in function of the Tournament Category.
- Main draw. Minimum 16 male's doubles pairs up to a maximum of 32 pairs. Minimum 12 women's doubles pairs, up to a maximum 32 pairs.
- Duration. As necessary but no more than two matches may be played a day, apart from exceptional cases.
- Arbitration. There must be an Umpire recognized by the International Padel Federation.
- Regulation. IPF specific regulations in force will apply.

**III.5.2.** All Associate Member may request an inclusion in the Official IPF Tournament Calendar provided that the minimum requirements are met, up to a maximum of tournaments subdivided in the following:

- FIP STAR: a maximum of four (4) Tournaments, in the case the Potential Organizer do not includes the country in the Circuit Calendar yearly presented to the IPF.
- FIP RISE: a maximum of four (4) Tournaments.
- FIP PROMOTION: a maximum of four (4) Tournaments.

It is available to the Board to accept more applications from a country that has the capacity to organize more tournaments of any category.

**III.5.3.** The IPF could propose the Associate Members the inclusion in the Official Calendar the following Tournaments, giving guarantee that through signed agreements with Promotional companies the minimum requirements are met, and subdivided in the following:

- FIP STAR
- FIP RISE
- FIP PROMOTION

**III.5.4. Tournaments will have THREE different categories:**

**FIP STAR.**

A minimum financial resources in prize money of 6,000 US\$ in the men's category or 4,400 US\$ in women's category. The first pairs taking part of the main draw will be the WILDCARDS given by IPF. For the preparation of the draw in these tournaments, is it obligatory to use the IPF individual ranking. In the cases that not all players have FIP-WPT points, the ranking of the local federation organizing the tournament will be used. The 50 best players in the world in the male category and the 16 best players in the world in the female category are excluded.

**FIP RISE.**

A minimum financial resources in prize money of 3,000 US\$ in the men's category or 2,200 US\$ in women's category. The first pairs taking part of the main draw will be the WILDCARDS given by IPF. For the preparation of the draw in these tournaments, is it obligatory to use the IPF individual ranking. In the cases that not all players have FIP-WPT points, the ranking of the local federation organizing the tournament will be used. The 70 best players in the world in the male category and the 30 best players in the world in the female category are excluded.

**FIP PROMOTION.**

Without an economic endowment in minimum prizes and main draw with a minimum of 12 pairs in both male and female categories. The designation of the seed is governed by the Individual IPF ranking and successively by the local Associate Member Ranking.

**III.5.5. Minimum participation.**

If in a tournament of sixteen (16) doubles men's players or twelve (12) doubles women players there is a W.O. (walk over) in the first round of the main draw the results will not be taken into account in the IPF individual ranking, unless the total number of players who have competed between the qualifying round and first round of men's main table exceeds twenty-four (24) and sixteen (16) in the women's.

### III.5.6. Master Final.

At the end of the regular season it could be possible organize the Master Final, with the top ranked 16<sup>th</sup> men's players and the 12<sup>th</sup> top ranked women's players, of the official IPF individual ranking.

The sixteen (16) classified players will form eight (8) doubles pairs, as the twelve (12) classified ladies players will form six (6) doubles pairs.

If a player defeat before the Master Final starts, it will be substituted with the next player after the last classified.

The official individual ranking to be considered to classify for the Master Final will be the last updating done before its held.

Will be the players by themselves who will select the own partner from the other classified players to play the Master Final, and they will communicate to the IPF in the agreed terms.

The Master Final will be organized from Wednesday to Sunday, and in case of program changes, it has to be communicate at least three (3) months in advance.

#### Draw of Groups and Matches

The adopted system will be of Groups or Leagues (Round-Robin), and combined elimination.

Once competition start, the doubles pairs of each group will play again each other, Round-Robin system, counting the obtained points to define the final place within each group.

The eight (8) men's doubles will be distributed in two (2) groups, A and B, of four (4) doubles each.

The double seed n° 1 will be the double n° 1 of Group A. The double seed n° 2 will be the double n° 1 of Group B.

The double seeds n° 3 and 4 will be put in a draw to define the group (A or B). The double seeds n° 5 and 6 will be put in a draw to define the group (A or B). The double seeds n° 7 and 8 will be put in a draw to define the group (A or B).

The matches order will be the following:

Wednesday: First match of league

Group A: Double pair n° 2 – Double pair n° 4

Group A: Double pair n° 1 – Double pair n° 3

Group B: Double pair n° 2 – Double pair n° 4

Group B: Double pair n° 1 – Double pair n° 3

Thursday: Second match of league

Group A: Double pair n° 2 – Double pair n° 3

Group A: Double pair n° 1 – Double pair n° 4

Group B: Double pair n° 2 – Double pair n° 3

Group B: Double pair n° 1 – Double pair n° 4

Friday: Third match of league

Group A: Double pair n° 3 – Double pair n° 4

Group A: Double pair n° 1 – Double pair n° 2

Group B: Double pair n° 3 – Double pair n° 4

Group B: Double pair n° 1 – Double pair n° 2

Saturday: Semi-finals

2° Group A – 1° Group B

1° Group A – 2° Group B

Sunday: Final

To the men's final will access the winners of each semi-finals.

The six (6) women's doubles will be distributed in two (2) groups, A and B, of three (3) doubles each.

The double seed n° 1 will be the double n° 1 of Group A. The double seed n° 2 will be the double n° 1 of Group B. The double seeds n° 3 and 4 will be put in a draw to define the group (A or B). The double seeds n° 5 and 6 will be put in a draw to define the group (A or B).

The matches order will be the following:

Wednesday: First match of league

Group A: Double pair n° 2 – Double pair n° 3

Group B: Double pair n° 2 – Double pair n° 2

Thursday: Second match of league

Group A: Double pair n° 1 – Double pair n° 3

Group B: Double pair n° 1 – Double pair n° 3

Friday: Third match of league

Group A: Double pair n° 1 – Double pair n° 2

Group B: Double pair n° 1 – Double pair n° 2

Saturday: Semi-finals

2° Group A – 1° Group B

1° Group A – 2° Group B

Sunday: Final

To the women's final will access the winners of each semi-finals.

### **Competition system and Points**

Some regulations already in previous articles explained are repeated in the following to have all of them includes in this rules part, with other specific rules for the Master Final.

All matches will be played over the best of three (3) sets. In the case of tie at six (6) games a "Tie-Break" or "sudden death" will be held to decide the winner of the set.

The balls change will occurs when reached the nine (9) and eleven (11) games in all the matches.

When necessary if the schedule programs more than one match in a day for the same double players, the Umpire will allow a period of rest to affected players in the event that the previous match is up next to the upcoming match, of at least of two (2) hours.

When Round-Robin phase, the winning match will get three (3) points, the loser gets one (1) and zero (0) points for a W.O. or no show not justified.

In the case of a tie of one match won between three doubles pairs in a ranked competitions, the following criteria will be applied and the order will be followed:

1° - use the difference between matches won and lost, only taking into account the result of the doubles players in the tie, and if the tie persists;

2° - use the difference between sets won and lost, only taking into account the result of the doubles players in the tie, and if the tie persists;

3° - use the difference between games won and lost, only taking into account the result of the doubles players in the tie.

Once solved the tie between three doubles pairs and in case remain the tie between two doubles pairs, win the winner of their direct match.

Any double pair who withdraw the League, will occupy the last position of the Group, even if qualified.

For the purpose of elucidating that, the result of the matches in which one of the contenders does not show up (W.O.), or in a started match but after that a withdraw occurs, will be lost in two (2) sets (6/0-6/0).

All matches should adopt specific and current IPF Rules and Regulations.

#### **Reserve Double pair**

In the men's category will be a reserve double pair, composed by the players who occupy the positions n° 17 and n° 18 of the official individual ranking.

The reserve double pair will substitute any double pair who withdraw the competition, for injury or other justified cause, just to achieve at the end the same number of matches in both groups.

If the double pair withdraw definitively during the match, it will be counted as two (2) sets lost., and will occupy the last position in the Group, independently of the obtained results.

The reserve double pair will substitute the withdraw double pair before the new match starts.

In order to define the final positions in the Group after league phase, the withdraw double pair will occupy the last position in the Group, and the substituted double pair will classify considering the earned points since playing in the league plus the points earned by the withdraw double pair.

If the withdraw occurs just before to play the semi-finals, because the withdraw double pair will occupy the last position of the own group, qualifying for the semi- finals the first two (2) doubles pairs of the group, and the reserve double pair could be one of them.

In any case, a double pair who withdraw the competition will occupy the last position of the own Group.

### **III.6. CONTINENTAL CHAMPIONSHIPS AND REGIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS**

Specific regulations corresponding will be prepared once the Continental and Regional Federations have been created and recognized by the IPF, until then the Continental and Regional Championships will be governed by the present regulations.

## **CHAPTER IV: REGULATIONS FOR THE I.P.F. CLASSIFICATION**

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### **IV.1. GENERAL PRINCIPLES**

- IV.1.1.** Rank: Is to place the names of each player in their corresponding order, based on the results obtained in the twelve (12) months prior to publication of the classification.
- IV.1.2.** The World Open Championships and the International Tournaments included the IPF official calendar will apply to official international IPF Individual Ranking.
- IV.1.3.** The ranking will be updated weekly, if the tournaments included in the official calendar have been played, which will be reflected in the official IPF portal.
- IV.1.4.** The international Ranking will be established by the "best of" system. The best results obtained according to the following table will be considered useful for scoring purposes:

# SYSTEM OF POINT

THE POINT OF THE PLAYED TOURNAMENTS WILL BE ADDED TO THE RANKING ACCORDING TO THE FOLLOWING TABLE

NUMBER OF PLAYED TOURNAMENTS	1	2	3	4	5	6-7	8-9	10-12	13-15	16-18	19-20
NUMBER OF SCORED TOURNAMENTS	1	2	3	4	5	5	6	7	8	9	10

## IV.2. POINTS SYSTEM

**IV.2.1.** The points awarded by players will be based on the evaluation of each competition category:

- World Padel Championship (Open by pairs)
- WPT MASTER FINAL
- WPT MASTERS
- WPT OPEN
- WPT CHALLENGER
- FIP STAR
- FIP RISE
- FIP PROMOTION

**IV.2.2.** The IPF reserves the right to annually review the tournaments categories and related points table.

**IV.2.3.** The points given to players based on the number of rounds that they have completed, is as follows:

## RANKING WPT-FIP

TYPE	WINNER	FINALIST	MAIN DRAW				QUALY			PRE-QUALY			
			1/2 F	1/4 F	1/8 F	1/16 F	1/4 F	1/8 F	1/16 F	1/8 F	1/16 F	1/32 F	1/64 F
MASTER FINAL 	1300	780	470	235									
MASTER 	1700	1020	610	310	150	70	38	20	16	13	8	5	4
OPEN 	1000	600	360	180	90	40	22	12	10	8	5	3	2
CHALLENGER 	120	75	75	35	25	12	9	6	5	4	3	1	
STAR 	40	24	12	6	3	2							
RISE 	20	10	5	3	1								
PROMOTION 	5	3	1										

**IV.2.4.** The "bonus" will be added to the obtained points due to the best position reached.

It will be a "seed bonus" for the doubles pairs winning one seed in the final draw. This seed bonus will be counted and added for any seed the double pair won along every tournament. When a seed win against another seed, it will be no additional bonus.

Category	Seed Bonus
World Open	50
FIP 1000 Plus	40
FIP 1000	25
FIP 500	20
FIP 250	5
FIP 125	1
FIP 100 or FIP Challenger	0

**IV.2.5.** The points awarded by juniors in the International Juniors Tournaments will be the corresponding to category FIP STAR, multiplied by a coefficient, based on:

- U-10 years old 0,15
- U-12 years old 0,30
- U-14 years old 0,45
- U-16 years old 0,60
- Juniors (U-18 years old) 0,75

**IV.2.6.** The World Open Championships will have the maximum available points.

**IV.2.7.** The World Open Juniors Doubles Championships will have the maximum available points reserved to Juniors Tournaments.

**IV.2.8. Protected Ranking**

**IV.2.7.1.** The protected ranking is a system reserved to the players who decide to apply, in order to guarantee them a certain position in the IPF Individual Ranking when put in the draw for official Tournaments.

**IV.2.7.2.** The protected ranking could be requested from players with injury, and due to this be obligated to be away from competitions for more than four (4) months, and, when injury occurs, where positioned in the top sixty (60) places of IPF Individual Male Ranking and in the top thirty (30) of IPF Individual Female Ranking.

The injury shall be supported by medical certificate.

**IV.2.7.3.** The player who would like to apply for this system shall send a written request to the IPF Secretary, asking to protect his/her ranking position and enclosing the medical certificate, where has to be clearly indicated the injury.

**IV.2.7.4.** Once the protected ranking assigned, these ranking will be maintained along the first five (5) competitions to which the player will takes part.

**IV.2.7.5.** For the application of the protected ranking it will be considered the position of the player in the IPF individual ranking when the injury happened. In this case and to the player who apply for the protected ranking, regarding the put in a draw process for the competition, it will be assigned the same points of the player who occupy the same position of the protected player when the injury happened.

**IV.2.7.6.** The protected ranking will be only applied during the putting in the draw stage to determine the position in the draw sheets. This is because, the player who apply

for the protected ranking will always occupy a position in the IPF individual ranking only taking in account the effective acquired points, and not in the position he/she occupied when injury happened

## **CHAPTER V. FINAL REGULATION**

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### **V.1. EXTRAORDINARY SITUATIONS**

Any situation not properly reported in the current Technical Rules-book will be subject to analyse and decision from the IPF Board of Directors and/or the corresponding committee.  
These decision will be taking into account for the successive modification and/or integration of the Technical Rules-book.

### **V.2. INTO FORCE VALIDITY**

The present Technical Regulations shall come into force the day following their approval by the Board of Directors of the IPF, and has to be ratified by the first available Annual General Meeting.

## ANNEX A

### REQUIREMENTS INDICATIONS FOR ORGANISING A WORLD OPEN PADEL CHAMPIONSHIPS

All those National Federations/Associations of affiliated countries or Promotion companies wishing to organize a World Open Padel Championships may make a bid request to the International Padel Federation, fixing the conditions they are prepared to meet which must follow the ideal situations as those indicated below.

#### **A- FACILITIES. A.1**

##### **- COURTS**

- Centre court installed in a Stadium with stand for the public, and also four (4) regulation courts. Preferable all in the same place, if there are two (2) venues (never more than two (2)) they should have excellent communication between them and be geographically very close.
- Courts must be glass walls.
- At least the Centre court should have a safety area and allow for out of court play.
- Lighting in all courts.
- Same surface type for all courts. The only permitted difference will be; for mobile courts setup for the championships or when some courts are open air while others are in-door.

##### **A.2 - TRIBUNES**

- The centre court grandstand must have a capacity to seat at least 1000 people.

##### **A.3 - CHANGING ROOMS**

- Women's and men's.
- Should there be two venues both must have men's and women's changing rooms.
- Availability of towels.
- Minimum 6 showers per changing room.

##### **A.4 - RESTAURANT / CAFÉ**

- Sports Menu.
- Bars on the premises.
- VIP's Bar with controlled and reserved access to invited people from Organiser and from IPF, VIP's, officials from Federations, players of Final draw.

##### **A.5 - PLAYERS LOUNGE**

- Capacity for 15-30 people.
- IT prepared and with Wi-Fi connection availability.

##### **A.6 - PHYSIOTHERAPY ROOM**

##### **A.7 - STAFF/SERVICE FACILITIES MAINTENANCE**

- Personnel availability for maintenance and cleaning along all time of competition stage, with capability for the replacement of glass, net repairs and cable tightening or fastening service for the courts, where necessary.

#### **A.8 – INFORMATION ABOUT THE FACILITIES**

- Plans of the installations drawn to scale showing playing areas, stands, village, restaurants and changing rooms.

#### **A.9 – OPERATIVE AREA FOR UMPIRE TEAM**

- Gazebo or office with availability of tables, chairs, Wi-Fi connexion or via-cable Internet, printer, communications panel, various office instruments and materials.

#### **A.10 – PRESS ROOM**

- Gazebo or office with availability of tables, chairs, Wi-Fi connexion or via-cable Internet, printer, communications panel, monitors, various office instruments and materials.

#### **A.11 – VILLAGE**

- With institutional and or commercial marquees.

### **B – SERVICE INFRASTRUCTURE**

#### **B.1 – MEGAPHONE**

- At least for Centre court.

#### **B.2 – NOTICE BOARD RESULTS**

- There should be notice boards kept up to date showing results for World Open Championships, prominently displayed in the venues.
- There should be notice boards kept up to date showing information for World Open Championships, prominently displayed in the hotels where players are staying.

#### **B.4 – FLAGS**

- Flags of all counties with participating players.

### **C - SERVICES**

#### **C.1 - IPF PRESIDENT, SUPERVISOR AND DIRECTOR**

- The Organizer will be responsible for IPF President's and Supervisor's tickets, meals, board and accommodation.
- Should be picked up at the airport upon arrival and dropped off on departure.
- Transport between the hotel and facilities should be provided.
- In addition, the Organization shall ensure that a meeting room is available where President may prepare and host IPF meetings.
- The Organizer will be responsible for IPF Board of Director's meals, board and accommodation. Should be picked up at the airport upon arrival and dropped off on departure, and transport between the hotel and facilities should be provided.

## **C.2 – TRANSPORT**

- Transport between the airport/railway station and the hotel should be arranged for the invited players at their arrival.
- Transfers between the hotel and the facilities in several shifts should be made daily, if necessary.
- Transfer of invited players to airports/stations on their departure.

## **C.3 – ACCOMMODATION**

- Provide information on the distance between the hotel and facilities, estimating the time required to get from one to the other.
- Accommodation for all official invited players registered in the Championships at least since the day before the planned start date of the competition and until the date indicated in the flight ticket, or during the days set by specific IPF Technical Rules-book: Absolute: in Hotel with minimum four (4) stars category.
- Assist in the reservation of accommodation for accompanying persons and visitors.

## **C.4 – MEALS**

- Breakfast, lunch and dinner for all official invited players registered in the Championships during the days set out by the specific IPF Rules, or during the stay in the place.
- Wide timetable for meals.
- It is preferable that breakfast and dinner could be at the hotel. Lunches in the hotel, the club or places very close to them.

## **C.5 – TOWELS**

- Towels will be facilitated to all players from Qualifying phase onwards.

## **C.6 – DRINKS and FRUITS**

- Along Qualifying phases, players must have water at the courts.
- Along Final phase, players must have water and isotonic drinks available at the courts.
- It is suggested the availability of fruit (at least banana).

## **C.7 – COMPLIMENTARY GIFTS**

- Gifts should be given to players of doubles pairs on inscription for a Championships.

## **D - ORGANISATION**

### **D.1 – ORGANISATION OF PERSONAL**

- The manager of the World Championship will be named by the Organizer and if IPF accept him/her, will be nominated. In the contrary the IPF will proposed and nominated them directly.
- Head Umpire. Should be bilingual in English and Spanish (IPF will verify by an interview). That will be proposed by the Organizer and if IPF can accept him/her, and will be nominated. In the contrary the IPF will nominate a candidate.
- Umpire Team: in addition to the Head Umpire, it will be composed at least for three (3) Umpires, who could act as Deputy Umpire, Auxiliary Umpire and Chair Umpire. Proposed by the host country Federation/Association and approved by the IPF.
- Medical service and ambulances. There must be medical coverage on the premises.
- A Physiotherapist.
- The organizer shall take the necessary security measures to improve the development of the event.

## **D.2 – OFFICIAL ACTS and EVENTS**

- Presentation to the media. Press, TV, radio, web, etc..
- Closing ceremony and prize giving.
- Players Party.
- VIP's dinner.

The protocol for all these acts must be subjected to the approval of the IPF.

The President of the IPF will always participate in both the male and female champions prize giving ceremonies.

## **E - GRAPHIC MATERIAL**

IPF logo should be prominently displayed in all graphic material and at least equal in size to that of the most important sponsors.

### **E.1 – POSTERS**

- Design.
- Shipping/distribution to all affiliated members.

### **E.2 – INVITATIONS AND TICKETS**

- If ticket sales are planned the Organizers shall reserve an agreed number of free tickets for the IPF for access for Federation personnel and participating Federations/Associations. The Organizer should deliver the free tickets before the competition starts, as follows:
  - Two (2) tickets or credentials for any participating player and for any registered coach or captain;
  - Four (4) tickets or credentials for any registered federative official;
  - The IPF President or his representative will have available all the free of charge tickets or credentials that they need.
- Design.
- Shipping/distribution to all affiliated members.

### **E.3 - CREDENTIALS**

- Types: Players, coaches, umpires, federative officials, press and VIPs.
- It is a recommendation that credentials contain name, country and a photo.
- To authenticate the credentials it will be necessary to present a current valid passport.

## **F - ADVERTISING MATERIAL**

- Television rights for the World Championships are owned by the IPF, who will negotiate the assignation thereof with the Organizer and the conditions under which such assignation will occur.
- Adhesive vinyl for sticking onto a glass courts must be silk-screened on both sides and attached to the outer side of the lateral or back walls, up to a maximum height of fifty (50) centimeters from the ground and with the same color background.
- There may be all kinds of advertising placed between the courts and the spectators seating area, provided that it does not prevent or impede vision, the game itself, or invade the safety area for out of court play.
- Banners may be attached to the outside of the courts, except for the central, provided that they do not hinder vision or the game.

- Printed posters, silk-screens or stickers placed on the ground, between the net and the service line will be permitted provided that do not alter the bounce of the ball, nor change the surface uniformity or cause physical danger to the players.
- Advertising on the opaque walls of the court. Banners may be attached on the outside of the lateral or rear mesh, as long as they do not prevent or impede the vision or the game.
- Merchandising products of World Open Championships will be free to sell but subject to a IPF 5% royalty of sales, and delivery of 5% of manufactured items to IPF for its distribution and institutional needs.

#### **G – TROPHIES AND AWARDS.**

- World Open Championships:
  - Two trophies for each double pair champion. Male and Female.
  - Two trophies for each double pair of runners up. Male and Female.
- A diploma, plate or trophy for the participation could also be given.

#### **H - COMMITTEES**

- Honorary Committee. Shall includes the IPF President.
- Organizing Committee. The IPF shall nominates a member or officer.

## ANNEX B

### REQUIREMENTS INDICATIONS FOR ORGANISING AN INTERNATIONAL TOURNAMENT

All those National Federations/Associations of affiliated countries wishing to organize an International Tournament of category may make a bid request to the International Padel Federation, fixing the conditions they are prepared to meet which must meet the ideal situations as indicated below.

#### **A- FACILITIES. A.1**

##### **- COURTS**

- Three (3) regulation courts minimum. Preferable all in the same place, if there are two (2) venues (never more than two (2)) they should have excellent communication between them and be geographically very close.
- It is suggested to use courts with glass walls.
- It is suggested to have, at least, the Centre court with a safety area and allow for out of court play.
- Lighting in all courts.
- Same surface type for all courts. The only permitted difference will be; for mobile courts set up for the championships or when some courts are open air while others are in-door.

##### **A.2 - TRIBUNES**

- The centre court grandstand must have a capacity to seat at least 100 people.

##### **A.3 – CHANGING ROOMS**

- Women's and men's.
- Should there be two venues both must have men's and women's changing rooms.
- Availability of towels.
- Minimum four (4) showers per changing room.

##### **A.4 – RESTAURANT / CAFÉ**

- Sports Menu.
- Bars on the premises.

##### **A.5 – PLAYERS LOUNGE**

- Capacity for 15-30 people.
- IT prepared and with Wi-Fi connection availability.

##### **A.6 – PHYSIOTHERAPY ROOM**

##### **A.7 – STAFF/SERVICE FACILITIES MAINTENANCE**

- Personnel availability for maintenance and cleaning along all time of competition stage, with capability for the replacement of glass, net repairs and cable tightening or fastening service for the courts, where necessary.

#### **A.8 – INFORMATION ABOUT THE FACILITIES**

- It is suggested to have plans of the installations drawn to scale showing playing areas, stands, village, restaurants and changing rooms.

#### **A.9 – OPERATIVE AREA FOR UMPIRE TEAM**

- Gazebo or office with availability of tables, chairs, Wi-Fi connexion or via-cable Internet, printer, communications panel, various office instruments and materials.

#### **A.10 – VILLAGE**

- With institutional and or commercial marquees.

### **B – SERVICE INFRASTRUCTURE**

#### **B.1 – MEGAPHONE**

- At least for Centre court.

#### **B.2 – NOTICE BOARD RESULTS**

- There should be notice boards kept up to date showing results, prominently displayed in the venues.

#### **B.4 – ANTHEMS AND FLAGS**

- It is suggested to have the anthems of all participating countries.
- It is suggested to have the flags of all countries or participating players.

### **C - SERVICES**

#### **C.1 – IPF SUPERVISOR**

- The Organizer will be responsible for IPF Supervisor's tickets, meals, board and accommodation.
- Should be picked up at the airport upon arrival and dropped off on departure.
- Transport between the hotel and facilities should be provided.

#### **C.2 – TOWELS**

- It is suggested to facilitate towels to players of the Final phase (Main Draw).

#### **C.6 – DRINKS and FRUITS**

- Players must have water available at the courts at qualifying stages.
- Players must have water and isotonic drinks available at the courts at final phase stage.
- It is suggested the availability of fruit (at least banana).

#### **C.7 – COMPLIMENTARY GIFTS**

- Gifts could be given on inscription (suggested).

## **D - ORGANISATION**

### **D.1 – ORGANISATION OF PERSONAL**

- The manager of the Tournament.
- Head Umpire. Should be bilingual in English and Spanish. The Potential Organizer or the National Federation/Association will issue the proposal and if IPF will accept him/her, and be nominated. In the contrary the IPF will directly appoint the head umpire.
- Deputy Umpire: The Potential Organizer or the National Federation/Association will issue the proposal and if IPF will accept him/her, and be nominated. In the contrary the IPF will directly appoint the deputy umpire.
- Auxiliary Umpire: at least of two (2).
- It is suggested to have medical service and ambulances. There must be medical coverage on the premises.
- A Physiotherapist.
- The organizer shall take the necessary security measures to improve the development of the event.

### **D.2 – OFFICIAL ACTS and EVENTS**

- It is suggested to organise a presentation to the media. Press, TV, radio, web, etc..
- Closing ceremony and prize giving.
- Players Party (suggested).

If it is predicted to have the IPF President present during the event, the protocol for all these acts must be subjected to the approval of the IPF. The President of the IPF will always participate in both the male and female champions prize giving ceremonies.

## **E - GRAPHIC MATERIAL**

IPF logo should be prominently displayed in all graphic material and at least equal in size to that of the Organizer.

### **E.1 – POSTERS**

- Design.
- Shipping/distribution to all affiliated members.

### **E.2 – INVITATIONS AND TICKETS**

- If ticket sales are planned the Organizers shall reserve an agreed free tickets number with the IPF for access for Federation personnel and participating Federations/ Associations. The Organizer would provide free of charge tickets before the competition starts, as follows:
  - Two (2) tickets or credentials for any participating player and for any registered coach or captain;
  - Four (4) tickets or credentials for any registered federative official;
  - The IPF President or his representative will have available all free of charge tickets or credentials as they need.
- Design.
- Shipping/distribution to all affiliated members.

### **E.3 - CREDENTIALS**

- Types: Players, coaches, umpires, federative officials, press and VIPs.
- It is a recommendation that credentials contain name, country and a photo.
- To authenticate the credentials it will be necessary to present a current valid passport.

## **F - ADVERTISING MATERIAL**

- International television rights for the Tournaments are owned by the IPF, who will negotiate the assignation thereof with the Organizer and the conditions under which such assignation will occur.
- Adhesive vinyl for sticking onto a glass courts must be silk-screened on both sides and attached to the outer side of the lateral or back walls, up to a maximum height of fifty (50) centimeters from the ground and with the same color background.
- There may be all kinds of advertising placed between the courts and the spectators seating area, provided that it does not prevent or impede vision, the game itself, or invade the safety area for out of court play.
- Banners may be attached to the outside of the courts, except for the central, provided that they do not hinder vision or the game.
- Printed posters, silk-screens or stickers placed on the ground, between the net and the service line will be permitted provided that do not alter the bounce of the ball, nor change the surface uniformity or cause physical danger to the players.
- Advertising on the opaque walls of the court. Banners may be attached on the outside of the lateral or rear mesh, as long as they do not prevent or impede the vision or the game.

## **G – TROPHIES AND AWARDS.**

- Two trophies for each double pair champion. Male and Female.
- Two trophies for each double pair of runners up. Male and Female.
- A diploma, plate or trophy for the participation could also be given.

## **H - COMMITTEES**

- If Honorary Committee shall be set up, it shall includes the IPF President.
- Organizing Committee. An IPF member, officer, Supervisor or Director shall have free access to the facility and to verify the organizing activity.