



## WORLD SENIORS CHAMPIONSHIPS BY NATIONAL TEAMS AND NATIONAL PAIRS

Provisional Regulation (Rev.3)

### 1. GENERAL

- 1.1. The World Seniors Championship by Teams and Open by National Pairs will be governed by these Provisional Regulations. Once the first editions have been held, the experience gathered will be used to adjust and/or vary it by incorporating it into the Technical Regulations of the International Padel Federation.
- 1.2. The different categories of veterans considered in this world championship are:
  - 1.2.1. **Male:** +35; +40; +45; +50 and +55.
  - 1.2.2. **Female:** +35; +40 and +45.
- 1.3. For everything not provided for in these Provisional Regulations, the Technical Regulations of the Absolute World Championships shall be observed.

### 2. WORLD SENIORS CHAMPIONSHIPS BY NATIONAL TEAMS

- 2.1. The World Seniors Team Championship and the World Seniors Open National Couple Championship will be held jointly.
- 2.2. Each men's team consists of a minimum of ten (10) male players, two (2) for each age group (except as indicated in point 3.7. below for the oldest category), and a maximum of twenty (20), four (4) for each age group.
- 2.3. Each women's team consists of a minimum of six (6) female players, two (2) for each age group (except as indicated in point 3.7. below for the oldest category), and a maximum of twelve (12), four (4) for each age group.
- 2.4. Players who are members of national teams must meet at least the following conditions.
  - 2.4.1. Be in possession of a player's license issued by an Associate Member and recognized by the FIP
  - 2.4.2. Have the nationality of the country they are going to represent.
  - 2.4.3. Not have played in an Official Competition on behalf of another Country for at least the last three (3) years.
  - 2.4.4. In cases of multi-nationality, to have chosen, for sports purposes, the one that corresponds to the country he/she is going to represent.
- 2.5. Registration for the World Seniors Open Championship by National Couples, if organized, and by National Teams will always be made by the National Federation itself.
- 2.6. It is not mandatory that players participating in the World Seniors Open Championship by National Couples are the same as those participating in the World Seniors Championship by National Teams.
- 2.7. Each men's team series is played to the best of five (5) matches, one for each age category, and each women's

team series is played to the best of three (3) matches, one for each age category, with no player being allowed to participate in more than one (1) match.

- 2.8. The five (5) or three (3) matches may be held simultaneously or consecutively, in the latter case in descending order of age. If the matches are played at the same time, another round may not be started until the one already started has ended or all its matches are, at least, being played.
- 2.9. Registrations will not be accepted without the minimum number of pairs provided for in the Regulations: five (5) for the Men's Championship, and three (3) for the Women's Championship. In the event that, once the Championships have begun, a National Team cannot present the total number of couples for any reason whatsoever, the team match contest will be allowed provided that there are at least three (3) men's couples available and at least two (2) women's pairs, but the couples presented will always be those of younger age.
- 2.10. Once the Coach or Captain's line-up has been presented by Coach or Captain, it is considered to have begun the elimination, and if a couple, or any of its components, does not show up or does so in clear physical inferiority incompatible with the contest of a match, the team would lose the point of said couple and also of the couples of the senior age categories. (For example, if the male pair +45 were not present, the team would lose the matches of the series corresponding to +45, +50 and +55).
- 2.11. The combination of the players who make up the Official Delegation to form the five(5) or three (3) pairs is free, provided that the gender, male or female, and age category is respected. (For example: A 48-year-old player may play category +40, but a 42-year-old player cannot play category +45).
- 2.12. Irrespective of the total number of members of each Official Delegation, at least three (3) of them, both in the male and female categories must belong to the oldest category, so that the injury of one of the team's players does not prevent the formation of the five (5) or three (3) couples required for each match.
- 2.13. Unless otherwise specified by competition requirements, matches will be played to the best of three (3) sets. In the event of a six (6) game tie-break shall be played to decide the set. In the major categories (+45 women's and +50/+55 men's) matches will be contested with the third set replaced by a super Tie-Break in the event of a tie in one set on the part.
- 2.14. At the time of registration, in addition to the name of the team members, the name of the coach or captain will be provided, who could be replaced if, in case of force majeure, it proves impossible to attend the championship. The coach or alternate captain will be credited to the Organization upon arrival.
- 2.15. The captain will take care of it:
  - 2.15.1. Be in contact with the Head Umpire.
  - 2.15.2. Communicate to your players timetables, instructions, and so on.
  - 2.15.3. To monitor the punctuality and sports ethics of its players.
  - 2.15.4. Comply with and enforce compliance with all the provisions of these regulations.
- 2.16. Thirty (30) minutes before the start of each stage round, the captains must submit their team's formation for the same, in duplicate. The Referee Judge will deliver a copy of the opposing team to each captain. The captains will have fifteen (15) minutes to present any challenge on the formation of the rival team. If any objection on the composition of the team is accepted by the Judge Referee or if the Head Umpire observes any anomaly, the team in question shall be asked to resume its formation, without prejudice to the actions that the Disciplinary Committee may take.
- 2.17. Any challenge must be filed in writing before the start of the elimination stage.
- 2.18. Once the list of players who will play in a knockout round has been submitted, no player or pair of players may be substituted unless, by mistake or contestation, the Referee Judge so requires.

- 2.19. Players may not play more than two (2) matches per day, even if they belong to different Championships, and must mediate between the end of a match and the beginning of the next one at least three (3) hours.
- 2.20. The Game System will be the Group followed by Final Draw, playing the matches necessary to classify all the positions. If up to eight (8) National Teams are registered, two (2) groups will be formed and the final draw will start at quarter of finals. If up to twelve (12) National Teams are registered, four (4) groups will be made up the final draw will start with the semi-finals.
- 2.21. For this first World Veterans Championships, the seeds will be determined according to the FIP Ranking by Absolute National Teams, both male and female, published on the FIP website on the day of the draw.

### **3. WORLD VETERANS OPEN CHAMPIONSHIPS FOR NATIONAL PAIRS**

- 3.1. The World Veterans Open Championships for National Doubles, male and female, and the World Veterans Championship for National Teams, if it is decided to organize it, will be held jointly.
- 3.2. Couples must be composed of players of the same nationality who are in possession of a player's license issued by an Associate Member and recognized by the FIP. The selection and registration of participating players' pairs to the World Championships is the sole responsibility of the Federation or National Association.
- 3.3. Unless otherwise specified by competition requirements, all matches will be played to the best of three (3) sets. In the event of a six (6) game tie-break shall be played to decide the set. In the major categories (+45 women's and +50/+55 men's) matches will be played with the third set replaced by a super Tie-Break in case of a tie in one set on the part.
- 3.4. The Male and Female squares in each category will consist of up to 3 couples from each of the countries affiliated to the FIP.
- 3.5. The men's and women's qualifying draws in each category will be made up of all couples wishing to participate, licensed by the National Federations and Associations affiliated to the FIP. Only three (3) couples from the Qualifying Round will qualify for the Final Phase. These pairs will be the finalists in the draws-sheets of Male and Female qualifying rounds, plus the winner of the match that will dispute the two semi-finalist pairs.
- 3.6. Men's draw for the Over 60 category and women's draw for the Over 50 category may be proposed as "unofficial" categories.

## 4. ORGANIZATION

### 4.1. Transportation

- 4.1.1. Transportation will be guaranteed: upon arrival and departure of the National Team, from the Airport or Train Station to the chosen Hotel.
- 4.1.2. on all occasions in which the Organizing Committee proposes any cultural activity, trip or eno-gastronomic visit to places close to the host city.
- 4.1.3. Daily transportation between the chosen hotel and the club is not included among the benefits.

### 4.2. Accommodation and Breakfast

- 4.2.1. The choice of accommodation: hotel, B&B, apartment, etc., is free and each delegation must make it at its own expense.
- 4.2.2. The Organization shall provide reservation codes at preferential rates for hotels of different categories.
- 4.2.3. It is likely that the Championship will be held in a receptive structure that includes hotel and club, and although accommodation in the Hotel will not be mandatory, it is suggested to avoid transport costs to delegations and facilitate the programming of the Championships.
- 4.2.4. The Organization is negotiating with the "hosts" ("anfitriones") of each country so that they can cover the expenses of accommodation and breakfast for three (3) couples of different age groups of the Official Delegations participating in the Championship, and one more room for the coaches of the National Federation, but this benefit is not confirmed for everyone at the moment, but only for the first six (6) National Teams that confirm their participation.

### 4.3. Meals: lunches and dinners

- 4.3.1. The food expenses of the components of the Official Delegation shall be covered by the respective Federations/Associations.
- 4.3.2. Upon arrival of the delegations will be given a folder that will include a list of restaurants, including the restaurant of the host Club, which have decided to sponsor the event and will reserve for the participants with accreditation a "World Seniors Menu" at prices really promotional. It ensures that the meals will be of a very high standard.
- 4.3.3. Some cultural, touristic and eno-gastronomic visits are in the management phase, which could offer food to the participants.

### 4.4. Pre-registration and Registration

- 4.4.1. Associate Members of the FIP who wish to participate must pre-register by March 31st directly with the FIP Secretariat, via mail from an official Federation or National Association email address, stating their intention to participate with a male or female team, or both.
- 4.4.2. All pre-registered teams must confirm their attendance before May 30th, accompanied by the registration fee for National Teams which is set at US\$ 400 for Men and US\$ 300 for Women.
- 4.4.3. All registered teams must confirm their attendance by September 15th, by sending the participant lists and flight plan.
- 4.4.4. If any of the pre-registered National Teams does not confirm their participation, they will lose their registration.
- 4.4.5. The Registration Fee for National Couples is US\$ 60, which must be paid before the start of the Championship, at the venue and during accreditation.

#### 4.5. Canon to the FIP

4.5.1. The Organizing Committee will pay the FIP the 50% of the income related to the National Teams and Couples Registration Fees.

#### **PLAY PROGRAMME BASED ON 12 NATIONAL TEAMS (4 GROUPS OF 3 TEAMS)**

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Arrivals	(Double shift)	(Double shift)	Quarter of finals Pairs	(Double shift)	Final National Pairs of each category	Final Teams 3°
Accreditation				Semi-finals Pairs		& 4° Teams 5°
Training	First match by Team Groups	Second match by Team Groups	Quarter of finals Consolation Pairs	Semi-finals Teams (1° to 4°)	Final Consolation Pairs of each category	& 6° Teams
Captain Meeting						7° & 8° Teams
Draw-lot	First round National Pairs (draw of 32)	Eight of finals Pairs	Semi-finals Consolation Pairs	Semi-finals Teams (5° to 8°)		...
	Opening Ceremony	Eight of finals Consolation Pairs		Semi-finals Teams (9° to 12°)		Prize Ceremony
						Closure Ceremony

#### **SOCIAL PROGRAMME (PROPOSAL)**

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	Lunch in the Club	Lunch in the Club	Visit to the Winery with Lunch	Lunch in the Club	Visit to historical place with Lunch	Lunch in the Club
Dinner at "Host-Country" Restaurant	Dinner in a typical canteen in the city centre	Dinner at a typical restaurant in the port	Dinner in the Club	Dinner at "Host-Country" Restaurant	Dinner in the Club	Dinner at "Host-Country" Restaurant