

FIP RISE MERIDA, FIRST MEXICAN STAGE

This month the Cupra FIP Tour arrived at the Mexican land. From March 9 to 12 Merida held the first FIP RISE of its calendar.

The tournament was the kick-off of the international events in the Mexican circuit. A circuit that has 5 IPF tournaments all around the country.

The Mérida tournament was also a unique opportunity for local players, as the first classified would have the opportunity to join the World Padel Tour Exhibition. On Wednesday, March 11 at 5:00 p.m., the open ceremony of the FIP RISE MERIDA tournament was held, where **the President of the Femepa Jorge Mañe Rendón**, WPT players, Diego de la Torre, president of the organizing committee of the World Padel Tour, the General Director of the IDEY Carlos Saenz, the President of the Southeast Padel Association Andrés Arrigunaga, among others. Giving the "initial Padel strike" the number 1 of the world ranking, Paquito Navarro and the president of the IDEY Carlos Saenz.



In terms of the competition, it should be noted the great reception that the event had and the level of local players in both the men's and women's categories, being a country that by level can end the year among the 8 best nations in the world.

Back to the tournament, the winners of men's category were the Hispanic-Argentine couple formed by **Francisco Gil Morales**, a player who is getting used to reaching finals in IPF tournaments, (runner-up FIP Star Burriana) and teammate **Pablo Suarez Ferazzi** against the Argentine duo Matias Gutierrez and Oscar Matias Alamda for a tight result 6/3 4/6 6/4.

The feminine category was marked by the dominance of local pairs, beating players of different nationalities along the way, such as Argentina, Italy or the United States. Congratulations to the winners of the first FIP RISE in the Yucatan peninsula: Ana María Cabrejas Ruiz and Ana Paula de la Peña Rosas defeating 2/6 6/3 the also Mexican Fabiola Talayero Pérez and Camila Ramme Coella (Junior world champion in national pairs competition 2019).



The sad news came with the cancellation of the World Padel Tour event for prevention in front of COVID-19 pandemic. The tournaments in Mexico are temporarily suspended, as well as all those stages of the CUPRA FIP TOUR circuit until the situation improves.

From the International Federation, we want to embrace to all the federations, coaches, players, clubs, referees, brands and a significant number of people who make up our community.

The competitions will return, we are sure of that, and together we can get out of this difficult moment that humanity is going through and enjoy our beloved sport again.

