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**INTERNATIONAL TOURNAMENTS**  
**FIP TOUR**

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## **TECHNICAL RULES AND REGULATIONS OF INTERNATIONALS TOURNAMENTS FIP TOUR**

### **1. GENERAL**

#### **1.1. PURPOSE AND APPLICABILITY**

The purpose of these regulations is to establish the rules for the organization and development of Official International Padel Tournaments and Championships for pairs organized, authorized, or recognized by the International Padel Federation (hereinafter referred to as FIP) anywhere in the world.

#### **1.2. OFFICIALITY**

Official Tournaments are understood to be all those that have been included in the Official FIP Calendar and score points for the official FIP ranking.

#### **1.3. RESPONSABILITY**

FIP is responsible for the overall control of all Official Tournaments, including:

- 1.3.1. Selection: Sorting the Tournaments for inclusion in the Official Calendar.
- 1.3.2. Dates: Confirmation or designation of Tournament Dates.
- 1.3.3. Conflicts: Classification and resolution of all conflicts that arise.

#### **1.4. CALENDAR**

FIP will publish the Official Calendar on December 31 of each year (starting in 2024).

Modifications and/or integrations could be made during the year and will be communicated to the Associate Members and published on the official site.

#### **1.5. PARTICIPATION IN THE COMPETITIONS**

Each event authorized by FIP shall be subject to the provisions of these Regulations. In relation to each event, FIP may authorize the event organizer to derogate from the conditions and/or requirements under this Rules Book. The derogation must be duly published. Every player participating in a tournament authorized by FIP shall also be subject to these Regulations.

Participation in tournaments are open to all internationally ranked players with the FIP ranking on the basis of merit and without discrimination, in addition, it is mandatory that players are in possession of a valid federation license issued by the Federation or National Association affiliated to FIP of the country of origin of each player, however, those under fifteen (15) years of age will not be eligible for participation. For the purposes of this rule, the age of the player shall be taken as of the deadline for registration.

#### **1.6. DOPING REGIME**

All Competitions endorsed by FIP shall be subject to the Doping Regime and the stipulations set forth in the World Anti-Doping Code, a list of prohibited substances and prohibited pharmacological groups and non-regulatory methods of doping in sports, approved by the World Anti-Doping Agency.

## 2. OFFICIAL COMPETITION

### 2.1. DEFINITION

The Competitions listed in the Official Calendar are "Official Competitions". The "Official Competitions" are divided into:

- The **"World Championships"** are those in which the title of World Champion is at stake. They are defined and selected by FIP.
- The **"Continental or Regional Championships"** are those in which the title of Continental or Regional Champion is at stake. They are defined and selected by the corresponding Continental or Regional Federation in the case that it is recognized by FIP, or in the absence of the latter, by FIP itself.
- **"International Competitions"** are all other competitions included in the Official FIP Calendar, including tournaments of the PREMIER PADEL circuit (Major, P1, P2), FIP TOUR and exhibitions or promotional tournaments.

### 2.2. CATEGORY, DENOMINATION, LICENSES, ARBITRATION, ADVERTISING - PROMOTION AND DATA

#### 2.2.1. Category and Official Calendar

- 2.2.1.1. The "Official Competitions" depend directly on FIP in terms of Competition Rules, Disciplinary Rules, Rules of the Game, etc... World or Continental and/or Regional Champion titles are elucidated and the scores for the official FIP Rankings are established. Also considered as "Official Competitions" are those that do not meet the above requirements, but whose organizer has requested their inclusion in the Official Calendar, committing himself to respect all the Regulations and Rules of the FIP and the FIP has accepted his request, which will be subject in all cases to the authorization of the national federations FIP members in the case of competitions in territory where there is an official FIP calendar.
- 2.2.1.2. The Official Calendar shall include World Championships in all categories, Continental Championships, Regional Championships, and those competitions that deserve it in the opinion of the FIP because they are part of a sporting project and meet adequate conditions of budget, publicity and organization.
- 2.2.1.3. For an event to be eligible for FIP Ranking, it must be included in the Official Calendar and the requirements established by FIP for its development must be fulfilled.
- 2.2.1.4. The competitions must be requested to FIP through the corresponding National Federations/Associations, who will be in charge of controlling that the FIP Regulations and Rules are respected.
- 2.2.1.5. FIP may, if it considers it convenient, sign direct contracts for the awarding of competitions with Potential Organizers, but if they have the power to choose the Country in which the competition is to be held, they must submit the request to the FIP through the Federation/Association of the Associate Member. The Federation/Association shall comply with the request if it agrees with it, but if it does so it must respect the terms agreed between FIP and the Potential Organizer.
- 2.2.1.6. FIP may, if it considers it convenient, sign direct contracts for the awarding of competitions with Potential Organizers, and if these, having the power to choose the Country in which the competition is to be held, choose one in which there is no Associate Member, they shall submit the request to FIP directly and shall provide FIP to exercise its supervision and control functions, in order to make the competition official.
- 2.2.1.7. When an application is submitted for a number of International Tournaments exceeding four (4) and to be held in at least three (3) different countries, it could be considered a "circuit". Circuits must be applied for to FIP directly by the Potential Organisers. In the case where a Potential Organiser is an accredited Promotion Company, FIP will inform the relevant National Federations/Associations, requesting their acceptance, and they will be together with the FIP itself in charge of controlling that the FIP Regulations and Rules are respected. The FIP may, in this case and if it considers it convenient, sign direct contracts for the awarding of competitions with Potential Organisers.

#### 2.2.2. Denomination

Official International Competitions are as follows:

World Championship by NATIONAL TEAMS for men and women (including Absolute, Veterans and Junio)

- World Championship by NATIONAL PAIRS for men and women (including Absolute, Veterans and Juniors))
- World Championship OPEN for men and women (including Absolute, Veterans and Juniors)
- Regional Championships by NATIONAL TEAMS male and female (including Absolute, Veterans and juniors))
- Regional Championships by NATIONAL PAIRS male and female (including Absolute, Veterans and juniors))
- Regional Championships OPEN male and female (including Absolute, Veterans and juniors))
- PREMIER PADEL MAJOR male and female.
- PREMIER PADEL P1 male and female.
- PREMIER PADEL P2 male and female.
- FIP FINALS male and female.
- FIP PLATINIUM male and female.
- FIP GOLD, male and female
- FIP STAR, male and female.
- FIP RISE, male and female.
- FIP PROMOTION, male and female
- FIP PROMISES FINALS, (juniors) male and female
- FIP PROMISES, (juniors) male and female
- FIP exhibitions organized by the Federations or National Associations affiliated to FIP, male and female.

### 2.2.3. Licenses

- 2.2.3.1. As stated in section 1.5., in order for a player to participate in the Official Premier Padel Tournaments it is necessary that he/she is in possession of a valid federation license, issued by that Federation/National Association that is an Associate Member of the FIP of his/her country of origin and that is not sanctioned by FIP, nor by any member country.
- 2.2.3.2. All National Federations shall inform the FIP about the issuance of player licenses for its control when requested by the FIP, by sending a list of the official licenses issued during the season.
- 2.2.3.3. A player may have as many licenses as passports (as long as the statutes of the issuing federations allow it), issued by Associate Members, but must indicate the chosen nationality for the purpose of displaying it in the official ranking. Considering that the player, when declaring a license to FIP, will be indicating his "sport nationality" which implies that for the purposes of FIP competitions, he will only be able to represent that sport nationality in all FIP competitions for the period indicated in the current regulations.

**Note:** *If a player's country of origin is not an associate member of FIP, he/she must obtain a license issued by FIP for a fee of 30€.*

### 2.2.4. Arbitration

- 2.2.4.1. The special characteristics of the game of Padel make it possible not to require the presence of a Chair Umpire in all matches. When this happens, it is the players themselves who must apply the Rules of the Game, while maintaining, as a general rule, that each pair referees on their own side of the court.

If it is not possible to reach an agreement on a particular play or action, the Main Umpire shall be called upon to make the final decision after hearing both parties.

The control of the matches by the Chair umpires and their refereeing team can take place in two different modes:

Active arbitration: In active refereeing, play is suspended at the moment the refereeing team calls out the corresponding voices, pointing out all infractions of the rules that occur. See 2.9.15.

Passive arbitration: In passive arbitration, the arbitration team intervenes directly when the moves are listed in 2.9.14. occur, but in other cases, it acts at the request of the players.

- 2.2.4.2. It is up to FIP to determine whether the arbitration should be active or passive, but its decision must be known before the competition starts.

2.2.4.3. Chair umpiring is compulsory in all rounds of FIP FINALS, FIP PLATINUM, FIP GOLD tournaments, from the quarter finals of FIP STAR tournaments included in the FIP Official Calendar. It is not mandatory, but recommended, in FIP RISE and FIP PROMOTION Tournaments.

#### 2.2.5. Advertising, promotion and data

2.2.5.1. Each player grants and assigns to the events he enters, the right in perpetuity to make, use and display, from time to time and at his discretion, moving images, still images, and live, recorded, or filmed television footage, and other reproductions of him during such events in connection with the promotion of such events without compensation to himself.

2.2.5.2. Each player also agrees to cooperate with the media and to participate upon request in reasonable promotional activities for international tournaments. Such activities of a player shall not be used as an endorsement or support by the player of any brand or product.

Each event has the right to approach players for a series of events/tournament features, necessary for the promotion of the game, the tour, and the event, as well as event sponsors; as such, players must make themselves available for these activities that are reasonable in number and will respect the commitments and responsibilities of the tournament and the player.

Players are strictly and exclusively committed to the event and are not allowed to participate in any other private function or even during their presence in the tournament city, without the written consent of the organization.

2.2.5.3. It is further understood and agreed that all rights in data in any way produced and/or generated during tournaments (including but not limited to statistics, live analysis and data from analytics technology and similar data) shall be similarly granted to the events and must be available for use, including licensing, assignment and/or other promotional and commercial purposes. To the extent that any player has rights to the data, the player irrevocably grants and assigns those rights to FIP who may make use of them in official competitions.

### 2.3. COMPETITION ORGANIZERS

2.3.1. The following shall be considered as Potential Organizers of competitions included in the FIP calendar:

- National Federations/Associations which are Associate Members.
- FIP-accredited Promoter Companies.

2.3.2. The organization of the international tournaments included in the Official FIP Calendar is the responsibility of the Potential Organizer who has applied for it, and if it is a Promoter Company, this will be supervised by the FIP.

Requests for an International Tournament to be included in the Official Calendar shall be processed through the Associate Member, except in the cases indicated in Articles 2.2.1.5. and 2.2.1.6.

The Potential Organizer is responsible for the payment of the prize money, and, if it is a Promoter Company, FIP must verify the existence of the necessary guarantees or collateral for the holding of the Tournament.

2.3.3. In order to obtain accreditation, the Board of Directors shall require:

- Experience and track record in the organization of sporting events, either because they have been organized previously or because it has staff with proven ability to do so.
- Qualified and sufficient personnel.
- Economic capacity. Directly related to the category of the Championships or Tournaments to be organized.
- The endorsement of the Associate Member under whose responsibility the country where the Organiser's headquarters is located is preferable but not exclusive.

## 2.4. REQUEST FOR COMPETITIONS

- 2.4.1. FIP, indicatively before December 15, will send to the Associate Members and to the accredited promoting Companies a Provisional Calendar listing all the World, Continental and Regional Championships scheduled to be held during the following year, with an indication of the estimated dates.

All the Tournaments included in the Official Calendar of the previous year shall also be added, trying to adjust the dates to the new year as much as possible. This provisional calendar shall include, as a reference, the name of the competition, prize money, venue and probable dates.

Upon receiving the provisional Calendar, Associate Members and promoting Companies wishing to repeat the organization of Tournaments or to organize new ones must apply to the FIP in writing, indicating the name of the Tournament, tentative date and budget for prizes.

It is understood that preference will be given to those tournaments that have already been held in previous years.

In all cases, information about the facilities of the venue or club where the competition is to be held must be attached, which must be registered and up to date with the payment of the corresponding Associate Member in their country, except in special circumstances of dissemination and promotion of Padel: organization in a street or square, shopping centers, etc...

All requests must be in the possession of the FIP indicatively before December 15.

- 2.4.2. With the information received, FIP will draw up the Tentative Calendar which will be published indicatively before December 31, where the bids selected for the organization of the World Championships will be reflected, as well as the Tournaments that meet the requirements that may be demanded. The Board of Directors, after taking into account the comments of the interested parties, elaborates the Official Calendar, not later than January 31st of the current year, which can no longer be modified as regards the dates of the World Championships in order not to affect the Associate Members' own calendars.

## 2.5. AWARDING AND INCLUSION OF TOURNAMENTS AND CHAMPIONSHIPS

- 2.5.1. For the inclusion of FIP PLATINUM, FIP GOLD, FIP STAR, FIP RISE, FIP PROMOTION and FIP FINALS tournaments in the Official Calendar, FIP shall take into account, among others, the following circumstances:

- Facilities:
  - Number of courts and their technical conditions: dimensions, lighting, wall materials and type of surface, etc.
  - Existence of panoramic courts.
  - Adequate changing rooms.
  - Room for players.
  - Gymnasium and warm-up room.
  - Room or space reserved for the Referee Team.
  - Other usable facilities: swimming pool, SPA, etc...
- Services:
  - On-site restaurant.
  - Massage or physiotherapist service.
  - On-site medical assistance.
  - Provision of media resources: telephones, e-mail, Internet, Wi-Fi, etc..
- Media:
  - Press conference room.
  - Media room.
  - Relevant information about the event (results, information notes, access to FIP Web system, etc.), for the press and Associate Members.
  - A Space available for TV cameras and photographers.
- Organizational Capability:
  - Experience in the organization of sports competitions.



- Qualified and sufficient personnel.
- Accommodation in suitable hotels.
- Transportation club-hotel or a proximity between that makes transportation unnecessary.
- Offices for Premier Padel and FIP staff.

Once these concepts have been considered, other concepts of rotation and geographical distribution may be followed in defense of sporting interests, at the sole discretion of FIP.

Article 2.12. sets the economic conditions for the awarding of Competitions that must be reflected in a document specifying the Technical Conditions and Requirements finally agreed with FIP, taking into account as a guide the documents: "Requirements for the organization of FIP TOUR competitions" and "Requirements for the organization of FIP FINALS" (see Annexes).

- 2.5.2. FIP may require an initial deposit and establish it by means of a cash deposit or bank guarantee, to make sure the right organization of the Tournament or Championship requested, under the conditions offered. This initial deposit shall be supplemented up to the amount fixed for the prize money 60 days prior to the date of the beginning of the competition.

These deposits shall be returned immediately in the event that the application for registration of the Tournament in the Official Calendar is rejected, or its bid for the organization of a Circuit is not selected. Otherwise, they will be returned within 60 days from the date on which the Circuit or Tournament has ended.

- 2.5.3. If the same Potential Organizer promotes or requests the registration of several events in the Official Calendar, he may negotiate with FIP the total amount of the deposits in such a way that, in the common interest, they are not too burdensome.

## 2.6. MODIFICATIONS OF THE OFFICIAL CALENDAR

- 2.6.1. To change any of the data related to an International Tournament, once included in the Official Calendar, it shall be necessary that the requesting Organizer makes the appropriate request in writing to FIP within the following deadlines:

- Name Change: one (1) month
- Change of City: two (2) months
- Change of Venue: one (1) month
- Change of Judge Referee: fifteen (15) days
- Change of registration deadline: seven (7) days.

All deadlines are understood to be the minimum before the scheduled start of the competition.

FIP will study the petitions received and will try to attend to them as long as they do not harm the rights of third parties or if the requested changes are of such importance that they alter the normal development of the competition calendar.

The Organizer that cancels a competition or introduces changes in the celebration of the same without the authorization of FIP shall lose the deposit and may be sanctioned, in addition, with the disqualification for one (1) year to organize competitions included in the Official Calendar, regardless of the possible sanctions that may be applicable in accordance with the Sports Discipline Regulations.

- 2.6.2. In order to request the incorporation of new Tournaments to the Official Calendar, the following conditions must be met:

- The request must be submitted at least two (2) months prior to the scheduled start date of the International Tournament.
- That the interests of the Organizers of the competitions already included in the Official Calendar are not harmed.
- That there is no overlapping of dates with Competitions of the same category already included in the Official Calendar of the FIP, to be played in the same country or in a neighboring country, unless expressly authorized by the same.
- That the application complies with the requirements established in 2.5.

## 2.7. FACILITIES

2.7.1. For the celebration of an international tournament included in the Official Calendar of FIP, it will be necessary that the facilities where it will be held have a sufficient minimum of illuminated courts to ensure the normal development and smooth running of the Tournament, taking into account the number of matches to be played, as well as adequate auxiliary facilities and sufficient material and human resources.

- FIP PLATINUM: 1 Central Court and 5 secondary courts
- FIP GOLD: 1 Central Court and 5 secondary courts
- FIP STAR: 6 Courts (1 Main Court with seating area around and a space to put a camera behind)
- FIP RISE: 4 Courts (1 Main Court with seating area around and a space to put a camera behind)
- FIP PROMOTION: 2 Courts

*The board and/or FIP sports department may make exceptions, where justified, to the requirements of number of courts and seating capacity.*

2.7.2. In exceptional cases FIP, in defence of the promotion of padel, may authorise its celebration in facilities that do not meet the aforementioned requirements, provided that the courts comply with the provisions of the FIP Padel Game Regulations. As a general rule, the tournaments will be held on illuminated courts, with the same type of walls and surfaces. When the matches are played in different surfaces or constructions, (glass and wall, for example), the criteria to be followed for the allocation of the matches must be publicly established beforehand, including that the organiser may directly designate the court because the match is broadcasted. If the criteria have not been established, the courts will be drawn by lot to determine who plays on which court.

2.7.3. Inspection of Facilities: FIP reserves the right to send a Supervisor to check the infrastructure in general and the courts, assessing their condition for the dispute of the matches, as well as other directly related facilities, such as changing rooms, canteens, rest room, etc...

If the report is negative, the Organizer, the Main Tournament Referee of the competition and the Owner of the facilities shall be informed immediately so that the abnormalities noted are corrected before the start of the matches. If this is not possible, the corresponding measures will be taken, from the prohibition of the use of defective facilities to the cancellation of the Tournament.

## 2.8. TOURNAMENT DIRECTOR

2.8.1. The Tournament Director shall be appointed by the Organizer who must take into account that it is not possible to be Tournament Director and Player or member of the Umpire team in the same event.

2.8.2. The Tournament Director is responsible to the Organizer for the organization and smooth running of the tournament and the Organizer is responsible to the FIP.

2.8.3. The functions of the Tournament Director are as follows:

- Ensure that the sports facilities are prepared for the Tournament.
- Ensure the good placement and image of the branding following FIP's guide-line.
- Check that the balls and trophies are in the facilities before the start of the Tournament.
- Control the registrations and provide the Chief Referee with a list of players who have not paid so that he can prevent them from participating.
- To send to the FIP a list of the players who have been declared W.O. and who have not paid the registration fee.
- To develop coordination tasks between the Organizer, the people in charge of the facilities, the players, the sponsors, the Chief Referee and the FIP Supervisor.
- Be prepared to solve any emergency that may arise during the competition, especially in terms of medical assistance.
- To attend to the press and provide them with all the necessary information in the event that there is no specially designated Press Officer.

## 2.9. OFFICIALS TEAM

- 2.9.1. The team of officials consists of the FIP Supervisor, Main Tournament Umpire, Judge Umpire, Chair umpire, Court umpire, and Trainee umpires. All of them must be in possession of a certificate issued by the FIP:
- **FIP Supervisor:** Assigned by the FIP, he exercises refereeing control of the tournament, and his decision is above any referee. He shall only act in case of conflict of rules on behalf of the FIP.
  - **Main Tournament Umpire:** He/she is the highest referee responsible in an Official Sport Competition. In addition, he assigns to all the Referee Judges that make up the Refereeing Team the tasks that they must perform at all times.
  - **Judge Umpire:** He is mainly responsible for administrative control, recording results, calls to players, etc.
  - **Chair Umpire:** Referees a match and, if a public address system is available, informs the spectators of the details of the match.
  - **Court Umpire:** Collaborates with the Chair Umpire in the control and surveillance of the matches.
  - **Trainee Umpire.** Collaborate with the Chair and Court Umpires in the control of a match.
- 2.9.2. For International Tournaments included in the Official Calendar, the Organiser shall propose to the FIP the name of the Main Tournament Umpire at least one (1) month in advance of the foreseen starting date. The proposed Main Tournament Umpire must be affiliated with a National Federation member of FIP. This proposal must be accompanied by his refereeing curriculum vitae. If the proposal is not accepted on the grounds that he is not the suitable Referee for the Tournament, or if the organizer considers that none of the eligible Referees has sufficient capacity to carry out the task, FIP, after consultation with the respective Federations, shall appoint the Main Tournament Umpire.
- 2.9.3. It is not possible to be a member of the Referee Team and player or coach in the same Tournament. The duties of the Main Tournament Umpire are as follows:
1. To carry the Rules of the Game and the Technical Regulations with them, to comply with them and to see that they are complied with.
  2. To draw up the schedules and to announce them in good time.
  3. To designate the functions of each of the members of the Refereeing Team and, in the event of extraordinary circumstances, to dismiss them from their duties.
  4. To decide if a court meets the necessary conditions to be played on it or if a match must be moved to another court and to designate on which court each of the matches must be played.
  5. To identify the participating players.
  6. Not to allow the participation of those players whose age or nationality does not correspond to the category of the event in which they intend to participate or those who, according to a written list to be submitted by the Organizer, have not paid the registration fee.
  7. Notify the players of the system and conditions of play.
  8. Communicate to the players, before the start of a tournament, what criteria will be followed to assign the courts when these are of different types of construction.
  9. Apply the W.O. (Walk-Over).
  10. To carry out the draw of the consolations.
  11. To order the ball changes. These are mandatory in all matches, the first change being made after nine (9) games and thereafter every eleven (11) games.
  12. To note down all the results in the tables: winners, scores of the sets, players' license numbers, etc.
  13. To decide when a match should be postponed or resumed.
  14. Propose sanctions to the Sports Disciplinary Committee approved by the FIP.
  15. To be present at the venue where the tournament is held during the course of all matches and if this is not possible to appoint a provisional Head Referee of the Tournament who will temporarily replace him/her in his/her absence.
  16. To control as far as possible the development of all matches being played by his presence on the courts and therefore, in the absence of the Chair Umpire, may perform functions that are proper to them, such as determining whether the players are properly dressed or draw the fields and the serve or service.
  17. Make the final decision when disagreements arise between players in a match played without the presence of the Chair Umpire. If the disagreement is prolonged, require the end of the conflict within 20 seconds, even if his intervention has not been required. If it does not occur, he shall make the final decision.
  18. Make the final decision if there is a conflict between the players and the Chair Umpire in the interpretation of a specific point of the Rules.
  19. Appoint a provisional Head Referee of the Tournament if he/she has to act as Chair Umpire.

20. To send the results, the reports of incidents of the members of the Referee Team and the Minutes at the end of the tournament, within the deadlines and by the means to be determined.
  21. Ensure that all the balls necessary for the course of the competition are in the playing area and before the start of each day.
  22. To be in charge of finalizing the tournament, sending a signed final report and the results.
  23. To explain and carry out the drawing for the competition.
- 2.9.4. FIP's Disciplinary Committee will hear possible faults committed by the Main Tournament Umpire when willfully or through ignorance:
1. Has failed to comply with the Regulations.
  2. Has committed errors in the draws.
  3. Has falsified the results.
  4. Has clearly and unjustifiably favored or disadvantaged a player by his decisions.
  5. Has falsified the tournament report.
  6. Has allowed the participation of a player who is not registered, or who, being registered, has substituted a third player acting in his place, or who has not paid the registration.
  7. And, in general, has not complied with the obligations of his position.
- 2.9.5. The decisions of the Main Tournament Umpire are final as far as the rules of the game are concerned, without prejudice to possible appeals to the FIP Sports Disciplinary Committee. The Main Tournament Umpire is also empowered to make decisions on any incident that may occur during the tournament, even if it is not covered by these rules, with prior authorization of the FIP supervisor.
- 2.9.6. The partial results of the matches will be incorporated into the FIP Software as the International Tournament progresses, up to the results of the Final. This may be done at the end of each match. The data may be entered into the system by the Main Tournament Umpire or, failing that, by a person in charge of the Tournament, the Judge Umpire.
- The Umpire must send to the FIP the Minutes, incident reports and final results of the competition, within three days after the end of the competition.
- 2.9.7. In case of inclement weather, the Main Tournament Umpire will be in charge of taking the appropriate decisions, but in no case may the tournament be extended beyond 24:00 hours of the day following the day indicated as the last day of the competition. If, at that time, the tournament has not finished and the players are not willing to continue, the tournament shall be considered postponed until FIP determines its definitive suspension or informs of the dates of its resumption.
- 2.9.8. The Main Tournament Umpire is responsible, unless he considers that there is a cause of force majeure, for forfeiting a match by W.O. to the pair or team that does not appear on the court, ready to play, ten (10) minutes after the time established for the start of the match.
- 2.9.9. The duties of the Judge Umpire are: To collaborate with the Main Tournament Umpire in all the assigned functions and to perform the following: 1, 5, 6, 12, 13 and 14 and in case of incidents, to submit a written report to the Main Tournament Umpire.
- 2.9.10. The duties of the Trainee Umpire are the following: 1, 4 (regarding the conditions of the court for the game), 13, 14, 16 and 17 and in case of incidents, to submit a written report to the Main Tournament Umpire.
- 2.9.11. The duties of the Chair Umpire are the following: 1, 5, 7, 11, 13 and 14 of those assigned to the Main Tournament Umpire and, in addition, the following:
1. Determine if the players are correctly dressed.
  2. Give the necessary information about the match to each player.
  3. Draw the courts and the serve.
  4. Give the public the pertinent information during the match.
  5. Enforce the Laws of the Game actively or passively as appropriate.
  6. Resolve disputes arising over the application of the paddle rules, accepting the player's right to request consultation with the Chief Judge Umpire.
  7. To announce the score in accordance with the rules set.
  8. Control the public, stopping the game if necessary, until order is restored.

9. To fill in the score sheet and the conduct sheet.
  10. Report in writing to the Main Tournament Umpire all incidents occurring during the match.
- 2.9.12. The functions of the Court Umpires are. To collaborate with the Chair Umpire under the conditions set out in these rules for the type of arbitration, active or passive, to be applied.
- 2.9.13. In Passive Refereeing, the Chair Umpire or Court Umpire intervenes at the request of the players, but must call the infraction by stopping play, when any of the following moves occur:
- Serving fouls (those fouls that occur in the server's court, foot fault or high serve).
  - Net (player touching the net)
  - Double bounce
  - Through (ball going through the net through a hole)
  - Unregulated hit (double touch, handball, etc.)
  - Let
  - Hassles
- 2.9.14. In the event of an argument between the players without requiring the intervention of the Chair Umpire, the Chair Umpire shall be responsible for preventing the argument from extending beyond the twenty (20) seconds indicated in the rules as the maximum time to serve. Once the twenty (20) seconds have elapsed without an agreement, the Chair Umpire decides, and the game continues.
- 2.9.15. In opaque courts the Chair Umpire may be assisted by a Court Umpire in this case they will be located at the height of the net, one on each side of the court.
- 2.9.16. In Active Refereeing, all infractions of the Rules that occur will be reported. If the match is played on courts with opaque walls, the Referee Team will be composed of a Chair Umpire and a Court Umpire who will occupy the positions indicated in the previous point.
- If playing on courts with transparent walls, the Referee Team will be formed by a Chair Umpire and Court Umpire according to the category of the tournament. The task of the Court Umpire is to control the touch of the ball on the wall opposite to the one occupied by the Chair Umpire and the serving line in the receiver's court, as well as foot faults in the serve or the serve above the waist.
- 2.9.17. The Disciplinary Committee of the FIP shall hear possible faults committed by the Judge Umpires in the fulfillment of their responsibilities when voluntarily or ignorantly:
1. Have failed to comply with the Bylaws.
  2. Have falsified the results.
  3. Has clearly and unjustifiably favored or disadvantaged a player with his decisions.
  4. Has falsified the report of a match.
  5. Has allowed the participation of a player who is not registered or who, being registered, has acted in the place of a third party.
  6. And, in general, has not complied with the obligations of his position.
- 2.9.18. Umpire in Video Review function (review official):
1. Shall be thoroughly familiar with all aspects of the Rules of the Game, and in particular with the electronic review procedures, the relevant tournament rules and regulations and the Duties and Responsibilities of Judges. He shall perform his duties in accordance with FIP procedures.
  2. He shall dress in the same manner as the other review Judges, as directed by the Main Tournament Umpire of the tournament.
  3. He/she shall be in the electronic review booth at least twenty (20) minutes before the start of play of the first match or session of the day on the court assigned to him/her, and ten (10) minutes before the start of subsequent matches.
  4. He/she shall check the means available to communicate with the chair umpire, Main Tournament Umpire, the screen operator and television.
  5. Shall confirm with the operator that the system is set up for the appropriate event.

6. During the warm-up, examine at least one (1) rehearsal of a review that will not be shown to the television or on the screen.
7. Shall confirm with the system operators that all systems are fully functional prior to the start of the match.
8. Shall be responsible for identifying each play whose review may be requested.
9. Determine if the play requested to be reviewed is available.
10. Manage the process of replaying the play or broadcasting it to television.
11. Shall be responsible for monitoring the operation of the system.
12. In the event of system malfunction, he/she shall immediately notify the chair umpire and the Main Tournament Umpire of the tournament. When the system is working again and has been tested, he/she shall immediately inform them.
13. He/she shall notify the chair umpire that the original decision shall stand when the review umpire is unable to retrieve the image to review the play.
14. In the event that the play displayed on the screen does not correspond to the text or graphic disclosed, he/she shall inform the chair umpire of the correct result of the challenge and if possible, display the corrected textual graphic on the screen.
15. Shall immediately inform the chair umpire when his or her review monitor is working properly, but all other available screens in the stadium are not working properly.
16. Shall keep a record of the number of successful and unsuccessful challenges for each pair and may confirm the number of pending unsuccessful challenges to the chair umpire.
17. Shall act as final authority regarding the number of outstanding unsuccessful challenges for each pair. Shall verify with the chair umpire which pair has one (1) or no (0) challenges pending.
18. He/she shall not leave his/her position until he/she has been replaced by the next AR. All necessary information and situations must be fully communicated to the replacing umpire. This change should only occur during a changeover or during a scheduled break.
19. No electronic devices should be used in the booth unless approved by the tournament during ongoing matches. This includes personal smart phones, smart watches and personal tablets/laptops.
20. Shall be viewing the match on the LIVE screen and anticipate "potential" review plays.
21. Will alert system operators of a potential review, confirm that a review has been requested or anticipate that there will be no review.
22. Will be responsible for submitting the correct shot for review. must listen to the Chair Umpire's request and understand what the requested review is.
23. Once the best shot has been determined, he/she communicates to the chair umpire the resolution of the play and will give the order to send to the video scorer.

#### 2.9.19. Officials FEEs FIP TOUR 2023 (in Euros):

- Hospitality: Single room with breakfast from the night before to the start of the working day until the next day of the last day of work. Minimum 3star hotel.
- Meals: Lunch and dinners, starting from dinner the night before to the start of the working day until the last day of work.
- Transportation: Pick up services from airport / train station. Transfers from the hotel to the venue included.

### STAR, RISE, PROMOTION, PROMISES, EXHIBITIONS

Official Status	Tournament Fee	Daily Fee	Mandatory	Recommended	Quantity	Minimum Days
Tournament Chief Umpire	National Fee		Yes		1	Full
Chair Umpire	National Fee	National Fee		Yes	1 - Court	1
Judge Umpire	National Fee	National Fee	Yes (4 Courts or more)			3
Trainee Umpire	National Fee			Yes		

Hospitality: Hotels & Meals included for non local.

### FINALS, PLATINUM, GOLD

Official Status	Tournament Fee	Daily Fee	Mandatory	Recommended	Quantity	Minimum Days
Tournament Chief Umpire	800		Yes		1	Full
Chair Umpire	550	90	Yes		2 - Court	3
Judge Umpire	400	60	Yes		1	3
Trainee Umpire	150			Yes		

Hospitality: Hotels & Meals included for non local.

## 2.10. THE FEDERATIVE DELEGATE WITH SUPERVISION FUNCTIONS

- 2.10.1. This person is the official representative of the FIP during a Competition. He/she is appointed by the Sports Department at the request of the President of the FIP. His/her function is that of an observer and supervisor, with no power to take part in any kind of technical decision, this being the sole responsibility of the Refereeing Team. At the end of the Competition, they will write a report of the event, which will be an official document.
- 2.10.2. Any party interested in a Competition may request to the President of the FIP the presence of a Federative Delegate, at least thirty (30) days in advance. In case of travel/accommodation expenses, these shall be borne by the applicant.
- 2.10.3. The appointment of the Federative Delegate with Supervisor functions shall be sent in writing to the Umpire, who shall inform all participants, or failing that, shall place an Informative note next to the order of play of the Competition.

## 2.11. THE PLAYERS

- 2.11.1. To participate in an Official International Tournament, the player must be in possession of a player's license issued by the FIP recognized member National Federation/Association of his/her home country. In addition, he/she must be provided with a Sports Insurance Policy covering the possibility of an accident during the Competition. In cases where the license held by the player does not cover the possibility of an accident during the practice of the sport, FIP or the Organizer shall have the right to demand coverage for this risk.
- 2.11.2. The minimum age to participate in the CUPRA FIP TOUR will be 15 years old on the day of the draw.
- 2.11.3. The player must pay in advance the registration fee for the International Tournament. Otherwise, the Organizer shall inform the Umpire in writing to prevent the player's participation, forfeiting the match by W.O. For sanctioning purposes, it shall be considered an unjustified W.O.
- 2.11.4. The registration fee must be paid even if the player has declared W.O. and cannot play in another competition until it has been paid. Therefore, the Organizer shall send a list of the players who have declared W.O. and have not paid to the FIP, who shall inform the players concerned by sending a copy to the represented Association/Federation that issued the player's license, warning them that they may not participate in any competition until the situation has been resolved.
- 2.11.5. If a pair or player unjustifiably withdraws from a competition, the pair shall lose any right to the prize money it had obtained up to that moment. The player/s may appeal this sanction in writing within fifteen (15) days, without prejudice to any disciplinary liability that may be incurred.
- 2.11.6. Trophies and prizes must be collected during the closing ceremony. In case of unjustified absence, the player will lose all rights to the prizes. The trophies will be handed over to the FIP, where the player may retrieve them.
- 2.11.7. **Breaks between matches:** When necessary if the schedule schedules more than one match on a day for the same pairs, the Umpire shall allow a minimum rest period for the affected players if, after the ending of one match, the next match is scheduled to be played thereafter unless both players agree to start earlier.
- If the previous match lasted less than one (1) hour: One (1) hour of Rest.
  - If the previous match has lasted between one (1) hour and one (1) hour and a half (½): One (1) hour and a half (½) Rest.
  - If the previous match lasted more than one (1) hour and a half (½): Two (2) hours of Rest.

Unless there are exceptions, players may not play more than two (2) matches per day. Exceptions will be determined by the Umpire, who will inform FIP Supervisor and the Tournament Director prior to giving notice of scheduled changes.

2.11.8. The players must be correctly attired, the Chair Umpire or Referee being responsible for this point.

2.11.9. The players can use the shoes, clothes, and rackets they wish as long as they respect the rules.

2.11.10. All tournaments are considered to have started with the closing of the registration period. Any withdrawal from the tournament after that time does not exempt the payment of the registration fee and must be duly justified to avoid penalties.

- Valid proofs: Within a period of five (5) days from the notification of cancellation to the tournament, a medical proof must be sent by email to [competition@padelfip.com](mailto:competition@padelfip.com) with the date and signature of the doctor.
- Any report from a physiotherapist is not considered valid proof documents.

If, within 5 days, after notification of the withdrawal, no proof has been received, the incident will be raised to the discipline committee, where the fine and the sanction will be decided. Any sanction imposed by FIP may affect PREMIER PADEL, national and regional federation tournaments.

2.11.11. If any of the players registered in one of the International Tournaments or Championships included in the FIP Official Calendar is declared W.O., or once the draw has been made, decides not to participate in the Competition, he must justify his absence within fifteen (15) days. Otherwise, or if the Disciplinary Committee considers that the reasons given are insufficient, the Disciplinary Regulations shall apply.

2.11.12. 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 obtain any points.

If the affected player has qualified to play at a specific Draw, by playing the previous one, even though they lose by W.O. they will have the right to get the points.

2.11.13. Participants must, in any official International Competition, prove, when requested by the Umpire, their identity, nationality, age or any other circumstance related to the Competition, by submitting the appropriate documentation.

## 2.12.COACHES

2.12.1. It will be the obligation of the pair, when registering, to include the name of the person who will be the accredited as coach in a tournament and to be able to give instructions or advice in a match only to the pair who registers it.

2.12.2. It is not possible to be a player and a coach in the same tournament.

2.12.3. Each pair may include a maximum of two coaches per tournament.

2.12.4. The coach must be in possession of a coach license from any associated member country, or at least a certification signed by a member federation affirming the title of coach for that country.

2.12.5. While a match, only one coach may sit with the accredited pair. A pair may not, under any circumstances, change the coach in the middle of the match.

2.12.6. In the event that a coach has two pairs playing simultaneously, he/she may start a match with one pair and finish the match of the other pair. Provided that the Main Tournament Umpire is notified prior to the start of both matches.

In this case, the coach may not return to a match from which he/she has stood up. To do so, he/she must inform the referee at a break or change of sides of his/her intention to leave the match, and he/she must leave the court at the next change of sides.

2.12.7. Before each match, the coach shall introduce himself/herself to the main Tournament umpire.

2.12.8. During rest periods in matches, players may receive instructions or technical advice, related to the game, from their coach and / or captain. The coach and / or captain must present himself to the Chair Umpire or, failing that, to the Main Referee before the start of the match. He will maintain a fixed position on the outside of the court, next to the players' chairs.

2.12.9. He will only be able to maintain verbal contact with the players during the breaks, not during the changes of ends without rest.

2.12.10. Coaches must act properly equipped and refrain from wearing the logos of other circuits.

2.12.11. Coaches are not allowed to carry a paddle bag or other bag on the bench.

2.12.12. The use of electronic devices, such as tablets, cell phones, watch, will be allowed, without being able to use headphones or make calls during the match.



2.12.13. If during the course of the match, the referee sees signs of communication via messaging, the couple will be sanctioned.

## 2.13.ECONOMIC CONDITIONS FOR THE ORGANIZATION OF INTERNATIONAL TOURNAMENTS

- 2.13.1. For International Tournaments, the amounts that must be paid to the FIP as a levy are fixed and defined in the article 2.13.4. The Organizer must submit to the FIP, 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 FIP conditions and requirements to ensure the competitions are of the required level, considering as guideline the documents: "Requirements to organize an international tournament of the FIP TOUR" "Requirements to the FIP FINALS" (See Annex I y II).
- 2.13.2. The Organizer is liable to the FIP 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 FIP, clubs, installations, etc... They are also responsible for obtaining and benefiting from sponsorship or advertising income, without affecting that which corresponds to the FIP.
- 2.13.3. 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.
- 2.13.4. The Organizer of each of the International Tournaments included in the Official Calendar will pay FIP a levy (men's and women's), which becomes a fixed amount in Euros (€):

- FIP PLATINUM: 15.000€
- FIP GOLD: 5.000€
- FIP STAR: 2.500€
- FIP RISE: 1.500€
- FIP PROMOTION: 500€

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

- 2.13.5. The Organizer will be responsible for ensuring that the players, Organizers and FIP 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.
- 2.13.6. The FIP 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 documents: "Requirements to organize an international tournament of the FIP TOUR" "Requirements to the FIP FINALS" (See Annex I y II).), and those included in the documents mentioned in point 2.13.1.
- 2.13.7. The different Tournaments included in the Official Calendar are grouped according to the minimum prize money, in the following manner:
- Tournament FIP PLATINUM
    - Male: 60.000€.
    - Female: 60.000€.
  - Tournament FIP GOLD
    - Male: 25.000€.
    - Female: 25.000€.
  - Tournament FIP STAR:
    - Male: 12.500€.
    - Female: 12.500€.
  - Tournament FIP RISE:
    - Male: 6.250€.
    - Female: 6.250€.
  - Tournament FIP PROMOTION:

- Male: 2.500€.
- Female: 2.500€.

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

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

CUPRA FIP TOUR Prize Money - Points Break Down									
	Champion	Finalist	1/2 Final	1/4 Final	Round of 16	Round of 32	Last of Qualy	Q2	Q1
Platinum	20%	10%	12%	16%	19%	20,5%	3%		
Gold - Star	20%	10%	13%	16%	18%	23,0%			
Rise	20%	15%	20%	20%	25%				

Category	Main Draw	Qualification	Total Prize Money	Total Points	Bonus Winner Qualy	Champion	Finalist	1/2 Final	1/4 Final	Round of 16	Round of 32	Last of Qualy	Q2	Q1
FIP PLATINUM	Total 32: 26 + 4Q + 2WC	30 + 2wc	60.000 €	200	5	Points	200	120	60	36	18	8	8	5
						Round	12.000 €	6.000 €	7.200 €	9.600 €	11.400 €	12.300 €	1.500 €	
						Player	6.000 €	3.000 €	1.800 €	1.200 €	713 €	384 €	188 €	
FIP FINALS	Total 16: 8 + 6WC + 2Q	14+2WC	40.000 €	150	4	Points	150	90	45	22	11	8	4	1
						Round								
						Player								
FIP GOLD	Total 32: 26 + 4Q + 2WC	30 + 2wc	25.000 €	100	2	Points	100	60	30	18	8	4	4	3
						Round	5.000 €	2.500 €	3.250 €	4.000 €	4.500 €	5.750 €		
						Player	2.500 €	1.250 €	813 €	500 €	281 €	180 €		
FIP STAR	Total 32: 26 + 4Q + 2WC	30 + 2wc	12.500 €	50	1	Points	50	30	15	8	4	2	2	1
						Round	2.500 €	1.250 €	1.625 €	2.000 €	2.250 €	2.875 €		
						Player	1.250 €	625 €	406 €	250 €	141 €	90 €		
FIP RISE	Total 32: 26 + 4Q + 2WC	30 + 2wc	6.250 €	25		Points	25	15	8	4	2	1	1	
						Round	1.250 €	938 €	1.250 €	1.250 €	1.563 €			
						Player	625 €	469 €	313 €	156 €	98 €			
FIP PROMOTION	Total 32: 26 + 4Q + 2WC	30 + 2wc	2.500 €	10		Points	10	6	3	2	1			
						Round	1.000 €	600 €	500 €	400 €				
						Player	500 €	300 €	125 €	50 €				

### 3. DIRECT FINANCIAL PENALTIES FOR MINOR OFFENSES

Infractions of a minor nature are considered those contrary to the sporting rules, which do not fall under the qualifications of very serious or serious as set forth in the FIP Sports Discipline Regulations. By way of example, but not exhaustive, the following are considered as such.

1. Remarks made to judges, referees, technicians, managers and other sporting authorities in the exercise of their duties in a manner that signifies a slight impropriety.
2. Slight improprieties with the public, teammates or subordinates.
3. The adoption of a passive attitude in the fulfillment of orders and instructions received from judges, referees and other sports authorities in the exercise of their functions.
4. Neglect in the conservation of the social premises, sports facilities and other material means.
5. Conducting oneself in such a way as to prejudice the public against the referees.
6. Acting in the game in a dangerous manner, not causing damage.
7. Any gesture or act, which involves simple disregard for the referees, opposing players and public.
8. Failure to comply with any of the Rules of Etiquette and Conduct contained in the current Rules of the FIP of the game of Padel.
9. Failure to comply, repeatedly, of the current regulations detailed in points 2.11 and 2.12.

These sanctions will have an immediate financial penalty to be paid to the FIP.

The payment of the penalty must be made before making the registration for the next CUPRA FIP TOUR tournament, if it has not been made, the player will be disqualified from participating in events of the circuits of the International Padel Federation.

#### 3.1. FINES UNJUSTIFIED W.O.

- 3.1.1. During 2023 a player will be allowed to withdraw from a CUPRA FIP TOUR tournament between the close of registration and the date of the draw. The player may claim non-medical reasons to justify the cancellation.

From the second unjustified withdrawal, the player will have a financial penalty to be paid to FIP.

- CUPRA FIP TOUR: PROMOTION / RISE / STAR:
  - Financial penalty: 30€ / Player
- CUPRA FIP TOUR: GOLD / PLATINUM / FINALS:
  - Financial penalty: 40€ / Player

### **3.2. FINES FOR NON-COMPLIANCE WITH CLOTHING**

- 3.2.1. The Main Tournament Umpire the end of each CUPRA FIP TOUR event, will send a report with the players who did not comply with the dress code in those matches where there is streaming production (logos, players who do not wear the same color).
- 3.2.2. The player will be fined with a financial penalty after the second infraction committed for the same reason. In the event that a player is a repeat offender in two consecutive tournaments, he/she will be fined double the price of the penalty detailed below.
- 3.2.3. If a player, after having been previously fined, receives another sanction for the same reason, he/she will have to pay two (2) times the value of the economic sanction imposed the last time. And so on until the end of the season.

- CUPRA FIP TOUR: PROMOTION / RISE / STAR:
  - Financial penalty: 25€ / Player
- CUPRA FIP TOUR: GOLD / PLATINUM / FINALS:
  - Financial penalty: 30€ / Player

### **3.3. FINES FOR NON-COMPLIANCE WITH CLOTHING**

- 3.3.1. Any coach may be sanctioned during a match if he/she does not comply with the current regulations of point 2.12. in addition to the minor sanctions specified above.
- 3.3.2. If a coach is sanctioned during a match, the pair will be responsible for the payment of the fine to the FIP.
- 3.3.3. Failure to pay the fine bans the players from registering in any CUPRA FIP TOUR tournament.

- CUPRA FIP TOUR: PROMOTION / RISE / STAR:
  - Financial penalty: 25€ / Player
- CUPRA FIP TOUR: GOLD / PLATINUM / FINALS:
  - Financial penalty: 30€ / Player

## **4. APPEALS OF DIRECT SANCTIONS**

- 4.1.1. Any sanctioned player who does not agree with the direct fine imposed may lodge an appeal alleging his version of events.
- 4.1.2. Once the appeal has been received by email, FIP will send the referee's report and the appeal to the Disciplinary Committee, who will be in charge of making the decision.
- 4.1.3. Any sanction appeal process will follow the same procedure as any other sanctioning case opened by the Disciplinary Committee, as explained in the FIP Sport Disciplinary Rules.
- 4.1.4. The time limit for lodging an appeal shall be five (5) days after the end of the tournament where a sanction has been imposed.

## **5. TECHNICAL SPECIFICATIONS**

### **5.1. GENERALS TECHNICAL REGULATIONS**

- 5.1.1. All International Tournaments and Championships should adopt specific FIP 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.

- 5.1.2. The competitions included in the Official Calendar will be played with the official FIP ball, (if its distribution by the brand is ensured), with a can of balls having to be released in each Main Draw match.
- 5.1.3. Ball change will be made at nine (9) and eleven (11) games from the following rounds according to the tournament category:
- FIP PLATINUM: Every match of Main Draw
  - FIP GOLD: From 1/4 Finals
  - FIP STAR: Semifinals & finals
  - FIP RISE: Semifinals & finals and all matches with chair umpire.
  - FIP PROMOTION: Not require to change balls
- 5.1.4. In the tournaments included in the Official Calendar of the FIP PROMOTION and FIP RISE Y FIP STAR categories, the male and female modalities may be called independently.
- In the tournaments included in the Official Calendar of the FIP PLATINUM, FIP GOLD categories, it will be mandatory to organize male and female modalities. Being the Board of Directors and/or the Sports Department of the FIP those who determine if a tournament can preclude a modality.
- 5.1.5. The maximum number of pairs that must compose the Main Draw for the tournament to count for the ranking will be 32 pairs. The minimum number of pairs that must compose a Main Draw for the tournament to count for the ranking will be 16 pairs.
- if there were more registrations than 32. A draw of qualification indicated in point 5.12.8., will be made. Except for specific regulations accepted by the FIP.
- 5.1.6. 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 FIP for everything relating to the technical / sports organization.
- 5.1.7. All tournaments will be played with the score method of "Golden Point"
- 5.1.8. Unless otherwise established for the needs of the Tournament, all matches will be played to the best of three (3) sets. In the case of a tie at six (6) games, a "Tie-Break" or "sudden death" will be played to decide the set.
- 5.1.9. It is the organizer's faculty that, from the quarterfinals in the FIP PLATINUM, FIP GOLD and FIP STAR categories and from the semifinals in the FIP RISE category, the matches are played at the times and courts that they designate, always with the intention of obtaining the maximum sporting, public and commercial interest and where you can put at least a camera behind for broadcast live streaming.
- 5.1.10. The Organizers must have one or more training courts available to the players from the afternoon of the day before the start of the Main Draw of the competition.
- 5.1.11. The Competitions Committee has the authority to interpret these Technical Regulations. When the existence of non-regulated issues is deduced from this interpretation, the necessary actions must be initiated to update them. Notwithstanding, in these cases, the final interpretation of the FIP competition committee must be followed when it implies immediate resolution.

## 5.2. REGISTRATIONS AND CONFIRMATION OF REGISTRATION

- 5.2.1. To register for an international FIP tournament, the player must be in possession of a valid official federative license issued by a his/her origin country's Federation/National Association affiliated to FIP.

In the event that the organization marks it, the players must pay the organizing club and before their first match, a registration fee in the established amount. The Referee will not allow a player to participate until the payment has been made up to date.

All entries for FIP 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 registrations will be shared with the local federations and the organizer in a percentage of

15% for the local federation and 85% for the organizer. If the organizer is the same as the local federation will be the full amount of 100% for the same.

## REGISTRATION

- 5.2.2. Registration in the Tournaments and Championships will close on the day and at the time previously agreed between the Organizer and the FIP, and it will be public on the website at least one week before the start of the competition.
- 5.2.3. The registration closing date can only be changed once, and always extending the deadline, a week prior to the first agreed date.
- 5.2.4. A player can register to several tournaments the same week with different partners, and it will be during the CONFIRMATION OF REGISTRATIONS when the player should confirm the participation to only one event.

## CONFIRMATION OF REGISTRATIONS

- 5.2.5. Once the registration window is over, a deadline of 24 hours will be open to confirm the participation in the event. During this term, the pairs cannot be changed.
- 5.2.6. If during the deadline, FIP has not received any communication of withdrawal from the tournament, the pair will automatically accept their participation. From this moment on, the tournament is considered as started and a justified withdrawal will be necessary to avoid sanctions.
- 5.2.7. Players registered for several events in the same week must clearly indicate which tournament they wish to play in order to confirm their registration. If there is no express communication, FIP will automatically confirm the registration in the tournament where they are better positioned by ranking.
- 5.2.8. There is no ranking restrictions for any category.
- 5.2.9. Registrations for the International Tournaments and for the OPEN World Championships will be freely made by the players. Entries will be made exclusively through the FIP software, which will record their receipt, verifiable through the list of entries received and accepted, stating the following information:
  - Name of the Championship or Tournament.
  - Dates of the Tournament.
  - Name and surname of the two players as they appear in their federation license.
  - Nationality of the players.
  - Number of licenses.
  - Federation or National Association that has issued the license.
  - Date of Birth.
  - Passport or ID of the players
  - E-mail of the players
  - Phone number
- 5.2.10. Registrations will be done in closed pairs. The formation of the same can only be modified until the moment of the definitive closing deadline registration.
- 5.2.11. No tournament on the FIP TOUR circuit will accept players under 15 years of age. Must have reached that age when the draw ceremony is done of the tournament a player would like to participate.

Players under 18 and over 15 years old may only register together with proof signed by their parents or legal tutors.
- 5.2.12. The registered participants to the Official International Tournaments will be published in the FIP web system 1 day before of the publication of the draws. A period of twenty-four (24) 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.

### 5.3. TOP SEEDS

5.3.1. As a general rule to find the seeded players in the Tournaments shall be based on the FIP Individual Ranking in force on the day of the draw. In those cases where none of the registered Players have points in the FIP Individual Ranking, the FIP Individual Ranking of the Federation/Association of the Associate Member where the event is held may be used in addition.

The number of seedings shall be obtained by dividing by four the number of participating pairs, rounding up or down to the nearest power of two. In case of identical proximity, the lowest will be chosen.

5.3.2. To calculate the points of the pair, the points of both players are added together and if either of them does not appear in the FIP Individual Ranking, he is considered to have zero (0) points. The order of the Seeded Players will be based on the sum of points. If two (2) or more pairs have the same number of points, the order will be established by the player with the highest ranking.

### 5.4. BYE's

5.4.1. When the pairs in a draw are not a power of two, the "exempt" system shall be applied in order to achieve that power in the second round. "Exempt" are those players who do not need to play the opening round. In the draw it will appear as "BYE".

5.4.2. To find the number of exempted entries, the total number of entries shall be subtracted from the power of two immediately above the number of entries. The first exempt is the number one seed, the second exempt is the number two seed, the third exempt is the number three seed, and so on.

5.4.3. If, once all the seeded players have been placed, there are still more exempted players, they shall be divided into two parts, placing half in the upper part of the draw and the other half in the lower part, filling in the upper part with the highest free positions and in the lower part with the lowest positions alternately. When they are odd, one more shall be placed in the part of the draw in which the number 1 seed is placed.

### 5.5. WILD-CARD (W.C.)

5.5.1. The organizers of each event have the right to submit to the FIP, for approval, the totality of the "Wild Cards" (W.C.) they have chosen for the Main Draw and qualification draw.

5.5.2. In case no application is received from the organizer, the FIP may award Wild Card (W.C.) directly.

5.5.3. The application for the "Wild Card" (W.C.) to participate in a Main Draw or Qualification Draw of a tournament shall be through the Member Federations. Any other entity needs the prior approval of the FIP.

5.5.4. Each Member Federation may send as many applications as it deems appropriate. Players may or may not be of the same nationality as the applicant Federation.

5.5.5. The deadline for sending the application will end one (1) week prior to the date of the draw of the draws.

5.5.6. Any player is eligible for Member Federations to apply for a "Wild Card" (W.C.) provided that the player is in possession of a valid official federation license issued by the Federation/National Associated Member Association of FIP of his/her country of origin and is not sanctioned.

5.5.7. The publication of the pairs with a "Wild Card" (W.C.) awarded will be made public up to one day before the draw of the Qualification Draw.

5.5.8. The number of "Wild Card" (W.C.) for each CUPRA FIP TOUR competition are as follows:

- Main Draw or Qualification Draw (32 pairs): 2 W.C.
- Main Draw or Qualification Draw

### 5.6. WAITING LIST - ALTERNATE

5.6.1. The publication on FIP's website of the pairs registered for the Premier Padel Tournaments will be made in order according to the points of the last updated FIP Rankings at the closing date of registration.

5.6.2. If the number of registered pairs is greater than the number of places allocated for the different draws, FIP shall display the list of registered pairs with the following structure:

- Main Draw + WC (blank space until names are known)
- Qualification Draw + WC (blank space until names are known)
- Waiting List.

5.6.3. In order for a pair from the Waiting List to take the place of a vacancy, it may be done in the following ways:

**Prior to the competition draw:** In the event that one or more pairs in the Main Draw or qualification Draw withdraw, FIP will update the list including the Pair or pairs following the order of the list with the sum of the points of the players according to the FIP ranking updated at the time of the closing date of the registration.

**After the draw of the competition:** In case one or more pairs of Main Draw or Qualification Draw withdraw from the competition, FIP will update the list including the pair or pairs following the order of the list with the sum of the points of the players according to the FIP ranking updated at the time of the draw.

Start of the Qualifying Draw:

On the day of the start of the qualifying draw and until the end of the last match of the first round of the qualifying draw (or first match of an advanced seed), the pair with the best ranking that has signed on site will take its place. The entry to the qualifying draw of a pair in the latter case will have a maximum period of 30 minutes to start the match.

5.6.4. If there are two pairs with the same number of points in the list, the pair with the highest-ranking player is placed first. If the tie persists, a draw shall be made between them.

5.6.5. In the event that several pairs do not have FIP points, a draw shall be made among all of them to find out which pair occupies the free spot in the Qualification Draw (24 pairs): 1 W.C.

## 5.7. LUCKY LOSER

If a pair wants to be eligible for Lucky Loser they must sign in at the site before the established time indicated by the organizer.

Lucky Losers are players who are placed in the Main Draw to fill vacancies after being eliminated from the qualifying round.

Lucky Losers will be selected based on the round reached in the qualification phase

5.7.1. Lucky Loser in the Main Draw: The last consequence of the notice of absence of a pair will be the inclusion in that draw of a Pair from the qualification draw, which will occupy the empty spot. This will be called "Lucky loser".

- The "Lucky Loser" will be designated as follows if the withdrawal is announced before the draw of the Qualified pairs to the Main Draw:
  - Pairs that reached the last round of the Qualification Draw and did not reach the Main Draw will be drawn among themselves to determine as many Lucky Losers as withdrawals have been received.
  - If there are more than four Lucky Losers in a Main Draw, subsequent draws may be made to cover a new absence, following the order of rounds of the Qualification Draw. The Referee will oversee making the draw and trying to inform the pairs involved.
  - Finally, the positions of the qualifiers and Lucky Losers in the Final Draw will be drawn together.
- The "Lucky loser" will be designated as follows if the withdrawal is confirmed after the draw of the pairs qualified from the Qualification Draw or if the Main Draw has already started:
  - Any player eligible (any player in the qualification draw) for a Lucky Loser must sign, "on-site", to be included in the draw if a casualty occurs before the end of the First Round of the Main Draw or first match of the advanced seeds.

- In this situation, the pair with the highest ranking that has signed and is "on-site" will replace the withdrawal pair. The entry into the draw of a pair in the latter case will have a maximum period of 30 minutes to start the match.
- If there are not any Lucky Losers, a W.O. will be proceeded.

**Note:** *The deadline time for signing in will be set by the Tournament Director together with the Main Tournament Umpire and communicated to the players.*

## 5.8. WALK OVER (W.O.)

- 5.8.1. It is a defeat awarded to a person or pair because they withdrew, were disqualified, or did not attend.
- 5.8.2. It shall apply when a pair does not come to play a match and the reason does not allow it to be considered INJURY. Pairs considered W.O. justified will score up to the last round reached, in the case that the WO occurs in the first match will not score in that draw.
- 5.8.3. A pair shall abandon the Tournament if any of its members withdraws or does not show up to play within the established time limits.
- 5.8.4. In the event that there is a registration fee, this will be linked to the fact of being drawn, not to the fact of participating in a match, therefore, the payment of registration must be made, even if the player is declared W.O., without being able to participate in another competition until it has not been paid. To this effect it will not be allowed to participate in a draw of another competition to a player who has the pending payment of a registration fee.
- 5.8.5. If any of the registered players are declared W.O., or once the draw is made communicates his decision not to participate in the competition, he must justify his absence within five (5) days. If he fails to do so, or the Disciplinary Committee considers that the reasons given were not sufficient, the two components of the pair may be subject to sanction.
- 5.8.6. When the absence is justified with a medical certificate, FIP may request the player that the medical examination is performed by the circuit doctor or by one designated by the circuit itself, provided that this recognition does not involve the player's travel expenses outside their locality.
- 5.8.7. A Player in obvious physical inferiority, as a result of an accident or injury occurred prior to the warm-up of the match, may not start the match, losing by W.O., without the right to points. If the affected Pair had qualified to participate in a particular round, playing the previous round, even if losing by W.O., shall be entitled to the points earned until the last round of the previous round or draw.
- 5.8.8. The W.O or abandonment of a match during the course of a tournament will result in the loss of prize money and points earned up to that round, except if the absence was the result of an injury or accident resulting in injury, produced during their participation in that tournament, including transfers to the club.

TYPES of W.O.: W.O.'s must be explained on the minutes by the umpire taking into account the following.

- W.O. Warned or Unwarned. It will be considered W.O. Warned when the communication is made to the umpire in sufficient time for him to reuse the assigned court and warn the opposing pair before they begin their move to the facility. Otherwise, it will be considered Not Warned.
- W.O. Justified or Unjustified. It will be considered W.O. Justified when the affected pair provides proof of injury or force majeure. Otherwise, it will be considered Unjustified.
- W.O. debts or Not debts Registration Fee. The umpire shall consult with the organizer as to which First Round W.O.'s either has or has not paid the registration fee in the tournament and shall reflect this on the minutes.

## 5.9. INJURY, ABANDONMENT

- 5.9.1. Once the participation of a pair in a tournament has started, its absence or abandonment can be:

INJURY. This type of absence will only be indicated when the Player is injured or becomes ill during the competition. He may be injured or get sick during a match, (example: 6-4, 0-2 and injury) or after the end of a match preventing such injury or illness to participate in the next round. Any injury or accident occurring outside the tournament being played will not be



considered as an Injury but as a W.O. For the umpire to accept an illness as an INJURY the player must present a medical certificate that clearly indicates his disability for sports practice, date of care and recovery time.

Pairs that are eliminated from the competition for this reason (INJURY) will score for the ranking in the usual way.

ABANDONMENT. It will be applied when a pair abandons a match already started without justification of injury. Pairs that are eliminated for this reason will NOT add the points obtained in that draw. The abandonment has special considerations when the competition is a round robin.

In the event that it is necessary to count the result of a match that has ended due to the injury or withdrawal of one of the pairs, this will be counted assuming that the pair that withdraws lost all the points that remained in the match until the end of the match (e.g. If a Pair withdraws from a match with a 4-0 score, she will lose the match 4-6, 0-6).

## 5.10. MEDICAL TIMES

### 5.10.1. Medical conditions

A medical condition is a medical illness or musculoskeletal injury that warrants medical evaluation and/or medical treatment by the sports physiotherapist during warm-up or match play.

- Treatable medical conditions:
  - Acute medical condition: the sudden development of a medical illness or musculoskeletal injury during warm-up or match play that requires immediate medical attention.
  - Non-acute medical condition: a medical illness or musculoskeletal injury that develops or is aggravated during warm-up or match play and requires medical attention at the changeover or is established.
- Non-treatable medical conditions,
  - Any medical condition that cannot be adequately treated, or that will not be improved by available medical treatment within the time allowed.
  - Any medical condition (including symptoms) that did not develop or was not aggravated during the warm-up or the match.
- General Player tiredness.
  - Any medical condition requiring intravenous injections or infusions: except diabetes, for which prior medical clearance has been obtained, and for which subcutaneous insulin injections may be administered.
  - Any medical condition requiring oxygen: except as permitted by this provision, the use of supplemental oxygen is not permitted at any time. Unless prior medical approval has been given by FIP.

### 5.10.2. Medical evaluation.

During the warm-up or match, the player may request through the chair umpire to be evaluated by the sports physiotherapist during the next changeover. (Immediate evaluation without waiting for the changeover will only be given in the event that a player develops an acute medical condition that requires an immediate stoppage in play).

The purpose of the medical evaluation is to determine whether the player has developed a treatable medical condition and, if so, to determine when medical treatment is warranted. Such evaluation must be performed within a reasonable period of time, balancing the player's safety on the one hand, and continued play on the other. At the discretion of the sports physiotherapist, such evaluation may be performed in conjunction with the tournament physician and may be performed off-court.

If the physical therapist or sports physician determines that the Player has an untreatable medical condition, the Player will be informed that no medical treatment will be allowed. medical treatment will not be allowed.

### 5.10.3. Medical Treatment.

The supervisor/umpire allows a medical timeout when the sports physiotherapist has evaluated the player and determined that additional time for medical treatment is required. Medical time-out is conducted during a changeover or a break is established, unless the sports physiotherapist determines that the player has developed an acute medical condition that requires immediate medical treatment.

- Medical waiting time begins when the sports physiotherapist is ready to begin treatment.
- Each player is allowed medical treatment time for each distinct treatable medical condition:
- All clinical manifestations of heat illness should be considered as a treatable medical condition.
- All treatable musculoskeletal injuries that manifest as part of a kinetic continuum will be considered a treatable medical condition.

#### 5.10.4. Muscle cramps:

A player may receive treatment for muscle cramps only during the time assigned for the change of side. (Players may not receive a medical waiting time for muscle cramps).

In instances where there is uncertainty as to whether the player suffers from an acute medical condition, non-acute medical condition, including muscle cramps, or a non-treatable medical condition, the decision of the sports physiotherapist, in conjunction with the tournament physician, if applicable, is final.

If the sports physiotherapist believes that the player has heat stroke, and muscle cramps are one of the symptoms, then muscle cramps can only be treated as part of the sports physiotherapist's recommended treatment.

**Note:** *A player who has stopped playing claiming an acute medical condition, but the sports physiotherapist and/or tournament doctor determines that it is muscle cramps, the chair umpire shall order play to resume immediately.*

If the player is unable to continue playing due to severe muscle cramps, as determined by the sports physiotherapist and/or tournament doctor, the player may forfeit the points or games necessary to reach a change of side to receive treatment.

There may be a total of two (2) treatments per player in two changeovers to treat muscle cramps in a match, not necessarily consecutive. If the umpire or supervisor/referee determines that treatment has been used to break the opponent's concentration and win games, a code violation may be issued for unsportsmanlike conduct.

A maximum of two (2) consecutive medical treatment times may be allowed by the supervisor/chair umpire for the special circumstance in which the sports physiotherapist determines that the player has developed at least two (2) distinct acute, treatable medical conditions.

- This may include: a medical condition in conjunction with a musculoskeletal injury;
- Two or more distinct acute musculoskeletal injuries.

In such cases, the sports physical therapist will perform a medical evaluation for the two or more treatable medical conditions during a single evaluation and then may determine that two consecutive medical wait times are required.

A player may receive medical treatment and/or supplements from the sports physiotherapist and/or tournament doctor during any change of side or at the end of the set.

As a guideline, such medical treatment should be limited to two (2) established changes for each treatable medical condition and need not be consecutive. Players may not receive medical treatment for non-treatable medical conditions.

#### 5.10.5. Bleeding.

If a player is bleeding, the chair umpire should stop the match as soon as possible and call the sports physiotherapist for on-court evaluation and treatment. The sports physiotherapist, along with the tournament doctor, if applicable, will assess the source of the bleeding, and request a medical time-out for treatment if necessary.

If requested by the sports physiotherapist and/or tournament physician, the chair supervisor/umpire may allow up to a total of five (5) minutes to ensure bleeding control.

If blood has been spilled on or in the immediate vicinity of the court, play must not resume until the bloodstain has been adequately cleaned.

#### 5.10.6. Vomiting.

If a player is vomiting, the chair umpire should stop the match if vomit has spilled onto the court, or if the player requests a medical evaluation.

If the player requests a medical evaluation, then the sports physical therapist must determine whether the player has a treatable medical condition, and if so, whether the medical condition is acute or non-acute.

If vomit has spilled on the court, play should not resume until the vomit spill has been properly cleaned up.

#### 5.10.7. Disability.

If any concerns arise about a player's medical condition (either physical or psychological) that would prevent them from continuing in the competition, or pose a serious health risk to players, officials, organizers or tournament staff, the sports physiotherapist and/or tournament doctor should be called in to assist the player.

If the problem arises during a match, the chair umpire should immediately request the tournament doctor and/or sports physiotherapist to assist the player. The tournament doctor is responsible for ensuring that the player has received the best medical care, that his well-being is not put at risk, and that his medical condition is not a risk to other players or the general public.

All discussions between the tournament physician and the player are conducted in the context of a doctor-patient relationship and, therefore, are confidential and may not be disclosed to a third party without the player's informed consent. However, if the tournament physician determines that the Player's medical condition renders the player unable to safely participate in the tournament, the player must allow the tournament physician to advise the supervisor/umpire of his determination (only disclosure of medical information to which the Player has consented to.).

Upon receipt of such a report from the tournament doctor, the supervisor / umpire will decide whether to remove the player from the match in play or remove the player from the draw (as appropriate). The umpire will use great discretion before taking this action and should base the decision on the best interests of professional Padel, as well as taking all medical opinions and advice, and any other relevant information into consideration.

#### 5.10.8. Penalties.

After completing a medical treatment, any delay in resuming play will be penalized for violations of the code. Any abuse by players of this medical rule is subject to sanction in accordance with the unsportsmanlike.

### 5.11. ORDER OF PLAY AND SCHEDULES

5.11.1. The schedules will be made by the Chief Referee of the tournament, together with the FIP. Prioritizing always the commercial and sporting interest to determine the order of play.

5.11.2. The schedules will be published daily on the web portal.

5.11.3. Schedule changes may be modified if, for justified reasons, the organization considers so. Always with enough time and notice to the players to be able to organize themselves.

#### 5.11.4. Request for schedules

- Every player has the right to request a specific schedule.
- Requests for schedules will only be accepted and confirmed with a justifying cause.
- All requests must arrive before the draw ceremony.

#### 5.11.5. Postponement of the day:

If due to force majeure, whether weather or any other circumstance occurs during the day of competition, the Chief Referee of the Tournament along with the Tournament Director are the only ones who can make the final decision to postpone the scheduled matches until playing conditions are optimal for the competition.

In such a case, players should be notified of an approximate restart time and will be updated periodically on the possible resumption of play.

Once a possible restart time has been communicated, under no circumstances may the Tournament Referee or the Competition Director shorten the times.

## 5.12. DRAW OF CUPRA FIP TOUR COMPETITIONS

5.12.1. Official International Tournaments and Championships draws must be public and the Organizations responsible for them are:

- International Tournaments: FIP and the Organizers or the Associate Members of the country where the event takes place.

5.12.2. In an Official International Tournament, no player can enter the draw who:

- Tenga pendiente de pago una inscripción atrasada.
- Has an unpaid registration.
- Does not have a current active home-country license.
- 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.

5.12.3. Draw sheets of Official International Tournaments are of successive elimination, except than indicated in the Tournament information.

5.12.4. FIP 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.

5.12.5. To request a W.C it will be necessary to communicate it via email to the FIP two weeks in advance of the publication of the draw date, being the Member Associations the only ones that can request them:

- FIP PLATINUM, GOLD, STAR and RISE:
  - Draws of 32 pairs: 2 wild cards belonging to the host National federation member or organization
  - Draws of 24 pairs: 1 wild card. belonging to the host National federation member or organization
  - Draws of 16 pairs: The entrance to the Draw is not considered through W.C.
- FIP PROMOTION: No minimum or maximum number of wild cards

*If places are not filled, the wild cards may be exclusive for the organizers, or the member countries may request a second invitation until the maximum number of WC's are completed.*

5.12.6. The main draw will be made up of a maximum of 32 pairs and a minimum of 16 pairs in the FIP PLATINUM, GOLD, STAR, RISE tournaments in both men's and women's categories:

- Main Draw 32 pairs
  - 26 best-ranked pairs of the FIP Individual Ranking updated registered at the time of the draw.
  - 2 pairs per wild card accepted by the IPF
  - 4 pairs from the Qualification Draw.
- Main Draw 24 pairs
  - 21 best-ranked pairs of the FIP Individual Ranking updated registered at the time of the draw.
  - 1 pair per wild card accepted by the IPF
  - 2 pairs from the Qualification Draw.
- Main Draw 16 pairs
  - 14 best-ranked pairs of the FIP Individual Ranking updated registered at the time of the draw.
  - 2 pairs from the Qualification Draw.

*The Board of Directors and/or the FIP Sports Department shall determine whether a tournament may be held with fewer pairs in its main draw.*

- 5.12.7. The qualification draw will be made up of a maximum of 32 pairs.
- 5.12.8. There will be no pre-qualification draws for the FIP TOUR
- 5.12.9. The order of the registration list will be placed according to descendant order with the total sum of the updated FIP points as follows:
- Positions 1 - 8: The Seeds will be located
  - Positions 9 - 26: Players ordered by Ranking FIP
  - Positions 27-28: Wild Cards Main Draw
  - Positions 29 - 62: Qualification
  - Positions 63-64: Wild Cards Qualification
  - Other positions: waiting list.
- 5.12.10. In the event that in the list there are pairs with the same number of points, the order will be determined by the most ranking player. If the empathy persists or these do not have a score, the order will be raffled.
- 5.12.11. When the number of pairs 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 (1) seed is positioned.
- 5.12.12. As a general rule, the choice of the Tournament seeds should be based on the FIP 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 FIP 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.
- 5.12.13. In order to calculate a pair points, the points of both players are added up and if any of them does not appear in the FIP Individual Ranking they are considered to have zero (0) points. The order of the seeds will be based on the sum of points. If two (2) or more pairs have the same number of points the order will be established with the higher ranked player.
- 5.12.14. The Draws corresponding to the International Tournaments and Official Competitions will be published on the FIP website and on that of the Organizer and/or Associate Member of the host Country minimum two (2) days before the start of the competition.
- No variations will be made on the published tables unless the FIP Competition Committee deems it necessary.
- 5.12.15. 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 pair will remain the same throughout the Competition. Nonobservance 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.
- 5.12.16. A pair must withdraw from the competition if either of the players pulls out or does not turn up to play in the set period.
- 5.12.17. 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.
- 5.12.18. 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 does not assign

points for the FIP 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.

- 5.12.19. 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.
- 5.12.20. This decision shall be communicated before the competition starts.
- 5.12.21. Any challenge or complaint related to the Main 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.
- 5.12.22. Players will be located into the draw as follows:
- First step: To Draw and place the Seeds on the corresponding lines.
  - Second step: To place the BYE's
  - Third step: The rest of the pairs, even the position for the “qualifiers” will be drawn and located in the empty lines. Starting from the top of the Draw.
  - Fourth Step: Once the qualifiers pairs are known, a draw between them will be done to located in the lines with the word “qualifiers” are placed. Starting from the top of the draw.

**Note:** *In the event that a W.C. has enough points to be ranked as a Seed, this will be considered as such and it will be drawn as the rest of the pairs with the same status.*

5.12.23. The place for Seeds in a Main Draw will be as follows:

- Draw with 32 pairs (8 Top Seeds):
  - Seed one (1) will be on the first line
  - Seed two (2) will be on the last line
  - Seeds three (3) and four (4) will be drawn between them, avoiding meeting Seed one (1) and two (2) until semifinals or them until the final.
    - Draw in lines 16 and 17
  - Seeds five (5), six (6), seven (7) and eight (8) will be drawn between them, avoiding meeting seeds 1,2,3 and 4 until quarter-finals or them until semifinals.
    - Draw in lines 8,9, 24 and 25
  - Rest of the pairs will be drawn to complete the whole draw.

5.12.24. Qualification Draws will follow the same criteria.

5.12.25. FIP TOUR draws reorganization:

If the withdrawal is confirmed [after 3:00 p.m.](#) of the day before the start of the draw where the withdrawal takes place, the missing pair will be replaced by an Alternate or Lucky Loser, as appropriate.

If there is no Lucky Loser or Alternate, a WO will be applied.

If the absence is confirmed [before 3:00 pm](#) of the day before the start of the first match of the draw where the withdrawal takes place:

- Number 1 seed withdrawal:
  - Pair seed number 2 will fill the vacant position left by the absent pair,
  - Pair seed number 3 shall take the vacant position left by pair seed number 2,
  - Pair seed number 5 shall take the vacant position left by pair seed number 3,
  - Pair number 9 shall take the vacant position left by pair seed number 5, and a lucky loser or alternate will take the vacant position left by pair number 9.
- Number 2 seed withdrawal:
  - Pair seed number 3 shall take the vacant position left by pair seed number 2,
  - Pair seed number 5 shall take the vacant position left by pair seed number 3,
  - Pair number 9 shall take the vacant position left by pair seed number 5, and a lucky loser or alternate will take the vacant position left by pair number 9.
- Numbers 3 or 4 seeds withdrawal:
  - Pair seed number 5 shall take the vacant position left by pair seed number 3 or 4,

- Pair number 9 shall take the vacant position left by pair seed number 5, and a lucky loser or alternate will take the vacant position left by pair number 9.
- Numbers 5 to 8 seeds withdrawal:
  - Pair number 9 will take the position left by pair number seed number 5 or 6 or 7 or 8. and a lucky loser or alternate will take the vacant position left by pair number 9.
- If any withdrawal of a non-seeded pair, then a direct replacement shall be made.

**Note:** *If it is a main draw without a qualification draw or a qualification draw without a waiting list, then once the changes have been made:*

- It should be noted that the first exempt must be the Number 1 seed, therefore the pair that, according to the draw, should face the Number 1 seed in the first round, would go on to occupy the free position left by the number 9 pair (when there are 8 seeds).
- The solution established for the number 1 seed will be extended to all the seeded pairs following their order.
- If the notice of absence is from a pair that is not seeded, its place will be occupied by a bye and as in all previous cases, this bye must be placed in the position that by the rules of the draw corresponds to it, thus making the corresponding arrangements.
- The rest of the pairs keep their positions.

5.12.26. If there is more than one withdrawal of seeded players in the same draw and tournament, the re-arrangement will be made as withdrawals are received. Reassigning the new seed order each time.

**Example:** *(Absence of a pair with Seeded status and subsequently another pair withdraws with Seeded status)*

- The change of seedings takes place with the withdrawal of the seed according to its number following the procedure of point 5.12.25.
- Then another Seeded pair is withdrawn, taking into account the principle of making as few alterations as possible, following the below scheme:
  - If the second absentee is the number 1 seed according to the Entry List:
    - the highest seed at this time will take the vacant position previously occupied by the absent pair.
    - the 10th pair on the Entry List will take the vacant position previously occupied by the highest seed at that time, and a lucky loser or alternate will take the vacant position previously occupied by the 10th pair on the Entry List
  - If the second absentee is seeded number 2:
    - the highest seed after number 2 at this moment will be placed in the vacant position previously occupied by the absent pair.
    - the 10th pair on the Entry List will move to the vacant position previously occupied by the highest seed after number 2 at this moment, and a lucky loser or alternate will take the vacant position previously occupied by the 10th pair on the Entry List.
  - Absence of seed number 3 or 4:
    - the highest seed after number 4 at this time will occupy the vacant position previously occupied by the absent pair.
    - The 10th pair on the Entry List will move to the vacant position previously occupied by the highest seed behind the number 4 at that time, and a lucky loser or alternate will move to the vacant position previously occupied by the 10th pair on the Entry List.
  - Absence of seed numbers 5 to 8:
    - the 10th pair on the Entry List will occupy the vacant position left by the top seed who has confirmed his absence at that time, and a lucky loser or alternate will occupy the vacant position occupied by the 10th pair on the Entry List

**Note:** *If it is a main draw without a qualification draw or a qualification draw without a waiting list, then once the changes have been made:*

- It should be noted that the first exempt must be the number 1 seed, therefore the pair that, according to the draw, should face the number 1 seed in the first round, would go on to occupy the vacant position left by the number 9 pair (when there are 8 seeds).

- The solution established for the number 1 seed will be extended to all the seeded couples following their order.
- The rest of the pairs keep their positions.

In the event that the Lucky Loser or Alternate replaces an exempt seed, he/she must win his/her first match to earn the ranking points for that match (in case of defeat, he/she will only earn the points for the first round)

### 5.13. INTERNATIONAL TOURNAMENTS

5.13.1. International Tournaments are competitions included in the FIP Official Calendar that will determine whether or not they are eligible for the FIP Individual Ranking. In the event that they are eligible, the number of points awarded will be set according to the assigned category.

Tournaments will respect the minimum requirements detailed below:

- Economic prize money: those established in point 2.13.7. depending on the category of the Tournament.
- Main Draw:
  - Male, minimum 16 pairs, maximum 32 pairs;
  - Female, minimum 16 pairs, maximum 32 pairs;
- Duration. As necessary but no more than two matches may be played a day, apart from exceptional cases.
- Umpiring: There must be an Umpire recognized by the International Padel Federation.
- Regulation. FIP specific regulations in force will apply.

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

- FIP PLATINUM: maximum of four (4) tournaments
- FIP GOLD: maximum of four (4) tournaments
- FIP STAR: maximum of four (4) tournaments.
- FIP RISE: maximum of four (4) tournaments.
- FIP PROMOTION: maximum of four (4) tournaments.

*It remains at the disposal of the Board or the FIP Sports Department to accept more applications from a country that has the capacity to organize more tournaments of any category.*

5.13.3. The FIP 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 PLATINUM
- FIP GOLD
- FIP STAR
- FIP RISE
- FIP PROMOTION

5.13.4. Tournaments will have FIVE different categories:

- FIP PLATINUM.  
A minimum financial resource in prize money of 60,000€ in each category (male and female). The first pairs taking part of the main draw will be the WILDCARDS given by FIP. For the preparation of the draw in these tournaments, is it obligatory to use the FIP individual ranking. In the cases that not all players have FIP points, the ranking of the local federation organizing the tournament will be used.
- FIP GOLD.  
A minimum financial resource in prize money of 25,000€ in each category (male and female). The first pairs taking part of the main draw will be the WILDCARDS given by FIP. For the preparation of the draw in these tournaments, is it obligatory to use the FIP individual ranking. In the cases that not all players have FIP points, the ranking of the local federation organizing the tournament will be used.
- FIP STAR.



A minimum financial resource in prize money of 12,500€ in each category (male and female). The first pairs taking part of the main draw will be the WILDCARDS given by FIP. For the preparation of the draw in these tournaments, is it obligatory to use the FIP individual ranking. In the cases that not all players have FIP points, the ranking of the local federation organizing the tournament will be used.

- FIP RISE.  
A minimum financial resource in prize money of 6,250€ in each category (male and female). The first pairs taking part of the main draw will be the WILDCARDS given by FIP. For the preparation of the draw in these tournaments, is it obligatory to use the FIP individual ranking. In the cases that not all players have FIP points, the ranking of the local federation organizing the tournament will be used.
- FIP PROMOTION.  
A minimum financial resource in prize money of 2,500€ in each category (male and female) and main draw with a minimum of 12 pairs in both male and female categories. For the preparation of the draw in these tournaments, is it obligatory to use the FIP individual ranking. In the cases that not all players have FIP, the ranking of the local federation organizing the tournament will be used.

**5.13.5. Minimum participation.**

If in a tournament of sixteen (16) pairs 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 FIP individual ranking, unless the total number of players who have competed between the qualifying round and first round of men's main table exceeds sixteen (16) pairs.

**FIP FINALS.**

5.13.6. The FIP FINALS Championship, male and female, will be held at the end of the year after the official events of the calendar have been played.

5.13.7. The pairs representing a Federation must be made up of players in possession of a player's license issued by that same Associate Member and recognized by the FIP. The registration of the pairs of participating players who have been selected by each country is the sole responsibility of the Federation or National Association.

5.13.8. Pairs that have ranked by position in a tournament can form another pair with any player who is also qualified by ranking.

5.13.9. Unless the needs of the competition establish another scoring system, all matches will be played to the best of three (3) sets. In the case of a tie at six (6) games, a "tie-break" or "sudden death" will be played to decide the set.

5.13.10. All matches will be played with "advantage" score method.

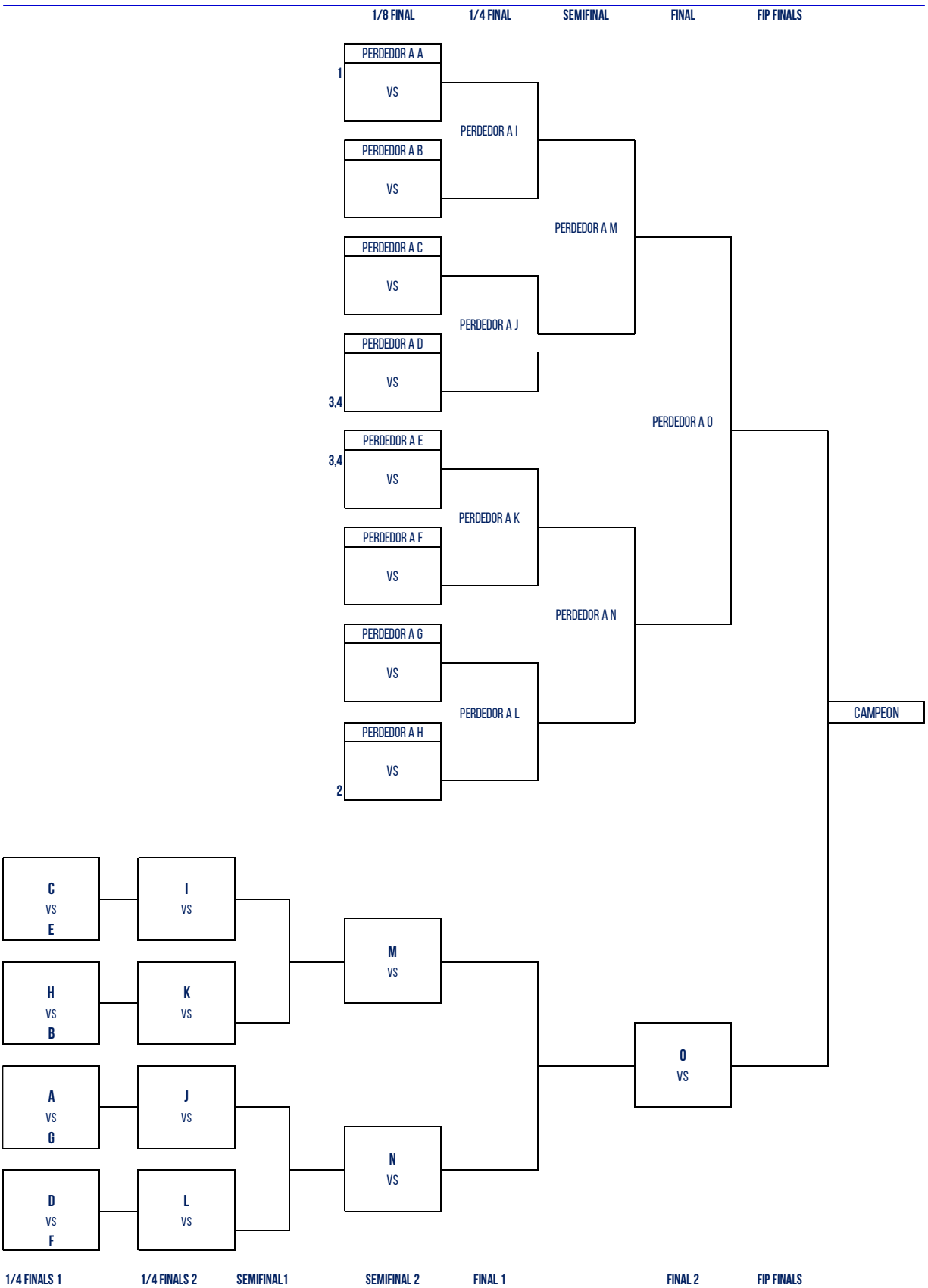
5.13.11. Draws formula FIP FINALS: *(Main Draw of 16 pairs + Qualification Draw 16 pairs):*

- Main Draw 16 Pairs
  - 8 best ranked pairs of the CUPRA FIP TOUR (The place is awarded to the pairs in case a player enters with 2 different partners, the players should pick one).
  - 4 best pairs from America and South America.
  - 2 best pairs from Asia
  - 2 pairs classified from Qualification draw.
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- Qualification Draw 16 Pairs
  - 4 WC to the most active Federation Members from Asia and South America.
  - Rest of the pairs by ranking CUPRA FIP TOUR until completing the draw

**5.13.12. Points CUPRA FIP FINALS**

- Winner	150	- 1/8 Finals	11
- Finalist	90	- Q3	8
- Semifinals	45	- Q2	6
- 1/4 Finals	22	- Q1	4

5.13.13. Draw scheme:



- 5.13.14. For the CUPRA FIP FINALS, the prizes for the Main Draw participants will be distributed as follows with a total amount of 80,000€ an equative prize money for male and female categories (40,000€ each category):

Prizes per pair, the prizes will be cumulative, and the amounts obtained in the Final Draw and KO Draw will be added together (except for the winner of the FIP FINALS with a loss)

Prize money breakdown per player:

- **FIP FINALS**
  - Winner Invictus 10.000 €
  - Winner with 1 KO 10.000 € (Total without the amount of another draw)
  - Finalist 3.200 €
- **Cuadro Final**
  - Bonus Winner 3.200 €
  - Finalist 2.600 €
  - Semifinals 2.100 €
  - 1/4 finals 1.400 €
  - 1<sup>st</sup> Round 800 €
- **Cuadro KO**
  - Finalist final 2 1.200 €
  - Finalist final 1 800 €
  - Semifinals 2 600 €
  - Semifinals 1 400 €
  - 1/4 finals 2 200 €

- 5.13.15. All those National Federations / Associations of Affiliate Countries that wish to organize the final phase of the FIP TOUR circuit called FIP FINALS may request it from the International Paddle Federation, setting the minimum conditions that they are willing to meet following the indications of ideal situations that are indicated in the final Annex.

## 6. REGULATIONS FOR FIP RANKING

### 6.1. GENERAL PRINCIPLES

- 6.1.1. 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.
- 6.1.2. The World Open Championships and the International Tournaments included the FIP official calendar will apply to official international FIP Individual Ranking.
- 6.1.3. The ranking will be updated weekly, if the tournaments included in the official calendar have been played, which will be reflected in the official FIP portal.
- 6.1.4. The latest ranking will be published on Mondays. In each update, it is configured as follows:
- Sum of the results of the last tournament played.
  - Reduction of the points of the FIP TOUR and PREMIER PADEL tournaments corresponding to the same week of the previous year.
- 6.1.5. There is no maximum number of tournaments that a player may participate, only the best results will be considered for the ranking at the end of the year, as follows:
- FIP WORLD PADEL CHAMPIONSHIPS (Open by Pairs)

- PREMIER PADEL MAJOR: All Mandatory (4 tournaments)
- PREMIER PADEL P1: All Mandatory (8 tournaments)
- PREMIER PADEL P2 and CUPRA FIP TOUR: Until the sum of MAJOR, P1 y P2 y CUPRA FIP TOUR reaches 22 tournaments (10 best results)

**Note:** In the event that a player could not enter by ranking in the mandatory tournaments (MAJOR, P1) to the total number of 22 tournaments will be added the best results of as many tournaments as mandatory tournaments not played (P2, CUPRA FIP TOUR).

**Nota2:** In order for this to occur, registration in the mandatory tournaments (MAJOR, P1) will be a prerequisite.

Ranking updates for 2023 season:

Sum:

- Points obtained for the tournaments PREMIER PADEL 2022
  - Points obtained for the tournaments PREMIER PADEL 2023
  - Points obtained for the tournaments CUPRA FIP TOUR 2023 until the total number of tournaments sum 22.
- Note:** In the event that a player could not enter by ranking in the mandatory tournaments (MAJOR, P1) to the total number of 22 tournaments will be added the best results of as many tournaments as mandatory tournaments not played (P2, CUPRA FIP TOUR).

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- The points obtained with the eight (8) best Bonus tournament results of 2022 will be carried out with the PREMIER PADEL results of 2023.
- Points earned in CUPRA FIP TOUR tournaments will be subtracted on a weekly basis with the 2022 tournament coinciding with the same week in 2023.

In this way, in December when the year ends, the ranking will be established with the best results of the PREMIER Padel tournaments of 2022 and 2023 and the points obtained from the CUPRA FIP TOUR. Up to 22 tournaments (respecting Note 6.1.5.).

## 6.2. POINT TABLES

6.2.1. The points awarded to players in the various competitions shall be calculated according to the category of the competition played.

6.2.2. FIP reserves the right to annually verify the category of the tournaments and the corresponding points table.

6.2.3. The points awarded to players according to the number of rounds they have gone through are as follows:

	WINNER	FINALIST	SEMIFINAL	1/4FINAL	1/16	1/32	1/64	BONUS QUALY	LAST QUALY	Q2	Q1						
<b>WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS (BY PAIRS)</b>	M 2000	1200	720	360	180	90	40	30	40		25						
	F 2000	1200	720	360	180	90	40	30	40		25						
<b>MAJOR</b>	M 2000	1200	720	360	180	90	40	30	40		25						
	F 2000	1200	720	360	180	90	40	30	25								
<b>PREMIER FINALS</b>	M 1500*																
	F 1500*																
<b>P1</b>	M 1000	600	360	180	90	45	20	15	20		12						
	F 1000	600	360	180	90	20		15	20		12						
<b>P2</b>	M 500	300	180	90	45	15		7	15	7							
	F 500	300	180	90	45	15		7	15	7							
<b>FIP PLATINUM</b>	M 250	150	90	45	22	7		3	7	3							
	F 250	150	90	45	22	7		3	7	3							
<b>FIP FINALS</b>	M 165*																
	F 165*																
<b>FIP GOLD</b>	M 125	75	45	22	11	3		2	3	2							
	F 125	75	45	22	11	3		2	3	2							
<b>FIP STAR</b>	M 62	37	22	11	5	2		1	2	1							
	F 62	37	22	11	5	2		1	2	1							
<b>FIP RISE</b>	M 31	18	11	5	2	1			1								
	F 31	18	11	5	2	1			1								
<b>FIP PROMOTION</b>	M 15	9	5	2	1												
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### **6.3. RANKING PROTECTED**

- 6.3.1. The protected ranking is a system that is established, solely, to guarantee certain players who take advantage of this system, a certain position in the individual FIP ranking for the purpose of drawing in the Tournaments.
- 6.3.2. The protected ranking may be requested by those players who have suffered an injury, and this has kept them out of the competition for a time greater than four (4) months and are located at the time of the injury among the first hundred- fifty (150) of the individual FIP ranking. The injury must be duly accredited by a medical certificate.
- 6.3.3. The player who wishes to take advantage of this system must send a written request to FIP, requesting the benefit of this regime and attaching the corresponding medical certificate (physiotherapist certifications won't be accepted), where the type of injury must be stated.
- 6.3.4. Once the protected ranking is granted to the player, this ranking will be maintained during the first five (5) competitions he plays.
- 6.3.5. For the application of the protected ranking, the position of the player in the individual FIP ranking at the time of injury will be taken. In this way, for the purposes of the draw for the competition, the player who enjoys the benefit of the protected ranking will be awarded the same number of points as the player who, according to the individual FIP ranking in force at that time, occupies the same position held by the player with a protected ranking at the time of his injury.
- 6.3.6. After the five (5) competitions played, the ranking shall be the result of the points he/she had at the time of withdrawal, duly updated, plus the results obtained in those five (5) tournaments.

The protected ranking will only display its effects in relation to the draws for the positions in the competition tables. In this way, the player receiving the protected ranking will appear, for all other purposes, in the individual official ranking of the FIP in the position that his real points grant him, and not in the position he had at the time of the injury.

## **7. CHAPTER V. FINAL REGULATION**

### **7.1. EXTRAORDINARY SITUATIONS**

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

### **7.2. INTO FORCE VALIDITY**

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