

Seniors World Championships by National Teams and National Pairs

Provisional Regulation (Rev.4)

1. GENERAL

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

2. SENIORS WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS BY NATIONAL TEAMS

- 2.1. The World Seniors Team Championship and the World Seniors Open National Couple Championship will be held jointly.
- 2.2. Each men's team consists of a minimum of ten (10) male players, two (2) for each age group, and a maximum of twenty (20), four (4) for each age group.
- 2.3. Each women's team consists of a minimum of ten (10) female players, two (2) for each age group, and a maximum of twenty (20), four (4) for each age group.
- 2.4. Players who are members of national teams must meet at least the following conditions:
 - 2.4.1. Be in possession of a player's license issued by an Associate Member and recognized by the FIP.
 - 2.4.2. Have the nationality of the country they are going to represent.
 - 2.4.3. Not have played in an Official Competition on behalf of another Country for at least the last three (3) years.
 - 2.4.4. In cases of multi-nationality, to have chosen, for sports purposes, the one that corresponds to the country he/she is going to represent.
- 2.5. Teams will always be made by the National Federation itself.
- 2.6. It is not mandatory that players participating in the Seniors World Championship Open by National Pairs are the same as those participating in the Seniors World Championship by National Teams.
- 2.7. Each women's and men's team series is played to the best of five (5) matches, one for each age category with no player being allowed to participate in more than one (1) match.
- 2.8. The five (5) matches may be held simultaneously or consecutively, in the latter case in descending order of age. If the matches are played at the same time, another round may not be started until the one already started has ended or all its matches are, at least, being played.

For organizational reasons, the promoter of the event may also propose to play the elimination on two or three courts simultaneously.

- 2.9.** Entries will not be accepted without the minimum number of pairs foreseen in the Regulations: five (5) for the Men's and Women's Championships. If, once the Championships have started, a National Team is unable to present the total number of pairs for any reason, participation in the team match will be allowed provided that there are at least three (3) male or female pairs, but the pairs presented will always be the youngest.
- 2.10.** Once the line-up has been presented by the Coach or Captain, the elimination is considered to have started, and if a pair, or any of its components, does not show up or does so in clear physical inferiority incompatible with the dispute of a match, the team would lose the point of that pair and of the pairs of the older categories. (For example, if the male pair +45 does not show up, the team would lose the matches of the series corresponding to +45, +50 and +55).
- 2.11.** The combination of the players that make up the Official Delegation to form the five (5) pairs is free, as long as the gender, male or female, and the age category are respected. (For example: A 48 year old player can play in the +40 category, but a 42 year old player cannot play in the +45 category).
- 2.12.** Regardless of the total number of members of each Official Delegation, at least three (3) of them, in both male and female categories, must belong to the oldest age category, so that the injury of one of the players of the team does not prevent the formation of the five (5) pairs required for each match.
- 2.13.** Unless otherwise specified in the competition requirements, matches shall be played to the best of three (3) sets. In case of a tie at six (6) games, a tie-break will be played to decide the set. In the senior categories (+50/+55 male) the matches will be played with the third set replaced by a super tie-break in case of a tie at one set all.
- 2.14.** At the time of registration, in addition to the name of the team members, the name of the coach or captain shall be provided, who could be substituted if, in case of force majeure, it is impossible to attend the championship. The substitute coach or captain will be accredited to the Organization upon arrival.
- 2.15.** The captain shall oversee the following:
- 2.15.1. Be in contact with the Main Tournament Umpire.
 - 2.15.2. Communicate schedules, instructions, etc. to his players.
 - 2.15.3. Controlling the punctuality and sportsmanship of his players.
 - 2.15.4. Comply with and enforce all provisions of these regulation.
- 2.16.** Thirty (30) minutes before the start of each round, the captains must submit their team's formation for that round, in two copies. The Referee shall give a copy of the opposing team to each captain. The captains shall have fifteen (15) minutes to present any objection to the opponent's team formation. If any objection to the composition of the team is accepted by the Referee or if the Main Umpire observes any anomaly, the team in question shall be asked to resume its formation, without prejudice to any action that may be taken by the Disciplinary Committee.
- 2.17.** Any objections must be submitted in writing before the start of the elimination phase.
- 2.18.** Once the list of players participating in an elimination round has been submitted, no player or pair of players may be substituted unless, due to error or challenge, the Referee Judge so requires.
- 2.19.** Players may not play more than two (2) matches per day, even if they belong to different Championships, and at least three (3) hours must elapse between the end of one match and the beginning of the next.
- 2.20.** The System of Play shall be that of groups stage followed by the Final Draw, playing the necessary matches to classify all the positions. If up to eight (8) National Teams are registered, two (2) groups will be formed and the final draw will start in the quarterfinals. If up to twelve (12) National Teams are registered, four (4) groups shall be formed and the final draw shall start with the semi-finals. If there are up to sixteen (16) National Teams, four (4) groups shall be formed and the final draw shall start with the quarterfinals. If there are up to twenty-four (24) National Teams, up to eight (8) groups shall be formed and the final draw shall begin with the quarterfinals.

- 2.21. For the Seniors World Padel Championships, the seedings will be determined on the basis of the FIP rankings by national seniors teams, both male and female, published on the FIP website on the day of the draw.

3. SENIORS WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS OPEN FOR NATIONAL PAIRS

- 3.1. The Seniors World Padel Championships Open for national pairs, men and women, and the Seniors World Padel Championships for National Teams, if it is decided to organize it, will be held jointly.
- 3.2. The pairs must be formed by players of the same nationality who are in possession of a player's license issued by the same Associate Member and recognized by the FIP. The selection and registration of the pairs of players participating in the World Championships is the sole responsibility of the Federation or National Association.
- 3.3. Unless otherwise specified in the competition requirements, all matches shall be played to the best of three (3) sets. In case of a tie at six (6) games, a tie-break will be played to decide the set. In the senior categories (+50/+55) the matches will be played with the third set replaced by a super tie-break in case of a tie in one set on each side.
- 3.4. The Men's and Women's Main Draws in each category will be made up of a maximum of 3 pairs from each of the countries affiliated to FIP.
- 3.5. The men's and women's qualifying draws of each category will be formed by all the pairs that wish to participate, licensed by the Federations and National Associations affiliated to the FIP. Only three (3) pairs from the Qualifying Phase will qualify for the Final Draw. These pairs will be the finalists in the draws of the Men's and Women's qualifying rounds, plus the winner of the match to be played by the two semi-finalist pairs.
- 3.6. The draw of the Over 60 years old category may be proposed as "unofficial" categories.