

Annex regulations - FIP PROMISES

Provisional Regulations (Rev.2)

1. GENERAL

- 1.1. The FIP PROMISES will be regulated by this Provisional Regulation. Once the first stages 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 once it has been accepted by the General Assembly after being put to a vote.
- 1.2. For all the provisions of this Provisional Regulation will be set out in the TECHNICAL REGULATION INTERNATIONAL TOURNAMENTS FIP TOUR.
- 1.3. If there is a problem with the regulations, it will ultimately be FIP's Technical Management that regulates the good governance of the competition.
- 1.4. The different categories of Juniors considered in these championships are:
 - a. Male: under 14; under 16; and under 18
 - b. Female: under 14; under 16; and under 18.

2. FIP PROMISES CIRCUIT

- 2.1. The circuit will consist of a minimum of 4 tournaments to be played throughout the calendar year on the European continent which will qualify for an international final stage called FIP Finals Promises.
- 2.2. In the final phase called FIP Final Promises will include category under 12 to promote the bases, whose registration will be open to all pairs that meet the age requirements.
- 2.3. Each final draw consists of a maximum of thirty-two (32) pairs. If there are more registered pairs, a previous qualification draw will be carried out without limit of participation.
- 2.4. Each tournament will be held in the same location, being able to have one or more venues for proper operation.

REGISTRATION

- 2.5. Players competing in these tournaments must meet the following conditions.
 - a. Be in possession of a player license issued by his/her home country Associate Member recognized by FIP
 - b. Have no penalties when registering for the tournament.
- 2.6. Registrations for FIP PROMISES tournaments will always be made by the players themselves. The registration fee will be a maximum of fifty (50) euros per pair.
- 2.7. Players who wish to participate must register the Friday before the start of the competition at 12h00 (gmt+1) through FIP platform. (The deadline for each tournament will be announced accordingly).
- 2.8. The combination of the players who make up the pairs is free, provided that the gender (male or female) and the age category are respected. A player will be able to enroll in its category or in the immediately higher.
- 2.9. No player may under any circumstances register in two different categories in the same tournament.
- 2.10. At the time of registration, in addition to the details of the players, the data of a maximum of two coaches per pair will be provided. (FIP registration)

2.11. Players will be responsible for:

- Be in contact with the Main Referee.
- Know schedules, instructions, and everything inherent in the competition with the right advance.
- Look after punctuality and sports ethics.
- Comply with all the provisions of this regulation, and accept the rules imposed on this by the referees and corresponding sports directors.

2.12. Fifteen (15) minutes before the start of each match, the players must present the main Referee, who will deliver the balls and assign the court to the two pairs. The maximum waiting time for a pair will be ten (10) minutes from the set time to start the match. If no-show, it is considered W.O.

2.13. Any impugnement must be filed in writing before the start of the match. If the impugnement concerns the registration or the draw, it must be made in writing within a maximum period of 24 hours of the publication of list of registrations or the draws.

- Impugnement to registration: 24h
- Impugnement to the draw: 24h

2.14. Once the registration is closed, the combination of the pairs cannot be replaced.

2.15. For all FIP PROMISES tournaments, the draw and seedings will be determined according to the FIP Promises Ranking, both male and female, published on the FIP website on the day of the draw.

- a. Those tournaments with less than 4 Pairs with FIP PROMISES points may use the national ranking of the country where the event takes place.

2.16. The registration implies the right to be drawn. Therefore, once the draw is made, the non-appearance is considered WO. The pair must pay the full registration fee to avoid penalties and thus be able to dispute future editions.

WILD-CARDS

2.17. The organizers of each event have the right to submit to the FIP, for approval, the total number of Wild Cards (W.C.) they have chosen for the final and qualification draws

- a. In case no application is received from the organizer, FIP may award "Wild Card" (W.C.) directly.
- b. The application for a Wild Card (W.C.) to be able to participate in a final or qualification draw of a FIP PROMISES tournament will be processed through the Member Federations. Any other entity needs the approval of the FIP.
- c. Each Member Federation may send as many applications as it deems appropriate. The players may or may not be of the same nationality as the applicant Federation.
- d. The deadline for submitting the application is one (1) week prior to the closing date for entries.
- e. Any player is eligible for Member Federations to apply for a Wild Card (W.C.) if the player is in possession of a valid official federation license issued by the FIP Associate Member National Federation/Association of his/her country of origin and is not sanctioned.
- f. The publication of the pairs with a "Wild Card" (W.C.) granted will be made known up to one day before the draw for the qualification draw.
- g. The number of "Wild Card" (W.C.) are as follows:
 - Qualification Draw (32 pairs and 24 pairs): 2 W.C.
 - Qualification Draw (16 pairs): 1 W.C.
 - Qualification Draw (less than 16 pairs): No WC.
 - Main Draw (32 pairs and 24 pairs): 2 W.C.
 - Main Draw (16 pairs): 1 W.C.
 - Main Draw (less than 16 pairs): No W.C.

COMPETITION FORMAT

2.18. Unless for the needs of the competition another scoring system is established, matches will be played as follows:

- **Categories: U14, U16, U18:**
Best of three (3) sets. When tie to six (6) games, a "tie-break" will be played to decide the set.

2.19. **Option 1:** (Draws with more than eight (8) pairs registered)

Tournament with knock-out Draw

The promoter may, after the authorization of the FIP, organize tournaments with different draw sizes, which are distributed as follows:

- Draw with 32 pairs: 26 Pairs by FIP ranking + 4 Pairs of Qualification + 2 W.C.
- Draw with 24 pairs: 21 Pairs by FIP ranking + 2 Pairs of Qualification + 1 W.C.
- Draw with 16 pairs: 14 Pairs by FIP ranking + 2 Pairs of Qualification.

- Draw with 9 to 12 pairs: No qualification draw.

Qualification Draws will not have a limited number of pairs registered.

2.20. Option 2: (Draws with less than eight (8) pairs registered)

Tournament with group stage leagues:

Pairs will be divided into groups, with as many seeds as groups established. The rest of the pairs will be drawn until completing the groups.

For a tournament to be considered official, the minimum registered pairs will be three (3). The composition of the groups will be as follows:

Group Stage format: (Tournaments with less than eight (8) pairs):

- Three (3) registered pairs: one (1) round-robin group
- Four (4) to five (5) registered pairs: one (1) group with one-way round-robin phase.
- Six (6) pairs: two (2) groups of three (3) pairs with final draw (semifinal, 3rd and 4th place).
The two best of each group qualify.
All positions are defined.
- Seven (7) pairs: Two (2) groups of four (4) and three (3) pairs with final draw (semifinal, 3rd and 4th places).
The two best of each group qualify.
All positions are defined.
- Eight (8) pairs: Two (2) groups of four (4) pairs with final draw (semifinal, 3rd and 4th place).
The two best of each group qualify.
All positions are defined.

In the group stage the winning pair will gain three (3) points, the loser zero (0) points.

In case of a tie between three (3) pairs in the group stage:

- Difference between sets won and lost between the tied pairs, and if the tie persists;
- Difference between sets won and lost between the three tied pairs, and if the tie persists;
- coin toss.

Once the triple tie is resolved, and if two pairs are tied, the winner of the direct confrontation between the two will prevail.

For the sole purpose of breaking ties that may occur in tournaments with group stage, the result of the matches in which one of the participants has not shown up shall be 6/0-6/0.

In competitions where the result is taken into account and in the event that one of the matches has not finished due to injury of one of the players, the final result will be defined assuming that from the time of the injury the loser has not won any point.

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

2.21. It is at the discretion of the organizer, in consultation with FIP, to play consolation draws.

2.22. All matches will be played with Golden Point score format.

2.23. All matches will be played with a new can of balls. No ball changes during matches will be considered.

SCHEDULES

2.24. Competition Timing:

- Thursday: Qualification (if necessary)
- Friday: 1/16 finals and 1/8 finals. First game not before 12am.
- Saturday: 1/4 finals and 1/2 finals.
- Sunday: 3rd and 4th place and Finals (start no later than 11h30 (Gmt+1))

** The last game to get on the court can't be later than 10 p.m.*

** Schedules may vary by the Technical Directorate for the proper functioning of the competition.*

3. FINAL STAGE: FIP FINALS PROMISES

- 3.1. The FIP Finals Promises, men and women, will be held at the end of the year after the qualifying tournaments have been played.
- 3.2. Pairs must be formed of players who hold a player license issued by any Associated Member and recognized by FIP. The registration of the pairs participating who have qualified in the national Championships of each country is the sole responsibility of each Federation or National Association.
- 3.3. FIP Final Promises 2021: (Draw of 32 pairs maximum):
 - a. Two (2) Wild-Cards per category for the host country.
 - b. National Champion and runner-up pair from each FIP Associate Member country with an annual National Championship. The participation must be more than 9 pairs per category.
 - c. The pair champion from each of the FIP Promises tournaments. The place is exclusive for the pair. If they decline the invitation to compete in the Final Phase, the place will be reassigned to the next pair of the same event with the best result, and that would not have obtained a place by any other means. If there is a tie for a position between several pairs, the pair with the best FIP ranking will get the place.
 - d. If the National Champions or Runners-Up pairs had obtained a place through one of the FIP Promises tournaments, they will automatically remove, reassigning the place as indicated in point 3.3.C. above.
 - e. Rest of the pairs who enter by FIP Promises ranking until the draw is completed.
- 3.4. The rest of the pairs who have participated in a minimum of two tournaments of the FIP Promises circuit will be able to register in the qualification draw.
- 3.5. Male and female draws for category under 12 years old may be proposed as "Promotional" categories. The registration will be open to all pairs that meet the age requirements.

4. RANKING AND POINT TABLE

- 4.1. All the tournaments of the FIP PROMISES circuit will award points for the international ranking, in addition, the World Cup, European Championship and the Pan-American Open for National Pairs will award points for the International Ranking
- 4.2. All these tournaments will have a points table expressed in stars, which will define the points assigned to each round, according to the type of tournament. The stars assigned according to the competition format are as follows:
 - World, European / Pan American championships: 30 stars.
 - FIP FINALS PROMISES: 30 stars.
 - FIP PROMISES Final Table:
 - 32 - 16 pairs: 26 stars.
 - 16 - 9 pairs: 24 stars.
 - FIP PROMISES Group Stage: 22 stars.
 - BONUS: the Main draws with a qualification phase will have a bonus for all those pairs that reach the main draw
- 4.3. Star/Point Score Table:

ESTRELLAS	CAMPEON	FINALISTA	1/2F	1/4F	1/8F	16/F	1R	BONUS	Q3	Q2	Q1
30	2000	1200	600	300	150	75	40	15	40	20	10
26	1000	600	300	150	75	25		10	25	12	6
24	500	300	150	75	30	15		6	15	7	3
	Campeón	Finalista	Tercero	Cuarto	Quinto	Sexto	Séptimo	Octavo			
22	250	150	60	30	15	7	3	1			

4.4. Points for changing category:

Players, upon reaching the age that does not allow them to continue competing in the same category, will be awarded a % of the points obtained as follows:

- From U14 to U16: 30% of the points obtained in the U14 category.
- From U16 to U18: 30% of the points obtained in the U16 category.
- From U18 to absolute FIP Ranking: 1% of the points obtained in the U18 category.

5. REQUIREMENTS AND OBLIGATIONS

The FIP Promises will award points for the international FIP Junior Rankings and that also helps to prepare the World Junior Championship 2021, which will be improved as the editions go by.

If any Junior player from any country wants to play the FIP FINALS Promises Championship, they will have 3 options:

1. Win the National Championship where they belong
2. Win a FIP PROMISES Tournament
3. By Ranking FIP Promises

The point 1 will be the kickoff for those countries with no "Junior National Tournaments". The idea is to help them to create those tournaments to promote the bases and be represented in the Final Stage.

One of the requirements to be able to award one of the tournaments of the FIP Promises circuit is to organize some parallel activities, under the supervision of the FIP to encourage Juniors to participate in these tournaments.

- Clinics
- technical talks
- parent training
- top players
- monographs,
- Organizing a professional competition...)

Saturday afternoons would be a good time with already players eliminated without a return travel plan yet, with greater possibility of material (mostly courts) and humans (technical/coaches) resources.

5.1. Requirements (required)

- Order of play:
 - Thursday: qualification (If needed)
 - Friday: 1/16F and 1/8F. First match not before 12h.
 - Saturday: 1/4F and 1/2F.
 - Sunday: 3rd and 4th Place – Finals (not later than 11h30 (Gmt+1))
- *Last match on court not later than 22h.
- *The order of play may change for the well running of the competition.
- Consolation Draw: (Promoters choice)
- International FEE: 650€
- Facilities:
 - 6 Courts minimum
- Categories
 - Male: under-14, under-16 and under-18.
 - Female: under-14, under-16 and under-18.
- Prizes:
 - Champions: Trophy and material
 - Runners-up: Trophy and material
- Hotel: special rates offer with breakfast: 3* Hotel double room 80 euros per night maximum
- Produce and place the branding of the event following the guidelines of the FIP Manual
- Accreditations
- Use FIP's official ball to carry out the competition (as many as necessary)
- Water and fruit on each court for players

- Tournament Director and Main Tournament Umpire (FIP Certificated)

Additional services (not mandatory):

- Welcome pack
- Technifications during the week
- Consolation Draw
- Organize tourist activities
- Live matches broadcast
- Food area
- VIP Zone
- FIP responsible (travel expenses by the organization)