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## FIP Seniors World Padel Championships 2024, 52 national teams at the start in men's and women's

The incredible success of participation is in the numbers. The same ones that led the board of the **International Padel Federation** to exceptionally change the format of the **FIP Seniors World Padel Championships 2024** – initially planned with 16 participating teams – due to the high number of requests from countries worldwide. Thirty men's and 22 women's national teams will take the court: a total of 52 for a record-breaking Championship.

The **FIP Seniors World Padel Championships 2024**, scheduled from **15 to 20 April** in **La Nucia** (Alicante, Spain) mark an unprecedented success in terms of participation by virtue of the teamwork of the national federations with the **FIP** in spreading padel worldwide. It should also be emphasised how the number of participating countries at women's level is now close to that of men's, a sign of the commitment of the national federations and the **FIP** itself on the 'balancing' of the two competitive realities in circuit tournaments and team competitions. Now there has been the official announcement of the **participating countries** at men's and women's level that will compete in the team competition – won in the two previous editions played by Spain – and in the 'Open' draw.

### MEN

1. Spain
2. Argentina
3. Sweden
4. France
5. Italy
6. Portugal
7. Brazil
8. Mexico
9. Chile
10. United States
11. Uruguay
12. Belgium
13. Germany
14. Australia
15. Great Britain
16. Denmark

17. Ireland
18. Egypt
19. Ecuador
20. Japan
21. Qatar
22. Lithuania
23. Finland
24. Netherlands
25. Croatia
26. Austria
27. Hungary
28. Czechia
29. Switzerland
30. Norway

#### **WOMEN**

1. Spain
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5. Netherlands
6. United States
7. Denmark
8. Great Britain
9. Argentina
10. Belgium
11. Brazil
12. Uruguay
13. Portugal
14. Germany
15. Chile
16. Australia
17. Egypt
18. Mexico
19. Japan
20. Ireland
21. Finland
22. Switzerland

**FORMAT** In the **men's competition**, there will be a **preliminary round** with nine European national teams playing on April 13th and 14th: **Lithuania, Finland, Netherlands, Croatia, Austria, Hungary, the Czech Republic, Switzerland and Norway**, divided into three groups of three teams each, with the first classified going through to the final stage. Then eight groups of three teams and the first of each grouping will advance to the quarter-finals, while the others will compete for the rankings from 9th to 16th and from 17th to 24th place.

The 22 national teams participating in the **women's competition**, on the other hand, will be divided into six groups of three and one of four. After the group stage, the first qualified teams compete for positions 1 to 7, the second teams compete for positions 8 to 14 and the third and fourth teams compete for positions 15 to 22. The categories of the tournament for male and female pairs will be **Over 35, Over 40, Over 45, Over 50, and Over 55**.

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