

FIP PROMISES REGULATION - ANNEX

Provisional Regulation Rev. n.3

1. GENERAL

- 1.1. The FIP PROMISES will be governed by this regulation.
- 1.2. In case of any issues with the regulations, the FIP Sports Department will have the final decision to ensure the proper governance of the competition.
- 1.3. The different junior categories included in this circuit are:
 - a. Boys: Under 12; Under 14; Under 16; y Under 18
 - b. Girls: Under 12; Under 14; Under 16; y Under 18

2. FIP PROMISES CIRCUIT

- 2.1. The circuit will consist of a minimum of four tournaments held throughout the year, which will serve as qualifiers for an international final phase called the FIP Promises Finals.
- 2.2. In the final phase, known as the FIP Promises Finals, registration will be open provided age requirements are met. Players may only participate in one category.
- 2.3. Each main draw will include a maximum of thirty two (32) pairs. If more pairs register, a qualifying phase will be held, with a draw size of no more than 32 pairs. If case of less than 8 pairs, the tournament may be conducted as a Round Robin phase with semifinals and a final.
- 2.4. Each tournament will take place in a single location, potentially using one or more venues for the successful organization of the tournament.

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REGISTRATIONS

2.5. Players participating in these tournaments must respect the following conditions:

- a. Hold a player license issued by the Member Association and recognized by the FIP in their country of origin.
- b. Be without any sanctions at the time of registering for the tournament.

2.6. Registrations for FIP PROMISES tournaments must always be made by the players themselves.

The maximum registration fee is fifty (50) € per pair.

2.7. If players want to participate must complete their registration via the FIP platform by 12:00 h (GMT+1) on the Friday before the competition begins. The registration deadline for each event will be announced through FIP website or system.

2.8. Pairing of players is unrestricted, provided gender and age category are respected. Players may register for FIP Promises Tournaments in their own category or the one immediately above. In the case of registration in two different categories, they must register in their own category and the one immediately above.

2.9. Each player may register in two different categories in an FIP Promises tournament.

Specifically, they may register in their age category and in a higher category.

2.10. At the time of registration, in addition to the details of the pair, they can register a maximum of two coaches per pair (FIP registration).

2.11. Players are responsible for:

- Staying in contact with the Main Referee
- Being aware of schedules, instructions, and all competition-related matters in advance.
- Ensuring punctuality and sportsmanship.
- Complying with the provisions of this regulation and accepting rules imposed by referees and corresponding sports directors based on it.

2.12. Fifteen (15) minutes before each match, players must go to the main Referee, who will verify player details, provide the balls, and assign the court number to the two pairs. The maximum waiting time for a pair is ten (10) minutes from the scheduled start time. Failure to appear will result in a walkover (W.O.).

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2.13. Any complaints must be submitted in writing before the start of the match. Complaints about registration or the draw must be made in writing within 24 hours of their publication:

- Registration complaints: 24h
- Draw complaints: 24h

2.14. Once registration is closed, no player or pair substitutions will be allowed.

2.15. For all FIP PROMISES tournaments, the creation of draws and seedings will be determined based on the FIP Juniors Ranking for each category (boys and girls) published on the FIP website on the day when draw is made.

2.16. Registration entitles players to be included in the draw. Therefore, failure to appear after the draw is made will be considered a W.O., and the pair must pay the full registration fee to avoid sanctions and participate in future editions.

WILD-CARD

2.17. Event organizers have the right to propose "Wild Cards" (WC) for the main and qualifying draws to FIP for approval.

- If no request is received from the organizer, the FIP may directly grant WC.
- Requests for WC to participate in the main or qualifying draw must be made through Member Federations. Any other entity requires prior FIP approval
- Any Federations member of FIP may submit as many requests as they deem appropriate. Players may or may not share the nationality of the requesting Federation.
- The W.C. request deadline is one (1) week before the draw will be made.
- Any player eligible for a WC must have a valid official license issued by their Member Federation/Association and be free of sanctions.
- Pairs granted a WC. will be announced one day before the qualifying draw will made.

g. WC Distribution:

- Qualifying Draw (32 pairs and 24 pairs): 2 WC
- Qualifying Draw (16 pairs): 1 WC
- Qualifying Draw (les than 16 pairs): No WC
- Main Draw (32 pairs and 24 pairs): 2 WC
- Main Draw (16 pairs): 1 WC
- Main Draw (les than 16 pairs): No WC

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COMPETITION FORMAT

2.18. Matches will follow this format for all categories:

- Categories: Under 12, Under 14, Under 16 and Under 18.

When the score in a match is one set all, one match tie-break shall be played to decide the match. This tie-break game replaces the deciding final set.

The pair who first wins ten points shall win this match tie break and the match provided there is a margin of two points over the opponent(s).

2.19. **Option 1:** (Draws of eight (8) or more pairs registered)

Main draws' tournament:

The organizer may, with prior FIP authorization, adjust draw sizes as follows:

- Draw of 32 pairs: 26 pairs by FIP ranking + 4 qualifiers + 2 WC
- Draw of 16 pairs: 13 pairs by FIP ranking + 2 qualifiers + 1 WC
- Draw of 8 pairs: 8 pairs direct acceptance (size of draw 16 pairs)

2.20. **Option 2:** (Categories with less than 8 pairs)

Group Stage Format:

Pairs will be divided into different groups, with a seed in each group. The remaining pairs will be drawn randomly

Minimum participation: 3 pairs per category.

If this were the case, the competition format would be:

Group stage: (Tournaments with less than 8 pairs registered):

- Three (3) pairs registered: One (1) group of 3 pairs, One (1) round-robin.
- Four (4) or Five (5) pairs registered: One (1) group of 4 or 5 pairs, One (1) round-robin.
- Six (6) pairs registered: two (2) groups of three (3) pairs registered with final draw (semifinals and final). The top two pairs from each group will qualify.
- Seven (7) pairs registered: two (2) groups of three (3) and four (4) pairs registered with final draw (semifinals and final). The top two pairs from each group will qualify.

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In the group stage:

Winner pair: 2 points; Loser pair: 1 point; WO: 0 points.

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

- The difference between sets won and lost among the tied pairs will be considered. If the tie persists:
- The difference between games won and lost among the three tied pairs will be considered. If the tie persists:
- A draw will be made.

Once the three-way tie is resolved, if two pairs remain tied, the winner of the head-to-head match between them will prevail.

For the sole purpose of resolving ties in doubles tournaments, the result of matches where one of the players fails to appear (WO) will be recorded as 6/0-6/0.

In competitions where match results are considered, and if a match ends prematurely due to one player's injury, the final score will be determined by assuming that, from the moment of the injury, the losing player did not win any further points.

**Example: If the match is stopped with the injured player leading 6/4-5/1, the final result will be 6/4-5/7-0/6.: 6/4-5/7-0/6.*

2.21. The inclusion of consolation draws is at the organizer's discretion, subject to prior consultation with the FIP

2.22. All matches will play with golden point.

2.23. Each match will begin with a new can of balls. No ball changes are allowed during the match.

SCHEDULES

2.24. The last match of the day may not start later than 10:00 PM.

2.25. A player registered in two categories may play a maximum of three (3) matches per day.
A player registered in only one category may play a maximum of two (2) matches per day.

The schedules and maximum number of matches may be adjusted by the FIP Technical Direction to ensure the smooth operation of the competition.

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REST BETWEEN MATCHES

- 2.26. If more than one match needs to be scheduled on the same day for the same players, the main referee must allow a minimum rest period for the affected players unless both agree to start earlier.
- If the previous match was long less than one (1) hour: One (1) hour of rest.
 - If the previous match was long between one (1) hour and one and a half (1½) hours: One and a half (1½) hours of rest.
 - If the previous match was long more than one and a half (1½) hours: Two (2) hours of rest.

3. FINAL PHASE: FIP PROMISES FINALS

- 3.1. The FIP Promises Finals, both boys and girls, will take place at the end of the year after the qualifying events have concluded.
- 3.2. Pairs must consist of players holding a valid player license issued by an Associated Member and recognized by the FIP.
- 3.3. Match Format: (Size of draw 32 pairs maximum):
- a. Two (2) Wild Cards per category for the host country.
 - b. Direct access to the bracket (no qualification rounds) via the Promises Ranking (30DA + 2WC)

4. RANKING AND POINTS TABLE

- 4.1. All events of the FIP PROMISES circuit will award points towards the International Juniors ranking. Additionally, the World Championship, European Open Championships for National Pairs, Asian and Pan-American Championships will also contribute points to the FIP International Junior rankings.
- 4.2. Each tournament will be assigned a star rating that determines the points awarded per round based on the tournament type. The star ratings for each competition format are as follows:
- World Championship, European Championships / Pan-American Championships/ Asian Championships: 30 stars;
 - FIP FINALS PROMISES: 30 stars;

- FIP PROMISES Main draws:
 32 - 17 pairs: 26 stars;
 16 - 8 pairs: 24 stars.
- FIP PROMISES Group stage: 22 stars.
- BONUS: Tournaments with qualifying rounds will grant a bonus to all pairs advancing to the main draw.

4.3. Points Table (Stars/Points)

STARS	WINNER	FINALIST	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
	WINNER	FINALIST	3rd Place	4th Place	5th Place	6th Place	7th Place				
22	250	150	60	30	15	7	3				

4.4. Points Transfer Between Categories

Players advancing to a higher age category will retain a percentage of their points earned, as follows:

- Moving from U14 to U16: 15% of points earned in the U14 category.
- Moving from U16 to U18: 15% of points earned in the U16 category.
- Moving from U18 to the Absolute FIP Ranking: 1% of points earned in the U18 category.

5. REQUIREMENTS AND OBLIGATIONS

- Prizes:
 - Champions (main draw):
 - Trophy and sports equipment
 - Runners-up (main draw):
 - Trophy and sports equipment

Event Organization:

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- Hotel: special rates including breakfast: 3-star hotel double room: Maximum € 80 per night
- Produce and display event branding in accordance with the FIP Brandbook Manual guidelines
- Accreditations
- Use the official FIP ball for the competition (as many as needed)
- Provide water and fruit on each court for players
- Appoint a Tournament Director and a Main Referee (FIP certified)

5.1 Additional Services (Optional):

- Welcome pack
- Special training sessions during the week
- Tourists activities
- Live-streaming for matches
- Catering area
- VIP area
- FIP Supervisor (travel expenses covered by the organization).

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