



# Official Rulebook Women's Tournaments

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## 1. INTRODUCTION

### 1.1 DESCRIPTION AND APPLICABILITY

This document (the “**Regulation**”) provides the rules and regulations of the Premier Padel Circuit for all Premier Padel LLC (“**Premier Padel**”) women’s tournaments.

This document shall be reviewed and updated when reasonably necessary for the purposes of adapting it to new situations or realities of the sport.

Each player who participates in a Premier Padel competition undertakes and assumes, as an essential condition and inherent to their participation, to comply with and be subject to these Regulations, as well as the rest of the rules and regulations of the International Padel Federation (the “FIP”), including the FIP Disciplinary Code and the FIP Code of Ethics in force from time to time.

In the event of inconsistencies between these Regulations and other documents and guidelines, such as the Tournament Standards and Guidelines, the Premier Padel Broadcasting Manual, or others, these Regulations shall prevail in all cases.

These Regulations apply to all women’s tournaments included in the Premier Padel tournament calendar (the “**Premier Padel Tournaments**”, and each of them a “**Premier Padel Tournament**”).

Unless otherwise stipulated, all references in these Regulations to the “**Tour**” shall be understood to be made to the official international women’s Padel championship sanctioned by the FIP, organized by Premier Padel, and which consists of the Premier Padel Tournaments.

### 1.2 RULES

Premier Padel selects and schedules tournaments on the calendar (the “**Official Calendar**”) and FIP is responsible for the resolution of any disputes, related dispute matters, including imposing sanctions on players, tournament officials, family members and representatives of players, coaches and other accredited persons.

The Regulations may be altered, amended or repealed by Premier Padel and/or the FIP in accordance with the Premier Padel By-Laws and the FIP and other applicable regulations.

The headings of the Sections contained in this document are inserted for convenience only and shall not affect the meaning or content therein.

Any action by Premier Padel or the FIP pursuant to these Regulations shall be deemed effective only when the affected parties have been notified of the action or, in the case of any action of general applicability, the action shall have been published in a manner that ensures circulation and general knowledge thereof is widespread.

Player and tournament posts and alerts (the “**Players and Tournaments Alerts**”) shall be considered official forms of communication of the Tour with its members, both at a general and individual level, and shall be published in a manner that ensures wide circulation through the Players Portal/Web (the “**Players Portal**”).

The FIP and, where appropriate, Premier Padel, may impose appropriate sanctions, in accordance with the legally established administrative procedure, including sporting and monetary sanctions, on any person subject to these Regulations who fails to comply with or aids and abets any violation of these Regulations. The administrative sanctioning procedure must grant the corresponding guarantees to the sanctioned party that guarantee their legitimate right of defense.

All monetary terms are in Euro currency unless expressly stated otherwise.

English and Spanish are the official languages of the Tour, and therefore these Rules are written in both languages, without prejudice to the fact that in the event of a discrepancy between the two, the Spanish version will prevail.

### 1.3 CALENDAR

The Official Calendar for each season shall be published at least seven weeks prior to the first Premier Padel Tournament of each season, with a deadline of December 31 of the previous year.

The Official Calendar for a given year shall be the official list of Premier Padel Tournaments to be held during the year in question.

Each tournament shall be assigned a Premier Padel Tournament week within the Official Calendar.

In justified situations, modifications to the Calendar may be made during the course of the year. In this case, the above-mentioned modifications shall be communicated to the National Padel Associations or Federations affiliated



with the Tour (the “**Association Members**”) and published on the Player Portal in compliance with the deadlines established in this document.

## 1.4 POLICIES

### 1.4.1 Open Competition/Non-Discrimination

Each Premier Padel Tournament shall be subject to the provisions of these Regulations. Any player participating in a Premier Padel Tournament shall also be subject to and bound for all purposes by these Regulations. The mere participation of the player implies the assumption of all these Regulations, as well as all other rules and regulations of the FIP and Premier Padel, including the FIP Disciplinary Code and Code of Ethics in force at all times.

Participation in the Women’s Premier Padel Tournaments is open to all international female players with the official FIP ranking (the “**Ranking**”) on merit and without discrimination, subject only to the conditions of the Premier Padel By-Laws, these Regulations, to all other FIP rules and regulations, including the FIP Disciplinary Code and Code of Ethics in effect from time to time, as well as age eligibility rules and the Gender Participation Policy.

### 1.4.2 Gender Participation Policy

All players are subject to the Tour’s gender participation policy (“**Gender Participation Policy**”), as amended from time to time, which addresses the gender eligibility requirements for participation in the Tour Tournaments.

### 1.4.3 Nationality

In order for a player to participate in the Premier Padel Tournaments, they must be in possession of a valid federation license issued by the National Federation or the National Association (**Associate Member**) of their passport country and not be sanctioned by Premier Padel, the FIP or any Associate Member.

A player may have as many licenses as passports (provided that the by-laws of the corresponding Association Members allow it) issued by Association Members, but must indicate the chosen nationality for purposes of display in the Ranking. Considering that the player, when declaring a license to the FIP, shall be indicating their “sports nationality” which implies that for the purposes of the FIP competitions, it may only represent that sports

nationality in all FIP competitions for the period indicated in the current version of these Regulations.

#### 1.4.4 Eligibility

All players must comply with the eligibility requirements of the Padel anti-doping provisions (the “**Padel Anti-Doping Provisions**”), the provisions set forth in the World Anti-Doping Code, List of Prohibited Substances, Prohibited Drug Groups, non-regulatory methods of doping in sport, approved by the World Anti-Doping Agency (the “**WADA**”).

#### 1.4.5 Compliance with Laws and Regulations

Premier Padel Tournaments, by virtue of their inclusion in the Official Calendar, undertake to comply with all the provisions of these Regulations, as well as with the provisions of all other official Premier Padel publications, such as the Tournament Rules and Guidelines, Premier Padel Identity and Branding Guidelines, Premier Padel Broadcast Manual, among others, to all other FIP rules, including the FIP Disciplinary Code and Code of Ethics in force at any given time, which may be applicable.

The sponsor or organizer of each Premier Padel Tournament (the “**Local Organizer**”) shall provide and make available all services necessary for the holding of the Premier Padel Tournament in accordance with that applicable regulation, both of the FIP and Premier Padel.

The Local Organizer of each Premier Padel Tournament acknowledges that all matches and other aspects of the Premier Padel Tournament shall at all times be subject to the rules and regulations, standards and guidelines published by Premier Padel and the FIP. The Local Organizer shall cooperate with the FIP and Premier Padel at all times in order to ensure compliance of the Premier Padel Tournament with these Regulations, the rest of the applicable regulations, as well as the implementation of appropriate anti-doping and anti-corruption procedures in relation to the Tournament.

The Local Organizer shall be responsible for full compliance with the applicable Premier Padel Tournament with applicable local laws and regulations, including but not limited to medical, safety and security requirements, covering all appropriate medical services, including necessary measures, to contain any other health situation in the future.

All players participating in Premier Padel Tournaments, as well as their coaches, members of the player support team and all those who are accredited at the request of the players (collectively, the “**Player Support**”

**Team**”), shall diligently comply with all applicable sporting rules and regulations, as well as the Tour’s current policies, in particular these Regulations.

Each Player Support Team shall at all times be subject to and fully comply with any and all applicable laws, regulations, guidelines and the like, then in effect and shall specifically comply with any anti-doping, anti-smoking, sponsorship or advertising laws or regulations relating to alcohol or drugs and all applicable health and safety laws. Each player and each Player Support Team shall comply with all applicable laws, regulations, codes and guidelines on the prevention of money laundering and corruption, slavery and human trafficking, in particular the FIP anti-corruption program (to the extent in force and approved by the FIP).

#### 1.4.6 Local Authorities and Approvals

The Local Organizer shall take all necessary measures to ensure the necessary support and cooperation of the authorities (at all institutional levels, both sports and government, nationally and locally) for the organization of the Tournament in the locality in which the corresponding Premier Padel Tournament is held (the “**Hosting City**”) and in the venue in which the Premier Padel Tournament is held (the “**Venue**”), in accordance with any local sports regulations, if any.

The Local Organizer shall obtain all approvals, consents, licenses and assistance that may be necessary from third parties in order to organize the Premier Padel Tournament as provided for in these Regulations (including, among others, all police authorities, doctors, of civil protection and corresponding firefighters, the government, military and any other local authority, regional or national) in connection with the applicable Premier Padel Tournament (the “**Permits**”) and shall ensure that all other persons, Government entities or agencies involved in the Premier Padel Tournament cooperate fully with Premier Padel. The Local Organizer shall ensure that the Permits are in force sufficiently in advance of the week in which the Premier Padel Tournament shall be held to enable the proper functioning of the Premier Padel Tournament, and before any deadline that Premier Padel may (acting reasonably) specify in writing.

The Local Organizer shall work in cooperation with the authorities to coordinate the appropriate planning and implementation of an adequate mobility plan for participants in the Premier Padel Tournament and the attending audience that allows for adequate travel efficiency.

#### 1.4.7 Confidentiality

For the purposes of these Regulations, “**Confidential Information**” shall mean all information exchanged between Premier Padel, the FIP, the Tour and the Organizers, on the one hand, and the players and Player Support Team, on the other hand, in the course of developing the Tour or each of the Premier Padel Tournaments, or business-related information, issues, clients, Premier Padel suppliers or suppliers, the FIP and/or Tour or any member of the group of companies to which Premier Padel belongs, FIP and/or Tour and Organizers.

The Players, and the Player Support Teams undertake to keep the Confidential Information strictly confidential, to refrain from using the Confidential Information in a manner different from that provided for in these Regulations and from disclosing it to third parties without the express and prior consent of Premier Padel, FIP and/or Tour, as applicable, with the sole exception of information already in the public domain or becoming in the public domain, that was already legally known to the receiving party or any information required to be disclosed under applicable laws.

#### 1.4.8 Legal nature of the relationship of the players with the Tour

Players shall comply with their obligations under these Regulations and, in particular, their participation in the Tour, as independent parties to the Tour, Premier Padel and the FIP. The contractual relationship between the Tour, on the one hand, and the players, on the other, is a strictly commercial/sports relationship. Players are independent parties who maintain their own legal personality, and shall not take any action that involves an association or confusion with the Tour’s business or assets.

There shall be no employment relationship between the players and Premier Padel, FIP and/or the Tour. Players shall not be deemed, by reason of their being subject to these Regulations or the enforcement thereof, whether in law or in fact, to be employees of Premier Padel, FIP and/or the Tour.

#### 1.4.9 Premier Padel Intellectual Property

Players by their mere participation in the Tour acknowledge and agree that Premier Padel or any of its affiliates owns, and shall continue to own, all economic and intellectual property rights directly or indirectly related to the Tour.

Players agree that all intellectual property rights owned by Tour sponsors shall remain with such sponsors. To the extent any player acquires any intellectual property rights from Premier Padel by law, the Tour or its

sponsors, Players assign all present or future copyrights and undertake to assign to Premier Padel FIP, to the Organizers or any of the Tour sponsors (as the case may be) all other intellectual property rights arising in the future as a result of their participation in the Tour, at Premier Padel's request and at no cost to Premier Padel or Tour Sponsors.

No player shall take any action or adopt any measure that may affect the validity of the intellectual property rights of Premier Padel or the Tour Sponsors and they undertake not to register or attempt to register in any registry, either in their own name or in the name of a third party, any trade name, domain name, symbols or other distinguishing symbols that are similar to those of the intellectual property rights of Premier Padel or the Tour Sponsors, or that may cause confusion with their activities, services, products or establishments.

#### **1.4.10 No Denigration**

Players shall hold Premier Padel, the FIP and the Tour in high regard when speaking to the media or issuing any statement and undertake to refrain from making any statement or taking any action which may have the effect of damaging the reputation, public image and good name of Premier Padel, the FIP, their respective affiliates, the Tour, the Organizers or any of the Tour's sponsors or partners, shareholders, officials, members of the governing bodies of any of the foregoing or which constitute criticism of the Tour or any service or product of any of the aforementioned persons and entities.

## **2. REGISTRATION/ACCEPTANCE INTO THE TOURNAMENT AND WILD CARD**

### **2.1 REGISTRATION/ACCEPTANCE INTO THE TOURNAMENT**

Players' registration and acceptance into any Premier Padel Tournament shall be based on their combined FIP Ranking as a pair, using the latest FIP Ranking available at the time of the registration deadline.

By submitting a registration application for any of the Premier Padel Tournaments, notwithstanding the provisions of other sections of these Regulations, each player undertakes and is thereby bound to the following:

- (A)** The player must also pay in advance the registration fee that has been set for that Premier Padel Tournament.
- (B)** Payment of the registration fee must be made in all cases even when a W.O. is declared for the player, without the player being able to

participate in another competition until the registration fee has been paid.

- (C) Each player must give their best while participating in the Premier Padel Tournaments, doing everything possible with all the necessary skill and care and with a highly competitive standard. While participating in Premier Padel Tournaments players shall conduct themselves in a professional and responsible manner in accordance with the highest standards required of international professional athletes.
- (D) To act at all times with proper ethical and sportsmanlike behavior in accordance with common standards for international professional athletes, including a commitment to refrain from making any statement or taking any action that may have the effect of damaging the image or reputation of Premier Padel, the FIP and/or the Tour, any of its affiliates, the Local Organizers, Tour sponsors or any person or entity involved in the organization, development or operation of the Tour, or that constitutes criticism of any of the aforementioned persons and entities.
- (E) Obtaining and maintaining at their own expense all medical certificates authorizing the player to participate in the Premier Padel Tournaments and each player shall maintain in perfect physical and mental condition to perform in the Premier Padel Tournament, comparable to the standard for highly competitive athletes. In this regard, each player shall undergo the medical examinations that are required by the FIP, Premier Padel, its affiliates and/or the relevant sports authority from time to time and undertakes to release any physician who may consult from professional secrecy towards the FIP and Premier Padel. Confidentiality of information related to medical examinations shall be subject to confidentiality obligations by the FIP and Premier Padel. The cost of medical examinations by virtue of this paragraph shall be borne by Premier Padel and/or the relevant sports authority, depending on who requires them.
- (F) Be in possession of all sport licenses, permits, authorizations or other documentation necessary to perform the activity of a professional Padel player participating in the Premier Padel Tournament issued by the relevant national or international federations (including, but not limited to, the corresponding Association Members). Players undertake to take all necessary steps to obtain any other sports license, permit or other documentation that may be necessary for players to participate in the Premier Padel Tournament and to provide Premier Padel, the FIP and/or the relevant sports authority, upon request, documentary evidence of compliance with this paragraph. In

particular, players must possess the official license of the federation issued by the FIP.

- (G) Comply with any and all provisions of these Regulations and other regulations of Premier Padel and the FIP, including any amendments applicable at the time of registration and at the time of the Premier Padel Tournament.
- (H) Comply with all provisions of FIP's anti-corruption program and all applicable national regulations regarding anti-corruption and bribery programs.
- (I) Comply with all provisions of the FIP anti-doping program and submit to anti-doping control testing after notification, in accordance with the procedures established by the FIP anti-doping program, WADA or any relevant agency in this area.
- (J) Notwithstanding the foregoing, have an annual medical examination as a condition of participating in any Premier Padel Tournament pursuant to its national license.
- (K) Be in possession of an international personal medical insurance policy to cover medical treatment outside of the standard medical services of the Premier Padel Tournament and acknowledges responsibility for such insurance and/or medical treatment. It is the sole responsibility of the players to take out insurance that covers the ordinary contingencies of high-level international professional athletes, and in particular losses that may arise from the death, personal injury, personal loss or personal damage of each player. Consequently, it shall be the sole responsibility of the players to manage their life, health, accident and medical insurance (including, but not limited to, cases of temporary or permanent disability). Players must provide Premier Padel with evidence of such player's insurance coverage if requested by Premier Padel. Every player, and to the extent possible under applicable law, their heirs and successors in title, releases Premier Padel, its officials, employees, agents, licensees, suppliers, shareholders, the Tour's sponsors and/or any person for whom they are responsible, from any claim or remedy, including, but not limited to, claims for death or personal injury to players or for any physical harm, mental or other loss or damage of any nature whatsoever (including any injury, non-material damages or pain and suffering) which any of the players, their heirs and successors in title (whether minors or legally incompetent) may have against any of them, caused by an event related in any way to the players' activities in connection with the Tour; and the players shall indemnify and hold harmless Premier Padel, its officials, employees, licensees, suppliers,



shareholders and/or the sponsors of the Tour and/or persons to whom they are liable for any costs and/or amounts that any of them may be required to pay as a result of any recourse or claim referred to above by whomsoever made. Every player shall sign any reasonable and standard liability waivers prepared by Premier Padel, Local Organizers, Tour sponsors and/or suppliers that Premier Padel may require.

(L) Grant in favor of Premier Padel, without compensation other than Tournament prizes for the maximum legally permitted period,

(M)

- (i) the non-exclusive right to use and exploit the Collective Player Sports Images by Premier Padel or a sublicensed third party, as sponsors, Local organizers, among others, for advertising or promotional purposes, as well as for licensing and/or marketing purposes, as it deems appropriate (including social media, the websites, television, the radio, the cinema, computer -for entertainment or any other purpose- and any other means); and Individual Player Sports Images by Premier Padel or Local Organizers solely for any applicable Tour or Premier Padel Tournament advertising, and
- (ii) the non-exclusive right to record in tangible form and use the player's name, performance, image, voice, biographical data, in any media (including the right to produce, display, use in still or moving images, and live or recorded or filmed television and other reproductions of the player), to be used in the Tour.
- (iii) the non-exclusive right to use and exploit each player's Individual Sports Image solely in connection with their participation on the Tour. In this case, only Premier Padel or Local Organizers may use this right to promote the Tour or each of the Premier Padel Tournaments. That is, for clarity, only Premier Padel and Local Organizers may use Individual Player Sports Images to promote the Tour as a whole or each individual Premier Padel Tournament, without in any way allowing the use of Individual Player Sports Images in connection with third parties (including sponsors). For the purposes of clarity, "Collective Player Sports Images" shall be understood to mean the joint use of the sports images of the players related to their participation in the Tour, so that at least two (2) players from two (2) different pairs are always reproduced together. Furthermore, "Individual Player Sports



Images” shall mean the single use of each player’s sports images.

- (N) The player undertakes not to promote or advertise directly or indirectly in any way any other Padel tour or organization, tournament, exhibition from ten (10) days prior to the start of a Premier Padel Tournament to ten (10) days after the end of the tournament. Players shall participate in any Premier Padel Tournament with priority over any other championship, tournament, sporting event of the same nature or exhibition. This priority rule means that in the event that any of the above activities occur at the same time as a Premier Padel Tournament, the players must participate in the corresponding Premier Padel Tournament and decline to participate in any of the aforementioned sports activities organized by a third party. Moreover, as a condition of their registration and acceptance in the Premier Padel Tournament, the players undertake not to participate in any championship, tournament sporting event of the same nature or exhibition in the same city as the Premier Padel Tournament or anywhere within two hundred (200) kilometers of the city of the Premier Padel Tournament during the forty (40) days prior to the start of the Premier Padel Tournament and during the (30) days following the end of the tournament.
- (O) Each player individually undertakes to be available for participation in four (4) official promotional days (excluding travel) per Tour season for commercial activities related to the Tour and its sponsors (collectively, the “**Promotional Activities for Non-Championship Events**”). These promotional days do not coincide with the dates on which a Premier Padel Tournament is held and therefore, Promotional Activities for Non-Championship Events shall take place outside of the days on which Premier Padel Tournaments are held.

Premier Padel shall be entitled to decide the content of each Promotional Activity for Non-Championship Events as it sees fit. However, these activities must be reasonable and customary within the industry. Non-Championship Event Promotional Activities may include, but are not limited to, at least the following:

- (i) launch event of each Tour season.
- (ii) launch events for each of the Premier Padel Tournaments, which may include one (1) exhibition performance and press conferences.

- (iii) in-person player interviews prior to the Premier Padel Tournaments for broadcast television, as well as any other *ad hoc* Premier Padel filming.
- (iv) clinics, ProAms and exhibition events, Premier Padel undertakes to make every effort not to appoint the same player to participate in such clinics, ProAms or exhibition events consecutively.
- (v) other special promotional events hosted by Premier Padel (signatures, photo shoots or other fan interaction at Tour venues and any other venues). Premier Padel shall ensure that these special promotional events do not interfere with player training sessions.

Each player's appearance at the Promotional Activities for Non-Championship Events shall generally last a total maximum of six (6) actual and consecutive hours per day per Promotional Activity for Non-Championship Events.

All Non-Championship Event Promotional Activities shall be given reasonable advance notice indicating the content of the applicable Non-Championship Event Promotional Activity. However, each player acknowledges and agrees that, in justified circumstances, this notice period may be reduced, but notice must be given to the player at least ten (10) days in advance.

The Non-Championship Event Promotional Activities may be conducted in person or virtually and Premier Padel shall cover all reasonable and documented expenses related to lodging, travel, meals and car rental (if applicable), including transportation between the locations where the Non-Championship Event Promotional Activity takes place and the location of accommodation.

Premier Padel shall determine the number of players that shall appear in each Promotional Activity for Non-Championship Events. The determination of the specific players to appear in any Promotional Activity for Non-Championship Events shall be decided by Premier Padel. Selected players shall follow reasonable instructions provided by Premier Padel with respect to the content of each Promotional Activity for Non-Championship Events, including the performances to be held during such activity, as well as the applicable dress code (clothing and accessories).

- (P) In addition to the established Promotional Activities for Non-Championship Events, each player individually undertakes to be available to Premier Padel for participation in all regular promotional activities held at the Premier Padel Tournaments (the “**Championship Event Promotional Activity**”). Each player individually undertakes to be available to Premier Padel for participation in:
- (i) interviews after each match of a Premier Padel Tournament, in which both playing pairs shall provide the main broadcaster of each Premier Padel Tournament with a quick interview about their impressions of the match for no more than five (5) minutes. These interviews shall include questions in Spanish -or in the player’s first language if it is not Spanish- as well as several questions in English (for those players who speak English).
  - (ii) post-match press conferences.
  - (iii) short video after each Premier Padel Tournament match, in which both playing pairs shall provide Premier Padel’s social media channels and/or Premier Padel’s broadcast partner with a quick interview about their impressions of the match for no more than three (3) minutes.
  - (iv) Short post-game social media videos (before players leave the venue after matches) or at an agreed time for Premier Padel social media channels, to promote current or future Premier Padel Tournaments and Premier Padel partnerships.

Premier Padel shall be entitled to decide the content of each Championship Event Promotional Activity as it sees fit. However, these activities shall be reasonable and customary and must priority respect the player’s sporting obligations.

Premier Padel shall determine the number of players that shall appear in each Championship Event Promotional Activity. Premier Padel shall select the specific players that shall appear in any Championship Event Promotional Activity. Premier Padel shall select the players in a balanced way among all of them, taking into account their position in the Ranking. Players participating in a Premier Padel Tournament may not participate without Premier Padel’s prior consent in any business event or activity not organized by Premier Padel, the FIP or the Local Organizer that takes place while the Premier Padel Tournament is being held (even after the player in question has been eliminated).

### 2.1.1 General

#### (A) Tour Responsibility

The FIP is responsible for processing all player requests to participate in all Premier Padel Tournaments and for notifying Local Organizers and Premier Padel Tournaments of all player information in a timely manner.

#### (B) Player entry and commitment to rules:

Any player entering or participating in any Premier Padel Tournament, in addition to Section 2.1 above, consents and agrees to the following:

##### (i) Compliance with rules and regulations

Each player must comply with and is subject to all provisions of these Regulations and the Premier Padel By-Laws, including but not limited to all amendments and modifications thereto on occasion.

##### (ii) Written Consent

Notwithstanding the provisions of these Regulations, each calendar year, all players, as a condition of entering or participating in any Premier Padel Tournament, together with the completion and signing of the annual player form that Premier Padel shall provide annually to each player (the “**Annual Player Form**”), must give their consent and agree to comply with these Regulations.

By signing the Annual Player Form, it shall be understood that each player accepts the full content of these Regulations.

#### (C) Registration terms

##### (i) Annual Player Form

A player must complete the Annual Player Form before playing their first match each season and ensure that the Tour has a copy of their valid passport at all times or, if a player does not have a valid passport, a copy of their birth certificate or certificate and photo ID.

Under no circumstances may a player participate in a Tour event or receive prize money until they have completed and returned the Annual Player Form and have confirmed that a copy of the documentation is available.

**(ii) Registration**

All players must submit an official registration application to be accepted into the Premier Padel Tournaments. Official entries can be made through the FIP website.

**(iii) No registration shall be accepted unless the player's participation in the Premier Padel Tournament complies with the Gender Participation Policy and age eligibility rule, and the player is eligible to participate in the Premier Padel Tournament under the Premier Padel integrity rules then in effect (the "Integrity Rules").**

**(iv) Pursuant to the Integrity Rules, a player who fulfills a period of ineligibility or temporary suspension is not eligible to participate in a Premier Padel Tournament, or to automatically participate in a Premier Padel Tournament, which is held during the period of ineligibility or temporary suspension. If a player contests their provisional suspension, they may remain on the registration list for any Premier Padel Tournaments in which they participated prior to the effective date of the provisional suspension until the qualifying registration deadline for such Premier Padel Tournaments, at which time the player shall be automatically withdrawn from the applicable Premier Padel Tournament(s) if they are still ineligible.**

**(v) All outstanding fines from previous Tour years must be paid in full to the FIP, before a player can enter or compete in a Premier Padel Tournament in the applicable Tour season.**

### **2.1.2 Enrollment deadlines**

All references to registration deadlines refer to 5:00 p.m. Central European Time (CET), unless otherwise specified.

For the purpose of participating in a Premier Padel Tournament, players must submit their registration application by the applicable registration deadline.

Players who submit their registration after the registration deadline shall not be included in any acceptance list for the applicable Premier Padel Tournament and, where applicable, unless justified in accordance with the content of these Regulations, shall be in breach of their registration obligations.

Players who are under FIP suspension for disciplinary reasons or for violations of anti-doping or anti-corruption programs are not eligible to participate in any Premier Padel Tournament until the suspension is complete.

The registration deadline shall be Fridays at 5:00 p.m. CET three (3) weeks prior to the week in which the Premier Padel Tournament is to take place. The registration closing date may be modified, and in this case the change must be notified.

### 2.1.3 Entering two or more tournaments in the same week

A player may compete in two (2) tournaments held in the same week, provided it is with the same partner, and only in the event that they are on different circuits. One of them shall be PREMIER PADEL TOUR and the other shall be the **Main Draw** of a CUPRA FIP TOUR tournament.

### 2.1.4 Confirmations of Participation

All players whose participation in the Premier Padel Tournament has ended two (2) days prior to the start of the FIP Tour Tournament Main Draw and who are duly registered, shall have their participation confirmed automatically (example: start of the Main Draw Friday FIP Tour, the loser of the Wednesday day at Premier Padel can play the FIP Tour Tournament).

In case of not wishing to participate in the FIP Tour tournament, it shall be the pair's responsibility to communicate to the FIP Sports Department their duly justified withdrawal from the tournament.

## 2.2 TOURNAMENT ACCEPTANCE

### 2.2.1 Direct acceptance

Direct Acceptance (the "**Direct Acceptance**") refers to a pair being accepted into a draw by virtue of their position in the FIP Ranking (combined points of both players) or by virtue of their protected ranking, unless otherwise determined by Premier Padel, the Age Eligibility Rule and the Integrity Rules.

Once a player has been accepted into a Premier Padel Tournament, they shall not be removed from the Acceptance List unless officially withdrawn or otherwise determined by Premier Padel, the Age Eligibility Rule and the Integrity Rules.

The list of direct acceptances will be issued after the registration deadline.

Any pair that has not entered the Premier Padel Tournament by the registration deadline shall not appear on the Acceptance List and shall not be able to become a Direct Acceptance for the draw.

A player may not register with more than one (1) partner.

Players seeking to participate in a Premier Padel Mandatory Tour Tournament using their Protected Ranking must submit an official request to the FIP indicating that they wish to use that ranking to enter the tournament.

### 2.2.2 Lists of Tournament Acceptances

The listings for each Premier Padel Tournament are as follows (collectively, the “**Acceptance List**”):

- (A) **Waiting List or Alternate List (the “Alternate List”)**: composed of all pairs who have been left out of the previous phase due to their position in the Ranking. The Alternate List shall be updated every Monday along with the weekly Ranking update. The Monday before the start of the qualification phase, after the last update, each pair’s position for the Alternate List of the Premier Padel Tournament shall be made official.

In the event of any withdrawal, the pairs in the Alternate List shall be able to participate in the corresponding Premier Padel Tournament according to the position they occupy in the Alternate List at the time the withdrawal occurs. The pairs in positions one (1) to five (5) shall acquire the same commitments as the rest of the players who make up the Acceptance List to the Qualification Draw in the event that they access the Qualification Phase. Any pair may withdraw from the Alternate List without penalty provided they have not entered the Qualification Phase being among the first five (5) positions of the Alternate List.

Once the qualification draw has taken place, in case of withdrawal, pairs contained in the Alternate List may only enter by them signing On Site thirty (30) minutes before the start of the first match of the day.

- (B) **Qualification Draw List (“Qualification Draw List”)** – composed of all those pairs that have been removed from the Main Draw List due to their Ranking position. This listing shall be updated every Monday along with the weekly Ranking update. The Monday before the start of the Qualification Phase, after the last update, the position of each pair in the Qualification Draw List shall be made official.

In the event of any withdrawal in the Main Draw List up to one (1) hour before, local time, the draw for the Qualification Draw, the pairs on the Qualification Draw List shall be given entry to the Main Draw List according to their position on the Qualification Draw List at the time the withdrawal occurs.

- (C) **Main Draw List (the “Main Draw List”)**: composed of all those pairs that have been accepted in the Main Draw due to their position in the Ranking. This listing shall be updated every Monday along with the weekly Ranking update. On the Monday prior to the start of the qualification phase, after the last update, the position of each pair in the Main Draw List shall be made official.

### 2.2.3 Acceptance procedure in the event of a tie

If the Ranking classifications of two (2) or more pairs are tied at the time of acceptance of the Premier Padel Tournament, then the following criteria shall always be applied in order:

- (A) the pair containing the player with the highest Ranking is placed ahead.
- (B) if the tie continues, a random draw shall be made, in the manner indicated by the FIP.
- (C) in the event that several pairs do not have FIP points, a draw shall be made among all of them, as indicated by the FIP, which may be, among others, a coin toss, raffle system (face to face or online) or any other that the FIP considers appropriate.

### 2.2.4 Distribution of the Acceptance List

The Premier Padel Tournament Acceptance List shall be distributed to Premier Padel Tournaments directors upon availability and posted on FIP websites.



### 2.2.5 Tournament status

Tournament status shall be available to players on the FIP website or through the supervisor.

### 2.2.6 Administrative Error in Acceptance List

Players have the right, within the first twenty-four (24) hours after publication of the Acceptance List, to file a complaint if they are not included in the Acceptance List, or if they detect any errors in their registration data.

Once twenty-four (24) hours have elapsed since the initial publication of the Acceptance List, no further changes shall be considered or permitted and a new version of the Acceptance List, including corrections to clerical errors that may have occurred, shall be published.

#### (A) Omitted Player

If an administrative error has been made on an Acceptance List that results in a player's omission from that Acceptance List, the pair shall be located as appropriate in the corresponding section of the Acceptance List (main draw and/or qualification).

#### (B) Acceptance of Too Many Players

In the event that the Acceptance List provides for more players than necessary to cover the seats available for the corresponding Premier Padel Tournament, the Acceptance List shall be adjusted according to the Ranking on the registration deadline for the corresponding Premier Padel Tournament and with the characteristics of places according to the type of Premier Padel Tournament in question.

## 2.3 WILD CARDS

### 2.3.1 Definition

**"Wild Cards"** are those pairs selected by the Premier Padel Tournament to occupy the slots designated as such in the draw. The Wild Card request must be made by the pair and always within the maximum period reported on the corresponding Premier Padel Tournament card.

All nominations regarding player eligibility must be approved by the FIP under the Age Eligibility Rule and the Integrity Rules, and other limitations of

applicable regulations. Wild Cards shall not be official until approved by the FIP.

**(A) Assignment timelines**

Local Organizers are required to submit to the FIP for approval all of the Wild Cards they have chosen for the Main Draw List and the Qualification Draw List on the Monday prior to the week of the start of the Main Draw. Unless otherwise approved by the FIP. The Director of the Premier Padel Tournament must inform the FIP and Supervisor in writing of Wild Card nominations.

If one of the Wild Card pairs after the assignment deadline falls into the Main Draw List or Qualification Draw List on merit, the Premier Padel Tournament Director may replace with another previously named or new pair until the Qualification Phase draw is conducted. For injury reasons, Local Organizers may change pairs chosen as Wild Card until 11:59 p.m. local Premier Padel Tournament time the day before the Qualification Phase draw.

**(B) Wild Card Acceptance Confirmation**

**(i) Premier Padel Tournament Responsibilities**

Prior to communicating Wild Cards to the FIP or Supervisor, the Premier Padel Tournament Director must have written confirmation (email being sufficient) from the pair that they shall accept the Wild Card.

**(ii) Responsibilities of the Pair**

The pair must confirm in writing (email being sufficient) to the Director of the Premier Padel Tournament that they shall accept a Wild Card. If requested, the pair must also notify the Supervisor in writing (email being sufficient) of acceptance of the Wild Card.

If the pair accepts a Wild Card and subsequently withdraws before playing their first match, they shall be subject to a Late Withdrawal fine.

Local Organizers or any of their representatives, officials, workers, etc. may not receive any compensation, nor may

players offer any compensation, in exchange for a Wild Card in any of the Premier Padel Tournaments.

(iii) Below is the number of Wild Cars [sic: Cards] based on the type of Premier Padel Tournament:

Premier Padel Tournament Type		Wild Card Main Draw	Wild Card Qualifying Draw
<b>MAJOR</b>	Female	3	2*
<b>P1</b>	Female	2	2*
<b>P2</b>	Female	2	2*

\*Only 1 Wild Card shall be available in Qualification Draws with 16 pairs

### 2.3.2 Player restrictions

A player may not receive more than one (1) Wild Card in the same week as the Official Calendar.

### 2.3.3 Exceptions

The following provisions apply to Wild Cards:

- (A) Any player who is serving a suspension imposed by the FIP may not receive a Wild Card until the suspension has been served.
- (B) Under the Anti-Doping Program, sanctioned players may not receive a Wild Card until they have satisfied the requirements for anti-doping testing.

### 2.3.4 Withdrawals

#### (A) Main Draw

If one of the Wild Card pairs or players withdraws from the Premier Padel Tournament after the assignment deadline, the Premier Padel Tournament Director may replace them with another pair until 11:59 p.m. local Premier Padel Tournament time on the day before the Qualification Phase draw. That pair may not include players who are

already registered with other partners and are part of the Qualification Draw List or the Main Draw List.

If the Premier Padel Tournament does not name another Wild Card by 11:59 p.m. local Premier Padel Tournament time the day before the Qualification Phase draw, the Acceptance List shall be updated by entering the next pair in the Qualification Draw List.

**(B)** Qualification Draw

If one of the Wild Card pairs on the Qualification Draw List withdraws from the tournament after the allocation deadline, the Premier Padel Tournament Director may replace it with a new pair until 11:59 p.m. local Premier Padel Tournament time on the day prior to the Qualification Phase draw.

If the tournament does not name another Wild Card by 11:59 p.m. local Premier Padel Tournament time on the day before the Qualification Phase draw, the list shall be updated and the next pair on the waiting list shall be added to the list.

### 2.3.5 Additional Wild Cards

In Premier Padel Tournaments where the Qualification Phase or Main Draw is not complete, vacant slots may be filled with additional Wild Cards (**“Additional Wild Cards”**). These Additional Wild Cards must not have a Ranking position that would allow them to be on the Main Draw List in the corresponding Premier Padel Tournament and must have the same nationality as the country of the Host City.

To award additional Wild Cards, the Premier Padel Tournament Director must:

- (A)** Submit an application to the National Federation of the Host City country and to the FIP with the pairs selected as Additional Wild Cards.
- (B)** The deadlines for submitting said request will be as follows:
  - (i)** For the Qualification Phase, from the close of registration until one week before the draw for the Qualification Phase;

- (ii) For the Main Draw in tournaments without a Qualification Phase, from the closing of registrations to one week before the draw for the Main Draw.

### 3. DEREGISTRATIONS AND WITHDRAWALS

#### 3.1 DEREGISTRATIONS

Players may withdraw a maximum of one (1) tournament per year for any reason without penalty prior to the **“Withdrawal Deadline 1”** which shall be on Fridays at 5:00 p.m. CET, two (2) weeks prior to the Premier Padel Tournament week. After Withdrawal Deadline 1, players who withdraw without medical justification or other circumstance beyond their control approved by the FIP shall be subject to penalties under the players code of conduct and shall, in principle, be a breach of their sporting obligations

Players may withdraw a maximum of one (1) tournament per year with the FIP-approved medical proof without penalty prior to the **“Withdrawal Deadline 2”** which shall be two (2) days prior to the 5:00 p.m. Qualification Phase draw. From this moment on, any withdrawal must be done On Site. Withdrawal Deadline 1 and Withdrawal Deadline 2, shall be jointly referred to in these Regulations as the **“Withdrawal Deadline”**.

No player who has withdrawn from a Premier Padel Tournament prior to the Withdrawal Deadline 1, the Withdrawal Deadline 2 or On Site shall be allowed to play any FIP Tour tournament that week.

Players may not change partners after the registration deadline, except as follows:

#### **Lucky Loser Individual**

In the event that a player on the Qualification List or Main Draw List withdraws after the registration deadline and only due to an injury or other circumstance beyond the player's control and approved by the FIP, the non-withdrawing player may participate in the event under the following conditions:

#### **(A) Deadlines**

The non-withdrawing player must confirm, within twenty-four (24) hours of their partner's withdrawal, their intention to use the Lucky Loser Individual.

The non-withdrawing player who has confirmed their intention to search for a new partner shall have a period of forty-eight (48) hours to submit a new registration with a player who is on the waiting list or with the partner of another withdrawn partner, provided that this

second non-withdrawn player has also expressed their intention to search for a new partner.

The aforementioned deadlines may in no event be later than 11:59 p.m. CET two (2) days prior to the drawing of the Qualification Phase (the “**Lucky Loser Individual Deadline**”).

**(B)** Procedure

The status of the new pair shall be the result of the sum of the score of both players in the Ranking.

If a Main Draw player, upon choosing a partner, the sum of their points would cause their status to be on the Qualification List, that pair would lose their slot on the Main Draw List and would be included on the Qualification List. Whenever this procedure occurs, the Premier Padel Tournament lists shall be updated.

In no case may a pair that is on the Alternate List at the close of the registration period make use of this rule, even if they have subsequently accessed the Qualification List after an update of the list.

In the event that the partner is chosen from the waitlist, the partner of the selected player must submit the withdrawal consent form.

Once the new pair has been created, it shall no longer be possible to change partners again.

When a pair confirms their participation as a Lucky Loser Individual, they are committed to participating in the Premier Padel Tournament. In the event that they subsequently withdraw:

- (i) If the deadlines allow another pair to be created, the withdrawing pair shall be fined €200.
- (ii) If the deadlines do not allow another pair to be created, the withdrawing pair shall be fined €500.
- (iii) The Alternate List pair who enters the Qualification List due to a withdrawal shall not be able to make use of the Lucky Loser Individual. In the event of a withdrawal, it shall be replaced with the following pair from the Alternate List.

Any withdrawal in the Main Draw after the qualification draw shall be replaced by a Lucky Loser.

### **3.1.1 Requirements for all withdrawals**

#### **(A) Player responsibility**

Withdrawals shall only be accepted at the request of the appropriate player. For the purposes of clarity, withdrawals requested by any coach, designated agent or member of the Player Support Team shall not be accepted. The player is ultimately responsible for all of their registrations and withdrawals in Premier Padel Tournaments.

#### **(B) Sending of the withdrawal**

A player's withdrawal from a Premier Padel Tournament shall be effective only if:

- (i)** The player is On Site, completes a medical examination with the event medical staff and submits a withdrawal form to the FIP Supervisor and sports department; or
- (ii)** The player is not On Site and sends the withdrawal in writing via email to the FIP Supervisor and Sports Department.

#### **(C) Withdrawal statements**

- (i)** At the time of a withdrawal, a player must provide a statement containing the reason for their withdrawal and an appropriate quote, at the discretion of the Tour Communications Department, that the Tour may disclose to the media and the public.
- (ii)** Failure to file a withdrawal statement shall result in the following penalties:
  - (a)** If a player withdrew by virtue of a Justified Withdrawal or a Prize Money Withdrawal, the withdrawal shall not count as a Justified Withdrawal or a Prize Money Withdrawal and shall be assessed the applicable Late Withdrawal fine plus the applicable fine below; or



- (b) If a player withdrew through a Late Withdrawal, the applicable Late Withdrawal fine plus the applicable fine shall be imposed below:

<b>DRAW</b>	<b>MAJOR / P1</b>	<b>P2</b>
Qualifying Draw	€100	€70
Main Draw	€200	€150

- (iii) Any player who publicly announces their withdrawal from a Premier Padel Tournament prior to submitting their official withdrawal in accordance with this Section shall be fined for Dishonorable or Unprofessional Conduct under the Code of Conduct.

**(D) Responsibility of the FIP**

Except as otherwise provided in these Regulations, the FIP shall not remove a player from any Acceptance List unless it has received notice of their withdrawal in accordance with this Section. Nor shall it automatically withdraw a player from any Premier Padel Tournament for registration to an FIP Tour tournament during that same week or the following week.

**3.1.2 Additional requirements for On Site withdrawals**

- (A) In addition to the above withdrawal requirements, if a player withdraws On Site, they must:
- (i) Meet with the Premier Padel Tournament medical team for an assessment of injury or illness prior to leaving the Host City of the Premier Padel Tournament;
  - (ii) Within twenty-four (24) hours, at the discretion of Premier Padel Tournament medical team, participate in one (1) post-withdrawal activity not to exceed one (1) hour, which may include the following activity or any similar activity requested by Premier Padel or Premier Padel Tournament:
    - (a) Sponsor visit;

- (b) Autograph session;
- (c) Meet and greet;
- (d) Content feature; or
- (e) Clinics.

**(B) Penalties**

Failure to comply with the above requirements shall result in the following penalties:

- (i) If a player withdrew under a Justified Withdrawal or a Prize Money Withdrawal, the withdrawal shall not count as a Justified Withdrawal or a Prize Money Withdrawal and shall be assessed the applicable Late Withdrawal fine plus the applicable fine below; or
- (ii) If a player withdrew under a Late Withdrawal, the applicable Late Withdrawal fine shall be imposed, plus the applicable fine below.

PP Ranking as of registration deadline	MAJOR / P1	P2
<b>1-10</b>	€500	€300
<b>11-25</b>	€400	€250
<b>26-50</b>	€300	€200
<b>51-100</b>	€200	€100
<b>101+</b>	€100	€50

### **3.1.3 Late Withdrawals from the Main Draw**

**(A) Definition**

A Main Draw withdrawal is a Late Withdrawal if a player withdraws after the Withdrawal Deadline.

**(B) Fines**

**(i) Procedures**

**(a)** Unless otherwise noted below, all players shall receive automatic fines for Late Withdrawals from the Main Draw of a Premier Padel Tournament.

**(b)** All fines for Late Withdrawal from the Main Draw and Absence shall be withheld by the FIP.

**(ii) Quantities**

The amount of a player's automatic fine for Late Withdrawal from the Main Draw is based on the following table:

FIP Ranking at registration deadline	MAJOR	P1	P2
<b>1-10</b>	€2,500	€1,500	€1,000
<b>11-25</b>	€1,800	€1,000	€700
<b>26-50</b>	€1,200	€800	€500
<b>51-100</b>	€800	€600	€400

Fines are doubled with each subsequent violation in a Premier Padel Tournament category.

**(iii) No show**

A player who enters and is accepted on the Main Draw List of a Premier Padel Tournament, does not withdraw and does not attend their first match commits a no-show violation. The automatic fine for a no-show violation is double the applicable Late Withdrawal fine.

### 3.1.4 Late Withdrawals from Qualification

#### (A) Definition

A qualifying withdrawal is a Late Withdrawal if a player withdraws after the Withdrawal Deadline.

#### (B) Fines

##### (i) Procedures

Alternate List players occupying positions one (1) through five (5) who expect to enter the Qualification List and who are accepted onto the Qualification List at any time up to 11:59 p.m. local time on the day prior to the Qualification draw, are required to play in the Premier Padel Tournament and are therefore subject to the same registration procedure and fines for no-show violations.

##### (ii) Quantities

The automatic late withdrawal fine for a player is €400 in MAJOR or P1 Category Tournaments and €250 in P2 Category Tournaments.

##### (iii) No show

A player who enters and is accepted on the Premier Padel Tournament Qualification List, does not withdraw, and does not attend their first match commits a no-show violation. The automatic fine for a first no-show violation is €800; which is doubled for each subsequent violation committed in the corresponding Tour Year (e.g., €800 for the first, €1,600 for the second, €3,200 for the third and so on).

### 3.1.5 Justified withdrawals

#### (A) Definition

Subject to the procedures and restrictions in Subsection (B) below, not more than once (1) per Tour season, may a player withdraw from competition in a Premier Padel Tournament without incurring a Late Withdrawal fine ("**Justified Withdrawal**") provided that the FIP

receives their official withdrawal and medical certificate prior to the Withdrawal Deadline 2.

**(B) Procedures and Restrictions**

The following procedures and restrictions apply to Subsection (A) above:

- (i) A player must make every effort to withdraw under a Justified Withdrawal prior to the Withdrawal Deadline 2. If a Justified Withdrawal exceeds the Withdrawal Deadline 2, the FIP may, at its sole discretion, impose a Late Withdrawal fine if the player does not withdraw On Site. If the FIP imposes a Late Withdrawal fine, the withdrawal shall not count as a Justified Withdrawal.
- (ii) No player may use a Justified Withdrawal for the Premier Padel Finals.

**(C) On Site Withdrawal**

A player who has fulfilled all withdrawal quota prior to the Withdrawal Deadline, to avoid being penalized, must attend the Premier Padel Tournament and withdraw On Site after having a check-up with the Premier Padel Tournament medical team and attend to each and every one of their responsibilities with Premier Padel. The Prize Money Withdrawal rule may also be invoked.

### **3.1.6 Prize Money Withdrawal**

**(A) Definition**

Subject to the procedures and restrictions in Subsection (B) below, if a Direct Acceptance player or a Special Exempt player who has been placed on the Main Draw List of a Premier Padel Tournament with a Qualification Draw is On Site and withdraws from the Premier Padel Tournament after the Qualification Phase draw, but prior to their first Main Draw match, then:

- (i) at the time of their withdrawal, they may choose to receive 50% (fifty percent) of the first round Prize Money Withdrawal prize money) and, if they do so, then

- (ii) The next eligible Lucky Loser shall move to the Main Draw in accordance with Section 4.2.1.

**(B) Procedures and Restrictions**

The following procedures and restrictions apply to Subsection (A) above:

- (i) Withdrawn players and Lucky Loser shall receive prize money in accordance with Section 8.1.1.
- (ii) A player using a Prize Money Withdrawal is not subject to any Late Withdrawal fine, but shall receive zero (0) qualifying points for the applicable Premier Padel Tournament.
- (iii) A player may use one Prize Money Withdrawal in only two (2) Premier Padel Tournaments per Tour Year.
- (iv) A player may not use a Prize Money Withdrawal in cash in two (2) consecutive Premier Padel Tournaments.
- (v) If a player is Out of Competition in accordance with the Protected Ranking Rule, the use of a Prize Money Withdrawal restarts their Out of Competition Period.
- (vi) If a player was accepted into a Premier Padel Tournament using their Protected Ranking and uses a Prize Money Withdrawal, the corresponding Premier Padel Tournament shall count as one (1) of their Protected Ranking Tournaments.
- (vii) If a player is subject to the Age Eligibility Rule and uses a Prize Money Withdrawal, that Premier Padel Tournament shall count as one (1) of their Premier Padel Tournaments in which they can participate under the Age Eligibility Rule. (see Section 9: Age Eligibility Rule).
- (viii) If a player withdraws from a Premier Padel Tournament by means of a Prize Money Withdrawal and subsequently plays in any Premier Padel Tournament, FIP Tour or any tournament or Exhibition/Non-Premier Padel Event, regardless of whether qualifying points are awarded, in the same week of that Premier Padel Tournament, the player must pay a fine equal to twice the amount of the prize money received for the Prize Money Withdrawal.

- (ix) A Wild Card pair may not use a Prize Money Withdrawal from the prize in any Premier Padel Tournament.
- (x) A player cannot use a Prize Money Withdrawal in the Premier Padel Tour Finals.
- (xi) A player who withdraws and is not eligible to use a Prize Money Withdrawal is subject to any and all requirements and penalties for their withdrawal under the terms of this Regulation.

### 3.1.7 Consecutive withdrawals

#### (A) Definition

Subject to the requirements and restrictions of Subsection (B) below, if a player withdraws by any method from a Premier Padel Tournament for a medical illness or musculoskeletal injury that warrants medical assessment or treatment (“**Medical Condition**”), the player may withdraw from the following Premier Padel Tournament in which they are registered without using any additional Justified Withdrawals or Prize Money Withdrawals , or pay any additional late withdrawal fine, provided they withdraw before Withdrawal Deadline 2.

#### (B) Requirements and Restrictions

- (i) If the player’s initial withdrawal occurs On Site in any Premier Padel Tournament, then they must meet the withdrawal requirements in Section 3.1.2 above.
- (ii) If the player’s initial withdrawal does not occur On Site in a Premier Padel Tournament, in addition to the withdrawal requirements in Section 3.1.1 above, they must:
  - (a) Meet with an accredited physician for an evaluation and assessment of the Medical Condition;
  - (b) within ten (10) days of their initial withdrawal:
    - (1) submit to the FIP a medical information certificate, which must be written in English or Spanish and completed by an accredited physician, indicating the nature of the Medical Condition and verifying





### **3.1.8 Inability to reach the first match**

- (A) A pair's withdrawal from the Qualification Phase of a Premier Padel Tournament is not considered a Late Withdrawal from the Qualification Phase if one of that pair's players is unable to reach their first scheduled match by virtue of the day of the Qualification Phase draw for that Premier Padel Tournament, participating in the previous week's Premier Padel Tournament or an FIP Tour tournament.

In any case, the player must report the Withdrawal appropriately indicating the reason for the Withdrawal.

- (B) If a player is unable to reach the first scheduled match of the Main Draw of a Premier Padel Tournament or withdraws from the Main Draw of a Premier Padel Tournament, the player must follow the procedures set forth in this Section to withdraw from the Premier Padel Tournament and the player is subject to the Late Withdrawal fines set forth in Section 3.1.3.B.ii.

### **3.1.9 Prohibition to withdraw from a tournament to play another tournament**

Once a player has been accepted on the Main Draw List or the Qualification List of a Premier Padel Tournament, they may not withdraw to play in another Premier Padel Tournament in the same week.

If one player is found to have violated this prohibition: (i) they shall lose all qualifying points received from the other Premier Padel Tournament in which they played; and (ii) they shall incur the applicable Late Withdrawal fine.

## **3.2 WITHDRAWALS**

If a player withdraws from a match, they must:

- (A) Before leaving the match, call the Tour Medical Team and the Supervisor to report the withdrawal reason;
- (B) Immediately after the withdrawal,

- (i) meet with the Tour On Site medical team and the Premier Padel Tournament Physician for an assessment of the injury or illness prior to leaving the Host City of the Premier Padel Tournament;
- (ii) submit an FIP Withdrawal Form to the On Site Supervisor; and
- (iii) provide a statement containing the reason for their withdrawal and an appropriate quote, at the discretion of Premier Padel's Communications Department, that Premier Padel may disclose to the media and the public.

### 3.3 RESTRICTIONS, EXCEPTIONS AND PROCEDURES

#### 3.3.1 Following Week's Tournament

One player may register and compete in one (1) Premier Padel Tournament and one (1) FIP Tour per week of Premier Padel Tournament. Once a player enters and is accepted on the Main Draw or Qualification List, they undertake to play that Premier Padel Tournament until its completion or their elimination during that week, provided that they meet the requirements set forth in the two (2) tournaments per week rule.

A player may not withdraw from any Premier Padel Tournament draw (the "**Current Tournament**") to play in any Premier Padel Tournament the following week to the Current Tournament (the "**Following Week's Tournament**"). However, if a player is forced to withdraw from a Current Tournament due to a Medical Condition and is registered for a Tournament in the Following Week and is willing to play it, they must receive clearance from the Tour's medical team to participate and they must submit the certificate to the FIP.

A player shall be automatically withdrawn from the Following Week's tournament if:

- (A) They have withdrawn from the Current Tournament without cause or for unprofessional reasons;
- (B) They do not provide proof of medical examination by submitting a medical certificate to the FIP signed by a physician and approved by the Tour's medical team;
- (C) Their next match in the Current Tournament is scheduled for the same day or after their first match in the Following Week's Tournament.

Any player found to have violated this rule shall not receive points and shall be subject to a fine under the terms of these Regulations. This rule does not apply to a player whose partner is forced to withdraw from their match.

### 3.3.2 Withdrawal of Seeded Teams

See Section 4.2.4.C.iii – Withdrawal of a Seeded Player.

### 3.3.3 Cash prizes and ranking points

See Section 8.1. - Withdrawals, Byes, Walkovers and Disqualifications.

### 3.3.4 Unsportsmanlike Conduct

- (A) Any player who withdraws prior to the Withdrawal Deadline 1, or prior to the Withdrawal Deadline 2, as applicable, or withdraws during a Premier Padel Tournament Qualification Phase or Main Draw match and plays in other Premier Padel Tournaments in the same week without express authorization from the FIP and the Tour medical team, shall automatically be fined €1,000 for unsportsmanlike conduct (“**Unsportsmanlike Conduct**”);
- (B) Any player who fails to perform at their best in the Qualification Phase or in the Main Draw of a Premier Padel Tournament and plays in the Qualification Phase or in the Main Draw of another Premier Padel Tournament commits a serious violation of aggravated conduct that shall be considered Unsportsmanlike Conduct and shall be subject to the penalties of Section 10.1.4.H, including a fine of up to €10,000 and/or be suspended from participating in competitions for a minimum period of fourteen (14) days and a maximum period of one (1) year.

### 3.3.5 Unprofessional Conduct

If a player’s withdrawal is due to unprofessional reasons or damages the image of the Tour, Premier Padel, the FIP, the Local Organizer, they shall be subject to disciplinary review and penalties under the terms of these Regulations and the rest of the applicable regulations.

### 3.3.6 Extraordinary circumstances

In an extreme personal emergency (for example, a death in the family, a serious illness or life-threatening situation of the player or a family member) or similar extraordinary circumstances (“**Extraordinary Circumstances**”), a

player has the right to appeal a Late Withdrawal fine or the use of a Justified Withdrawal to the appropriate Disciplinary Committee. The player must file an appeal, which must include documentation supporting the Extraordinary Circumstances, within twenty-one (21) days after the date they receive notification of the Late Withdrawal fine or the date they withdraw using a Justified Withdrawal.

## 4. TOURNAMENTS, DRAWS AND ORDER OF PLAY

### 4.1 TOURNAMENT CATEGORIES AND STRUCTURE

The Tour shall include a minimum of fifteen (15) Premier Padel Tournaments and it is intended that the number of Premier Padel Tournaments shall not be less than 24 (twenty-four), with the understanding that the number of Premier Padel Tournaments shall be a decision made by Premier Padel.

Premier Padel Tournaments shall be divided into three (3) different categories: MAJOR (“**MAJOR**”), P1 Tournaments (“**P1 Tournaments**”) and P2 Tournaments (“**P2 Tournaments**”), and in addition to these three types, there are also Tour Finals. The estimated number of Premier Padel Tournaments by category (excluding the Tour Finals) shall be as follows, with the understanding that this number is subject to new modifications during each season of the Tour for organizational reasons and that the final decision on each number shall be at the discretion of Premier Padel:

- (A) MAJOR Category: 4
- (B) Category P1 Tournaments: 8
- (C) Category P2 Tournaments: 12

Depending on each calendar season, in addition to the Premier Padel Tournaments described in the preceding paragraph, the Tour may include the following additional events (that is, the “**Additional Championship Events**”):

- (A) Padel Nations World Cup, to be played every two (2) years.
- (B) Padel Continental Cups that shall be competitions with various formats between continents or countries held in the years in which the Padel Nations World Cup is not held.
- (C) Pairs Padel World Cup, to be played every two (2) years.

The Tour, including all Premier Padel Tournaments and Additional Championship Events, in addition to these Regulations, shall be regulated and governed by the rules issued for this purpose by the FIP, as the world’s governing authority within the sport of Padel, including sanctioning power (both procedural and sanction enforcement) against any sports act or sports

behavior of players during the Tour; as well as any regulations issued by the applicable sports governing bodies, including the International Olympic Committee.

Premier Padel Tournament draw size, point distribution and prize money are determined by Premier Padel Tournament category as detailed in the following sections.

## 4.2 DRAWS

### 4.2.1 Composition

#### (A) Main Draw

The main draw (the “**Main Draw**”) shall consist of some or all of the following:

##### (i) Direct acceptance

See Section 2.2.1 – Direct Acceptance.

##### (ii) Qualifiers

A pair who has won all matches in all rounds of the Qualification Phase and accesses the Main Draw shall be referred to as “**Qualified.**”

Once the Qualification Phase is completed, the Qualifiers shall be drawn among the assigned positions in the Main Draw to determine which Qualifier occupies each of the positions.

Below is the number of Qualifiers by Premier Padel Tournament Type:

Premier Padel Tournament Type		Main Draw	Qualifying Draw	Number of Qualifiers
<b>MAJOR</b>	Female	40	16	4
<b>P1</b>	Female	28	16/8	4
<b>P2</b>	Female	24	16/8	4

**(iii)** Wild Cards

See Section 2.3 – Wild Cards

**(iv)** Alternate

An “**Alternate**” is a pair that, by virtue of their ranking position, is placed outside of the direct acceptance positions of the qualification list.

A vacant slot that appears in the Qualification Draw shall be filled with the following alternate pair available in the Alternate list.

On the start day of the qualification, Alternates must register each day that there are possible Alternate slots and the deadline for registration shall be thirty (30) minutes prior to the scheduled start of the first match of the day and registration must be open at least one (1) hour prior to this deadline time. These times will be announced on the game order for the day.

In the event of inclement weather or other uncontrollable circumstances, which may result in a delay in the start of the first match of the day, the Premier Padel Tournament Supervisor has the authority, but not the obligation, to modify the Alternate registration deadline time.

The registration sheet will not be open from the previous day.

**(v)** Byes/Exempts

When the pairs in a draw are not a power of two, the “exempt” system will be applied to achieve that power in the second

round. Those pairs who do not need to play the initial round of a Premier Padel Tournament are “**Exempt**”.

To find the number of Exempt, the total number of registered players is subtracted from the power of two immediately above the number of registrants.

First, number one seeded player; second Exempt, number two seeded player; third Exempt, number three seeded player and so on in descending order shall be Exempt.

If, once all the seeded players have been placed, there are still more Exempts, 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 ones, alternatively.

When these are odd, one more will be placed in the upper part.

(See Section 4.2.3.D - Number of Exempts in a Draw.)

**(vi)** Lucky Losers

“**Lucky Losers**” are pairs who, after having been eliminated (having lost or withdrawn in the match) in the Qualification Phase, are accepted in the Main Draw as a result of a Withdrawal or a pair’s absence in the first Main Draw match, provided such withdrawal is made one (1) hour prior to the Qualification Phase draw.

Lucky Losers will be selected based on the following criteria:

- (a)** Round reached in the Qualification Phase;
- (b)** pair’s position on the Premier Padel Tournament Acceptance List.

If there are no vacant slots in the Main Draw before the draw for the Main Draw has been conducted, the Lucky Loser shall be On Site and shall be determined by the aforementioned criteria.

If there is a vacant slot in the Main Draw before the Qualification Phase is completed, then all losers of the last round of the



Qualification Phase shall be randomly drawn to qualify for that place.

A list will be established ordered according to the Lucky Loser draw so that in the event that pair one (1) does not accept said spot, the following pairs can be notified according to the order of the draw.

If before the end of the Qualifying Phase the number of spots open in the Main Draw is greater than the number of pairs who will lose in the final round of the Qualifying Phase, the top-ranked Lucky Loser(s) from the previous ranking round(s) will enter into the random draw to cover the remaining spot(s).

If two or more pairs do not have points in the Ranking, they shall be randomly drawn to determine their ranking order.

If a spot becomes available once the spots of the Qualifiers in the Main Draw are circumvented, the Lucky Loser will be signed "On Site" following the criteria mentioned above.

When two or more spots are available at the same time, the spots to be filled for each Lucky Loser will be determined by a draw.

In all such cases, the Supervisor is responsible for notifying the players who are in the draw.

The Lucky Losers must register each day there are potential slots for Lucky Losers and the registration deadline shall be thirty (30) minutes prior to the scheduled start of the first match of the day and the registration must be open at least one (1) hour prior to this deadline. These times will be announced on the game order for the day.

In the event of inclement weather or other uncontrollable circumstances, which may result in a delay in the start of the first match of the day, the Tournament Supervisor has the authority, but not the obligation, to modify the Lucky Loser registration deadline.

The registration sheet will not be open from the previous day.

**(a) Eligibility**

A player who is not registered and has not competed in the Qualification Phase cannot be considered for Lucky Loser.

A player who has been removed from the Qualification Phase may retain their right to be considered for Lucky Loser for the duration of the Premier Padel Tournament, provided that:

- (1)** They register with the Supervisor before the Lucky Loser cut-off time;
- (2)** If they withdraw, they undergo a medical examination from the Premier Padel Tournament Physician and the PHCP; and
- (3)** The Main Draw match is not scheduled for the same day they withdrew from their Qualification Phase match.

**(b) Procedure**

- (1)** All Lucky Losers are subject to first round prize deductions due to Prize Money Withdrawals in accordance with Section 8.1.1.A.i(b).
- (2)** Lucky Loser positions in the Main Draw shall not be posted until the Qualification Phase is completed.
- (3)** If there are withdrawals from the Main Draw after the Qualification Phase has begun and before the Qualifiers have been drawn into the Main Draw, the Qualifiers and Lucky Losers shall be drawn together to determine their positions in the Main Draw.
- (4)** In the Premier Padel Tournaments where the last round of the Qualification Phase and the first

round of the Main Draw are played on the same day and there is a withdrawal in the Main Draw matches scheduled for that same day, the Qualifiers and Lucky Loser positions must be determined as follows:

- If there is a withdrawal, the slot to be played for on the day mentioned in the previous sentence shall be filled by a Lucky Loser and all Qualifiers shall be drawn by draw for the qualifying slots.
  - If there are two or more withdrawals, the spots needed to play on the crossover day will be drawn among the Lucky Losers. All remaining Qualifiers and Lucky Losers shall be drawn to cover the remaining slots in the Main Draw.
- (5) When the last round of the Qualification Phase and the first round of the Main Draw are played on the same day, Lucky Losers must register no later than thirty (30) minutes after the conclusion of the last match of the Qualification Phase.
- (6) The first Lucky Loser or alternate must be ready to play a match within fifteen (15) minutes of the original withdrawal or absence. If the first Lucky Loser On Site is not ready to play within fifteen (15) minutes, the next Lucky Loser On Site must be ready to play within five (5) minutes of the time their match is called. Any subsequent On Site Lucky Loser must be ready to play within five (5) minutes of the time their match is canceled. If a Lucky Loser decides not to register one (1) day, they can still register the following day. However, if they register, their match is canceled and they do not show up for the game (for any reason), they shall lose their Lucky Loser status for the duration of the corresponding Premier Padel Tournament.
- (7) If a player withdraws from their Qualification Phase match on the same day that there is an open Lucky Loser position in the order of play, they relinquish their Lucky Loser status for that day.

(vii) Special Exempt

When in two Premier Padel Tournaments the final rounds of the first one coincide with the Qualification Phase of the second one, two (2) Special Exempt positions shall be reserved. A “Special Exempt” is a slot on the Main Draw reserved for pairs who cannot compete in the Qualification Phase of a Premier Padel Tournament where they have been accepted on the Qualification List (“**Special Exempt Tournament**”) because they are still competing in another Premier Padel Tournament.

(a) Application Process

Players must confirm with the Supervisor of the Premier Padel Tournament where they are competing whether or not they accept the Special Exempt.

A player who is still competing on the day their participation in the Special Exempt Tournament Qualification Phase would begin shall only be eligible to receive a Special Exempt if:

- (1) The Special Exempt Tournament is a Premier Padel or FIP Platinum Tournament;
- (2) their match is rescheduled due to weather or other unforeseen circumstances.

Matches scheduled and played on the start day of the Qualification Phase that end after midnight shall not be considered played on the first day of the Qualification Phase and shall not make a player eligible for a Special Exempt slot.

(b) Selection Process

If more than two (2) pairs are eligible for the Special Exempt place, selection shall be based on the Pair Ranking in the last update of the Premier Padel Tournament Acceptance List being discussed.

Once the pair is selected for a Special Exempt slot, they are committed to the Special Exempt Tournament and are subject to all Late Withdrawal rules and penalties.

**(c) Draw Procedures**

If prior to the registration deadline for the Main Draw of a Premier Padel Tournament, it is established that there shall be no Special Exempt slots due to the lack of qualified players in the previous week, the reserved slot shall be filled with Direct Acceptance from the original Acceptance List.

**(B) Qualification Phase Draw**

The Qualification Phase draw shall consist of some or all of the following:

**(i) Direct Acceptance**

See Section 2.2.1 – Direct Acceptance.

**(ii) Wild Cards**

See Section 2.3 – Wild Cards

**(iii) Alternates**

**(a) Registration Procedures**

- (1)** The Alternate List shall be updated every Monday along with the weekly Ranking update. The Alternate List shall close after the last update the Monday prior to the Qualification Phase.
- (2)** The registration deadline for Alternates is thirty (30) minutes prior to the scheduled start of the game for the day.
- (3)** An Alternate is not required to register one day to be eligible as an Alternate another day.
- (4)** An On Site Alternate is eligible to substitute for all first round matches and second round matches when the pair has been Exempted in the First Round.

- (5) The first On Site Alternate pair must be ready to play within fifteen (15) minutes of being called for a match. If the first On Site Alternate is not ready to play within fifteen (15) minutes, the next On Site Alternate must be ready to play within five (5) minutes of the time their match is called. Any subsequent On Site Alternate must be ready to play within five (5) minutes of the time their match is called.

(b) On Site Alternates Acceptance Priority

Players who have entered the Premier Padel Tournament prior to the registration deadline and appear on the Alternate List shall be accepted in the order of the list.

#### 4.2.2 Registration deadlines

(A) On Site Lucky Losers

A Lucky Losers registration sheet shall be made available to players on the day of first round Main Draw matches with a cutoff time of thirty (30) minutes prior to the first scheduled match of the day and registration must be open at least one (1) hour prior to the cutoff time. These times will be announced on the game order for the day.

(B) On Site Alternate

An Alternates registration sheet shall be made available to players on the day of the first round matches of the Qualification Phase with a cutoff time of thirty (30) minutes prior to the first scheduled match and registration must be open at least one (1) hour prior to the cutoff time. These times will be announced on the game order for the day.

In the event of inclement weather or other uncontrollable circumstances, which may result in a delay in the start of the first match of the day, the Premier Padel Tournament Supervisor has the authority, but not the obligation, to modify the registration deadline of qualified alternates. The registration sheet will not be open from the previous day.

### 4.2.3 Draws

#### (A) Draw Location

The draw shall be conducted by the Supervisor or the Referee (a person so designated by the Premier Padel Tournament and approved by the FIP) at a location selected by the Director of the Premier Padel Tournament in consultation with the Supervisor. Whenever possible, the following must be present at all draws:

- (i) A Premier Padel representative
- (ii) An FIP representative
- (iii) A player
- (iv) A Local Organizer official, preferably the Director of the Premier Padel Tournament.

However, if no players are available, the Supervisor or Referee may conduct the draw in the presence of the Director of the Premier Padel Tournament.

#### (B) Schedule

##### (i) Main Draw

The draw for the Main Draw shall be held no later than 10:00 p.m. local Host City time two (2) days before the Main Draw begins, unless any exceptions are formally approved or accepted by the FIP.

##### (ii) Qualifying Draw

The Qualification Phase draw shall be held no later than 7:00 p.m. local Host City time on the day prior to the start of the Qualification Phase unless any exceptions are formally approved or accepted by FIP.

#### (C) Top Seeds

All Premier Padel Tournaments shall have a draw for seeded players.  
(See Section 4.2.4.C).

**(D) Bye**

- (i) The number of Byes (“**Byes**”) shall be based on the size of the draw as follows:

Draw Size	Number of Byes
8/16/32	0
24	8
28	4
40	24
48	16

**(ii) Bye Award**

Byes shall automatically be given to seeded players in descending order. If, once all the Byes have been placed as seeded players, there are still more Exempt players, they shall be divided into two parts, placing half of them in the upper part of the draw and the other half in the lower part, filling the upper part with the highest free positions and the lower part with the lowest positions alternately. When they are odd, one more will be placed in the part of the draw where the number 1 top seed is placed.

#### 4.2.4 Top Seeds

**(A) General principles**

- (i) All Final and Qualification Draws shall have a draw for seeded players.

Seeded players are pairs that, by virtue of their combined Ranking, shall earn preferred positions in the draw.

The order of the seeded players shall be based on the combined Ranking of players using the latest Ranking update at the time of draw.



If the Rankings of two (2) or more pairs are tied at the time of the draw, then the following criteria shall always apply in order:

- (a) the pair with the player with the highest Ranking is placed ahead;
- (b) If the tie continues, a random draw shall be conducted between them.
- (ii) Wild Cards are eligible to be top seeds. Qualifiers and Lucky Losers are not eligible to be seeded players.

**(B) Number of Top Seeds**

The number of pairs that shall be seeded players is as follows:

Main Draw	Qualifying Draw	Top Seeds Main Draw	Top Seeds Qualifying Draw	Number of Qualifiers
24	16 / 8	8	8 / 4	4
28	16 / 8	8	8 / 4	4
40	16	16	8	4

**(C) Top Seed Procedures**

Shall be placed or removed as follows:

- (i) For all draws
  - (a) Seed 1 shall be placed on line 1 and Seed 2 on line 8 (draw of 8), line 16 (draw 16), line 32 (draw 32), line 64 (draw 64).

- (b) To determine the location of the remaining Seeded Players, groups of two (SP 3 and 4), groups of four (SP 5 to 8) and groups of eight (SP 9 to 16) shall be drawn from top to bottom and the SPs shall be placed, in the drawn order, on the lines indicated in the following table:

			<b>Draw of 8</b> <b>4 Seeded Players</b>	<b>16 Draw</b> <b>8 Seeded Players</b>	<b>32 Draw</b> <b>8 Seeded Players</b>  (Includes draw of 24 or 28 pairs)	<b>64 Draw</b> <b>16 Seeded Players</b>  (Includes draw of 40 or 48 pairs)
<b>Top Seeds</b>	<b>Lines to be filled in the draw</b>					
<b>3 - 4</b>	1st Draw	Line	4	8	16	32
	2nd Draw	Line	5	9	17	33
<b>5 - 8</b>	1st Draw	Line		4	8	16
	2nd Draw	Line		5	9	17
	3rd Draw	Line		12	24	48
	4th Draw	Line		13	25	49
<b>9 - 16</b>	1st Draw	Line				8
	2nd Draw	Line				9
	3rd Draw	Line				24
	4th Draw	Line				25
	5th Drawn	Line				40
	6th Drawn	Line				41
	7th Drawn	Line				56
	8th Drawn	Line				57

- (ii) For Tour Finals qualification.

See Section 5.1. **Classification for Tour Finals Premier Padel.**

**(iii) Main Draw – Withdrawal of a Top Seed**

**(a) Before 3:00 p.m. local Host City time:**

If a seeded pair withdraws from the Main Draw of a Premier Padel Tournament after the draw has been made, but before 3:00 p.m. Host City time on the day prior to the start of the Main Draw, the following procedure shall apply.

**(1) If the withdrawing top seed pair does not have a Bye, then:**

- (x)** The next pair eligible to be a top seed fills the position of the top seed pair withdrawing in the draw; and
- (y)** The next pair eligible to move to the draw (that is, Qualifiers or Lucky Losers, as applicable) occupies the remaining open position in the draw.

**(2) If the removed top seed pair has a Bye, and:**

- (x)** If all the top seeds in the draw have a Bye, then:
  - The next pair eligible to be a top seed fills the position of the withdrawn pair in the draw; and
  - The next pair eligible to move to the draw (that is, Qualifiers or Lucky Losers, as applicable) occupies the remaining open position in the draw; or
- (y)** If not all top seeds in the draw have a Bye, then:
  - The next seeded pair eligible to receive a Bye occupies the position

in the draw of the withdrawing seeded pair; and

- The following pair entitled to be a top seed will fill the position of the vacant top seed in the draw; and
- The next pair eligible to move to the draw (that is, Qualifiers or Lucky Losers, as applicable) occupies the remaining open position in the draw.

**(b)** After 3:00 p.m. local Host City time

If a seeded pair withdraws from the Main Draw of a Premier Padel Tournament after 3:00 p.m. Host City time on the day prior to the start of the Main Draw, then the next eligible pair to move to the draw (that is, Qualifier or Lucky Loser, as applicable) takes the open position in the draw.

**(iv)** Qualification – Deregistering of a Top Seed

If a seeded player withdraws from the Premier Padel Tournament Qualification draw after the draw has been conducted, then the next On Site Alternate pair occupies the open position in the draw.

**(v)** Errors in Top Seeds

Errors in the standings can only be corrected if the error is discovered before 3:00 p.m. Host City time on the day before the first match of the corresponding draw.

## 4.3 SCHEDULE AND GAME ORDER

### 4.3.1 Responsibility of the FIP

Preferably the halves of the draws should be scheduled together or, alternatively, each of the sections together to give similar conditions and rest times to both pairs involved.

The order of play (the “**Order of Play**”) for the following day shall be issued by the Supervisor or the Premier Padel Tournament Referee following the decisions made by the Scheduling Committee, and shall be issued no later than 8:00 p.m. local Host City time the previous day (except for duly approved or authorized special situations).

It is recommended not to start any match after midnight, so the Premier Padel Tournament Supervisor may move some games to other courts, taking into account all the implications of such change and always taking as priority the best for the Premier Padel Tournament, spectators and broadcasting, as well as the conditions for players.

The Order of Play shall include all relevant registration information and shall also indicate that any match on any court can be rescheduled.

Every effort shall be made to have players who participate in the last rounds of another Premier Padel or FIP Tour Tournament during the previous week begin their participation as late as possible.

Players are, however, responsible for arriving in time at a Premier Padel Tournament Venue from the location of the previous Premier Padel or FIP Tour Tournament.

The Supervisor, in consultation with the Director of the Premier Padel Tournament, the Referee and the FIP Sports Department, is responsible for scheduling matches. All schedule requests must go through the Supervisor. When a decision cannot be reached, the Premier Padel Tournament Supervisor shall make the final decision.

The Premier Padel Tournament Supervisor has the authority to modify the published Order of Play if necessary, provided that all affected parties are notified of the modifications in an appropriate and timely manner.

The scheduling of the matches will take into account relevant factors, including television contracts, the possibility and timing of the matches the

following day, the actual time of the start of the matches and other relevant factors.

#### **4.3.2 Player obligations**

- (A) It is the players' obligation to play as scheduled. Players may be asked to play any day of a Premier Padel Tournament.
- (B) Players are personally responsible for knowing and ascertaining the time they play according to the Order of Play. Information received from anyone other than the Premier Padel Tournament Supervisor shall not be honored or considered in the event of a dispute related to the Order of Play.
- (C) When the weather or other exceptional or unavoidable circumstances cause a disruption to the calendar, a pair may not be expected to play more than two (2) matches in a day without their consent.

#### **4.3.3 Player schedule requests**

Commitments from previous tournaments or illnesses/injuries are the main considerations when granting time requests. If a request is due to illness/injury, the player must be assessed by the Tour's Medical Team. No request made guarantees that a player shall start later.

#### **4.3.4 Television**

When a Premier Padel Tournament is televised, television commitments shall be taken into account in the schedule.

#### **4.3.5 Tournament first qualifying round not postponed**

No Premier Padel Tournament Qualification Phase match shall be postponed for a player who is still participating in the previous week's Premier Padel Tournament.

#### **4.3.6 Rescheduling of matches**

- (A)** Under extenuating circumstances, a match may be rescheduled at the discretion of the FIP Supervisor or Sports Department in consultation with the Director of the Premier Padel Tournament.
- (B)** Matches may not be rescheduled due to illness, injury or lost equipment.
- (C)** A player, who personally and directly notifies the Supervisor or Referee sufficiently in advance in the opinion of the Supervisor or Referee, may, at the discretion of the latter, obtain a fifteen (15) minute extension following their match being called and not be subject to violations and penalties.

#### **4.3.7 Rescheduling of finals**

- (A)** Date Extension

If, due to extreme weather conditions or extraordinary circumstances, a Premier Padel Tournament cannot be completed on the last day as scheduled, the Premier Padel Tournament shall be extended for one (1) day to complete the event unless the Premier Padel Tournament, FIP and Premier Padel agree to conclude the Premier Padel Tournament on the day the final was originally scheduled to be played. The event must be extended, even if only one (1) entity wants to play the final. No additional extension will be permitted without FIP approval.

- (B)** Penalties for players who do not play the postponed final.

An additional fine of up to €50,000 shall be imposed on any player who does not play a postponed final the day following the last originally scheduled day of the Premier Padel Tournament in question. All of these fines will be automatic and unappealable.

- (C)** Alternate Venue

When a Premier Padel Tournament cannot be completed outdoors and there is an appropriate covered facility, the Premier Padel Tournament must be played until its completion. If the Premier Padel Tournament game is interrupted or postponed, players must play the day following the last day of the Premier Padel Tournament originally scheduled in accordance with Subsection (A) above.

Any final decision on scheduling shall be made by the Supervisor who has the authority (in consultation with the Director of the Premier Padel Tournament and the FIP) to move a match to another court, indoors or outdoors.

If an alternative venue is used for the provision of additional training facilities, or as an alternative venue for matches in the event of extreme weather conditions or extraordinary circumstances, they must:

- (i) The alternate venue must be located within a reasonable distance of the Venue.
- (ii) An adequate number of vehicles must be provided to ensure that players are able to move between venues to meet the requirements of their matches and training.
- (iii) If the courts at the alternate venue are to be used for matches, they must provide all necessary equipment for the referees and players, and must provide office space and basic facilities for the Supervisor, referees, among others, as needed.
- (iv) The manufacturer, model and condition of alternative courts must be communicated to the FIP no later than thirty (30) days prior to the start of the Premier Padel Tournament and must be inspected by Premier Padel for approval and its decision on suitability shall be final and not subject to appeal.
- (v) Where courts are used at an alternate venue for matches in the event of unforeseeable causes, it is not mandatory to provide live results or broadcast coverage; however, all existing brands unrelated to the Premier Padel Tournament or Tour must be removed.

If the alternate venue is planned to be used for training purposes, the courts must be free of markings representing sponsors or brands unrelated to the Premier Padel Tournament or Tour, unless otherwise approved by Premier Padel at its sole discretion.



#### **4.3.8 Change of Court**

If it is deemed necessary to move a match, the Supervisor, in consultation with the Premier Padel Tournament Director and the FIP, has the authority to delay the start of the match or move a match to another court, indoors or outdoors.

The Referee, in consultation with the Supervisor, may decide whether a match will be moved to another court if circumstances so require.

During the course of a match, if conditions or circumstances require, the Supervisor or Referee may require players to move to another court.

#### **4.3.9 Climate Conditions**

The Referee, in consultation with the Supervisor, will decide when the match will stop in view of weather conditions or extraordinary circumstances. (See Section 12.18 - Extreme Weather).

#### **4.3.10 Stadiums with retractable ceilings**

See Appendix B. Roof Policy.

#### **4.3.11 Time between matches**

When it is necessary to schedule more than one match on the same day for the same pair, the Supervisor or Referee shall grant a minimum rest period to the players concerned based on the duration of the match they have just completed, unless both pairs agree.

- (A) If the previous match has lasted less than one (1) hour: one (1) hour of rest.
- (B) If the previous match has lasted between one (1) hour and one (1) hour and thirty (30) minutes: one (1) hour and thirty (30) minutes of rest.
- (C) If the previous match has lasted more than one (1) hour and thirty (30) minutes: two (2) hours of rest.

#### **4.3.12 Interruptions and rest**

**(A) Suspension and postponement of the match**

The Chair Umpire has the authority to temporarily suspend play when they deem the conditions unsuitable or unsafe for continued play, and must immediately notify the Supervisor of the Premier Padel Tournament.

The Supervisor shall decide whether the match is postponed for another time of the same day or for a later day.

Until such a decision is made, all parties involved in the match must remain ready to resume the match.

The Chair Umpire is responsible for collecting the match balls and storing them safely, as well as recording all aspects of the match such as score, serve, side of each pair, among others.

When play is temporarily suspended, but is expected to resume shortly, players may be asked to remain on the court at the players' benches, pending further instructions from the Supervisor.

Once it is determined that the suspension duration is longer than is appropriate and reasonable to keep the players on the court, the Supervisor shall inform the players that they may leave the court and shall inform them later of the expected time of resumption and/or postponement.

Every effort should be made to keep the public, the press, and all other parties aware of the situation and expected resumption of the match or expected subsequent announcements.

**(B) Interruptions**

If the Premier Padel Tournament game is interrupted or postponed, players must be prepared to play when the game resumes. If a match must be suspended for reasons beyond the control of the players (rain, lack of light, accident, etc.) when the match is restarted, the pairs shall be entitled to a warm up rally as follows.

- (i)** A suspension lasting less than five (5) minutes will result in resumption of play with no additional rally period.

- (ii) A suspension lasting between five (5) and twenty (20) minutes will result in an allowable three (3) minute rally period. The Chair Umpire shall use similarly worn balls during this warm up rally and once the time is complete, the Chair Umpire shall remove the balls used for the warm up rally and bring the balls from the match back. Before resuming the match, the Chair Umpire shall announce the result at the time of the suspension, announce the player who is about to serve, and then announce the score.
- (iii) A suspension lasting more than twenty (20) minutes will result in an allowable five (5) minute rally period. The Chair Umpire shall use similarly worn balls during this warm up rally and once the time is complete, the Chair Umpire shall remove the balls used for the warm up rally and bring the balls from the match back.

After the match resumes, a new suspension may occur one or more times thereafter, and the same procedures listed above will apply during each suspension.

**(C) Authorized breaks**

**(i) Side changes**

In the side change, a maximum of ninety (90) seconds will elapse from the time the last point of the match ends to the time the first serve is made for the next match. If such first serve is a fault, the second serve must be made by the server without delay.

However, after the first game of each set and during the tie break, play shall be continuous and the players shall switch sides without a rest period.

**(ii)** End of a Set

At the end of each set, regardless of the result, there shall be a one hundred twenty (120) second break from the time the last point of the game ends to first service in the next game. If a set ends after an even number of matches, there will be no side change until after the first game of the following set.

**(iii)** Televised matches

During televised matches, the Chair Umpire may reasonably extend the time during side changes with rest if requested by the broadcast production team. In no case shall players enter the court before the Chair Umpire indicates for them to do so.

## **5. PREMIER PADEL TOUR FINALS**

The Tour Year culminates with the Premier Padel Finals. All players who qualify for the Premier Padel Finals must comply with the obligations and responsibilities set forth in this Section 5.

### **5.1 CLASSIFICATION FOR THE PREMIER PADEL TOUR FINALS**

The determination of the players who have qualified for the Premier Padel Finals shall be made taking into account the Ranking after the last week of tournaments of the FIP calendar.

### **5.2 PREMIER PADEL FINALS**

#### **5.2.1 Competition format**

The Premier Padel Finals consist of a draw of (8) pairs, in a direct elimination format. The following rounds shall be contested:

- (A) Quarter finals
- (B) Semifinals
- (C) 3rd and 4th Place
- (D) Final

#### **5.2.2 Qualifiers; Attendance; Alternates**

- (A) Qualifiers

The top sixteen (16) Ranking players qualify for the Tour Finals. To be eligible, players must have played in a minimum of fifteen (15) Premier Padel Tournaments during the applicable Tour Year.

- (B) Qualifying tiebreak

If two (2) or more players are tied in the Ranking, the next player shall be the ranked player:

- (i) The player with the most Ranking points of any MAJOR Premier Padel Tournaments that count toward their Rankings; or if they continue to tie
- (ii) The player with the most Ranking points of any P1 Category MAJOR Premier Padel Tournaments that count toward their Rankings; or if they continue to tie
- (iii) The player with the most Ranking points of any P2 Category MAJOR Premier Padel Tournaments that count toward their Rankings; or if they continue to tie
- (iv) A draw shall be held to decide the tie.

**(C) Mandatory Participation; Penalties**

Players who qualify for the Premier Padel Finals must attend, compete and participate in all mandatory commitments. Each qualified player shall be in the Host City of the Premier Padel Finals at least one (1) day prior to the start of the competition, as applicable; provided, however, that if they are competing in another Premier Padel Tournament on or after the required day of arrival, they must make every effort to be in the Host City no later than the day after they finish competing in the other Premier Padel Tournament. Any qualified player who does not attend or compete shall pay a fine of up to €100,000 and shall receive zero (0) Ranking points, which shall count as one (1) of their best twenty-two (22) tournament results in the Ranking calculation. Qualified players may not withdraw via Justified Withdrawal, Prize Money Withdrawal or Consecutive Withdrawal.

**(D) Alternates**

Once the qualified players have been established, the next two (2) best ranked individual players shall be ranked as alternates. If a qualified player is unable to compete, the top-ranked alternate shall replace them and the FIP may designate additional alternates in accordance with the above qualification criteria. Alternates are subject to the same obligations and sanctioning provisions as qualified players, regardless of whether or not they enter the competition.

**(E) Withdrawal and Notification**

Any qualified player / qualified pair who withdraws must notify this in writing and must not make any public announcements about their participation until the FIP has confirmed receipt of the notice.

**5.2.3 Draw**

**(A) Procedures:**

- (i)** Seed 1 shall be placed on line 1.
- (ii)** Seed 2 shall be placed on line 8.
- (iii)** Seeds 3 and 4 shall be drawn against each other and placed on lines 4 and 5.
- (iv)** The rest of the pairs shall be drawn against each other and shall occupy the remaining positions.

**(B) Withdrawals**

In case of withdrawal prior to the start of the first match, the alternate player/pair shall replace the withdrawn player/pair and no changes shall be made to the draw.

Once the last match of the first round is complete, no player/pair may be substituted.

On Semi-Final and Final Day, the top two losing Ranking pairs from the previous round must be On Site and ready to play an exhibition match in the event of any withdrawal.

If any pair withdraws from the final, the remaining finalist must play the exhibition match or the finalist shall also forfeit the prize money for withdrawal in accordance with Subsection (C) below. Any match with any replacement equipment is the best of three (3) sets, the first two (2) sets and a ten (10) point super tie-break as a third set.

**(C) Fines**

**(i) Semifinals**

If a pair who has qualified for the Finals that should be On Site and ready to replace a semifinalist who withdraws, is not On Site and ready to play, they must pay a fine of 50% of the prize money won in the Premier Padel Tournament.

**(ii) Finals**

If a Premier Padel Finals qualifying pair who must be On Site and ready to play an exhibition match for a withdrawn finalist, is not On Site and ready to play, they must pay a fine of 50% of the prize money won in the Premier Padel Tournament.

**(iii) Prize Money**

If a team withdraws from the final, they shall only receive the prize money from the round prior to their withdrawal.

## 5.2.4 Scoring

The competition is the best of three (3) complete sets with tie break and advantages.

## 5.2.5 Ranking points

Points earned in the Finals count as a Premier Padel Tournament more than the ones that make up the Ranking of the player, twenty-two (22) Tournaments.

	W	F	3rd	4th	QF
<b>PREMIER PADEL FINALS</b>	1500	900	600	400	270



## 6. PLAYER RESPONSIBILITY AND COURT PROCEDURE

### 6.1 CLOTHING AND EQUIPMENT

#### 6.1.1 Definitions

(A) Identification

For purposes of this Section, “**identification**” means any type of identification associated or intended to be associated directly or indirectly with a business sponsor, apparel or equipment manufacturer, or any other person or entity, regardless of the brand registration status of the identification, and shall include any and all forms of writing (including non-text graphic identification)

(B) Commercial

For the purposes of this Section, “**sales person**” means any person who is not a manufacturer of the athletic garments or equipment in question.

(C) Manufacturer

For purposes of this Section, “**manufacturer**” means a manufacturer that:

- (i) is the manufacturer of the sports clothing or equipment in question; and
- (ii) Premier Padel recognizes (in its reasonable discretion) as a company that obtains a substantial portion of its revenue from the manufacture and sale of sports apparel or equipment intended primarily for use in the sport of the Padel.

(D) Manufacturer’s standard identification

A “**standard manufacturer identification**” is an identification of a size normally made on the clothing or equipment in question.

(E) Player ID

For a Padel apparel collection that includes a player's name, initials or other identifier that is used solely for Padel apparel and accessories ("**Player ID**"), this Player ID may be used interchangeably with the apparel manufacturer's identification so long as the manufacturer's identifications are permitted under this rule.

**(F)** Clothing sponsor

For purposes of this Section, "**clothes sponsor**" means a company designated as a sponsor of a player's clothing or sports equipment (not a manufacturer).

**(G)** Size determination

The size limitations of the identifications in this section are determined by the area of the actual patch or other addition to a player's clothing without regard to the color of the patch. To determine the area, depending on the shape of the patch or other addition, a circle, triangle or rectangle will be drawn around it, and the size of the patch for the purposes of this rule will be the area within the circle circumference or perimeter of the triangle or rectangle as the case may be.

### 6.1.2 General appearance

Players have the right to wear their own apparel, including a sports cap, in all Premier Padel Tournaments (the "**Apparel**"). By way of illustration and not limitation, the Apparel shall include the competition Padel rackets and all clothing necessary to play Padel.

A player must present themselves in a professional manner and wear appropriate Apparel, at the discretion of the Supervisor or Referee, during practice, warm-up, matches, all activities of the Premier Padel Tournament, including media interviews and official or promotional activities, among others. A player may be asked to change their clothes if the Supervisor or Referee deems it necessary, in the event of non-compliance by the player, this fact constitutes a violation and therefore may entail the corresponding penalty.

Playing with rings or other objects that may be cause for injury is strictly prohibited for the safety of the players. The Chair Umpire may request the players to dispose of such objects for the matches.

From the start of the pre-match meeting to the award ceremony, a player's Apparel must comply with the appearance and identification provisions contained in this Section 6.1.2.

Both players in a pair must compete with Apparel of the same color. In the event that both pairs appear at the court with the same color Apparel, the pair with the lowest Ranking must change to a different color.

Players who violate this provision must change Apparel immediately to comply with it, and refusal to do so shall constitute a violation and may therefore result in the corresponding penalty.

The players' Apparel may not contain commercial advertising that may violate the applicable regulations on this matter in the city where the Premier Padel Tournament is held.

The players' Apparel may not contain any logos announcing another Padel circuit, tournament, series or exhibition unless otherwise approved by the FIP and Premier Padel.

The names of both players in the pair should be displayed using similar font and font size.

The FIP reserves the right to determine the type and size of font to display the names of players on their Apparel, and this decision shall be effective from the first Premier Padel Tournament of the season immediately following the announcement.

### **6.1.3 Clothing and Commercial Identifications**

#### **(A) General Issues**

- (i)** Apparel remains the property of the players at all times:
- (ii)** Notwithstanding the foregoing, Premier Padel has the right to use one (1) space on the left or right chest of the players' jersey to display its own logo. This space may only be used by Premier in the sports jerseys of those players ranked in the top 100 at the beginning of each season and shall be maintained during that entire season. With respect to players ranked outside the top 100, each player shall make every effort to grant this space to Premier Padel ;

- (iii) Each participating player grants Premier Padel a license to reproduce the Apparel, including the branding and any sponsor or third party logos appearing thereon, for any advertising or promotional activity related to the Tour, including but not limited to broadcasts, Tour sponsors, video games, non-fungible tokens (also known as NFTs), among others;
- (iv) Each participating player undertakes that the Apparel shall at all times comply with the rules, regulations and sports orders issued by the FIP, any other competent sports authority (for example, the International Olympic Committee) or Premier Padel; and

Under no circumstances shall players' personal sponsors make use of players' images during their participation in Premier Padel Tournaments or associate players' images with any Tour materials or Tour images (or any similar items or symbols).

Premier Padel may refuse or compel a player not to maintain a relationship with certain personal sponsors if the activity of such sponsor contravenes the spirit and basis of the relevant Premier Padel Tour or Tournament, provided that Premier Padel acts reasonably in making such a request and provides explanations to the player as to why a sponsor's activity would contravene the spirit of the relevant Premier Padel Tour or Tournament. By way of clarification, prohibited personal sponsors shall include companies engaged in the business of gambling, betting, alcoholic beverages and tobacco, with the understanding that promotional activities and related sponsorships of alcoholic beverage brands shall be allowed, solely and exclusively with non-alcoholic beverages. Moreover, a personal sponsor may not be appointed if its appointment contravenes the rules, regulations and sports orders issued by the FIP or any other competent sports authority (for example, the International Olympic Committee). Players shall at all times comply with all applicable national and international regulations with respect to their sponsorship commitments during their participation in the Tour and adapt them, as necessary, to such regulations.

**(B)** Number of commercial identifications

- (i) Players have the right to use for advertising purposes certain spaces of the Apparel used for their participation in the Premier Padel Tournaments (the “**Advertising Spaces**”).

To this end, players may display the personal sponsor logo of players at designated locations and in the specific size detailed in the Advertising Spaces shown in Appendix E.

For clarification purposes, players shall be entitled to a personal sponsor logo for each advertising space. Moreover, as mentioned above, Premier Padel has no right to make use of the remaining surface area on the Apparel that is not covered by the Advertising Spaces for Tour sponsors.

If a Player wears a sports cap while participating in any of the Premier Padel Tournaments, they have the right to place one (1) sponsor on the cap. In that case, the number of Advertising Spaces shown for the rest of the Apparel shall be reduced by one (1), in accordance with the display contained in Appendix E.

- (ii) Notwithstanding the above, the players acknowledge that, in any case,
  - (a) Players ranked in the top twenty (20) at the beginning of each relevant season shall not include more than five (5) personal sponsor logos in the Advertising Spaces during each Premier Padel Tournament and Additional Championship Event. Beginning in the 2028 season, players in the top 20 Ranking positions at the beginning of each relevant season shall not include more than three (3) personal sponsor logos in the Advertising Spaces during each Premier Padel Tournament and Additional Championship Event; and
  - (b) From this date until the start of the 2031 season, players ranked outside the top twenty (20) at the beginning of each relevant season shall not include more than nine (9) personal player sponsor logos in the Advertising Spaces during each Premier Padel Tournament and Additional Championship Event. Beginning in the 2031 season, players ranked outside the top twenty (20) at the beginning of each relevant season shall not include more than three (3) personal sponsor logos in the Advertising Spaces during each Premier Padel Tournament and Additional Championship Event.
- (iii) Any logo or element that the players insert in the Advertising Spaces and that is different from the main corporate logo, brand

or company name of the personal sponsor of the players, must be previously approved in writing by Premier Padel, which may not unreasonably withhold or delay its consent.

The Players acknowledge that the rights regulated in this Section are subject to compliance with the FIP sports rules, as well as all reasonable instructions given by Premier Padel from time to time, in particular with respect to certain activities in the Premier Padel Tournaments, such as the opening ceremony, closing ceremony, award ceremony, etc.

**(C) Dimensions of commercial identifications**

See Appendix E.

**(D) Fines**

The automatic fine for a first violation of the dimensions of the commercial identifications is €300; which is doubled for each subsequent violation committed in the current Tour Year (e.g., €300 for the first violation, €600 for the second violation, €1,200 for the third violation and so on).

#### **6.1.4 Apparel and Identifications**

**(A) Padel**

Standard racket manufacturer identifications are allowed on the Padel.

**(B) Bags, towels or other equipment**

Standard Padel equipment manufacturers' identifications, or the Premier Padel logo

**(C) Beverage containers**

Players may use a reasonably sized beverage container on the court if the beverage container:

- (i)** has no identifications; or

- (ii) has one (1) manufacturer identification not to exceed twenty-six (26) cm<sup>2</sup>, provided that the container manufacturer:
  - (a) is not a beverage manufacturer; or
  - (b) is also a beverage manufacturer, and
    - (1) is the official beverage sponsor of the Premier Padel Tournament; or
    - (2) is not a competitor or in conflict with beverages advertised by the sponsors of the Premier Padel Tournament.

**(D) Electronic devices**

A player/coach may not use any electronic device from the start of the warm up rally until the end of the match (including during a bathroom/change of attire break, medical timeout, heat rule break or any break in play) unless approved by the Premier Padel Tournament Supervisor/Referee; with the understanding that the use of an electronic device is permitted while play is officially suspended. Use of any non-FIP approved electronic device and/or non-FIP approved player analytics technology is subject to the provisions and penalties of the regulation in the Code of Conduct. If there is a conflict within these Regulations or other applicable regulations with respect to electronic devices and related use, the decisions of the Supervisor or the Referee shall prevail.

If any player must use an electronic device for health reasons to monitor themselves during the match, they must request approval from the Supervisor.

### **6.1.5 Other events**

Notwithstanding any other provision to the contrary, identification by use of the name, emblem, logo, trademark, symbol or other description of any Padel circuit, series or exhibition, special event or Padel tournament other than competitions governed by the FIP may not appear on the player, their clothing or equipment at any Premier Padel Tournament, Premier Padel Finals, exhibition or promotional event, unless approved in advance by the FIP.

### 6.1.6 Sanctioned Entities

Players are prohibited from using or otherwise publicly displaying illegal or immoral identification on or off the court during a Premier Padel Tournament in which their registration has been accepted, whether on the Premier Padel Tournament site or not, or during any other event in which they participate.

### 6.1.7 General

If the use of any of the permitted identifications above conflicts with the sponsorship restrictions set forth in Section 6.1.2, the PACP or any governmental regulation (including with respect to television), then identification shall be prohibited.

### 6.1.8 Penalties

The Chair Umpire, Referee, or Supervisor may require any player who violates this section to change clothes or Apparel immediately. Failure to comply with the order may result in a fine and/or elimination from a Premier Padel Tournament.

A player who violates this Section 6.1 is subject to the following fines:

<b>Violation</b>	<b>Fine Amount</b>
Finalists	Up to €5,000 / Player
Semifinalists	Up to €3,000 / Player
Fourth finalists	Up to €2,000 / Player
Eighth finalists	Up to €1,000 / Player
Sixteenth finalists	Up to €500 / Player
First Round	Up to €300 / player
Qualifying Phase	Up to €100 / player

In the event that a player is a repeat offender in two consecutive Premier Padel Tournaments, they shall be fined double the previous fine.

If a player, after having been previously fined, receives another fine for the same reason, they shall have to pay two (2) times the value of the fine imposed the first time, and so on until the end of the season.



## 6.2 RESTROOM / CLOTHING CHANGE BREAKS

A player may request permission to leave the court to go to the bathroom, change clothes or both (“**Authorized Break**”), but not for any other reason.

### 6.2.1 Number of “Authorized Breaks” allowed

Each pair is entitled to a maximum of two (2) Authorized Breaks per match. If partners leave the court together, it counts as one (1) of the Authorized Breaks for each of the players, regardless of whether their opponents have also left the court for the same purpose.

### 6.2.2 Timing Authorized Breaks

(A) A player may only take an Authorized Break at the following times:

Break Requested	Authorized	Maximum Time
Restroom Break	At the end of a set	3 minutes
Clothing change break	At the end of a set	3 minutes
Break for changing clothes with restroom breaks.	At the end of a set	5 minutes

An Authorized Break is taken from the time the player leaves the play area and returns to the play area.

The request for the Authorized Break must be made no later than twenty (20) seconds after the end of the set. Otherwise, the request shall not be granted.

(B) If a player exceeds the time allowed, they shall be penalized for Code of Conduct violations.

- (C) Breaks taken beyond a player's Authorized Breaks taken at times other than those permitted for Authorized Breaks ("**Additional Breaks**") shall be permitted, but shall be penalized with Code of Conduct violations if the player is not ready to play after the time applicable to that break.
- (D) Any time a player leaves the court to go to the restroom or change clothes after the warm up rally has begun, it is considered an Authorized Break or an Extra Break, regardless of whether the player's opponent has left the court.
- (E) A player may not take a restroom break, medical time or change clothes consecutively unless approved by the referee/supervisor.

### 6.2.3 Denying a player request

The Referee and/or Supervisor shall have the authority to deny a player permission to leave the court during a match to go to the bathroom if the Referee and/or Supervisor interprets it as gamesmanship and/or flagrant abuse of the rules.

### 6.2.4 Abuse of rule

Players shall be penalized in accordance with the Code of Conduct Defined Penalties for any abuse of this rule.

## 6.3 MEDICAL RULES

See Section 12.17 - Medical Procedures.

## 6.4 CODE OF CONDUCT

A code violation on the court, according to the Code of Conduct, may be declared by the Chair Umpire acting on their own or when so directed by the Supervisor or Referee.

For complete information, see Section 10 - Code of Conduct.

## 6.5 CONTINUOUS PLAY

### 6.5.1 Penalties at the Start of the match

A player shall receive a warning for their first violation and a fine of €50 for each violation of the following deadlines:

Situation	Maximum Time
Arrive at the net for the pre-match meeting (time starts when the last player arrives at their bench/chair after entering the court).	60 seconds
Courtesy Rally (time starts at the end of the pre-match meeting)	5 minutes
Start of the match (time starts at the end of the courtesy rally)	120 seconds

### 6.5.2 Penalties during the match

#### (A) Time violation / Game delay

A player is subject to a Code of Conduct violation if they are not ready to play within the following time limits:

In-match pauses	Maximum Time
Between Points	20 seconds
Change of sides, except after the 1st game of the Set	90 seconds
End of a Set	120 seconds
Extreme Heat Rule - Between the 2nd and 3rd Set	10 minutes

The player who violates these times shall receive a warning for their first offense and a fine of €50 for each offense.

A player may receive consecutive Code of Conduct violations for the same delay.

**(B) Towel Use / Hydration**

The player must request permission to leave the court and use their towel. Any exit from the playing area without the Chair Umpire's approval shall be penalized in accordance with the Code of Conduct. The first time they will receive a warning for their first violation and then a fine of €50 for each violation.

Hydration is allowed on side changes and not at the end of even games. Any violation of this rule shall be penalized in accordance with the Code of Conduct. The first time they will receive a warning for their first violation and then a fine of €50 for each violation.

## **6.6 INTERFERENCE**

An interference may result from a corrected decision by a Referee or when a player commits an action, whether deliberate or unintentional, that disturbs their opponent in the execution of a stroke.

### **6.6.1 Correction of the Chair Umpire**

- (A)** If a decision is corrected from "good" to "bad," then the point ends and there is no interference.
- (B)** If a decision is corrected from "bad" to "good," then a Let should be applied.

### **6.6.2 Involuntary interference**

- (A)** A Let should be penalized the first time a player has created unintentional interference (for example, ball falling out of pocket, cap falling off, etc.), and the player should be warned that any such situation thereafter shall be considered deliberate.
- (B)** A Let must be penalized if a player is hindered by an element external to the match being played invades the court space during play or their service movement.
- (C)** Noise or other similar distractions from spectators are not considered interference and the point should be kept as played.

### **6.6.3 Voluntary Interference**

Any interference caused by a player that is deemed deliberate shall result in the loss of a point.

## **6.7 DISQUALIFICATION**

### **6.7.1 Procedure**

- (A) The Supervisor/Referee may declare disqualification for a single violation of the Code of Conduct.
- (B) If notified of a serious violation that may warrant an immediate disqualification, the Chair Umpire may call the Supervisor/Referee to discuss an immediate disqualification. The Supervisor/Referee may declare immediate disqualification for a violation witnessed or not witnessed by the Chair Umpire.
- (C) In all cases of disqualification, the decision of the Supervisor/Referee will be final and unappealable.

### **6.7.2 Penalties**

- (A) See Disqualifications in Section 10.1.7 - Code of Conduct. (See also Section 8.1.4).
- (B) Any player disqualified by the Code of Conduct shall forfeit the entire prize money and zero (0) shall be added as one of their top 22 results. The foregoing is in addition to, and without prejudice to, the fines imposed with respect to the incident.

## **6.8 FINE APPEALS**

Fine appeals must be filed within twenty-one (21) days from the date of notice.

## **7. RANKING**

### **7.1 GENERAL**

#### **7.1.1 Description**

The Ranking reflects a player's participation and performance in Premier Padel Tournaments, FIP Tour and other international events recognized by the FIP that determine player acceptances and qualification for all Premier Padel Tournaments. The Ranking is updated and published weekly by the FIP.

#### **7.1.2 Ranking process**

- (A)** All tournament rankings are processed weekly.
  
- (B)** In the case of two (2) tournaments in the same calendar week, only the tournament in which the highest score has been obtained shall be considered for ranking.
  
- (C)** Points shall be valid for fifty-two (52) weeks from the Monday following the end of the tournament.

#### **7.1.3 Results of tournaments included in the ranking**

With the exception of the Protected Ranking Rule, a player's Ranking is determined by adding their twenty-two (22) best results obtained, including any zero (0) point results at Premier Padel Tournaments, FIP Tour and other international events recognized by the FIP.

### 7.1.4 Points table

The following table details the number of Ranking points awarded to players per round, including the Qualification Phase, and per tournament.

COMPETITION	TOURNAMENT	MAIN DRAW							BONUS	RANKING		
		W	F	SF	QF	R16	R32	R64	BONUS Q	Last Qualy	Q2	Q1
FIP	FIP WORLD CUP PAIRS	2000	1200	720	360	180	90	35	15	30		.
PREMIER PADEL	MAJOR (Female)	2000	1200	720	360	180	90	35	15	30		.
PREMIER PADEL	TOUR FINALS	1500										
PREMIER PADEL	P1 (Female)	1000	600	360	180	90	45		10	18		.
PREMIER PADEL	P2 (Female)	600	360	180	90	45	22		5	15		.
CUPRA FIP TOUR	FINALS (M/W)	225										
CUPRA FIP TOUR	PLATINUM (M/W)	300	180	90	50	25	14		3	9	5	.
CUPRA FIP TOUR	GOLD (M/W)	150	90	50	25	14	8		2	5	3*	.
CUPRA FIP TOUR	SILVER (M/W)	80	45	25	14	8	5		1	3	2*	.
CUPRA FIP TOUR	BRONZE (M/W)	40	22	14	8	5	3		.	2	.	.

\* In tournaments with QUALY draws of 64, this scoring will apply to Q3

### 7.1.5 Bonus

Players shall receive bonus points called “**Bonus**”.

**(A) Bonus for accessing the Draw**

Bonus points shall be added to players who pass the Qualification Phase as indicated in Bonus Column Q of the Points table Section 7.1.4.

**(B) Bonus for defeating Seeded Players**

Bonus points shall be added to unseeded Main Draw players for beating seeded pairs according to the following table:

<b>BONUS SEEDED PLAYERS</b> (For non-SP pairs only)			
COMPETITION	TOURNAMENT	MAIN DRAW	
		SP	BONUS
PREMIER PADEL	MAJOR	From 1 to 8	30
PREMIER PADEL	P1	From 1 to 8	20
PREMIER PADEL	P2	From 1 to 4	15

## 7.2 STANDARDS AND PROCEDURES

### 7.2.1 Ranking order

Players are ranked based on their total points in the Ranking according to Section 7.1.

### 7.2.2 Ranking points in general

- (A)** Players receive points for the highest round they reach.
- (B)** Players who receive Wild Card receive the same points as any other player.
- (C)** Qualifiers score points based on the highest round achieved in the Main Draw, plus the ranking points specified as column BONUS Q in the table in Section 7.1.4, except for the following:



- (i) Qualified pairs who have not played a match (except for those who win by walkover or withdrawal) in the Qualification Draw and advance to the Main Draw shall only receive Main Draw points.
- (D) In the Main Draw, bonus points shall be awarded to unseeded players for beating seeded players according to table 7.1.5 above.
- (E) Lucky Losers earn Main Draw ranking points based on the highest round achieved in the Main Draw, but do not earn the Qualification Bonus. In the event that the Lucky Loser replaces an exempt top seed, they must win their first match to add the points corresponding to that instance (in case of defeat, it would only add the points corresponding to the first round).

### **7.2.3 Withdrawals, Exempt, Walkovers and Disqualifications**

#### **(A) Withdrawals**

- (i) If a player withdraws or is automatically removed from a tournament before playing the first match, they shall not receive points.
- (ii) If a player withdraws from a tournament after the start of their first match, they shall receive points for reaching the round in which they withdrew.

#### **(B) Exempts**

If a pair receives one (1) or more consecutive Byes and fails to comply or withdraws without disputing the match, the pair shall not receive points unless they are a Lucky Loser and shall be awarded the points earned in the ranking.

#### **(C) Walkovers**

If a pair wins Walkover in the first round and there is no Alternate or Lucky Loser to take the slot, the team shall receive qualifying points for the round reached.

**(D) Disqualifications**

For any Disciplinary Disqualification that occurs in a tournament after the match begins,

- (i)** The advancing pair will receive ranking points for the round reached; and
- (ii)** The pair that is disqualified shall lose all the points obtained in that tournament and receive a zero (0) in their ranking which shall be part of their 22 best results. The discipline committee may decide whether such action corresponds to a single player in the pair or both.

#### **7.2.4 Cancellation of the Tournament or Early Termination**

**(A) Cancellation of the tournament without having played**

If a tournament is canceled and not played, players shall not receive any qualifying points.

**(B) Cancellation of the tournament after playing has started**

If play has started and ends before the first round is complete, players shall not receive any qualifying points. However, if the first round has been completed, all players shall receive the points earned up to the last completed round.

**(C) Cancellation of the tournament without completing the finals**

If a tournament officially ends before the finals are completed, each finalist will receive the finalist points.

#### **7.2.5 Tiebreak procedures**

When two (2) or more players have the same number of points in the Ranking, the tie in the Ranking position shall be decided according to the following priorities in order:

- (A) The player with the most combined points in the Premier Padel Tournaments in the MAJOR category.
- (B) The player with the most combined points in the Category P1 Premier Padel Tournaments.
- (C) The player with the most combined points in the Category P2 Premier Padel Tournaments.
- (D) The player with the lowest number of Premier Padel Tournaments in a fifty-two (52) week period.

## 7.3 PROTECTED RANKING

### 7.3.1 Definition

Unless the context requires otherwise, the following bolded terms in this Section have the following meanings:

- (A) “**Medical Condition**” means a medical illness or musculoskeletal injury that warrants medical assessment or treatment.
- (B) “**Out of Competition**” means:
  - (i) not participating in any tournament or Padel exhibition other than an event for which the player was granted an exemption pursuant to Subsection 7.3.6 below; and
  - (ii) not competing in any other organized sport.
- (C) “**Out-of-Competition Period**” means a period during which a player is Out-of-Competition due to a Medical Condition, Pregnancy or Parental Leave for a minimum of sixteen (16) weeks, which for a particular player is calculated using the last day of the last tournament that they played or received prize money, whichever is later, and the date of their Return to Competition.

A player may not count any period of suspension or period of ineligibility for violation of the Rules, PADP or PACP toward their Out-of-Competition Period.

- (D) “**Parental Leave**” means adoption, surrogacy or becoming a legal guardian of a person under the age of eighteen (18).

- (E) **“Pregnancy”** means medically diagnosed pregnancy condition.
- (F) **“Return to Competition”** means the earlier of:
- (i) playing or competing in any tournament other than a Tour Exhibition Event for which a player was granted an exemption pursuant to Subsection 7.3.6 below; or any other organized sport; or
  - (ii) acceptance in a tournament using a special ranking and withdrawal after that tournament’s withdrawal deadline or
  - (iii) for a Parental Leave Protected Ranking, the date that is fifty-two (52) weeks after the start of a player’s original Out-of-Competition Period; or
  - (iv) the date which is one hundred and four (104) weeks after:
    - (a) for a Protected Ranking due to a Medical Condition, the beginning of a player’s original Out-of-Competition Period; or
    - (b) for a Pregnancy Special Ranking.
- (G) **“Protected Ranking”** The Protected Ranking shall be determined by the average score of the player in the Ranking during the sixteen (16) weeks following the start date of their Protected Ranking.
- (H) **“Protected Ranking Request”** has the meaning given to that term by Section 7.3.3.
- (I) **“Padel Event”** means any Premier Padel Tournament, FIP Tour Tournament, FIP Event, or Exhibition/Non-Premier Padel Event, regardless of whether qualifying points are awarded.

### 7.3.2 Eligibility

To be eligible for a Protected Ranking a player must:

- (A) have an Out-of-Tournament Period of no less than sixteen (16) weeks;

- (B) submit documentation required by the FIP of a Medical Condition, Parental Leave or Pregnancy in accordance with this Section 7.3.3.A.

For purposes of clarity, unless granted an exemption to participate in an event pursuant to Subsection 6 below, if a player participates in a Padel Event or competes in any other organized sport within sixteen (16) weeks of the scheduled start of their Out-of-Competition Period, they shall not be eligible to obtain Protected Ranking.

### 7.3.3 Procedure and Request Term

- (A) Request

To request Protected Ranking, a player must submit the following documentation ("**Protected Ranking Request**") to the FIP for approval:

- (i) a duly completed and signed Protected Ranking request form;
- (ii) A statement authorizing public disclosure;
- (iii) if applicable, medical documentation, including:
  - (a) the diagnosis of the Medical Condition or Pregnancy;
  - (b) A copy of the clinical visit documentation
  - (c) Physician notes/documentation; and
  - (d) all relevant laboratory tests and applicable surgical reports; and
- (iv) if applicable, evidence for example, legal documentation) evidencing Parental Leave.

The FIP, at its sole discretion, reserves the right to require a player to submit additional documentation to verify Medical Condition, Parental Leave or Pregnancy. If a player requests a Protected Ranking for more than one (1) Medical Condition(s) or for a combination of one Medical

Condition(s) and a Parental Leave, they must submit documentation for each Medical Condition(s) or Parental Leave.

**(B) Deadlines**

Each player requesting Protected Ranking must submit their Protected Ranking Request within the first eight (8) weeks from their last tournament corresponding to the start of their Out of Competition Period.

### **7.3.4 Requests for subsequent reports or documentation**

The FIP may request subsequent medical and legal status reports (as appropriate), and if a player fails to comply promptly with such requests, the FIP may revoke their Protected Ranking. All medical and legal documentation shall be kept confidential.

### **7.3.5 Criteria and Rules of Use**

**(A) Number of tournaments**

**(i) If the leave is between sixteen (16) and twenty-eight (28) weeks:**

They will have six (6) tournaments or twenty-four (24) weeks, whichever comes first.

**(ii) If the leave is between more than twenty-eight (28) weeks to fifty-four (54) weeks:**

They shall have nine (9) tournaments or thirty-six (36) weeks, whichever comes first.

**(iii) If the leave is greater than fifty-four (54) weeks:**

They will have 12 tournaments or fifty-four (54) weeks, whichever comes first.

**(B) Deadlines**

- (i)** A player's earliest Return to Competition may occur in a scheduled match during the same calendar week in which their Out-of-Competition Period reaches sixteen (16) weeks.
- (ii)** The maximum period for which the Out-of-Competition Period shall apply shall be one hundred and four (104) weeks. From that date, the player shall not have the Protected Ranking for entry to the Premier Padel Tournaments.
- (iii)** The last time a player can use their Protected Ranking is in a scheduled tournament the same calendar week in which their Protected Ranking expires.

**(C) Procedures**

**(i) Request for freeze of Protected Ranking**

**(a) Subsequent medical condition**

If any player's Return to Competition occurs before their Protected Ranking expires and is subsequently Out of Competition for a minimum of eight (8) weeks due to a Medical Condition, they may request to "freeze" the remaining Protected Ranking time by completing and submitting another Protected Ranking Request.

**(b) Subsequent Pregnancy or Parental Leave**

If before a player's Protected Ranking expires (but regardless of whether their Return to Competition has occurred) the player subsequently goes out of competition for Pregnancy or Parental Leave, they can complete and submit another Protected Ranking Request for the purpose of requesting:

- (1)** to "freeze" their Protected Ranking Period for their current Protected Ranking.
- (2)** a new Protected Ranking.

**(ii) Restrictions**

- (a)** A player may not “freeze” their Protected Ranking during any period of suspension for failure to comply with the Regulations.
- (b)** A player may “freeze” their Protected Ranking Period a maximum of two (2) times per Protected Ranking. After a player's second and third Return to Competition, they shall have the same number of tournaments and the same amount of time remaining in their Protected Ranking Period and the same number of tournaments remaining to use their eligibility as they had when the “freeze” came into effect.

**(D) Entry and acceptance to the tournament**

A player must email the Tournament Supervisor to use their Protected Ranking to participate in the Premier Padel Tournaments and FIP Tour by the applicable entry deadline. Requests submitted late will not be accepted.

A player can use their Protected Ranking and their actual Ranking interchangeably to register, but cannot change the classification they use to register for a Premier Padel Tournament after the registration deadline of that Premier Padel Tournament. If multiple players with the same Ranking participate in the same Premier Padel Tournament, the player using their actual Ranking shall be accepted before the player using their Protected Ranking.

**(E) All tournaments**

If a player enters and is accepted into the Qualification List or Main Draw using their Protected Ranking and subsequently withdraws after the applicable withdrawal deadline in Section VIII.C.5.e below they must count as one (1) of their tournaments with Protected Ranking.

**(F) Premier Padel Finals**

A player shall not be able to use Protected Ranking to qualify for the Premier Padel Finals.

**(G) Wild Card**



If a player is accepted into the Qualification List or Main Draw of a Premier Padel Tournament using their Protected Ranking, they may not accept a Wild Card in the same event.

**(H) Top Seeds**

The Protected Ranking of a player is to enter the Premier Padel Tournament and also for selecting seeded players.

**(I) Lucky Loser**

A player's actual Ranking, not Protected Ranking, determines their Lucky Loser position or status.

**(J) Player responsibilities**

Each player is responsible for keeping track of the Premier Padel Tournaments in which they use their Protected Ranking. If a player exceeds the maximums allowed, they shall lose all the points they obtained in all the Premier Padel or FIP Tour tournaments in which they used their Protected Ranking that exceed those maximums.

**(K) Protected Ranking Abuse**

If at any time the FIP determines, at its sole discretion, that a player has abused or is abusing their Protected Ranking status, they have the authority to (i) revoke the player's Protected Ranking; (ii) revoke any classification points that the player has obtained for the abuse of their Protected Ranking status; and (iii) penalize the player under Section 10.1.11.

### **7.3.6 Exemption from Non-PP Exhibition/Event**

Any Player subject to this Protected Ranking Rule may apply to the FIP for an exemption to participate in one (1) exhibition Event which shall not restart their Out-of-Competition Period, which application the FIP may grant in its sole and absolute discretion.

## 8. PRIZE MONEY

Premier Padel Tournaments prize money shall be subject to the following amounts and requirements based on their category:

- (A) For the Padel World Cup for Nations, combined minimum prize money of five hundred thousand euros (€500,000) (that is, also includes the prize money for male players).
- (B) For the Padel World Cup Pairs, minimum prize money of two hundred twenty-five thousand euros (€225,000).
- (C) For each Continental Padel Cup, combined minimum prize money of three hundred fifty-five thousand two hundred fifty euros (€355,250) (that is, includes the prize money for male players).
- (D) For the Tour Finals, minimum prize money of one hundred fifty thousand euros (€150,000).
- (E) For each MAJOR, minimum prize money (i) of five hundred twenty-five thousand euros (€525,000) for 2 tournaments of this category: and (ii) two hundred seventy-five thousand euros (€275,000) for another 2 tournaments of this category
- (F) For each P1 Tournament, minimum prize money of one hundred seventy thousand euros (€170,000).
- (G) For each P2 Tournament, minimum prize money of eighty-five thousand euros (€85,000).

For the Padel World Cup and the Continental Padel Cup, the prize money shall be paid to the corresponding National Federation, who shall in turn allocate the distribution among the participating players.

From the start of the 2026 season and every five years thereafter, the players and Premier Padel shall discuss in good faith a reasonable review of the prize money for all Premier Padel Tournaments, to be applied from the start of the following season when the relevant review is agreed (that is, a new prize money is agreed in 2026, this new prize money shall be applied from the 2027 season; and so on). In this regard, for the first review, the prize money for each Premier Padel Tournament described above shall be increased by five percent (5%) and, if no agreement is reached on any subsequent discussion on prize money review, the prize money shall be increased by the same percentage (that is, 5% over the previous season's prize money).

Premier Padel is not responsible for any tax obligations that may correspond to players arising from any payment of any amount made by Premier Padel to players. Therefore, players at all times shall remain responsible for their own taxes in their home country and in each jurisdiction in which each of the Premier Padel Tournaments is held.

## **8.1 WITHDRAWALS, EXEMPTS, WALKOVERS AND DISQUALIFICATIONS**

### **8.1.1 Withdrawals**

#### **(A) Before their first match**

- (i)** A player who withdraws from a Premier Padel Tournament prior to their first match shall not receive any prize money except when using a Prize Money Withdrawal

#### **Withdrawal of Prize Money Withdrawal**

##### **(a) Pair withdrawing**

If a pair withdraws using the Prize Money Withdrawal rule, they shall receive 50% of the First Round Main Draw prize money regardless of whether or not they have an Exemption.

##### **(b) Players advancing to the Main Draw**

If any player withdraws using the Prize Money Withdrawal rule, the Lucky Loser that advances to the draw replacing the pair that uses the Prize Money Withdrawal if they lose in their first match, they shall receive 50% of the first round prize money.

#### **(B) After the start of the first match**

A pair that withdraws from a Premier Padel Tournament after starting their first match shall receive prize money for reaching the round in which they withdrew.

### **8.1.2 Exempts**

- (A)** A pair that receives one (1) or more consecutive Byes and loses their first match played shall receive prize money for the round reached.
  
- (B)** A pair that receives one (1) or more consecutive Byes and does not play or withdraws from their next round shall not receive any prize money.

### **8.1.3 Walkovers**

A pair who wins by Walkover in any round will receive a cash prize for the round reached, unless they receive the WO in their first round and do not meet or withdraw from their next round, then they will not receive any cash prize.

### **8.1.4 Disqualifications**

For any breach of discipline that occurs in a Premier Padel Tournament after the match begins,

- (A)** The advancing pair will receive a cash prize for the round reached; and
  
- (B)** The defaulting pair shall forfeit all prize money earned for that Premier Padel Tournament, with the understanding that, if a member of the pair did not cause the default, they shall receive the prize money corresponding to the round reached.

## 8.2 BREAKDOWN OF PRIZES

The following table details the amounts per round and tournament category.

PRIZE MONEY DISTRIBUTION WOMEN'S				
PREMIER PADEL P1				
Round	Prize/Player	Pairs	Players	Prize Round
Winner	17.000 €	1	2	34.000 €
Runner-Up	9.350 €	1	2	18.700 €
Semi-Finalist	5.100 €	2	4	20.400 €
Quarter-Finalist	3.506 €	4	8	28.048 €
Round 16	2.125 €	8	16	34.000 €
Round 32	1.105 €	12	24	26.520 €
Last Round Q	723 €	4	8	5.780 €
Q1	160 €	8	16	2.552 €
PREMIER PADEL P2				
Round	Prize/Player	Pairs	Players	Prize Round
Winner	10.000 €	1	2	20.000 €
Runner-Up	5.500 €	1	2	11.000 €
Semi-Finalist	3.000 €	2	4	12.000 €
Quarter-Finalist	2.100 €	4	8	16.800 €
Round 16	1.300 €	8	16	20.800 €
Round 32	875 €	8	16	14.000 €
Last Round Q	463 €	4	8	3.700 €
Q1	106 €	8	16	1.700 €

Any Premier Padel Tournament whose prize or draw does not fit into one of the breakdowns must contact Premier Padel for an approved breakdown.

## **9. ELIGIBILITY BY AGE**

### **9.1 ELIGIBILITY**

Age Eligibility Rule requirements apply to competition in all Tour Tournaments worldwide.

#### **9.1.1 Definition**

**(A)** Tournament in a Professional Padel Tournament

For the purposes of these Regulations, competition in a Professional Padel Tournament is defined as the participation in the Main Draw or Qualification Phase of any tournament in which a player earns Ranking points. Participation in a Premier Padel Tournament counts toward a player's Tournament Allocation. If a player participates in the Qualification Phase and qualifies for the Main Draw, it shall count as one (1) Professional Padel Tournament.

**(B)** Age

For the purposes of these Regulations, the age of a player is determined by their age on the start date of the Main Draw in a Professional Padel Tournament.

#### **9.1.2 Participation in Tournaments**

A player under the age of fifteen (15) may participate in a specific number of Premier Padel Tournaments and accept a specific Wild Card number as described below. If a player receives a Wild Card for a Premier Padel Tournament, their participation in that Premier Padel Tournament shall count toward their Tournament Allocation.

**(A)** Under 14

A player who has not yet reached their fourteenth (14th) birthday date shall not be able to participate in any Premier Padel Tournament.

**(B)** 14 years of age

Between the date of their fourteenth (14th) birthday and the eve of their fifteenth (15th) birthday, a player may be invited to participate in Premier Padel Tournaments.

The Tournament Allocation and Wild Card Allocation for a fourteen (14) year old player are as follows. A player may accept a maximum of three (5) Wild Cards as follows:

- (i) One (1) Wild Card to participate in the Main Draw or Qualification Phase of a MAJOR Premier Padel Tournament.
- (ii) One (2) [sic] Wild Card to participate in the Main Draw or Qualification Phase of a Category P1 Premier Padel Tournament.
- (iii) One (2) [sic] Wild Card to participate in the Main Draw or Qualification Phase of a Category P2 Premier Padel Tournament.

(C) 15 years of age or older

A player fifteen (15) years of age and older may participate in an unlimited number of Premier Padel Tournaments.

To clarify further, a player is considered to have participated in a Premier Padel Tournament if they have been included in the Main Draw or Qualification Phase of a Premier Padel Tournament, or if the player has withdrawn from a Premier Padel Tournament, where they were on the Qualification List or Main Draw List, after Withdrawal Deadline 1.

### **9.1.3 Tour Finals**

A fourteen (14) year old player shall not be eligible to participate in the Premier Padel Finals.

### **9.1.4 Wild Card**

To accept a Wild Card in any Premier Padel Tournament, a player must:

- (A) Register in the FIP registration platform; and

- (B) have submitted all required documentation (that is, proof of identity - copy of their passport or birth certificate-, proof of compliance with the minimum requirements, etc.).

## 9.2 VIOLATIONS

### 9.2.1 Loss of ranking points

If a player plays in a Padel Tournament that exceeds the number or level allowed to play pursuant to this Section 9, or enters a Padel Tournament in any manner that conflicts with these Regulations, they shall automatically forfeit all points received from that Padel Tournament.

### 9.2.2 Penalties

- (A) Players who fail to comply with any of the provisions of this Section 9 are subject to:
  - (i) a fine of up to **(a)** the amount of prize money won at the Premier Padel Tournament in which the rule was violated or **(b)** €1,000, whichever is less; and
  - (ii) Suspension from competing or attending Premier Padel Tournaments and, subject to FIP's agreement, FIP Tour events for up to six (6) months.
- (B) Moreover, Player Support Team Members who do not meet any of the requirements shall be considered infringing and subject to penalties.



## **10. CODE OF CONDUCT**

### **10.1 RULES AND PENALTIES – PLAYERS**

#### **10.1.1 Registration**

All players must comply with the registration rules set forth by the FIP.

#### **10.1.2 Withdrawals**

Any Late Withdrawal by a Premier Padel Tournament player for reasons other than a Justified Withdrawal, a Prize Money Withdrawal, a Consecutive Withdrawal or Extraordinary Circumstances shall constitute a violation of the automatically sanctioned Code of Conduct with the fines listed in such Code of Conduct and/or these Regulations.

For a complete explanation of the following, please refer to the appropriate sections listed below:

**(A)** Fines for Withdrawal

See Section 3.1.1 - Withdrawals and Late Withdrawal fines.

**(B)** No Show Fines

See Sections 3.1.3.B.iii and 3.1.4.B.iii - No Show Violation.

**(C)** Prohibition from withdrawing from one tournament to play another

See Section 3.1.9 – Prohibition from Withdrawing from a Tournament to Play Another.

**(D)** Justified withdrawals

Refer to Section 3.1.1 - Justified Withdrawals.

**(E)** Cash prize withdrawals

See Section 3.1.6 - Withdrawal of Prize Money.

### 10.1.3 Penalty Program

Violations of the Code of Conduct on court shall result in the following penalties, in addition to monetary fines that the FIP may apply upon review of each violation of the Code of Conduct.

The Chair Umpire must provide after the match a detailed description of each Code of Conduct violation, including all relevant elements that may be considered during the assessment of each violation.

The defined point penalties to be used during a match for Code of Conduct violations is as follows:

<b>1st Violation</b>	Warning
<b>2nd Violation</b>	Point Loss Warning
<b>3rd Violation</b>	Disqualified Warning

The violations of both members of the pair and even of the coach accredited by the couple if it is for Instructions, are cumulative.

However, after the second violation of the Code of Conduct, the Supervisor/Referee shall determine whether each subsequent violation constitutes a penalty.

Penalties must be appealed in accordance with FIP disciplinary rules.

## **DIRECT DISQUALIFICATION**

In the event of a very serious violation, the Supervisor/Referee may determine the immediate disqualification of the player or coach who committed the violation. If a player who is playing a match is disqualified, they lose the match and the disqualified player has to leave the Premier Padel Tournament. If a coach or player is disqualified and they are accredited or registered in the Premier Padel Tournament that is being held, they must leave it.

All penalties in the above table shall be applied to the pair; however, financial penalties shall be applied to the player who committed the violation.

### **10.1.4 Player behavior on and off the Court**

#### **(A) Player violations on the Court**

##### **(i) Visible obscenity**

Players shall not make obscene gestures of any kind while on the Premier Padel Tournament venue. Visible obscenity is defined as the making of signs by a player with the hands and/or Padel or ball that are commonly understood to have an obscene meaning.

Players violating this rule shall incur a fine of up to €10,000 for each violation. In addition, if such a violation occurs during a match, the player shall be disciplined in accordance with the Defined Penalties (Appendix D).

In flagrant circumstances where the gesture is particularly profane, insulting or contrary to local or international customs, a single violation of this category may result in Direct Disqualification as set forth in Appendix D.

##### **(ii) Audible obscenity**

Players shall not make obscene gestures of any kind while on the Premier Padel Tournament venue. Audible obscenity is defined as the use of words that are commonly known and understood to be profane or insulting, the words are not directed at another individual (in which case the violation would fall under

the category of Verbal Abuse) and are spoken clearly and loud enough to be heard.

Players violating this rule shall incur a fine of up to €5,000 for each violation. Furthermore, if such a violation occurs during a match, the player shall be disciplined in accordance with the Defined Penalties (Appendix D).

In flagrant circumstances where the language is particularly profane, insulting or contrary to local or international customs, a single violation of this category may result in Direct Disqualification, as set forth in Appendix D.

**(B) Padel or equipment abuse**

- (i)** Players shall not hit, kick or throw violently, dangerously or in anger the Padel racket or other equipment within the Premier Padel Tournament venue. For the purposes of this rule, racket or equipment abuse is defined as intentionally, dangerously and violently striking the net, court, Chair Umpire's chair or other fixed element in the venue due to anger.
- (ii)** Players violating this rule shall incur a fine of up to €10,000 for each violation. Furthermore, if such a violation occurs during a match, the player shall be disciplined in accordance with the Defined Penalties (Appendix D). The player shall also be responsible for repairing or replacing destroyed or damaged Premier Padel Tournament property.

**(C) Ball Abuse**

- (i)** Players may not hit, kick or throw a Padel ball in a violent, dangerous or angry manner while at the Premier Padel Tournament venue, except in the reasonable pursuit of a point during a match (including the warm up rally). For purposes of this rule, ball abuse is defined as intentionally or recklessly striking a ball violently or striking a ball without regard to the consequences.
- (ii)** Players violating this rule shall incur a fine of up to €10,000 for each violation. Furthermore, if such a violation occurs during a match, the player shall be disciplined in accordance with the

Defined Penalties (Appendix D). If the ball is not in play and violently strikes another player, referee, ball boy/girl or person in the venue, the violation may result in a Direct Disqualification, as set forth in Appendix D.

**(D) Physical abuse**

- (i)** Players shall not at any time physically abuse any referee, opponent, coach, spectator or other person within the Premier Padel Tournament venue. For purposes of this rule, physical abuse is unauthorized contact with a referee, opponent, coach, spectator, or other person.
- (ii)** Players violating this rule shall incur a fine of up to €50,000 for each violation. Moreover, if such a violation occurs during a match, the player shall be disciplined in accordance with the Defined Point Penalties (Appendix D).

In circumstances that are flagrant and particularly detrimental to the success of the Premier Padel Tournament, or that are singularly egregious, a single violation of this Section shall also constitute Direct Disqualification, as set forth in Appendix D.

In cases that are especially serious and may jeopardize the image of the Premier Padel Tournament, the Tour, Premier Padel, the image of the FIP or the image of the sport, the Supervisor of the Premier Padel Tournament may refer the case to the Sports Discipline Committee to assess whether the player has committed serious misconduct of Behavior or Conduct Contrary to the Sport's Integrity, which may result in suspension and additional penalties. Provided such violation is referred to the FIP Rules and Tournaments for evaluation, all cash prizes won by the individual will remain with the FIP until the investigation is concluded.

**(E) Verbal abuse**

- (i)** Players shall not at any time directly or indirectly verbally abuse any referee, opponent, coach, sponsor, spectator, or any other person within the Premier Padel Tournament venue. Verbal abuse is defined as any statement about a referee, opponent, coach, spectator, or any other person that involves dishonesty or is derogatory, insulting, or otherwise abusive.

- (ii) Players violating this rule shall incur a fine of up to €5,000 for each violation. In addition, if such a violation occurs during a match, the player shall be disciplined in accordance with the Defined Penalties (Appendix D).

In circumstances that are flagrant and particularly detrimental to the success of the Premier Padel Tournament, or that are singularly egregious, a single violation of this Section shall also constitute Direct Disqualification, as set forth in Appendix D.

In cases that are especially serious and may jeopardize the image of the Premier Padel Tournament, the Tour, Premier Padel, or the image of the FIP or the image of Padel as a sport, the Supervisor of the Premier Padel Tournament may refer the case to the Sports Discipline Committee to assess whether the player has committed a serious misconduct of Behavior or Conduct Contrary to the Sport's Integrity, which may result in suspension and additional penalties. Provided such violation is referred to the FIP Rules and Tournament for evaluation, all cash prizes won by the individual will remain with the FIP until the investigation is concluded.

**(F) Continuous Play / Game delay**

- (i) Once the match has started, play must be continuous and no player may delay it without reasonable cause beyond the times allowed in the Padel Regulations.
- (ii) Players violating this rule shall incur a fine of up to €1,000 for each violation. Moreover, the violation shall be penalized in accordance with the Defined Penalties (Appendix D).

**(G) Coaching and Coaches**

- (i) Each pair may receive advice and instructions during a match from a duly accredited coach as long as they occur during the Authorized Break times.

Players are responsible for the behavior of their coaches and registered companions at all times during the Premier Padel Tournament, including the on-court coach and other Player Support Team members accredited under the player's name. Coaches are prohibited from: using an audible obscenity or making obscene gestures of any kind, abusing any referee, opponent, spectator or other person, verbally or physically,

and/or engaging in conduct contrary to the integrity of the sport. Conduct contrary to the integrity of the sport shall include, but is not limited to, public comments, whether or not to the media, that attack or disparage a Premier Padel Tournament, Tour, sponsor, player, referee, Premier Padel or the FIP.

Use of any electronic device (excluding an FIP-approved electronic device under Section 6.1.4.D) constitutes a coaching violation.

- (ii) Pairs violating this rule shall incur a fine of up to €10,000 per violation. To clarify further, the fines derived from the coaches' on court behavior shall apply to both players, while the fines derived from the behavior of other Player Support Team members shall apply to the player who has requested the accreditation of that Player Support Team member for the Premier Padel Tournament.

In circumstances that are flagrant and particularly detrimental to the success of a Premier Padel Tournament, or that are singularly atrocious, the Supervisor of the Premier Padel Tournament shall have the authority, to remove the coach or player support team from their position on the court or from the venue, and in the event of non-compliance with such order, may declare the Direct Disqualification of the pair.

**(H) Unsportsmanlike conduct**

- (i) Players shall at all times behave in a sportsmanlike manner and duly take into account the authority of the referees and the rights of opponents, spectators and others. Unsportsmanlike conduct is defined as any misconduct by a player that is clearly abusive or detrimental to the success of a Premier Padel Tournament, the Tour, Premier Padel, the FIP or Padel as a sport. In addition, unsportsmanlike conduct shall include, but is not limited to, making, issuing, authorizing, or endorsing any public statement that has, or is designed to have, an effect detrimental to the best interest of the Premier Padel Tournament, the Tour, Premier Padel, and/or the FIP.
- (ii) Players violating this rule shall incur a fine of up to €10,000 for each violation. Furthermore, if such a violation occurs during a match, the player shall be disciplined in accordance with the Defined Penalties (Appendix D).

In circumstances that are flagrant and particularly detrimental to the success of the Premier Padel Tournament, or that are singularly egregious, a single violation of this Section shall also constitute Direct Disqualification, as set forth in Appendix D.

**(I) Better efforts**

- (i)** A player should make their best efforts during a match when competing in a Premier Padel Tournament.
- (ii)** Players violating this rule shall incur a fine of up to €10,000 per violation. For the purposes of this rule, the FIP shall have the authority to penalize a player in accordance with the penalty list (Appendix D).

In circumstances that are flagrant and particularly detrimental to the success of the Premier Padel Tournament, or that are singularly egregious, a single violation of this Section shall also constitute Direct Disqualification, as set forth in Appendix D.

**(J) Leaving the Court**

- (i)** A player shall not leave the court area during a match (including the warm up rally) without the Chair Umpire or Supervisor/Referee's permission.
- (ii)** Players violating this rule shall incur a fine of up to €3,000 per violation. Moreover, the player may be suspended and shall be subject to additional penalties for not completing the match.

**(K) Not completing the match**

- (i)** A Player must complete an ongoing match unless for a health reason or force majeure approved by the Supervisor.
- (ii)** Players violating this rule shall incur a fine of up to €5,000 per violation. Violation of this rule shall mean the player is in immediate breach and also constitutes a serious breach of aggravated conduct.

**(L) Punctuality**

- (i)** Players should be ready when called to their matches.



- (ii) Any player who is not ready to play within ten (10) minutes after their match is called shall be fined €100 for each violation.
- (iii) For matches played on the center court with the “*Walk on Court*” televised with an announced “entry” time, players who are not ready to enter at the announced time may incur a fine of between €500 and €5,000 and, in extreme cases, up to a maximum of €10,000 for each violation.
- (iv) Any player who is not ready to play within fifteen (15) minutes after their match is called may be disqualified unless the Supervisor, after considering all relevant circumstances, decides not to declare a breach. In this case, the fine shall be up to €500.

**(M)** Other violations on the Court

- (i) A player may also be reported to the competent FIP disciplinary bodies for inappropriate off-court behavior if a player's behavior or obscene language during a match is not observed or heard by the referees on the court, but causes a negative impact on the image of the game because it is seen on television or in the venue.
- (ii) Players violating this rule shall incur a fine of up to €5,000 per violation. Violation of this rule shall mean the player is in immediate breach and also constitutes a serious breach of aggravated conduct.

**(N)** Sexual harassment

- (i) Players shall not engage in sexual harassment (for example, making unwelcome advances, requests for sexual favors or other verbal or physical conduct of a sexual nature where such conduct may create an intimidating, hostile or offensive environment).
- (ii) A violation of this rule shall constitute an Aggravated Behavior violation and may result in the player's banning.

**(O)** Additional fines and appeals procedures

- (i) Monetary fines do not apply for Code of Conduct violations received due to loss of fitness or as a result of medical treatment not being completed within the allotted time, unless interpreted by the Referee/Supervisor as gamesmanship.
- (ii) If another player, referee or tournament official informs the FIP of a player's behavior on the court, that player shall incur the applicable fine, even if no warning was issued during the game.
- (iii) Fines will be paid as stipulated in the FIP in each case.

### **10.1.5 Interference Rule**

See Section 6.6 for the interference rule.

### **10.1.6 Restroom / Clothing Change Break**

See Section 6.2 for rules on restroom break / change of clothes.

### **10.1.7 Disqualification**

The Supervisor may declare a Disqualification for a single violation of the Code of Conduct (Immediate Disqualification) or in accordance with the Defined Penalties set forth in Section 10.1.3.

Likewise, the Premier Padel Tournament Supervisor has the authority to remove a pair from the Premier Padel Tournament for a violation of the Code of Conduct that takes place in the venue, but not during a match.

To clarify further and for the purposes of this provision, the venue means any of the following: Premier Padel Tournament venue, training venue (if different), Premier Padel Tournament hotel(s), transportation or during any official or promotional Premier Padel Tournament activity.

In all cases of disqualification, the decision of the Supervisor/Referee will be final and unappealable.

### **10.1.8 Tour Medical Rules**

See Section 12.17 for the Tour's medical rule and penalties.

### **10.1.9 Clothing and Equipment**

See Section 6.1 for clothing and equipment rules and penalties.

### **10.1.10 Game delay**

See Section 6.5.2.A for the play delay rule.

### **10.1.11 Dishonorable or unprofessional conduct**

#### **(A) Player responsibilities**

##### **(i) Player behavior**

A player must at all times, but particularly during a Premier Padel Tournament or event where their registration has been accepted, whether at the venue or not, refrain from participating in conduct detrimental to the Tour, Premier Padel, the FIP or contrary to the integrity of Padel as a sport. Conduct detrimental to the Tour, Premier Padel, the FIP or contrary to the integrity of the sport shall include, but not be limited to, public comments, whether or not in mass media, that unreasonably attack or disparage any person, group of persons, Premier Padel Tournament, the Tour, Premier Padel, sponsor, player, referee, FIP personnel or the FIP itself. However, this Section expressly prohibits public comments that a player knows, or should reasonably know, shall harm the reputation or financial best interests of a Premier Padel Tournament, the Tour, Premier Padel, player, sponsor, referee, or the FIP.

Without limiting the generality of the foregoing, Players must also:

##### **(a) Proper Clothing**

Dress and present themselves in a professional manner at all times at the Tournament site or any official training site.

**(b)** Payment of personal expenses

Pay all fair debts incurred in connection with their round trip, lodging and participation in the Tournaments, including telephone, food and medical care.

**(c)** Avoid criticism in public or in the media

Not direct criticism of a Tournament, sponsor, player, referee, the FIP to the media or the public. All such complaints must be submitted to the Supervisor.

**(ii)** Penalties

Failure to comply with any of the above points shall constitute a Code of Conduct violation and the offending player shall incur: **(a)** a fine of up to €10,000, **(b)** failure to comply in accordance with the procedures provided for in Section 10.1.4 - Player's behavior on and off the court, and **(c)** suspension from participating in the Tour for a specific period of time as determined by the Sports Discipline Committee.

**(B)** Aggravated conduct

No Player shall engage in Aggravated Conduct, as defined below:

**(i)** Definition

**(a)** One (1) or more incidents of conduct designated in this Code as constituting Aggravated Conduct.

**(b)** An incident of behavior that is flagrant and particularly detrimental to the success of a Premier Padel Tournament, the Tour, Premier Padel, Padel as a sport, the FIP, or that is uniquely atrocious, including the sale of a badge or unauthorized disclosure of confidential information.

- (c) A series of two (2) or more violations of the Code of Conduct within a twelve (12) month period that individually do not constitute Aggravated Conduct, but when taken together delineate a pattern of conduct that is collectively egregious and is harmful or disruptive to the Premier Padel Tournaments, the Tour, Premier Padel, Padel as a sport, or the FIP.

(ii) Penalties

Players violating this rule shall incur a fine of up to €25,000 or the amount of the prize money won in the Premier Padel Tournament, whichever is greater, and/or being suspended from playing in a Premier Padel Tournament or event for a minimum period of twenty-one (21) days and a maximum period of one (1) year. The suspension will commence on the Monday following the expiration of the period within which an appeal may be brought or, in the case of an appeal, from the Monday following the final decision on the appeal.

(C) Decision Making Authority

The FIP shall have the exclusive authority to declare a player's violation under this Section by acting on a formal and substantiated complaint. The FIP decision may be appealed to the Appeal Committee in terms of the corresponding procedure and subject to the deadlines provided therein.

## **10.2 PROCEDURES FOR PLAYER SUPPORT TEAM MEMBERS AND ACCREDITED PERSONS**

### **10.2.1 Player support team**

Player Support Team members are expected to behave professionally at all times. In this regard, a Code of Conduct has been established to establish the rules that all members of the Player Support Team must comply with at all times.

(A) Competence

- (i) Player Support Team members shall provide services only within the limits of their competence, based on their appropriate education, training, supervised experience, or professional experience.

- (ii) Player Support Team members who provide services for a Player shall strive to increase their level of competence and skill by staying up-to-date and seeking ongoing education and certification in safety, health and training and other developments relevant to Padel.
  - (iii) Player Support Team members providing services for a player shall seek advice from colleagues and experts, provided that it is in the best interest of the player.
  - (iv) Player Support Team members shall endeavor to protect the health, safety, and physical and psychological well-being of a player under their direction, ensuring that all activities under their control are performed for the physical and psychological well-being of the player.
- (B) Unfair and/or discriminatory conduct
  - (i) Player Support Team members shall not engage in unfair or unethical conduct, including any attempt to intentionally injure, incapacitate, or interfere with the preparation or competence of any player.
  - (ii) Player Support Team members shall not discriminate in the provision of services on the basis of race, ethnicity, gender, national origin, religion, age, or sexual orientation.
- (C) Abuse of authority; Abusive conduct
  - (i) Player Support Team members shall not abuse their position of authority or control and shall not compromise or attempt to compromise the psychological, physical or emotional well-being of any player.
  - (ii) Player Support Team members shall not engage in abusive conduct, whether physical or verbal, or threatening conduct or language directed at any player, Premier Padel Tournament referee, FIP staff member, court official, coach, parent, spectator, or member of the press/media.
  - (iii) Player Support Team members shall not exploit any relationship with the player to promote personal, political or business interests at the expense of the player's best interest.

**(D)** Anti-doping activity

Player Support Team members shall comply with the Anti-Doping Program and shall not assist or in any way encourage a player to violate the Anti-Doping Program.

**(E)** Anti-Corruption Program

Player Support Team members shall be required to comply with the Anti-Corruption Program and shall not assist or in any way encourage a player to violate the Anti-Corruption Program.

**(F)** Conduct and general requirements

- (i)** Player Support Team members shall be familiar with and agree to abide by these Regulations and encourage players to comply with these Regulations.
- (ii)** Player Support Team members must comply with all requirements of any Player Support Team member registration program established by the FIP, Premier Padel, Tour or Local Organizers.
- (iii)** Player Support Team members shall at all times refrain, whether or not at the Premier Padel Tournament venue, from engaging in conduct detrimental to any Premier Padel Tournament, Tour, Premier Padel or the FIP or contrary to the integrity of Padel as a sport. Conduct detrimental to any Premier Padel Tournament, Tour, Premier Padel or the FIP or contrary to the integrity of Padel as a sport shall include, but is limited to, public comments, whether or not in mass media, that unreasonably attack or disparage any person, group of persons, Premier Padel Tournament, Tour, Premier Padel, sponsor, player, referee, the FIP or Padel as a sport. Responsible expressions of legitimate disagreement with FIP policies are not prohibited. However, this Section expressly prohibits public comments that a Player Support Team member know, or reasonably should know, will damage the reputation or best financial interests of a Premier Padel Tournament, the Tour, Premier Padel, a player, a sponsor, a referee or the FIP.

### **10.2.2 Accredited persons**

No person who has been issued a credential by a Premier Padel Tournament, including members of the media, shall at any time during the Premier Padel Tournament engage in any abusive conduct directed towards any player, referee, spectator or staff of the Premier Padel Tournament or the FIP.

## **11. STANDARDS**

### **11.1 Venue, anti-doping tests and attendance of on site staff**

#### **(A) Doping control station**

Each Premier Padel Tournament, when selected to host player trials, is obligated to provide, at the Local Organizer's expense, the venue.

#### **(B) Staff provided by the Premier Padel Tournament**

Each Premier Padel Tournament, when selected to test the players, is required to provide, at the cost of the Local Organizer, adult staff members and/or volunteers who can assist the Official Anti-Doping Staff and the Supervisor with the notification and observation of the players selected for the tests.

### **11.2 Ball boys/girls**

The Premier Padel Tournament Local Organizer shall provide a minimum of five (5) ball boys/girls on each of the main courts and a minimum of two (2) ball boys/girls on the remaining courts.

Ball boy chairs should be located in diagonally opposite corners and every effort should be made to minimize obstruction of spectator visibility by ball boys during play.



A coordinator must be appointed to recruit and assign ball boys. Ball boys/girls may not wear predominantly white, yellow, or other light-colored clothing that may interfere with the players' vision unless otherwise approved by the FIP. Ball boy uniforms should not be identical to chair umpire uniforms.

### 11.3 Balls

#### (A) Ball type and specifications

FIP approved balls shall be used in all tournaments. At least six (6) weeks before the start of the Main Draw, each Premier Padel Tournament must confirm to the FIP the ball it intends to use. Failure to comply with this requirement may result in a violation of the rules of the Premier Padel Tournament and/or other penalties.

High altitude balls should not be used unless conditions require, and such use must be approved by the FIP and must be indicated on the Tournament Data Sheet / *Factsheet*.

It is the responsibility of the Premier Padel Tournament Local Organizer to ensure that sufficient balls are obtained to meet all needs, including matches and training, and the Premier Padel Tournament Local Organizer is responsible for the cost of the balls and for ensuring that they arrive at the venue well in advance of the Premier Padel Tournament.

#### (B) Rotation number and procedure during matches

In all Premier Padel Tournaments, for all matches, both Qualification Phase and Main Draw, three (3) balls shall be used and changed after the first nine (9) games and, thereafter, eleven (11) games. Unless otherwise approved by the FIP under extraordinary circumstances.

Balls should be opened just before the match or just before the scheduled changeover.

In the event that a ball is lost or damaged during play, it must be replaced with a ball of similar wear. If the ball is lost or damaged during warm-up or when fewer than two matches have been played after a ball change, then the ball must be replaced with a new one.

Following a suspension or interruption of a match requiring a new warm-up, the new warm-up shall not be carried out with the match balls, but rather balls of similar wear shall be used. Once the warm-up

is complete, the balls used for the warm-up will be removed and the match balls that were in use at the time of the interruption will be used.

It is the Chair Umpire's responsibility to ensure that the match balls are collected at the time of the stoppage and to ensure that the match balls are properly marked and safely stored for use once the match resumes.

If a ball is lost or damaged during the match, then another ball must be put into play to replace the lost or damaged ball as soon as possible; play will not continue with only one (1) ball available to the players and the Chair Umpire shall issue replacement balls of the same use to the players. If a ball is lost within the first two (2) games after a ball change, then a new ball should be used as a replacement. If a ball is lost after completing two (2) games after the ball change, then a used ball of similar wear shall be put into play to replace the lost ball. The Chair Umpire is responsible for carrying replacement balls of different wear before entering the court for the match.

#### **(C) Availability**

Balls of the brand and model to be used in the Premier Padel Tournament must be available at the venue at least three (3) days prior to the start of the Qualification Phase for both Main Draw and Qualification Phase players until they are eliminated.

Each pair, regardless of whether they are in the Qualification Phase or in the Main Draw, shall be entitled to three (3) new practice balls per day, until the day they are eliminated from the Premier Padel Tournament.

After elimination, each pair shall be entitled to three (3) used balls in good condition for practice per day. Players are entitled to practice balls for the days following the elimination of the Premier Padel Tournament, and it is at the discretion of the Local Organizer to extend the provision of practice balls in good condition after the second day after the elimination.

Players must return previously received practice balls to the applicable tournament counter to be eligible to receive their next allocation of practice balls.

### **11.4 Chairs/Umbrellas**

Chairs must be provided on the court for use by players and coaches during the side change. In outdoor Premier Padel Tournaments, umbrellas must be provided to shade the players' chairs.

## 11.5 Cleaning

- (A) Premier Padel Tournaments must have dedicated cleaning staff who are trained and provide the equipment necessary to clean and disinfect the tournament venue properly and in accordance with local sanitary regulations.
- (B) Procedures for cleaning and disinfecting equipment, training facilities, uniforms, and high traffic and contact areas must be in place, particularly after use.
- (C) Procedures should be tailored to the specific cleaning, disinfection, sanitization and ventilation needs and challenges of each unique area of the Premier Padel Tournament.
- (D) The locker rooms, dining rooms, and healthcare-related areas of the Premier Padel Tournament venue must be cleaned and disinfected regularly during each Premier Padel Tournament day. Locker rooms and all healthcare-related areas must be cleaned at least every night after treatments are completed and before they are open for use the following day.

## 11.6 Court

### (A) Court Specifications

#### (i) Court surface

- (a) Premier Padel Tournaments must be played on an FIP approved and certified surface, including but not limited to the color of the court surface and the outside play area. Local Organizers must submit a written request for approval to the FIP prior to making any changes to the existing surface area and pay for the cost of any testing deemed necessary by the FIP.

The manufacturers and models of the courts and playing surface to be used in any Premier Padel Tournament must be approved and certified by the FIP no later than six (6) weeks prior to the event.

- (b) If a new surface is being considered, approval must be granted by the FIP.
  - (c) The surface must be maintained to the satisfaction of the Supervisor/Referee.
  - (d) Premier Padel Tournaments must ensure that the same surface is used for the Main Draw and Qualification Phase. If circumstances exist beyond the control of the Premier Padel Tournament Director, Qualification Phase matches may be held on a different surface, only with FIP approval.
  - (e) The Local Organizer shall be responsible, at its sole cost, for the provision of the courts and all related infrastructure, services and venue/equipment, including, but not limited to, all necessary surface preparation and protection for temporary courts, electrical and network infrastructure, carpet surrounding the court, permanent or temporary seating stands, among others.
  - (f) Unless otherwise approved by the FIP, outdoor courts will be distributed with the north and south longitudinal axis; Geographic considerations may modify this direction to minimize the adverse effect of serving in the sun.
- (ii) Court measurements
  - (a) The dimensions of the court must comply with those established in the FIP Game Rules. It is the responsibility of the Premier Padel Tournament Director to ensure, during the final preparation of the Padel courts prior to the commencement of the Premier Padel Tournament, that all court specifications including measurements outside court play comply with the standards set forth in the Padel Regulations.
  - (b) Any steps resulting from the metal plates used in the temporary courts to weld the posts and frame structure should be leveled as a slight slope to prevent players from tripping during off court play. Similarly, any other small steps around the court will be levelled in the same way.

- (c) All match courts must be equipped with a chair for the Referee, a board for the Referee to place the score tablet, communication devices or any other equipment necessary for refereeing, as well as benches for the players and coach, all of which must be located outside the security area for off-court play and shall be free of sharp or dangerous edges, which may constitute a hazard to the players during play.
- (d) The Premier Padel Tournament must have, at a minimum, a person responsible for the court monitoring what is necessary in each match (beverages, towels, ice, etc.) and at least one person responsible for the training courts.
- (e) Access to the court area and players' benches must be controlled by Premier Padel Tournament staff / security to ensure the safety of the players at all times.
- (f) All courts must have full panoramic views to ensure full visibility of the court from all angles.
- (g) All courts in use during the Main Draw of the event must allow outdoor play and have a safety area, completely free of obstacles, at least two (2) meters wide, eight (8) meters long and three (3) meters high. For the two (2) main courts, the width of the safety area should be at least three (3) meters to increase the safety margins for players during outdoor play. The FIP may approve other measures provided that the provisions of the FIP Game Rules are complied with. All accesses to the court must be protected by its three sides and the net post must also be covered with a padded material, which must be securely and firmly attached to the metal structures or post, in accordance with the applicable padel regulations.
- (h) The safety zone must be covered with a non-slip material, which has gripping properties similar to the court grass.
- (i) It is important to make sure that no microphone cables, cameras or any other use is routed through the security zone.

- (j) All wiring in the area around the court will be covered by the carpet to minimize visibility of such connections and enhance the professional image of the court.

**(B) Court signage**

**(i) On the court surface**

- (a) There may be no commercial identification on the court surface, except that the name of the court manufacturer and the Host City of the Premier Padel Tournament (as described below) may be placed on the court surface with the prior approval of the FIP. A Premier Padel Tournament must request FIP approval for the placement of the Host City logo and signage and/or court manufacturer identification and provide full details of all signage (text and location) to the FIP at least sixty (60) days prior to the event.
- (b) Premier Padel Tournaments may place on the court the name of their Host City, which may include one (1) of the following: city, region (that is, state or county) or country subject to the location and size restrictions set forth below. Signage should be consistent with the texture and feel of the court surface so as not to affect play or pose a safety hazard.

**(ii) Banners/LEDs**

There may be no banners with predominantly white, gray, yellow or any other light color backgrounds behind the ends of the court. The background and letters of the rotating signs/LEDs should be consistent with the color of the back walls.

Posters must comply with the Tour's Betting, Fantasy and Gaming Sponsorship Rules.

**(iii) Preparation of the court**

Courts should be swept, brushed, and cleaned before the start of all matches, if deemed necessary by the Supervisor or Referee.

All glass and the structure of the court should be cleaned prior to the start of all matches, if deemed necessary by the Supervisor or Referee.

**(iv) Seats**

**(a) Color of the boxes and seats at the ends of the track**

It is recommended that spectator seating be free of white, gray, yellow or other light colors that may interfere with the players' vision and that such light-colored seats be covered.

**(b) Spectator movement during play**

Spectators above the lowest level of seats will be able to move freely to and from their seats at any time during the match. The Director of the Premier Padel Tournament and the Supervisor of each Premier Padel Tournament shall determine this lower level of seating. When there is no clear break, the Premier Padel Tournament Director and Supervisor shall determine the most logical designation for spectator movement during play.

**(C) Smoking**

Smoking shall not be permitted around the courts and in all restricted areas for players, as well as in the Tour and referee office areas.

## **11.7 Lighting**

Lighting should be evenly distributed on the court, with minimum and recommended standards as indicated in the chart below.

MINIMUM LIGHTING LEVELS (exterior)	Horizontal illumination E med (lux)	Uniformity E min/E med
International and national competitions	500	0.7
Local competitions, training, school and recreational use	200	0.5

MINIMUM LIGHTING LEVELS (interior)	Horizontal illumination E med (lux)	Uniformity E min/E med
International and national competitions	750	0.7
Local competitions, training, school and recreational use	300	0.5

For television broadcasts a vertical illumination level of at least one thousand (1000) lux is required, however, this value may increase with the distance from the camera to the object.

It is the responsibility of the Premier Padel Tournament Director to ensure, during the final preparation of the Padel courts prior to the start of the Premier Padel Tournament, that all court specifications, including lighting measures, meet the established standards.

The Supervisor has the power to suspend play on any court if the intensity of the lighting, in their judgment, is insufficient for professional Padel.

## 11.8 Officials and referees

All Premier Padel Tournaments must appoint, in consultation with the FIP, an internationally certified Referee and, if necessary, a Chief Referee to work in conjunction with the Supervisor.

All Chair Umpires appointed for the Premier Padel Tournaments shall be internationally certified chair umpires. All designated officials must be fully familiar with the FIP Rules and Procedures, FIP Padel Rules and the Code for Officials, and in conjunction with the Supervisor, ensure that they are followed. All appointed officials must also be fluent in English.

### (A) Team of Officials

The FIP shall appoint the following Officials (each, an “**Official**”):



- (i) Premier Padel Tournament Supervisor(s) (the “**Supervisor**”)
- (ii) Premier Padel Tournament Referee(s) (the “**Referee**”)
- (iii) Chief Referee (the “Chief Referee”)
- (iv) A minimum number of chair umpires (each, a “**Chair Umpire**”): two (2) chair umpires per court, unless otherwise decided by the FIP based on the Match Order.

Where a review system is in place, two (2) additional referees shall be appointed when the review system is in use on one court and three (3) additional referees shall be appointed when the review system is in use on more than one court. These referees shall be referred to as “**Review Officials**” and shall also be considered “Officials.”

The FIP shall approve the hiring method (application system, etc.) and the list of appointed officials for the Premier Padel Tournament.

The Local Organizer shall be responsible for travel, lodging, local transportation, food, laundry and fees for all Officials listed above.

Meals for Officials (lunch and dinner) are expected to be taken on site and breakfast provided at the hotel. Where meals (lunch and dinner) are not possible on site, it shall be acceptable to provide them at the hotel or the Local Organizer may provide a meal allowance, which must be approved by the FIP. All conditions must be notified at the time of appointment.

All officials shall stay at the official Premier Padel Tournament hotel unless otherwise approved by the FIP.

**(B) Role of the Officials team**

The referee team (the “**Referee Team**”) is responsible for enforcing all sports regulations, managing competition in accordance with FIP rules and procedures, acting as an agency interpreting rules and regulations on site, enforcing applicable codes of conduct, and managing results.

**(i) Question of fact**

A question of fact refers to an issue related to what actually happened on the court during a particular match.

Only the Chair Judge has the right to determine a question of fact and the Supervisor or Referee has no right to change the Chair Umpire's determination on a question of fact.

The Chair Umpire cannot change their decision on a question of fact based on the players' appeal.

However, as long as the review system is in effect, the player may request a review, provided it is done in accordance with all applicable procedures.

**(ii) Question of Law**

A question of law refers to the application or interpretation of any Padel rule during a particular match.

The Chair Umpire shall make the first determination on a question of law.

If the Chair Umpire is unsure or if the player appeals the interpretation of the rule, the question of law shall be addressed by the Supervisor (or the Referee, in their absence) and such decision shall be final and not subject to appeal.

A player may appeal the initial interpretation of the rule by the Chair Umpire (question of law) according to the following procedure:

- (a)** If the player believes that the Chair Umpire's interpretation of the rule is incorrect, they must immediately appeal to the Chair Umpire in a professional and respectful manner.
- (b)** Provided that the appeal actually concerns a question of law and not a question of fact, and is not manifestly unfounded, the Chair Umpire shall stop play immediately and call the Supervisor (or the Referee, in their absence). When the Supervisor arrives, the Chair Umpire must clearly state all facts and their decision to the Supervisor, who shall review the applicable rules with the Chair Umpire and the player shall confirm the Chair Umpire's

initial decision or revoke it. The Supervisor's decision is final and unappealable.

- (c) The game shall resume immediately after the Supervisor's decision and no more than ten (10) seconds shall elapse until the start of the next point.

## (C) Supervisor

The FIP shall appoint one or more Supervisors for each Premier Padel Tournament.

When the Supervisor is unavailable, they will designate the Referee to perform their duties during their absence.

The Local Organizer shall be responsible for the Supervisors' fees, travel expenses, single room accommodation for each Supervisor at the official hotel, provision of meals including breakfast, lunch and dinner, and any other relevant expenses.

### (i) Responsibilities and Obligations

The Tournament Supervisor shall:

- (a) Be the final *on-site* authority for the application and implementation of the Premier Padel Regulations and Standards and the FIP Padel Regulations.
- (b) Be the final authority in the resolution of any question of law.
- (c) Make the final decision in the event of a non-compliance situation for violations of the players code of conduct.
- (d) Inspect, upon initial arrival at the site, the competition venue to check that the courts are suitable for play and that there are no elements that constitute a danger to the players.

In addition, the Supervisor has the authority to request the Local Organizer to make the necessary changes to the venue to safeguard the safety of the players and has the authority not to allow play on one or more courts if, in

their opinion, the conditions of the game would endanger the safety and well-being of the players.

- (e) Request the Local Organizer to modify any facility or condition so that the Local Organizer complies with all applicable regulations and guidelines.
- (f) Inspect the venue to verify that it complies with all provisions of the FIP guidelines.
- (g) Ensure that all cameras, microphones and other broadcasting equipment are positioned in such a way and in places that do not affect the game and do not pose a danger during off-court play.
- (h) Evaluate the performance of other members of the Referee Team and draft performance assessment reports for them and submit such reports to the FIP after discussion with the referees concerned.
- (i) Appoint, together with the Referee and the Chief Referee, the Chair Umpires for each match of the day.
- (j) Hold periodic meetings during the week with the Chair Umpires to discuss the procedures of the Premier Padel Tournament, unusual cases occurring during the week or any topic that the Supervisor considers pertinent and relevant.
- (k) Assess conditions, including weather, and determine if conditions are safe to play; the Supervisor has the authority to suspend or postpone play until such time as the Supervisor believes conditions are safe to play.
- (l) Verify lighting conditions on all courts and determine if they are suitable for night play.
- (m) Decide whether a court is fit to play and decide whether a match shall be moved to another court. The Supervisor has the right to move a match to another court, indoor or outdoor, to prevent a player from having to play two matches in one day or to ensure that the tournament can be completed as scheduled.

- (n) Complete all draws for the Premier Padel Tournament.
- (o) Maintain and communicate the results of all matches.
- (p) Apply all regulations regarding *no shows*, selection of Lucky Losers, draw updates, withdrawal of seeded players if applicable, registration sheets, etc.
- (q) Designate the place from where the matches shall be called and inform the players of the conditions for calling the matches.
- (r) Issue the Order of Play for the next day at a reasonable time but no later than 10:00 p.m. Host City time. If matches are still being played at that time, then the Tournament Supervisor must issue the order of play pending the winners of the unfinished matches and update the order of play after the completion of those pending matches.
- (s) Be in constant communication with the Director during the week of the Premier Padel Tournament and discuss all issues that arise during the week.
- (t) In coordination with the Premier Padel Physician, shall be responsible for the implementation of the Heat Rule.
- (u) Request security to remove a person from the stands or the court when their behavior jeopardizes the safety of the players or other persons, the integrity and image of the Premier Padel Tournament, the Tour, Premier Padel, the FIP or Padel as a sport.
- (v) Write the final report of the Premier Padel Tournament.
- (w) Be in the venue at all times during play.

**(D) Chief Referee**

The FIP will appoint one or more Tournament Referees.

Whenever the Tournament Supervisor is unavailable, the Tournament Referee shall perform the duties of the Tournament Supervisor during their absence.

The Tournament Organizer shall be responsible for the fees of the Tournament Referee, travel expenses, single room accommodation in the official hotel, provision of meals including breakfast, lunch and dinner, and any other relevant expenses.

**(i) Responsibilities and Obligations**

The Premier Padel Tournament Referee(s) shall:

- (a)** Organize the venue facilities and verify equipment and personnel to support play from the start of the Qualification Phase.
- (b)** Confirm all conditions of play, such as ball (branding and ball change), call for matches, court service conditions between matches, among others.
- (c)** Decide, in consultation with the Supervisor, whether each court is equipped in accordance with the provisions of the Rules and Regulations and the Premier Padel Tournament Standards and Guidelines. The Referee shall also verify that the court is safe to play and that there are no problems that could jeopardize the safety and well-being of the players during the game.
- (d)** Be available to promptly resolve any conflicts on the court, supervise medical time-outs and enforce the Code of Conduct.
- (e)** Assign and replace, when necessary, Chair Umpires or Review Officials. The assignment of these Officials (but not their replacements) may be delegated to the Chief Referee, but the Supervisor has the final say in all appointments.
- (f)** Be in contact with the Chief Referee and decide on the competence of the Officials.
- (g)** Make all arrangements necessary to ensure that players can be safely escorted to and from the courts before and

after matches and when attending any official, promotional or press functions of the Premier Padel Tournament.

- (h) Be in the venue at all times during play.
- (i) Perform any of the Supervisor's tasks as requested by the Supervisor.
- (j) If necessary, organize group sessions for the Chair Umpires.
- (k) Measure the courts, net poles, poles and lights and check the quality of the nets and the availability of spare nets before the start of the Premier Padel Tournament.
- (l) Be responsible for conducting the Chair Umpires and Chief Referee assessments.
- (m) Arrive every day at least one (1) hour prior to the first scheduled match, remain on site at all times during the matches, and leave no sooner than thirty (30) minutes after the end of play.
- (n) Confirm that all updated draws and order of play have been distributed at the end of each day's game.
- (o) Designate a specific zone from which matches shall be called, determine a meeting point for players once the match is called, and coordinate security escorts to/from the Padel courts.
- (p) Shall not act as a Chair Umpire or Chief Referee for the Premier Padel Tournament in question.

**(E) Chief Referee**

If necessary, the FIP shall appoint a Chief Referee.

The Local Organizer shall be responsible for the Chief Referee's fees, travel expenses, accommodation, food expenses and any other relevant expenses.

If accommodation is required, the Chief Referee shall receive individual room accommodation at the official hotel, including breakfast.

**(i) Responsibilities and Obligations**

The Chief Referee shall:

- (a)** Be familiar with the local language.
- (b)** Be able to assist the Referee and Supervisor when necessary and be present on site at all times during the game.
- (c)** Lead meetings with Chair Umpires to specify specific assignments and procedures.
- (d)** Schedule on court assignments for all Chair Umpires in consultation with the Referee and with the Supervisor's approval.
- (e)** Coordinate the assessments of all Officials with the Supervisor and the Referee.
- (f)** Not serve as Chair Umpire for the Premier Padel Tournament in question.
- (g)** Be able to assist the Referee and Supervisor whenever necessary and be present in the venue at all times during play.
- (h)** Arrive at least one (1) hour prior to the first scheduled match, remain on site at all times during the matches, and leave the venue no sooner than the end of play.
- (i)** Coordinate Chair Umpire uniforms and collect everyone's sizes in advance. Inform Officials at least two (2) weeks prior to the event of the dress code and/or uniform provided by the Premier Padel Tournament, if any.



- (j) Send all arrival and departure details of the Appointed Officials to the FIP at least twenty-one (21) days prior to the Premier Padel Tournament.
- (k) Send to the Appointed Officials information about the Host City's conditions, such as transportation, hotel and meals, at least seven (7) days prior to the Premier Padel Tournament.

**(F) Chair Umpire**

The FIP shall appoint the number of Chair Umpires established in (section b) of this same section.

The Local Organizer shall be responsible for the fees of the Chair Umpires, travel expenses, single room accommodation in the official hotel for each of them, provision of meals including breakfast, lunch and dinner, and any other relevant expenses.

Chair Umpires must wear the uniform provided by the FIP. Alternatively, Chair Umpires shall wear khaki pants and shirt/sweater provided by the FIP or as communicated to Chair Umpires by the Local Organizer or the Chief Official.

All Premier Padel Tournament matches shall be umpired by a Chair Umpire, including all Qualification Phase and Main Draw matches.

**(i) Responsibilities and Obligations**

The Chair Umpires shall:

- 1) Enforce these Regulations, and the FIP Padel Regulations during the match they are assigned to umpire.
- 2) Be on court prior to the players' arrival and ensure that the court is equipped in accordance with the provisions of the Premier Padel Tournament Standards and Guidelines.
- 3) Control the match in all respects. They may only be overridden by the Referee/Supervisor in matters of interpretation of the law, not in questions of fact.

- 4) Score matches promptly and accurately using the manual scoring system or other method provided by the FIP. Be competent in the use of the scoring system. Monitor and record when the balls need to be changed.
- 5) Take care of all ball boys/girls when they are on court.
- 6) Have a stopwatch to keep track of match times, such as warm up rally time, time between points, time during match breaks, time during field changes, time during medical timeouts and other timing needs.
- 7) Hold a pre-match meeting with the players to inform them of all applicable match rules and regulations.
- 8) Know the correct pronunciation of the names of all players and that they can easily identify each player.
- 9) Ensure that all players use rackets that comply with FIP Padel Rules.
- 10) Conduct the pre-match coin toss in the presence of all players to determine service choice and sides. In the event that the match is suspended prior to the start of the match, the pair who won the draw may change their choice of service or side prior to the start of the match.
- 11) Ensure that players and coaches are dressed in accordance with the dress code (similar attire). If both pairs come in the same dress color, then the top rated team will choose the color and the other pair must change to a different dress color within a reasonable time.
- 12) Make a decision on all questions of fact that arise during the match. The Chair Umpire's decision on questions of fact shall be final unless there is a challenge using the review system in accordance with the relevant procedures.
- 13) Make an initial decision on the question of law that arise during the match. Players have the right to appeal decisions on questions of law and the Chair Umpire shall

abide by the final decision made on such appeal by the Supervisor or the Referee in the Supervisor's absence.

- 14) Make all announcements during the match in accordance with all applicable arbitration procedures. If more than one language is used during announcements, the local language will be used first.
- 15) Turn off the microphone when talking to the players and also turn off the microphone during changes and at the end of the set.
- 16) Communicate, as necessary, with the players during the match and provided that the communication is in a language not spoken by the other pair, they shall be prepared to explain to the other pair the nature of the communication.
- 17) Announce decisions communicated by the Review Official following use of the review system. The Chair Umpire should announce the number of challenges remaining for the pair that is raising the challenge.
- 18) Use their best efforts to control the crowd, and in doing so, can address the crowd in a clear, respectful and professional manner.
- 19) Monitor the ball boys/girls and ensure that they perform their functions in accordance with applicable procedures.
- 20) Be responsible for handling the ball in play, changing the ball, and replacing balls as needed. Whenever a match is suspended, the Chair Umpire shall collect the match balls and store them separately for use once the match resumes.
- 21) Familiarize themselves with the use of the score tablet and have a back up scorecard in case of tablet malfunction.
- 22) Fairly enforce the Code of Conduct and report to the Supervisor any Code of Conduct violation issued. In addition to this, the Chair Umpire must provide a detailed

report of any Code of Conduct violation or any unusual circumstances at the end of the match.

- 23)** Update the Supervisor with the match score at the end of each set or at the end of the match.
- 24)** Call in physiotherapists or physicians whenever necessary in the event of injury or medical condition and enforce all medical time-out procedures.
- 25)** Immediately notify the Supervisor if any player is late to the court.
- 26)** Ensure that the time between points does not exceed the twenty (20) seconds allowed and that the game resumes after each court side change within the ninety (90) seconds allowed.
- 27)** Ensure that after any appeal and final decision, play resumes within ten (10) seconds of the announcement of the decision.
- 28)** Act as a Review Official if they are appointed to that position by the Supervisor or the Referee.
- 29)** Determine if the court is still suitable for play. If a change in conditions occurs during a match that the Chair Umpire deems sufficient to make the court unfit for play or if weather conditions require the stoppage of play, the Chair Umpire must stop play and immediately notify the Supervisor.
- 30)** Provide a detailed report of any sanctions imposed under the Code of Conduct in relation to the relevant matches.
- 31)** Wear and use the referee clothing, tablet, tablet stand, and microphone provided by the FIP. With the exception of the FIP logo, no other trademark may be attached to the Chair Umpire's clothing, score tablet, score tablet holder or microphone without the prior approval of the FIP and the relevant Premier Padel Tournament.

**(ii)** Chair Umpire interventions during the match

The Chair Umpire shall actively officiate at all times during the match and shall intervene and make the appropriate warning in situations such as:

- (a) **OUT:** when the ball in play, except when serving, and before first bouncing within the playable limits of the court, hits the metal fence, side walls, bounces directly off the court, or any other situation in which the ball will be considered to have been out of limits in accordance with the FIP Game Rules.
- (b) **FAULT:** when the served ball bounces outside the receiver's service area (Rule 7.c), or if after bouncing in the correct receiver's area it hits the fence surrounding the court before the second bounce (Rule 7.e) or bounces directly out of the court directly through the gates of a court without a safety zone (Rule 7.f), or if the server misses the ball when attempting to hit it during the service motion (Rule 7.b), or if the ball strikes the server, their partner, or anything used or carried by either of them (Rule 7.d), or if the server hits the ball before bouncing it on the floor within the service area in which they are standing to serve (Rule 6.2) or if the height of the ball is above the server's waist level (Rule 6.5), or if the server does not have at least one foot in contact with the ground at the time they make contact with the ball while serving (Rule 6.5), or if the player walks, runs or jumps while serving (Rule 6.7). The Chair Umpire shall announce the fault. The server shall then proceed to second service, unless the fault occurred during the second service, in which case the point is awarded to the receiving team and the Chair Umpire shall follow the fault announcement with the announcement of the new score in the game.
- (c) **FOOT FAULT:** when the player touches the service line or imaginary extension of the service center line during service (Rule 6.4). The Chair Umpire shall announce the foot fault. The server shall then proceed to second service, unless the foot fault occurred during the second service, in which case the point shall be awarded to the receiving team and the Chair Umpire shall follow the foot fault decision with the announcement of the new score.
- (d) **NET:** When during the service the ball touches the net or net posts and then bounces within the receiver's area

(provided it does not hit the metal fence or side walls before the second bounce) or if after touching the net or net post it hits the receiver or anything they may be holding, it constitutes a “**NET**” service and the service in question shall be retaken. If it was a first service, the Chair Umpire shall announce: “Net, first service.” If it was a second service, then the Chair Umpire shall announce: “Net, second service.”

- (e) **LET:** When the serve is taken before the receiver is ready, or when some object foreign to the game enters or flies into the court, or if a ball breaks during play, or when an unintentional interference or obstacle occurs during play, such as a player accidentally dropping something they are wearing or carrying (provided the object does not touch the net before the let is requested and unless it falls after the point has been decided), or in other exceptional circumstances where the Chair Umpire shall decide that a let is necessary, the point shall be replayed. The Chair Umpire shall announce: “Let”, the point is to be replayed, followed by announcing the score as it was at the beginning of the point before the incident. Refer to the clarification in the Interference section below for repeated cases of unintentional interference.
- (f) **TOUCH / NET:** When a player, or anything they are wearing or carrying, touches the net before the point has been decided, the player who touches the net loses the point. The Chair Umpire shall announce “Touch” (or Net) and announce the new score after awarding the point to the other pair. In case the player jumps above the net.
- (g) **TOUCH:** When a ball in play touches a player or anything they are holding (except their racket), the player loses the point. The Chair Umpire shall announce the touch, followed by the new score.
- (h) **FOUL SHOT:** When a player hits the ball before it has crossed the net to their side of the court, or if the player hits the ball with any part of their body, or if the player hits the ball twice with the racket, or if the ball is hit by a racket thrown by the player (not in the player's hand at the time of contact), or if both players hit the ball simultaneously or continuously before it crosses to the other side of the net, according to the rules of Padel (Rule 13 f, i, m, o) the player loses the point. The Chair Umpire

shall announce the illegal shot, followed by the new score.

- (i) **THROUGH:** When the ball goes through a hole in the net instead of over the net, the player who shot loses the point, unless it is during a service in which case it is a fault. The Chair Umpire shall announce the pass, followed by the new score or the second service (if during a first service).
- (j) **DOUBLE BOUNCE:** When the ball bounces twice on the court surface before the player can make a successful return, the player loses the point. When the second bounce and the attempt to hit the ball are very close in time, the Chair Umpire shall announce whether there is a double bounce or not above, followed by the announcement of the new score.
- (k) **INTERFERENCE:** when the deliberate or involuntary action of a player prevents or may prevent an opponent from hitting.

If the interference is involuntary, it will be called Let as described above. The Chair Umpire shall also inform the Player that subsequent cases of involuntary interference will result in the loss of the point. From the second case of involuntary interference thereafter, the player causing the interference shall lose the point. The Chair Umpire shall announce the interference or obstacle, followed by the announcement of the new score. The Chair Umpire should be prepared to quickly explain to the player that the point loss is due to the second or subsequent occurrence of an involuntary obstacle.

If the interference is deliberate, the player causing the interference shall forfeit the point and, if the Chair Umpire considers that unsportsmanlike conduct is involved, it may also result in a Code violation. The Chair Umpire will indicate Obstacle or Hindrance, followed by the new score. If the Chair Umpire decides to issue a Code violation, they shall also announce the Code violation in accordance with the procedures outlined below for code of conduct violations.

The Chair Umpire shall decide whether an object dropped during play was deliberate or involuntary and, accordingly, shall decide whether the interference was deliberate or involuntary.

Breaking the safety cord of the racket is considered an involuntary action and the player shall automatically lose the point.

- (l) **CORRECTIONS:** In the event that the Chair Umpire immediately realizes, but not as a result of a player's appeal, that their decision on whether the decision is good or bad, was erroneous, they must make the following announcements: (i) when correcting from Out to In or No Fault, the Chair Umpire shall announce Correction, the ball was in; (ii) when correcting from In to Fault or Out, the Chair Umpire shall announce Fault or Out, followed by the updated score or second service if it was after a first service.
  - (m) When a player is not ready or when any unusual circumstance occurs that may hinder a player, the Chair Umpire shall delay the start of the point by announcing "Please wait". The Chair Umpire should be prepared to inform any of the players of the reason for the delay.
  - (n) Chair Umpires shall also enforce medical time procedures, implementation of the Code of Conduct and implementation of the code violation schedule and make appropriate announcements.
- (iii) Scoring announcements
- Points in a match corresponding to the number of points earned by a pair will be referred to as:
- (i) There are no points earned by a pair in a match yet: **Zero**
  - (ii) First point earned by a pair still in a game: **Fifteen**
  - (iii) Second point of a pair in one game: **Thirty.**
  - (iv) Third point earned by a pair in one game: **Forty.**



- (v) Both pairs earned three points each: **Equals**
- (vi) Point earned by a pair after the Equals: **Advantage**
- (vii) The pair with an advantage earns the following point:  
**Game**
- (viii) The partner with an advantage loses the following point:  
**Equals**

The score of a game will be announced by first mentioning the points earned by the pair serving, followed by the points earned by the pair receiving.

At the end of a game, the Chair Umpire shall announce the game as follows:

- (a) If it's any pair's first game: Player X, Player Y; first set, (first, second, or final) set.
- (b) If it is not the first set game, the Chair Umpire shall announce the game winners followed by the set score:  
Example: Game Player X, Player Y. Player X, Player Y win by three games to two.
- (c) If a pair has not won any matches, no game won will be called Zero: Game Player X, Player Y. Player X, Player Y win by three games to Zero.
- (d) If both pairs have won the same number of games: Game Player X, Player Y. Three games all.
- (e) When both partners have won six games: Game Player X, Player Y. Six games all, (first, second or final) tie-break.

During a tiebreak, the Chair Umpire shall first announce the score followed by the surnames of the winning pair.

- (a) If the pair composed of players X and Y wins 3 – 2, the Chair Umpire shall announce Three – Two, Player X, Player Y.

- (b) If both pairs have won the same number of points (for example, 3 - 3), the Chair Umpire shall announce level at three all.
- (c) At tiebreak, if a pair has not earned any points it will be called Zero.

At the end of a set, the Chair Umpire shall announce the game and (first or second) set to Player X, to Player Y, followed by the score in number of games of the set, followed by the score in number of sets. For example:

- (a) Game and first set Player X, Player Y six games to three. Player X, Player Y win by one set to zero.
- (b) Game and second set Player X, Player Y six games to three. One set equals.

When a pair wins their second set, and thus the match, the Chair Umpire shall announce Game, Set and Match Player X, Player Y, followed by the number of sets won by each pair, followed by the score in each set (first announcing for each set the number of games won by the pair that won the match). For example:

- (a) Game, set and match player X, player Y by two sets to zero, seven – six, six – four.
- (b) Game, set and match player X, player Y by two sets to one, seven – six, four – six, six – four.

**(iv) Code of conduct violation announcements**

The Chair Umpire shall announce any code violations according to the following structure:

Code violation, section of the code of conduct violated by the player's names. For example:

- (a) Code violation, Player X, and First Warning for Pair Player X, Player Y.

After a one-point penalty, the Chair Umpire shall announce the new outcome. For example:

- (a) Code violation, Player X, and second Warning for the pair Player X, Player Y leading to loss of one point, then announce the new score.

Code of Conduct violations shall be sanctioned in accordance with section 10.1.3.

In case of the third Code of Conduct violation or a serious violation of the Code of Conduct that may result in the pair being ejected from the match, the Chair Umpire shall call the Supervisor to discuss possible disqualification.

In this case, the Chair Umpire will announce:

“Code violation, Player X, “Supervisor has been called to the court” and notify the Supervisor to come to the clue to discuss possible disqualification.

- (v) Time between points and [sic]

There shall be a maximum of twenty (20) seconds between the end of one point until the start of the next.

In the change of sides after the first game of each set, a maximum of thirty (30) seconds shall elapse between the end of the first game and the beginning of the first point of the next game.

At the end of a game that results in a side change (except at 1 – 0 of the set or at the end of the set), a maximum of ninety (90) seconds shall elapse between the end of the point and the beginning of the first point after the authorized break.

The Chair Umpire shall announce the time after seventy (70) seconds have elapsed and the game must be restarted before twenty (20) seconds have elapsed since that announcement.

At the end of a set, a maximum of one hundred and twenty (120) seconds shall elapse between the end of the set and the beginning of the first point of the next set.

The Chair Umpire shall announce the time after one hundred (100) seconds have elapsed and the game must be restarted before twenty (20) seconds have elapsed since that announcement.

**(vi) On-court procedures**

The Director shall coordinate with the Supervisor the procedures for the court entrance.

Although this may vary slightly from Premier Padel Tournament to Premier Padel Tournament, the recommended standard procedure is as follows:

- (a)** The Referee shall review the players uniform before entering the court to avoid having to leave the court to change clothes.
- (b)** The lowest ranking team shall enter the court first.
- (c)** The Local Organizer may choose to introduce both players of the first team together and have them walk on to the court together, or each player individually. In the latter case, the second player shall be announced once the first player has arrived on the bench.
- (d)** The players shall enter the court carrying all the necessary items and equipment for the match. Once they have entered the court they must not leave the court to bring any equipment.
- (e)** During the presentation of the players, the Chair Umpire shall wait next to the referee's chair.
- (f)** Once all players from both pairs have arrived at their benches and have had a chance to prepare for the match, all four players shall enter the court for the pre-match meeting with the Chair Umpire.

**(vii) Pre-match and warm-up procedures**

Once the players are on the court, they shall remain next to the Chair Umpire to take the pre-match photographs.

The Chair Umpire shall conduct the pre-match meeting with the players, and provide match information, such as ball change and the current scoring system, as well as any additional relevant information.

Then, the Chair Umpire shall perform the coin toss, which can be physical or virtual if performed by a supplier. The pair winning the toss will have the option to select:

- (a) Serve (the pair losing the toss will choose sides)
- (b) Receive (the pair losing the toss will choose sides)
- (c) Choose sides (the pair losing the toss will choose to serve or receive)
- (d) Ask the opponents to choose first.
- (e) The winning pair may not select more than one (1) of the above options. For example, they cannot select to serve from the right side.

If a player's attire is not appropriate, the Chair Umpire shall ask them to change.

After the coin toss, the players begin the five (5) minute warm up rally and the Chair Umpire shall announce "five minutes of warm up rally".

After two (2) minutes of the warm up rally, the Chair Umpire announces, "three minutes."

After announcing "three minutes", the Chair Umpire shall proceed to present the match as appropriate.

After four (4) minutes, the Chair Umpire announces, "one minute."

At the end of the five (5) minutes, the Chair Umpire announces, "time."

The players shall finish warming up and go to their benches, where they have two (2) minutes to prepare for the match and receive instructions from their coach.

During the first twenty (20) seconds of this period, a player may request a restroom break, which shall count as one of the Authorized Team Breaks.

At the end of the two minutes, the Chair Umpire announces, “time” and play should begin within twenty (20) seconds.

When the first player is ready to serve the first point of the match, the Chair Umpire announces, “You are about to start the game, player X serving, play.” Similarly, when the players begin the second game of the set, the Chair Umpire announces, “Player Z to serve” and so on until the complete serving sequence of all four players is completed.

The same procedure will be followed during each set of the match, the final set being referred to as the final set.

**(G)** Review officials

The FIP shall appoint Review Officials in a number in accordance with the provisions of section 11.8.

The Local Organizer shall be responsible for the fees of the Review Officials, travel expenses, single room accommodation in the official hotel for each of them, provision of meals including breakfast, lunch and dinner, and any other relevant expenses.

Review Officials must comply with the same uniform provisions as Chair Umpires.

**(i)** Responsibilities and Obligations

Review Officials shall:

- (a)** Be fully familiar with all aspects of Padel Rules, and in particular with the electronic review procedures, the corresponding rules and regulations of the Premier Padel Tournament and the Obligations and Responsibilities of

the Chair Umpire. Perform their duties in accordance with FIP procedures.

- (b)** Shall be in the electronic review booth at least twenty (20) minutes prior to the start of play of the first match or session of the day on their assigned court, and ten (10) minutes prior to the start of subsequent matches.
- (c)** Shall check the means available to communicate with the Chair Umpire, Main Tournament Umpire, the screen and the television operator.
- (d)** Confirm with the operator that the system is configured for the appropriate event.
- (e)** During the warm up rally, at least one (1) rehearsal of a review that shall not be shown on television or on the screen shall be examined.
- (f)** Confirm with system operators that all systems are fully operational prior to the start of the match.
- (g)** Be responsible for identifying each play whose review may be requested.
- (h)** Determine if the requested play to review is available.
- (i)** Be responsible for monitoring the operation of the system.
- (j)** In the event of system malfunction, the Chair Umpire and the Main Tournament Umpire shall be notified immediately. When the system is back up and running again and has been tested, they shall immediately inform them.
- (k)** Notify the Chair Umpire that the original decision shall prevail when the image cannot be retrieved to review the play.
- (l)** In the event that the play shown on the screen does not correspond to the text or graphic disclosed, they shall inform the Chair Umpire of the correct result of the

challenge and if possible, display the corrected textual graphic on the screen.

- (m) Immediately inform the Chair Umpire when their review monitors are working properly, but the rest of the screens available in the stadium are not working properly.
- (n) Keep a record of the number of successful and failed challenges for each pair and be able to confirm the number of failed challenges pending to the Chair Umpire.
- (o) Act as the final authority regarding the number of outstanding failed challenges for each pair. Verify with the Chair Umpire that the pair has one (1) or no (0) pending challenge.
- (p) Not leave their position until the match is over.
- (q) Not use any electronic devices in the cabin during ongoing matches unless approved by the FIP. This includes personal smartphones, smart watches, and personal tablets/laptops.
- (r) Be viewing the match on the LIVE screen and anticipating “potential” review plays.
- (s) Alert system operators of a possible review, confirm that a review has been requested, or anticipate that there shall be no review.
- (t) Be responsible for submitting the correct view for review. Listen to the Chair Umpire’s request and understand what the requested review is.
- (u) Once the best image is determined, they shall communicate to the Chair Umpire the resolution of the play and give the order to send to the marker video.

**(H)** Officiating standards

All Officials must be certified and approved by the FIP. The FIP shall appoint internationally certified Chair Umpires and Review Officials for all Premier Padel Tournaments. It is recommended that each Premier



Padel Tournament provide additional Chair Umpires (approved by the FIP) for the Qualification Phase and for some Main Draw matches that are not covered by the FIP appointed Chair Umpires.

## **(I) Chairs – Chair Umpires**

It is recommended the Chair Umpire's chair be a minimum of one point seven-five (1.75) meters high and be a maximum of two point two-five (2.25) meters high. It must be placed outside the safety area for off-court play and must be free of any sharp or dangerous edges that may constitute a safety hazard to players or other persons.

For outdoor courts, the Umpire's chair should be placed on the west side of the court to minimize the impact of the sun on the Chair Umpire; Whenever the sun is a factor, it is necessary for the chair to have a shade to prevent the sun from entering the direct line of sight of the Chair Umpire.

There should be a microphone at each Chair Umpire's chair for announcements, and the microphone should have an on/off switch that is easy to locate and operate so that, during disputes or direct communication with players, the Chair Umpire can turn off the public microphone.

All necessary network and power connections for the score tablets must be provided, as well as various types of power adapters to ensure that the tablets can be used depending on the region where the Premier Padel Tournament is being held.

All connections will be made in a manner that provides protection from inclement weather.

All power, network and audio cables must be hidden from view. In addition, the wiring around the court must be placed before installing the surrounding carpets to further hide them from view.

All Umpire's chairs shall include a writing platform, with recommended dimensions of thirty (30) by thirty (30) centimeters, where the Chair Umpire can comfortably place the score tablet or any other equipment required for the performance of their duties during a match.

## **(J) Conditions for Officials**

Each Official appointed by the FIP shall receive the following, from the day before the first day of matches (at the earliest) until the morning following their last game (at the latest), free of charge:

- (i) Airport pick-up (or taxi reimbursement);
- (ii) Single room at the official hotel or other hotel approved by the Supervisor and Officiating Department;
- (iii) Breakfast, lunch and dinner (at the hotel, on site or via stipulated diets) from the night before the start of their duties until the morning following the last day of their duties;
- (iv) Complimentary laundry service for their uniforms;
- (v) Transportation between the hotel and the Premier Padel Tournament venue;
- (vi) Return to the airport (or taxi reimbursement); and
- (vii) High Speed Internet Access on site.

Officials undertake not to disseminate, transmit, publish or disclose any match-related data or information to any third party, and shall not authorize or assist any third party to do so, without the express written consent of the FIP.

### **11.9 Scoring system**

- (A) During all Premier Padel Tournaments of the Tour, regardless of event type, all matches, both in the ranking and in the Main Draw, shall be played to the best of three sets, and all sets shall be decided by a Tie-Break. The advantages system will be used as described in the FIP Game Rules. The FIP has the right to authorize the use of alternate scoring systems in the Premier Tour Padel Tournaments and to modify the scorecard.
- (B) The Padel FIP Rules shall apply in their entirety except where otherwise stated in these Regulations.

### **11.10 Tournament Director**

Each Local Organizer shall appoint, at their own expense, an appropriate, knowledgeable, and fully trained Tournament Director to lead the local Premier Padel Tournament organization.

The Director's approval must be ratified by Premier Padel, which also reserves the right to request a Local Organizer to replace its Tournament Director in the event of failure or refusal to comply with or implement any provision of the FIP Regulations and Rules.

The Tournament Director shall:

- (A) Be responsible for the implementation of the FIP Regulations and other guidelines and be responsible for compliance of the Premier Padel Tournament with such provisions.
- (B) Be responsible for providing all basic conditions to the players.
- (C) Be responsible for efficient procedures to facilitate entry of players and other Premier Padel Tournament participants into the country, such as the provision of visas or other entry documents, as well as the provision of any relevant information to facilitate entry of players into the country.
- (D) Be responsible for the efficient implementation of transportation, accommodation and catering arrangements during the event.
- (E) Be responsible for ensuring that the venue is prepared in time for the Premier Padel Tournament, in accordance with all scheduled times defined in these Regulations and Tournament Standards, Broadcasting Manual, Branding and Identity Guidelines of Premier Padel and the FIP among others.
- (F) Provide Premier Padel with all required documentation prior to the tournament, in accordance with the submission schedules defined in the FIP Regulations and Standards, Tournament Standards, Broadcasting Manual, Premier Padel/FIP Identity and Branding Guidelines, among others.
- (G) Act in coordination and cooperation with Premier Padel and the FIP appointed personnel on site.
- (H) Not enter the court during a match (including the warm up rally) or otherwise interfere with any matters related to the Code of Conduct or sporting aspects.

- (I) Be responsible for engaging all relevant emergency organizations to handle any emergencies during the event, whether medical, safety or otherwise.

### **11.11 Prizes and Trophies**

The Local Organizer shall be responsible for providing the following Premier Padel Tournament trophies:

- (A) Two (2) winner trophies per category (one for each player in the pair)
- (B) Two (2) finalist trophies per category (one for each player in the pair)
- (C) Two (2) additional trophies for Finals Chair Umpires

The Local Organizer shall ensure that at least one Premier Padel member and one FIP member are part of the presentation at the Tournament award ceremony. Both Premier Padel and the FIP may designate a substitute.

Both the Premier Padel Tournament winning pair's players and the finalist pair's two (2) players must be present at the award ceremony to collect their prize and follow the ceremony protocols, as directed by the Local Organizer, Premier Padel and the FIP.

## **12. MEDICAL SECTION**

### **12.1 Medical Services and Personnel**

The FIP requires the Local Organizer to provide professionally trained medical personnel and medical areas and facilities, in accordance with Premier Padel standards, to ensure the well-being of players during the Premier Padel Tournament, including both the Qualification Phase and the Main Draw.

The Local Organizer shall be responsible for obtaining and covering the expenses of all medical personnel, with the exception of Premier Padel Physicians and the Premier Padel Director Medical Unit ("**PPMUD**") to be provided and covered by Premier Padel.

On site medical services, assessment and treatment of injuries sustained, match preparation treatment and massage therapy treatment shall be free of charge to players; however, additional treatment of chronic injuries and medical conditions, advanced treatment of injuries sustained and advanced assessment examination may not be covered by the Local Organizer.

## 12.2 Medical Plan

The Local Organizer shall provide a complete and detailed plan of medical services (the “**Medical Plan**”), developed in accordance with Premier Padel requirements and best practices for approval no later than ninety (90) days prior to the start of the Premier Padel Tournament.

The Medical Plan shall include the planned medical personnel, infrastructure, equipment and procedures (including emergency procedures), for both players and non-players (spectators, staff, volunteers, etc.).

The first phase will consist of an evaluation of medical needs. All activities around and during the Premier Padel Tournament must have a medical needs assessment. The first goal is to ensure that there are no delays in providing quick access to emergency care in situations where time is critical for athletes, workers and the public, but it is also necessary to plan for athletes to have access to all other medical services at the right time.

Once the medical needs evaluation has been completed, a medical plan must be established. A detailed description of medical services shall include contracts with medical service providers (that is, ambulances), identification and contracting of qualified and experienced local medical staff (working in addition to and in coordination with Premier Padel's appointed physicians), provision of fully equipped medical rooms, identification of all external medical facilities under contract (hospitals, clinics, medical centers, etc.), as well as any other relevant area planning or medical services.

Once the approval of the plan has been obtained from the PPMUD, the hiring of personnel must be initiated as soon as possible. All such activities must be monitored and monitored by the PPMUD through a local presence or close exchange of information with the CMO. The PPMUD and CMO shall be in constant communication to know the progress of all the objectives set and to solve the challenges that may arise.

The CMO is also expected to support Premier Padel personnel in licensing requirements and import regulations for medications, supplies, and equipment.

Plans for the provision of the medical service will be delivered according to the following schedule:

- (A)** Two (2) months before the Premier Padel Tournament
  - (i)** Appointment of local organization
  - (ii)** The PPMUD provides strategic medical services for the tournament to the local organization.
  - (iii)** Submission of names, resumes and liability and negligence insurance for Premier Padel Tournament physicians.
  - (iv)** Appointment of Premier Padel staff
- (B)** One (1) month prior to the Premier Padel Tournament
  - (i)** The CMO, in coordination with the Director, provides the medical services plan, including budget, to PPMUD.
- (C)** Three (3) weeks before the Premier Padel Tournament
  - (i)** Medical Services plan agreed and signed by Premier Padel and Director (with CMO support).
- (D)** Two (2) weeks before tournament
  - (i)** Define roles and responsibilities within the Local Organizer, local Host City authorities and Premier Padel Tournament venue.
  - (ii)** Confirmation of appointment and hiring of remaining medical staff from the local organization and local Physios/Massage Therapist.
  - (iii)** Designation of hospitals and external healthcare facilities.
- (E)** One (1) week prior to tournament
  - (i)** End of preparation of the medical facilities of the premises.

- (ii) Eventual venue visit by PPMUD (or its designee) for inspection of designated medical facilities and hospitals and external healthcare centers.

**(F) After the Tournament**

The PPMUD, if present on site, and/or Premier Padel Physicians and Physios discuss the medical report of the Premier Padel Tournament and conduct a review/information session with the Director and CMO in person or through the Director.

### **12.3 Player treatment area**

Each Local Organizer must provide two areas (Female/Female) of safe and private medical treatment. Moreover, there must be a private area for individual treatment.

These areas must be easily accessible from locker rooms and courts, and must have good ventilation and temperature control, as well as a sink for sanitary purposes.

All spaces described below must be enabled and available for use no later than 9:00 a.m. on the day prior to the start of the Qualification Phase unless otherwise approved or communicated by Premier Padel.

**(A) Player Treatment Room:**

- (i) The Local Organizer must provide a minimum of four (4) hydraulic adjustable treatment tables in each of the rooms.
- (ii) The Local Organizer shall provide table/desk and a minimum of two (2) office chairs and two (2) visitor chairs in the treatment area.
- (iii) The room must be equipped with lockable cabinets and shelves for secure storage of treatment materials and equipment.

- (iv) There must be access to a sink with running water and supply of anti-bacterial soap.
  - (v) Access to the player treatment area is permitted only to players, medical personnel and designated personnel with specific functions in the area. Access must be controlled by security. The area must be closed before medical personnel arrive at the location.
  - (vi) Treatment areas should have fast internet, preferably an Ethernet line with Wi-Fi as a back-up. One (1) Mbps is the minimum upload and download speed required.
  - (vii) The Local Organizer must provide live scoring screens and live television broadcast screens in the treatment areas.
  - (viii) There must be sufficient supply of hypoallergenic paper rolls for the stretcher, towels and ice (preferably crushed). Non-carbonated water and electrolyte replacement beverages shall be provided in sealed containers in treatment rooms.
  - (ix) All treatment tables should be thoroughly cleaned and disinfected at the end of each day. During the day, housekeeping services must be available on call and housekeeping personnel must not remain inside the treatment area after cleaning the area, emptying trash containers, or other cleaning tasks.
- (B) Premier Padel Tournament Physician's Office:
- (i) The office must be private and secure.
  - (ii) The office shall have locked cabinets for secure storage of medications, and shall have different containers for common trash, biohazardous waste and special containers for disposal of needles and other sharp or pointed materials.
  - (iii) The office must have one (1) desk, one (1) office chair, one (1) visit chair per physician, and one (1) stretcher.
  - (iv) The Premier Padel Tournament Physicians' office should have fast Internet, preferably an Ethernet line with Wi-Fi as a back-up. One (1) Mbps is the minimum upload and download speed required.



- (v) The Premier Padel Tournament Physicians' office must have one exam table per Physician and divisions between exam tables, if more than one Physician is using the room.

**(C) First Aid and Emergency Response Facilities**

- (i) First Aid Office(s)/Store(s) that shall be available for medical emergencies for spectators, staff, guests, etc.
- (ii) Medical staff shall have desks and chairs, exam table, live scoring, and television screens.
- (iii) Defibrillator equipment should be available in player areas and in locations near spectator areas, easily accessible to emergency medical personnel.

**(D) Communication Needs**

The Local Organizer shall provide:

- (i) A Walkie-Talkie with appropriate reception for each Tournament Physician, for the CMO and PPMUD. A separate channel is required for the joint use of the Supervisor, officiating staff and the PHCP to ensure direct and private communication between them for on court matters.
- (ii) The Local Organizer shall bear the Internet connection installation costs.
- (iii) A Walkie-Talkie for the Therapeutic Massage Area if the Therapeutic Massage Therapists work in isolation.

Additionally, a live score monitor is required to be provided during matches.

## **12.4 Medical services for spectators and officials**

The CMO and Premier Padel Tournament Physicians are responsible for addressing all emergency and non-emergency situations for spectators and officials.

The Premier Padel Tournament Medical Plan must also include all facilities and procedures necessary for the provision of medical services to spectators, officials and guests of the Premier Padel Tournament.

### **12.5 Medical facilities**

Medical facilities must include a major medical facility, players' medical areas, and additional first aid stations to meet the needs of multiple groups.

Whenever the primary medical facility is very close to or within the same location as the players' medical facilities, the two areas must be clearly separated to avoid any mix of unapproved flows and must be clearly detailed in the approved Premier Padel Tournament Medical Plan.

### **12.6 Main medical center**

The Local Organizer, in collaboration with the venue and the Director, shall ensure medical supply for spectators and workers.

Premier Padel medical personnel shall not operate or be responsible for this area; however, this area must be set up and operated in accordance with the principles approved in the Premier Padel Tournament Medical Plan.

The CMO must ensure that the area is equipped and staffed appropriately for the effective provision of medical services.

### **12.7 First aid positions**

It is strongly recommended that the Premier Padel Tournament Medical Plan include the provision of first aid posts in highly populated areas of the venues, especially where a large flow of spectators is expected, to provide immediate primary care to visitors to the Premier Padel Tournament.

Premier Padel medical personnel shall not operate or be responsible for these areas; however, these areas must be set up and operated in accordance with the principles approved in the Premier Padel Tournament Medical Plan.

The local organization's CMO must ensure that areas are equipped and staffed appropriately for the effective delivery of medical services.

## 12.8 Access to healthcare for different groups of clients

During the Premier Padel Tournament there shall be different groups of clients, such as players, Player Support Team, Officials, staff and representatives of Premier Padel and FIP and staff of the Local organizer.

These groups shall be identified in detail and arrangements for their specific access and provision of medical services shall be clearly described in the Premier Padel Tournament Medical Plan for approval and subsequent implementation during the event.

Procedures for accessing medical services by members of all of the above groups may include, but are not limited to, referral to outside health care facilities and resources, provision of emergency services, etc.

Special attention should be paid to the planning process to avoid any unnecessary workload for the medical staff of the Premier Padel Tournament.

The Premier Padel Tournament Medical Plan shall clearly specify the person responsible for the provision of medical services.

It should be understood that Premier Padel has an active participation and responsibility in the provision of medical services to athletes only.

## 12.9 Communications structure and protocol

In addition to communication devices that allow Premier Padel Tournament Physicians, Premier Padel Physios and PPMUD Physicians (if present on site) to be aware of medical needs on the court such that the organization shall provide the Media between the different medical services areas and emergency medical personnel.

Moreover, the Medical Plan must determine the communication structure and medical focal point for non-medical parties, which shall be the CMO.

There shall be a backup communication protocol between all medical services in the organization.

## 12.10 Tournament physician(s)

The Local Organizer shall designate a minimum of two (2) Premier Padel Tournament physicians (each a “**Physician**”), specializing in Sports Medicine. One of these Physicians shall be the Medical Team Lead and shall

be referred to as the *Chief Medical Officer* (“**CMO**”) or Medical Director, who has final operational and clinical responsibility for the overall organization of the local organization’s medical services including emergency medical services and equipment.

**(A)** Physician Medical Skills and Qualifications

Premier Padel Tournament Physicians shall:

- (i) Be specialists in orthopedics, internal medicine or primary care sports medicine or emergency medicine;
- (ii) Licensed and insured in the Premier Padel Tournament country and jurisdiction by an insurance company acceptable to Premier Padel;
- (iii) Have admission privileges at the local hospital;
- (iv) Be fluent in both English and local language; and
- (v) Have a current certification in CPR and emergency response (or its international equivalent).
- (vi) Be available on call after hours, including the day before Qualification Phase matches begin.
- (vii) Have a list of local referrals from other medical specialists available during the Tournament.

**(B)** Treatment procedures

- (i) Medical procedures performed by the Physician must comply with the Anti-Doping Program.
- (ii) Treatment provided by the Tournament Physician to On Site players must be free of charge.
- (iii) Players, however, are responsible for payment for off site treatments, medical tests or prescriptions, if necessary.

The Local Organizer must submit the names, resumes (including experience) and medical civil liability insurance policy of each

proposed Physician to Premier Padel for approval no later than two (2) months prior to the start of the Premier Padel Tournament.

The CMO must be appointed at least two (2) months prior to the start of the Padel Premier Tournament.

The CMO must be a medical professional, preferably with a specialization in sports medicine or emergency medicine, must have experience in leading the provision of medical services at large sports or mass gathering events, and must possess a broad knowledge of local and international health systems and a comprehensive multidisciplinary medical network in addition to connections with health authorities.

The CMO position requires a service- and solution-oriented character with good communication skills, strong leadership competencies, and English proficiency at a minimum; Spanish proficiency and proficiency in any local language are strongly recommended as needed.

The CMO shall manage the relationship, in medical matters, with venue management and with the medical authorities of the organizing city/country, including the medical service providers and hospitals.

In addition, the CMO is expected to assist in obtaining the necessary authorization to import the necessary drugs or medical equipment, devices or supplies.

The CMO is also responsible for the local medical record of participants' medical support staff and Premier Padel medical staff, if necessary.

Physicians shall be responsible for attending to any medical conditions suffered by players, and may be called to the court by a Premier Padel Physician for a medical condition provided that the Premier Padel Physician considers that the Physician's contribution during the assessment and/or treatment.

The Local Organizer is responsible for all costs related to the provision of Physicians.

Physicians must be available during all game days, from at least one hour before the start of play until after the end of the day. For the remainder of the schedule and for two days prior to the start of the qualifying event, the doctors appointed by the tournament shall remain

available on call, and a reliable telephone number must be made available to the organization.

If local medical regulations require the presence of a physician during the medical assessment, then for that Premier Padel Tournament it can be implemented that the Premier Padel Physician shall conduct the medical assessment with the Physician's presence as well.

### 12.11 Premier Padel Physios

Premier Padel shall appoint (or approve the appointment of) a minimum of (2) Physios (the "**Premier Padel Physios**").

Premier Padel Physios shall be responsible for the treatment of player treatment room injuries in medical areas and for the assessment and treatment of court injuries.

Only Premier Padel-approved personnel may provide on court treatment. Unauthorized personnel shall not be allowed to enter the court during a match, medical timeout, or when a player is being treated by a PHCP, Physician, or emergency services.

Premier Padel Physios shall be available On Site from at least one (1) hour prior to the start of play until all tasks are completed after the day's matches are completed. Premier Padel Physios shall be present from the morning of the day prior to the start of the Qualification Phase.

The Premier Padel Physios shall review with Physicians all applicable medical procedures to ensure that they are familiar with the applicable definitions and procedures during the Premier Padel Tournaments. When the PPMUD is present during the Premier Padel Tournament week, it shall lead this activity and the Premier Padel Physios shall participate in the review process.

The Premier Padel Physios shall prepare prior to the completion of the Premier Padel Tournament the Premier Padel Tournament Medical Report and discuss it with the PPMUD prior to departure from the Host City. When PPMUD is present during tournament week, they shall lead this activity and the Premier Padel Physios shall participate in this process.

The Premier Padel Physios shall familiarize themselves with all on site emergency personnel and discuss with the Director (or their designees) and Supervisor all applicable emergency procedures during the Premier Padel Tournament. When PPMUD is present during tournament week, they shall

lead this activity and the Premier Padel Physios shall participate in this process.

Premier Padel Physios shall ensure defibrillator devices are available and in good working order near player zones, near courts, and near spectator locations. When the PPMUD is present during Premier Padel Tournament week, they shall lead this activity and inform Premier Padel Physios of the location of defibrillator devices.

The Premier Padel Physios shall advise the Director, directly or through the Supervisor, provided that it may require improvements to the optimal provision of medical services during the Premier Padel Tournament and future editions. When PPMUD is present during tournament week, they shall lead this activity and the Premier Padel Physios shall participate in this process.

## **12.12 Physios / Massage Therapists**

The Local Organizer shall designate a minimum of eight (8) Physios/Massage Therapists with experience in sporting events and sports massage for top-level athletes.

The Local Organizer shall bear all expenses related to the Physios/Massage Therapists, including fees, accommodation and transportation if required, provision of meals, equipment and materials required, among others.

Prior to the commencement of work, the Physio/Massage Therapists shall be informed by the Premier Padel Physio and/or the PPMUD about the particular methods of massage expected by players and also about acceptable and unacceptable massage practices.

There shall be reservation sheets where players can book massage therapy appointments.

Massage therapists must be on-site during match days and available to treat players no later than one hour before the start of play until at least one hour after the last match of the day or until the last player has been treated, whichever is later.

The Premier Padel Physios and/or the PPMUD when present may advise the CMO to reduce the number of massage therapists working during the last phases of the event, depending on the workload and number of players remaining.

### 12.13 PPMUD

Premier Padel shall appoint a Premier Padel Medical Unit Director (the “**PPMUD**”), who may be present during the week of the Premier Padel Tournament, and shall be responsible for overseeing the medical services plan management (preparation and results).

When present during the Premier Padel Tournament week, the PPMUD shall jointly prepare the Premier Padel Tournament Medical Report with the Premier Padel Physios and shall also participate in the discussion of the Premier Padel Tournament Medical Report.

The PPMUD, when present on site during the week of the Premier Padel Tournament, shall become familiar with all local emergency personnel on site and conduct the emergency procedures meeting with the Director (and/or other persons designated by the Local Organizer), the Supervisor, Referee(s) and other event medical personnel.

When the PPMUD is not present during the Premier Padel Tournament week, this meeting shall be led by the Premier Padel Physios.

The PPMUD shall coordinate with the local organization’s medical structure to ensure defibrillator devices are available and in good working order near player zones, near courts, and near spectator locations.

The PPMUD may advise the Director, personally or through the Premier Padel Physios and/or the Supervisor on conditions that may require improvement for the optimal provision of medical services during the Premier Padel Tournament and during future editions.

The PPMUD shall be responsible for overseeing the overall care of athletes and all medical and health media, Padel-specific medical education, and Padel-specific medical research programs.

In the event that a player or pair has a private physio for any of the Premier Padel Tournaments, the MUD shall be responsible for authorizing their accreditation to give them access to the medical area. The request must be made at least one (1) week prior to the start date of the Premier Padel Tournament and must be accompanied by professional insurance.



#### **12.14 Emergency medical personnel**

The Local Organizer shall provide, at its own cost, a minimum of two (2) ambulances and paramedic support personnel for players during trainings and matches, starting at least one (1) day before the start of the Qualification Phase.

Moreover, emergency medical personnel shall be provided on match days for spectators, staff, guests, among others, with additional on site ambulance or immediately accessible in the event of an emergency.

First aid areas shall be available for spectators, easily accessible to all spectators, staff and guests.

#### **12.15 Medical equipment and supplies**

The Local Organizer is responsible for the supply, at its own cost, of all medical equipment, materials and supplies necessary to conduct the event, including all equipment and supplies necessary for the provision of players' medical services.

The Local Organizer must ensure that medical supplies are sufficient in quantity and quality to meet the needs of the Premier Padel Tournament.

Defibrillator equipment in good working order shall also be available near player areas, near the courts, and near spectator areas.

The Local Organizer is responsible for any expenses arising from the provision of emergency medical vehicles, equipment and facilities.

A dedicated vehicle must be made available to medical services exclusively for any emergency CMU or Premier Padel medical personnel transfers.

#### **12.16 Ambulances**

Ambulances provided during the tournament, according to the approved Medical Plan, are used for two types of patients:

**(A)** Patients undergoing resuscitation.

**(B) Patients requiring urgent transfer to the hospital.**

Ambulances can therefore be of different types; however, at least one intensive care equipped ambulance must be present at all times. Should it be used, it must be replaced immediately. Continuity solutions are not supported.

A minimum of two (2) ambulances shall be provided.

The players' ambulances should be stationed near the players' medical area and near the main medical center; however, in particular situations, they may be located in other positions strategically more efficient for the urgent attention of the athletes.

In addition, ambulance procedures and site access and exit points should be planned in coordination with other groups such as security, police, and site management personnel and included in the Medical Plan.

Ambulances must be officially registered and accredited with national authorities and have qualified personnel.

They must be present on site and stationed in the approved locations at least sixty (60) minutes prior to the first match (and their personnel shall have already attended the medical meetings as requested).

Ambulances shall remain for athlete emergency use only and shall be in service until sixty (60) minutes after the last match.

The organization of emergency planning for the public is the sole responsibility of the Local Organizer and Premier Padel has no responsibility for such provision.

The provision of ambulances for spectators and other groups of clients must be included in the Medical Plan according to the conditions of the location; however, it is recommended that during the Premier Padel Tournament there be a minimum of two critical care ambulances always present on site and parked in the approved locations, starting at least thirty (30) minutes of spectators' access to the venue, and their staff have already attended medical meetings as requested.

The number of ambulances present on site shall be determined by the Local Organizer based on the number of spectators.

## **12.17 Medical procedures**

**(A)** Medical conditions

“Medical Condition” shall be defined as a medical illness or physical (musculoskeletal) injury that requires medical assessment and/or medical treatment by the Physio (or by the Tournament Physician if determined by the Physio) during the match, including the warm up rally.

**(i)** Treatable medical conditions

The following Medical Conditions are considered treatable and shall result in medical treatment being allowed according to medical treatment procedures:

- (a)** Acute Medical Condition: A medical illness or musculoskeletal injury that occurs suddenly during the match, including the warm up rally, and requires immediate medical treatment.
- (b)** Non-Acute Medical Condition: a medical illness or musculoskeletal injury that develops or worsens during the match, including the warm up rally, and that requires medical attention during the side change or at the end of the set.

**(ii)** Untreatable Medical Conditions

Players may not be treated at any time during the match (or warm up rally) for the following conditions:

- (a)** Any Medical Condition that cannot be adequately treated within the time available for medical treatment during the match.
- (b)** Any Medical Condition that has not occurred or worsened during the match.
- (c)** General fatigue of the player.
- (d)** Medical conditions requiring intravenous injections or infusions, or supplemental oxygen supply, with the exception of diabetes (when prior medical certification has been obtained and submitted) and for which an

insulin injection may be administered. Physiotherapists and Physicians should be aware of any case in which a player with a known and reported diabetic condition is on the court playing a match, and whenever they are called to enter that court, they should carry any necessary insulin injections and be ready to treat the player in question.

**(B)** Medical evaluation

**(i)** Objective

The purpose of the medical assessment is to determine whether a player has suffered or aggravated a Treatable Medical Condition and, if so, to determine when medical treatment is warranted and whether a medical timeout is required (as further described in Subsection C below, “**MTO**”) is necessary. The development of the condition does not need to be witnessed by the Chair Umpire.

**(ii)** Player request and process

If at any time during the warm up rally or match, the player believes that medical assessment and treatment is required, they may request, through the Chair Umpire only, to see a Physician.

The Chair Umpire may ask the Player if they can continue playing; however, the Chair Umpire is under no obligation to do so.

The player has the option to:

- (a)** Stop play and wait until the PHCP arrives, only in the event that a player believes they have developed an Acute and Treatable Medical Condition requiring an immediate stoppage of play; or
- (b)** Wait until the next side change or set break to see the PHCP, if the injury is a Non-Acute and Treatable Medical Condition.

The player is expected to be forthright about whether they believe they are suffering from an Acute Medical Condition

justifying the interruption of play; otherwise, they shall incur a penalty in accordance with the Unsportsmanlike Conduct section of the Code of Conduct.

**(iii)** Time and place of the evaluation

Accompanied on court by the Supervisor (or Referee), the PHCP shall begin, and the Chair Umpire shall begin timing the assessment when the Doctor begins communicating with the player.

Assessments by the PHCP shall be conducted within a reasonable period of time, balancing player safety on the one hand and continuous play on the other (recommended not to exceed two (2) minutes), and may be conducted off court, if requested by the Physician.

Upon completion of the assessment, the PHCP shall inform the Chair Umpire if treatment is needed and when treatment should begin.

**(iv)** Tournament physician participation

At the discretion of the PHCP, if additional assessment is required by the Physician, it shall be a separate assessment, also of reasonable duration.

If local medical regulations require the presence of a physician during the medical assessment, then for that Tournament it can be implemented that the Physio shall conduct the medical assessment with the presence of the Physician as well.

**(v)** Potential evaluation results

**(a)** Untreatable Medical Condition

If after the assessment, the PHCP determines that the player has an Untreatable Medical Condition, the Player shall be informed that no medical treatment shall be permitted. Medical treatment, including medications, is permitted only for Treatable Medical Conditions.

**(b)** Treatable medical condition requiring MTO

The PHCP may authorize for that condition a one (1) time, three (3) minute MTO, which would be performed during a side change with rest, unless the Physician determines that it is an Acute Medical Condition requiring immediate medical attention and treatment.

**(c)** Treatable medical condition not requiring MTO

If the PHCP determines that the player has a Treatable Medical Condition, but that an MTO is not necessary in cases such as illness or muscle cramps, then the PHCP may, after assessment, begin treatment if time remains for the change of side or set. If necessary, the PHCP may treat the Player for this Medical Condition for two (2) additional side changes with rest, not necessarily consecutive.

**(vi)** Medical treatment

A player may only receive on-court medical assessment, treatment and/or supplies by the PCHP (who may request assistance from the Tournament Physician) during any ninety (90) side second side change with authorized break or one hundred twenty (120) second set completion for each Treatable Medical Condition.

Players may not receive medical treatment for Untreatable Medical Conditions.

**(a)** Definition

Medical assessment, treatment, or supplies in the PHCP court shall include:

- (1)** Adjustment of medical support and/or bandages;
- (2)** Supply of medications; or
- (3)** Contact lens supplies.

**(b)** Process and times

All such requests for treatment shall be made through the Chair Umpire, who shall notify the PHCP and Supervisor (or Referee) of a player's request to see the PCHP and time the side change (or set pause) as the usual ninety (90) (or one hundred twenty (120)) seconds. Medical treatment is limited to one (1) of three minutes for each Treatable Medical Condition and may be re-administered in the next two (2) side changes with an Authorized Break (or set pause) for each Treatable Medical Condition and need to be consecutive.

It is the player's responsibility to request in advance to the Chair Umpire that they shall need the attention of the PHCP for the next change.

If it is necessary to adjust the medical equipment during or immediately after the warm up rally, the player must request an adjustment immediately after the ball, limited to ninety (90) seconds.

**(c) Non-medical equipment**

Any non-medical equipment (for example, isotonic drinks, energy bars, gels, towels, etc.) requested by a player while on the court shall not be the responsibility of the medical team.

**(vii) Additional procedures applicable to side changes or end of a set**

If the assessment is performed on a side change with rest, before "Time" is announced, the Chair Umpire shall ask the PHCP if they shall continue with the assessment. The PCHP shall indicate:

- (a)** If yes, the PHCP shall clearly indicate whether the assessment is continuing or whether it is initiating an MTO. If the assessment is completed before "Time" has been announced, the remaining time of the side change may be added to the three (3) minutes for the MTO.
- (b)** If not, the Chair Umpire shall announce "time" at sixty (60) seconds (side change) or ninety (90) seconds (set break). Once "Time" is announced, the player has twenty (20) seconds to resume the game.

**(C) Medical Time Out (MTO)**

An MTO is awarded by the Supervisor or Chair Umpire when the PHCP has assessed the player and determined that they need additional time to receive medical treatment. The MTO takes place during a side change with rest or completion of the set, unless the PHCP determines that the player has developed an Acute Medical Condition that requires immediate medical treatment.

**(i) Allocation per player**

One player is allowed one (1) MTO per match for each distinct treatable medical condition. The following will be considered one (1) treatable medical condition:

**(a)** All treatable musculoskeletal injuries that manifest and evaluate as part of a continuous kinetic chain.

**(b)** Any and all clinical manifestations of heat disease and cramps, subject to the following:

**(1)** A player may be treated for muscle cramps only during the time allotted for the side change and/or breaks between sets. Players may not receive an MTO for muscle cramps. In case of doubt as to whether it is **(x)** an Acute Medical Condition, **(y)** a Non-Acute Medical Condition, including muscle cramps, or **(z)** an Untreatable Medical Condition, the Physician's decision together with the Premier Padel Tournament Physician, if applicable, shall be final. If a player displays symptoms of a heat illness or disease (that is, heat stroke or heat exhaustion) and cramps are one of the symptoms manifested, an MTO may be taken, to be determined by the Physician at the time of assessment.

**(2)** The Supervisor/Referee or Chair Umpire shall order a player who has stopped play claiming a serious Medical Condition, but who has been determined by the PHCP, in conjunction with the Premier Padel Tournament Physician, if applicable, to have muscle cramps, to resume play immediately. If the player is unable to continue playing due to severe muscle cramping,



the player may lose the point or game(s) needed to reach a side change with rest or end of set to receive treatment. \* There may be a total of two (2) side change treatments for muscle cramps in a match, not necessarily consecutive.

**\*The Chair Umpire shall announce to the players and spectators:** "First/last name seeks immediate medical treatment. They may receive this treatment only on a side change/set break and is therefore conceding all points and games until the next side change/set end."

**(ii)** Time and duration of treatment

In the event that the MTO occurs, it will not exceed three (3) minutes. It shall commence upon completion and diagnosis of the medical condition by the PHCP and the Premier Padel Tournament Physician, if necessary, and shall be timed from the moment the PHCP is ready to begin treatment.

**(iii)** Off-court treatment

At the discretion of the PHCP, and for reasons of privacy and modesty, treatment during an MTO may be performed off the court, in the most private place close to the court, and may be carried out in conjunction with the Premier Padel Tournament Doctor.

In such a case, the Chair Umpire and/or Supervisor shall be responsible for notifying the PHCP of the remaining time. At the end of the three (3) minute off-court treatment, the player shall immediately return to the court.

**(iv)** Provisions for players with diabetes

Players with diabetes who have prior written medical certification obtained from a primary care physician or endocrinologist and provided to the Anti-Doping Program Administrator may use blood sugar monitoring devices during the reasonable time assessment period and administer insulin (if necessary) during the MTO. Players who have not submitted prior medical certification of diabetes must be assessed by the Premier Padel Tournament Physician prior to testing blood sugar or administering insulin, and must retroactively submit

documentation to the Anti-Doping Program Administrator if injecting insulin.

**(v) Additional MTO Procedures**

- (i)** At the start of the MTO the Chair Umpire shall publicly announce, "First/Last Name is receiving a Medical Time" and begin timing.
- (ii)** The Chair Umpire shall announce to the players and the PHVP the following:
  - (1)** "Two (2) minutes remaining."
  - (2)** "One (1) minute remaining."
  - (3)** "Thirty (30) seconds remaining."
  - (4)** "Time" (publicly).
- (iii)** If the MTO lasts less than the three (3) minutes allowed, the PHCP shall inform the Chair Umpire when the treatment is complete, and the Chair Umpire shall announce to the players: "Treatment completed" and then publicly: "Time".
- (iv)** When the treatment lasts for the full three (3) minutes, the Chair Umpire shall announce, "Full Treatment" and then publicly "Time". After "Full Treatment" is announced, if necessary, the Player shall be given the time to put on socks and trainers before "Time" is announced.
- (v)** If a player is unable to play after twenty (20) seconds, they shall be penalized with a Code of Conduct violation (according to the Defined Penalties).
- (vi)** At the end of the MTO, the PHCP shall leave the court. The player may receive treatment in two (2) additional upcoming side changes with rest for each MTO performed.

- (vii) After the match, the player must meet with the Premier Padel Tournament Physician for an assessment of the injury or illness.

**(vi) Consecutive treatments**

The Supervisor or Chair Umpire may allow two consecutive MTOs in special circumstances where the PHCP determines that the player has developed at least two (2) separate treatable medical conditions at the same time.

**(a) Circumstances that allow two consecutive MTOs**

Such circumstances may include:

- (1) An illness along with a musculoskeletal injury or;
- (2) Two (2) or more distinct musculoskeletal injuries.

**(b) Processes and timelines**

In such cases, the PHCP shall conduct a medical assessment of the two (2) or more Treatable Medical Conditions during a single assessment, and may then determine that two (2) consecutive MTOs are required, informing the Chair Umpire.

The Chair Umpire shall count MTOs separately, making appropriate announcements for the beginning of each MTO (e.g., "First/Last Name is taking a second Medical Time").

**(D) Resumption of play and rule violation penalties**

Upon completion of an MTO or medical treatment, any delay in resuming play will be punished as a violation of the Code of Conduct for Game Delay.

Any abuse by a player of this Medical Rule shall be sanctioned in accordance with the Unsportsmanlike Conduct Section of the Code of Conduct.

When a player informs the Chair Umpire that they need medical treatment at the next side change, the Chair Umpire must immediately communicate with the physiotherapist using the internal communication device to ensure that the Physician is on the court at the time the side change begins.

During an MTO, the remaining players may rest on the benches, drink or eat on their benches and/or receive advice from the on-court coach.

**(E) Other Procedures**

**(i) Biological hazards Hazardous materials**

The Chair Umpire shall suspend play and request the PHCP when bio-hazardous materials (blood and vomit) are present on the court. Play is suspended until appropriate Premier Padel Tournament personnel clean the court and properly dispose of biohazardous materials using spill equipment provided by the Local Organizer.

**(a) Bleeding**

If a player bleeds, the Chair Umpire must stop play as soon as possible and call the PHCP to the court to conduct an assessment and treatment. The PHCP, together with the Premier Padel Tournament Physician, if applicable, shall assess the source of the bleeding and request an MTO for treatment, if necessary.

If requested by the PHCP and/or Premier Padel Tournament Physician, the Supervisor or Chair Umpire may extend the MTO and allow up to a total of fifteen (15) minutes to ensure control of bleeding.

If within fifteen (15) minutes, bleeding is not controlled, the PHCP may warn that continued play is harmful to the player's health. In that case, the Supervisor/Referee may remove the Player from the match.

If blood has spilled on or near the court, play must not resume until the spilled blood has been properly cleaned up.

**(b) Vomiting**

If a player vomits, the Chair Umpire must stop the game if the vomiting spilled on the court or if the player requests a medical assessment.

If the player requests a medical assessment, then the PHCP shall determine if the player has a Treatable Medical Condition.

If vomiting is continuous, the PCHP may warn that continued play is detrimental to the player's health. In that case, the Supervisor/Referee may remove the Player from the match.

If vomiting has spilled on the court, the game must not resume until the vomiting has been properly cleaned up.

## **(ii) Blisters**

Blisters shall not be considered an Acute Medical Condition and each player is entitled to one treatment per match for blisters during a side change with rest or at the completion of a set.

The PHCP may, after assessing the blister, consider that treatment should be performed at the next side change to ensure that they have sufficient time to treat the blisters adequately.

## **(iii) Physical Disability**

During the match, if a medical emergency occurs and the player involved is unable to request a PHCP, the Chair Umpire shall immediately call the PHCP and Premier Padel Tournament Physician to assist the player.

Prior to or during a match, if a player is deemed to be physically unfit to compete, or poses a serious health risk to players, officials or tournament staff, the PHCP and/or the Premier Padel Tournament Doctor shall inform the Supervisor and recommend that the player be declared unfit to compete in the match to be played, or withdraw from the match in progress.

The Supervisor/Referee should exercise discretion before taking this action and should base their decision on the best

interest of the player's health and take into account all medical advice and other information.

If a player needs to withdraw from a Premier Padel Tournament after winning a previous match, the player must be screened by the PHCP, who is responsible for determining that the player cannot compete.

**(iv)** Medically justified clothing change

If during an on-court assessment or MTO the PHCP feels it is medically warranted for the player to change clothes, the PHCP may include this during the MTO (conducted off-court at the nearest/private location); otherwise, only one change of clothes may be taken at the end of a set.

**(v)** Simultaneous court calls

In the event of simultaneous callouts, when a second PHCP is not covering the Tournament, the PHCP shall go to the first request, unless otherwise directed due to a medical emergency.

If there are two (2) simultaneous requests on the same court, the following will be done:

- (a)** The PHCP shall attend at the first request or medical emergency, conduct a complete assessment and MTO, if required;
- (b)** Move to the second request and administer a full evaluation and MTO, if indicated; and
- (c)** The PHCP shall rotate treatments on side changes, if necessary, starting with the player who had the first request, until the process is complete.

In the event that the PHCP determines that both calls to the court were muscle cramps, the PHCP shall treat the Player who had the first request for forty-five (45) seconds (as timed by the Chair Umpire) and then treat the second player for the remaining forty-five (45) seconds of the 90-second side change, or treat each player for sixty (60) seconds during a break at the completion of a set.

**(vi) Rally period**

For purposes of this Section, the match includes both the warm up rally and the match; therefore, any Medical Condition occurring during the warm up rally shall be considered a Medical Condition during the match.

If a player suffers a Treatable Acute Medical Condition during the warm up rally that prevents them from starting the match as scheduled, the player may receive an MTO or a ninety (90) second treatment period at the end of the warm up rally prior to the start of the match.

If the MTO is performed during the rally, the five (5) minute rally will be suspended until the conclusion of the MTO. If it is clear that the player is not physically able to compete after receiving treatment, then the match should not begin.

**(vii) Unusual circumstances**

If during the match any unusual circumstance occurs, such as a player's unintentional fall, ball striking a player during play, among others, that affects the player's ability to immediately continue play, the Chair Umpire has the authority to allow the player to recover from the incident within a reasonable time, not to exceed five (5) minutes.

If the player requires the presence of the PHCP:

- (a)** Immediately and before the first minute of this recovery period has elapsed, the PCHP shall have five (5) minutes to assist the player.
- (b)** After the conclusion of the first minute, but before the conclusion of the second minute, the Chair Umpire shall stop the stopwatch, call the PCHP and restart the stopwatch once the PCHP arrives and is ready. The PCHP shall have five (5) minutes on the Chair Umpire's timer, unless the PCHP finishes earlier and the player may resume play.
- (c)** Once the second minute of the reasonable recovery team has elapsed, the PHCP shall be called to the court, but the stopwatch shall not stop and the reasonable

recovery time concludes once the stopwatch reaches the five (5) minute mark, or else the player has recovered and is ready to play before the five (5) minutes have elapsed.

## 12.18 Extreme weather conditions

### (A) Definitions

#### (i) Measurement methods

**“Extreme Weather Conditions”** shall be defined as when the Heat Stress Index (Wet Bulb Globe Temperature (WBGT) reaches or exceeds the levels indicated below for Extreme Weather Conditions - Play Modification and Extreme Weather Conditions - Play Suspension. If a WBGT meter is not available to measure the Thermal Stress Index (WBGT), the Heat Index (Apparent Temperature) will be calculated based on the following table.



Temperature (°C)	Humidity %															
	25	30	35	40	45	50	55	60	65	70	75	80	85	90	95	100
28	28	29	30	31	32	33	34	35	36	37	38	39	42	41	42	43
29	29	30	31	32	33	35	36	37	38	39	40	41	42	43	45	46
30	30	32	33	34	35	36	37	39	40	41	42	43	45	46	47	48
31	32	33	34	35	37	38	39	40	42	43	44	45	47	48	49	50
32	33	34	36	37	38	40	41	42	44	45	46	48	49	50	52	53
33	34	36	37	39	40	41	43	44	46	47	48	50	51	53	54	55
34	36	37	39	40	42	43	45	46	48	49	51	52	54	55	57	
35	37	39	40	42	44	45	47	48	50	51	53	54	56	58		
36	39	40	42	44	45	47	49	50	52	54	56	57	59			
37	40	42	44	45	47	49	51	52	54	56	58	59				
38	42	44	45	47	49	51	53	55	56	58	60					
39	43	45	47	49	51	53	55	57	59	61						
40	45	47	49	51	53	55	57	59	61							
41	46	48	51	53	55	57	59	61								
42	48	50	52	55	57	59	62									
Extreme heat conditions - Increase hydration																
Extreme heat conditions - Game modification																
Extreme heat conditions - Game suspension																

A WBGT device is a measurement tool that uses ambient temperature, relative humidity, wind, and solar radiation to obtain a measurement that can be used to monitor environmental conditions.

**(ii) Increased Hydration**

Extreme Weather Conditions - Increased hydration shall be understood as when the Heat Stress Index (WBGT) reaches or exceeds the values between 44 – 47 indicated in the table above.

**(iii) Game Modification**

Extreme Weather Conditions - Game modification shall be understood when the Heat Stress Index (WBGT) reaches or exceeds the values between 48 – 53 indicated in the previous table.

**(iv)** Game suspension

Extreme Weather Conditions - Game suspension shall be understood as when the Heat Stress Index (WBGT) reaches or exceeds the value of 54 indicated in the table above.

**(B)** Extreme Weather Conditions Measurement/Control Procedures

The PCHP shall measure the WBGT Index or Appearing Temperature a minimum of three (3) times, and a maximum of five (5) times, per day. Readings shall be determined by the PCHP and the Supervisor prior to the start of the game and shall be posted in the Supervisor's office. Measurements will be taken every two (2) hours, but at least three (3) readings will be taken at the following times:

- (i)** Half an hour before the start of the match;
- (ii)** In the middle of the scheduled day; and

Just before the start of the last match of the day, or before the start of the first match of the afternoon.

The WBGT index or apparent temperature should also be measured under the following circumstances:

- (i)** After any suspension of the game; and
- (ii)** At the discretion of the Supervisor, in consultation with the Premier Padel Tournament Physician and/or the PHCP.

**(C)** Modification of the game schedule and change of weather conditions

When the Extreme Weather Rule becomes effective prior to the start of a match, the procedures set forth in the following subsections shall be followed.

In the event of a change in the weather conditions determined by this periodic control during the day, the Extreme Weather Conditions Rule may come into effect at any time on all courts, including matches already in progress. Once notified that the Extreme Weather Rule is in effect, the Chair Umpire must inform players as soon as possible, but no later than the next side change.

If there is a sudden change in weather conditions and the rule is lifted, ongoing matches shall continue under the Extreme Weather Conditions rule. In the event of rain or game interruption, the Supervisor and PCHP may re-assess the Extreme Weather Rule.

**(D) Hydration Increase Procedure**

Fluid intake is authorized at the completion of each of the games, including the sum of even games, within the allowed times. The Chair Umpire may increase the time allowed, at their discretion, within reasonable limits.

**(E) Game Modification Procedure**

A ten (10) minute break shall be allowed between the second and third sets if requested by either player. If neither player requests, play shall continue.

The Supervisor, in consultation with the PCHP, may also decide to delay the start time of the matches until such time as the Modification of Play due to Extreme Weather Conditions is no longer in effect.

**(i) During the ten (10) minute break the following applies:**

- (a)** Players may leave the court to change clothes or go to the restroom and it shall not count as one of the permitted changes of clothes or going to the restroom.
- (b)** No medical evaluations, MTOs, or medical treatments will be permitted unless approved by the Referee/Supervisor prior to leaving the court or prior to the end of the second set, in which case treatment may be performed off the court.

However, a player may be allowed to receive an adjustment of medical care (including the new dressing), medical equipment, and/or medical advice from the PHCP.

**(ii)** Immediately after the ten (10) minute pause

- (a)** Any delay in resuming play means the player shall incur a Code of Conduct violation for delaying play.
- (b)** Warming up again will not be allowed. (This rule also applies to any restroom breaks or clothing changes allowed during the match.)
- (c)** A player may not receive medical assessments, MTOs, or medical treatments unless approved by the Referee/Supervisor prior to leaving the court.

**(iii)** Consecutive pauses

A ten (10) minute break for Extreme Weather Conditions and restroom or change of clothes cannot be taken consecutively.

**(F)** Game suspension procedures

When suspending play due to Extreme Weather Conditions, the Supervisor, in consultation with the Premier Padel Tournament Physician, the Physician and the Director, may suspend play in accordance with the suspension policy in effect at the time, until the temperature drops below the criteria for suspension of play.

## **13. VAR SYSTEM – REVIEW**

### **13.1 Description**

The use of an FIP-approved electronic system for play review (“**VAR System**”) is authorized for Premier Padel Tournaments.

#### **(A) MAJOR Tournaments / P1**

The use of at least one VAR System is required on center court during the Main Draw of all MAJOR and P1 tournaments.

#### **(B) P2 Tournaments**

The use of at least one VAR System is recommended in the center court of the Main Draw of all P2 tournaments.

### **13.2 Points that can be reviewed**

A request for a review by a player (or pair) shall be allowed only after a definite hit or when a player (or pair) stops play when contesting a point (returns are allowed, but then the player must stop play immediately).

### **13.3 Request to the Chair Umpire**

The player who appeals must do so in such a way that play stops or the Chair Umpire stops play. If an appeal is made to the Chair Umpire, the Chair Umpire must first determine that the correct appeal procedure has been followed. If it was not correct, or if it was late, then the Chair Umpire may determine that the opposing pair was deliberately hindered, in which case the appealing pair loses the point.

The Chair Umpire should decide to use the review when there is doubt about the accuracy of the call. However, the Chair Umpire may refuse the electronic review if they believe that the player's request is unreasonable or was made too late.

Players may not leave the court or receive instructions during the review process.

### **13.4 Number of requests permitted**

- (A) Each pair will have two (2) incorrect requests per set in each match.
- (B) If the requesting pair fails in the request, one of the requests will be deducted.
- (C) If the requesting pair are correct in their application, it shall not be counted as a request.
- (D) If a play is not available for review, it shall not count as a request for either pair.

### **13.5 Clear communication to the Chair Umpire of the intent of the request**

To make the request, the player must show the Chair Umpire an immediate interest in making a challenge and must do so in a timely manner. The player must disclose their intent to the Chair Umpire verbally or visually (for example, using their racket, arm, or hand). The Chair Umpire shall:

- (A) Reconfirm with the player their intention to challenge;
- (B) Confirm that the player has remaining requests; and
- (C) Proceed with the review.

### **13.6 Review decision not available**

The original call of the Chair Umpire will always be maintained if the review is unable, for any reason, to make a decision on the play. In this case, the number of available challenges of the pair will not be reduced. If the Chair Umpire is unable, for any reason, to make a decision on the play, they shall decree a "Let".

### **13.7 Chair Umpire Request for Review**

The Chair Umpire has the right, if necessary, to request the review of the last point played, when an unusual or exceptional circumstance has occurred during the same. The point will be reviewed from start to finish. No pair's application count shall be affected by the outcome of this review initiated by the Chair Umpire.

The Review Official (if applicable) may use the VAR System to monitor in real time that during the service the serving player did not violate any regulation (such as a foot fault); however, the review of the height of the ball when serving shall only be verified if the player requests a review in accordance with all applicable rules.

### **13.8 Final Decision**

Once the review of the play has been carried out, the Chair Umpire shall confirm or rectify their initial call, the decision of the review is final and unappealable.

In the event that the written decision (IN/OUT) on the screen/monitor differs from the displayed graphic (digital images of the ball mark), then the images of the ball mark shall determine whether the ball is IN or OUT, not the written decision, however, the Chair Umpire should contact the review official to obtain final confirmation of the decision.

The Chair Umpire shall then announce the score and if the game does not resume within ten (10) seconds, the Code of Conduct may be applied to the Player or players who are not prepared for this purpose.

### **13.9 Review Official**

A certified referee, approved by the FIP shall act as Review Official, whose duties shall include, but are not limited to:

- (A) Determining which play is to be reviewed by the VAR System.
- (B) Monitoring the VAR System to ensure its proper operation.
- (C) Notifying the Chair Umpire immediately in the event of a VAR System failure or any other condition that prohibits or calls into question the

ability of the VAR System to review a contested decision. In this case, the Chair Umpire shall immediately notify both players that the review is not available until further notice.

- (D) Acting as the final authority on the number of requests remaining for each pair. Contact the Chair Umpire, as soon as possible, when one (1) request remains, and confirm the remaining requests.

The Review Official and supporting technology personnel should preferably be located inside the stadium or arena, in a safe area with a clear view of the court. If this is not feasible, the Local Organizer should contact the FIP to approve an alternative location.

Regardless of location, the Local Organizer must provide a secure and separate channel between the Chair Umpire and the Review Official or between the Chair Umpire and the broadcast production offices and the review system booth.

### **13.10 Screen/monitor**

For the court using a VAR System, there shall be a minimum of one (1) screen/monitor of sufficient size, located in a position where the Chair Umpire, players and spectators can view the results of the application.

### **13.11 Review cabin**

The following specifications are recommended for the VAR System review cabin:

- (A) The booth must be located in direct line of sight with the court to provide an unobstructed view of the court. It should preferably be at the back (north or south end) of the court where possible.
- (B) The Review Official must have a complete view of the entire court.
- (C) The booth must have direct audio from the Chair Umpire's microphone (not the TV signal).
- (D) The Review Official should be able to hear Chair Umpire requests from the court.
- (E) The cabin must have space for three (3) people plus equipment (minimum of twenty (20) square meters).



- (F) The cabin must be fully air conditioned for equipment and personnel, unless technically impossible to do so, and approved by Premier Padel.
- (G) Access to the *stand* should be reasonably easy and secure.
- (H) Appropriate communication with the Supervisor, Chair Umpire and Video Operator (if not in the same room) must be available.
- (I) Tables, chairs, and high stools must be provided as requested by the Supervisor.

## 14. COACHES

Provided the following rules and procedures are followed, the coach will be allowed on the court during the match. The coach must be approved by the FIP.

### 14.1 Registration of coaches

- (A) Players are required to register their coaches through the registration platform. Coach registration shall be done together with the registration to the Premier Padel Tournament and shall have the same deadline as for player registration.
- (B) Each pair may include up to four (4) coaches per Premier Padel Tournament.
  - (i) 1 Main Coach with Hospitality based on conditions of the Premier Padel Tournament.
  - (ii) 3 Assistant Coaches without Hospitality entitlement.
- (C) Once the registration deadline has been met, no changes to the pair's main coach shall be allowed under any circumstances.
- (D) The pair may, On Site and during the Premier Padel Tournament, advise the Supervisor on which coach is to assist them in each of the matches. They must be one of the coaches registered by the pair for the Premier Padel Tournament.
- (E) A registered coach cannot be an active player.

### 14.2 During the match

- (A) During Authorized Breaks in matches, players may receive technical, game-related instructions or advice from their coach. Coaches must present themselves to the Chair Umpire or, failing that, to the Supervisor/Referee before the start of the match. They shall maintain a fixed position on the outside of the court, next to the players' chairs.

- (B) They shall only be able to maintain verbal contact with players during breaks, not during side changes without break.
- (C) At matches, only one coach will be able to sit with the accredited pair. Under no circumstances may they change coaches in the middle of a match.
- (D) In the event that a coach has two pairs playing simultaneously, the coach may start a match with one pair and finish the match with the other pair. Provided that the Supervisor / Referee of the Premier Padel Tournament is notified at least one (1) hour before the start of both matches. In this case, the coach may not return to a match which they have stood up in [sic]. To do so, they must communicate to the Referee at a break or side change their intention to leave the match and it is at the next break or side change when they must leave the court.
- (E) The coach who may access the court to train the players must be previously registered with the pair as a coach for the Premier Padel Tournament, and must be designated for this function before the Supervisor.
- (F) If, during the course of the match, the Referee sees signs of external communication via messaging, the pair shall be sanctioned according to the Code of Conduct.

#### **14.3 Regulations and restrictions of coaches on court**

- (A) The Supervisor shall provide the Chair Umpire with the names of the coaches appointed during the match. No one else may enter the court to perform the roles of an on-court coach except these designated coaches.
- (B) Coaches shall enter the court through the entrance officially announced by the Local Organizer for this purpose, and only once all four players have completed the court walk-through and have entered the court for the pre-match meeting with the Chair Umpire.
- (C) Should they need to leave the court at any time during the match, they shall be allowed to leave the court and return only through the same entrance previously used for coaches' entrance, and only during players' rest periods, unless otherwise authorized by the Chair Umpire in exceptional circumstances.

- (D) Coaches may not transport any sports equipment to the court when performing their coach roles (Padel/bag, etc.). Coaches may only bring a notepad and pen with them to the coach's seat.
- (E) The on-court coach (as well as the players) may not use their cell phones or any other electronic device that can be used to send or receive information/data on the court.
- (F) Coaches must exhibit professional conduct during their presence on the court.
- (G) Coaches may only talk to players once they reach the bench during side changes (except at the end of the first game of each set and during side changes during any Tie-Break) and during the end of each set, and during the MTO.
- (H) During play, coaches cannot get out of their seat, talk or yell at their players, or engage with opposing players.
- (I) When play is interrupted due to an injury and an MTO is authorized, they must wait for the Chair Umpire to authorize the start of the timeout to begin speaking with their players.
- (J) Coaches may not speak to the Chair Umpire or submit complaints on behalf of the players, discuss a decision or for any other purpose during the match, except to inform them that they must leave the court to go to the restroom or similar.
- (K) The on-court coach is subject to the same provisions as the players in terms of the Code of Conduct.

#### **14.4 Code of conduct for coaches**

- (A) Violations of the on-court Code of Conduct shall result in the following penalty table, in addition to monetary fines that the Supervisor/Referee may apply upon review of each Code of Conduct violation.
- (B) The Chair Umpire must provide after the match a detailed description of each Code of Conduct violation, including all relevant elements that may be considered during the assessment of each violation.

- (C) The penalty program for coaches to be used during a match for Code violations is as follows:

<b>1st Violation</b>	Warning
<b>2nd Violation</b>	Expulsion from the match

- (D) In the event of a very serious offense (very serious physical or verbal assault) the Supervisor/Referee may determine the immediate disqualification of the coach who committed the offense.
- (E) Sanctions may also be economic, maintaining the same proportionality as those stipulated in the table published in APPENDIX F – PLAYER FINES.
- (F) When a coach commits a violation that is particularly serious or flagrant, the coach may be suspended for a period of one (1) to twelve (12) months.
- (G) If a coach is sanctioned with a suspension period, they must be informed in writing of the suspension start time.
- (H) Upon completion of the period of suspension, the coach shall be informed in writing by the FIP that they may resume their duties as a coach in Tournaments under the FIP umbrella.

#### **14.5 Coach attire**

- (A) Coaches must dress in appropriate sports clothing, similar to that required for a player, or professional-looking non-sports clothing.
- (B) Clothing may not contain logos or other identification of other Padel circuits or brands with extraordinary visibility.
- (C) In case of non-compliance with the above, the coach will be asked to change their clothing. Failure to do so will result in the coach's unavailability on the court for the pair during the match in question, until such time as the coach can present themselves in appropriate professional attire according to the regulations in this section.

- (D) Number and dimensions of commercial identifications. See Appendix E.
- (E) The automatic fine for a first violation of the dimensions of the commercial identifications is €300; which is doubled for each subsequent violation committed in the current Tour Year (e.g., €300 for the first violation, €600 for the second violation, €1,200 for the third violation and so on).

## 15. CODE OF CONDUCT FOR OFFICIALS

The FIP as a member of the Certification Program requires a high level of professionalism from all Certified Officials and all other Officials working in FIP Tournaments.

All members of the officials team are automatically bound by and must comply with this Code of Conduct (“**Code of Conduct**”).

### 15.1 Required standards

Unless otherwise specified, the following rules shall apply **(a)** while a referee is acting, or is reasonably deemed to be acting, in their capacity as referee, and **(b)** at any other time at which their conduct may harm any of the governing bodies or otherwise undermine the integrity or reputation of the sport, including but not limited to the following:

- (A)** when on official premises of a Premier Padel Tournament, including the venue, hotel, transportation and other venues related to the event;
- (B)** when it relates to players, player support personnel, other officials, event personnel, spectators and governing body personnel either at or during the event;
- (C)** when performing any duties set forth in the Rules of Padel, the FIP Rules, the Tour Rules or the Duties and Procedures for Referees.

Referees must be in satisfactory physical condition to enable them to perform their duties.

Referees must have a natural or corrected vision of 20-20 and normal hearing. Moreover, International Chair Umpires shall submit each year to the FIP Refereeing Department a completed eye test form and all other Referees shall submit every three (3) years to the FIP Refereeing Department a completed eye test form.

Referees must be punctual in all matches assigned to them.

Referees shall know, understand, comply with and, as applicable, enforce the Padel Rules, the Duties and Procedures for Referees, the Tour Rules relevant to the Premier Padel Tournaments in which they are refereeing, the Padel Anti-Corruption Program, the Padel Anti-Doping Program and all other policies applicable to Referees as may be introduced by the Governing

Bodies from time to time (including, but not limited to, the Cell Phone/Smart Watch Ban Policy).

Referees will behave respectfully towards others when acting in their capacity as referees.

Referees will maintain a high level of personal hygiene and professional appearance when acting in such a capacity.

Referees shall not drink alcohol or consume any other substance that may impair their judgment in the twelve (12) hours prior to any match they officiate, and at all times while acting in their capacity as referees.

The referees shall maintain complete fairness with respect to all players and player support personnel, and shall avoid any actual or apparent conflicts of interest. Specifically, referees shall not **(a)** officiate in any match in which they have an actual or perceived conflict of interest; or **(b)** socialize with or intimidate players, or engage in any relationship (business, personal or otherwise) or take any action on or off the court that may call into question their impartiality as a referee. For the avoidance of doubt and notwithstanding the foregoing, referees may attend social events in which players are present and may stay at the same hotels as these, but shall not share a hotel room with any player of any age. The referees will declare all potential, perceived or actual conflicts of interest to their respective Referee Representative.

Examples of conflicts of interest include, but are not limited to: a player currently competing at Tour events or a friend, relative, or support staff of a player currently competing at the Tour; a Tour event director/organizer; or an employee, consultant, contractor, or business partner/shareholder of a company having business interests in Tour events.

The referees will not at any time discuss decisions made by themselves or other officials with anyone except those referees directly, the supervisor/referee, or the FIP officiating department.

Referees must comply at all times with applicable criminal laws. For the avoidance of doubt, and without limiting the foregoing, this obligation is breached if a referee is convicted of or pleads guilty to or does not contest a criminal indictment or an indictment for any criminal offense in any jurisdiction.

Referees will complete any integrity program required by the FIP or a Governing Body. The referees will not be backed, employed, sponsored or otherwise contracted by any entity that directly offers and/or accepts bets in connection with the outcome or any other aspect of any Padel event or any other Padel competition, including, without limitation, gambling houses and



any person or entity that operates websites, applications, retail, credit telephone, online and/or mobile Padel betting services; casinos operating sportsbooks with Padel bets; and lotteries operating sportsbooks with Padel bets.

Referees will not discuss or hold discussions with spectators while conducting a match, unless necessary during the ordinary course of the match.

Referees will not, at any time, participate in interviews or meetings with the media from which their statements relating to Padel refereeing may be printed, broadcast, published on social media or otherwise publicly disseminated, without the approval of the relevant Supervisor/Referee if it is during a Padel event and, at any other time, of the FIP officiating department.

Referees may not, at any time, make, authorize or endorse public comments, including the posting of anything on any social media channel, that attacks or disparages a Padel Event, a Player, the Player Support Team, another Referee, Padel event staff or governing body staff, and which the referee knows, or reasonably should know, may damage the reputation or financial interests of the Padel event, player, other referee, event staff or governing body staff, as applicable.

The referees shall not at any time engage in unfair, unprofessional, discriminatory or unethical conduct, including but not limited to attempts to intentionally injure or interfere with other referees, players, tournament personnel, player support personnel, governing body personnel and spectators, as well as reckless or negligent conduct that may cause such injury or interference. In addition, all officials will set a good example of conduct for the other referees.

Referees shall not at any time engage in abusive conduct, whether physical or verbal, or threatening conduct or language toward other referees, players, player support personnel, tournament personnel, governing body personnel, spectators, or members of the media.

Referees shall not at any time abuse their position of authority or control and shall not damage or endanger, or attempt to damage or endanger, the psychological, physical or emotional well-being of other referees, players, Premier Padel Tournament staff, player support staff or governing body staff.

Sexual advances or sexual harassment or abuse of any kind toward other referees, players, player support personnel, tournament personnel, spectators, governing body personnel, or members of the press or media shall not be tolerated.

Referees shall make all requests related to the event to the Supervisor/Referee or the Main Tournament Umpire.

Referees undertake to work in a test until the Supervisor/Referee gives them permission to do so. [sic] If a referee has accepted an assignment to officiate at an event, they may not withdraw from such assignment before the supervisor/referee authorizes it.

All Referees have a continuing obligation to report to the Supervisor any actual, suspected or suspected violation of the Code of Conduct of which they become aware, whether their own or another Referee. Failure to comply with this obligation is a Code of Conduct violation.

Referees will act honestly at all times.

Referees shall cooperate fully with any investigation and/or proceeding (a) under the Code of Conduct or these Regulations (whether in relation to their conduct or that of another official), and (b) under the rules of Padel's governing body in which they act as referees, Padel's anti-doping program and/or Padel's anti-corruption program. In addition, officials will not (i) provide any inaccurate information, (ii) omit any relevant information requested from them, or (iii) deliberately deceive or attempt to deceive such agencies, their personnel or other referees.

For the full FIP Code of Conduct for Officials, see [www.Padelfip.com/es/documentation/](http://www.Padelfip.com/es/documentation/).

## **16. APPLICABLE LAW AND JURISDICTION**

This document shall be governed by common Spanish law.

Any dispute arising out of or in relation to these Regulations that is not to be previously resolved by the FIP or Premier Padel (including, but not limited to, the provisions of Section 1.2 of these Regulations), as the case may be, shall finally be resolved by arbitration administered by the TAS (Court of Arbitration for Sport), in accordance with its Arbitration Rules in force on the date of submission of the request for arbitration. The arbitral tribunal appointed for this purpose shall be composed of three (3) arbitrators. The language of the arbitration shall be English. The place of arbitration shall be Lausanne, Switzerland.

## **APPENDIX A**

### **PREMIER PADEL CONTACT INFORMATION**

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## APPENDIX B

### ROOF POLICY

#### General conditions:

- Premier Padel Tournaments played outdoors may have one (1) or more courts with a retractable roof, which allow play to continue or resume even when inclement weather affects the proper playing of the matches.
- Premier Padel Tournaments with retractable roofs shall remain primarily outdoor events. Whenever possible, conditions on courts with retractable roofs will be the same as on all other courts.

#### Rain:

- Should it rain before the intended start of the game, the roof will remain closed throughout the match.
- If it stops raining or the weather forecast is good, the roof can be opened after the current match is over. Decisions on roof reopening will be made by match depending on current conditions and the weather forecast.
- If the game begins with the roof closed, the roof will remain closed for the remainder of the match. A decision may be made to open the roof for the next scheduled matches.
- If the game starts with the roof open, the decision will normally be made to close the roof after the match has stopped due to rain, although if other factors justify the roof closing before stopping the game, the Supervisor will make that decision.
- In general, the roof will not be closed due to a threat of rain.
- In the event that strong winds with sufficient capacity to damage the retractable roof are reasonably predicted, the roof may be closed prior to the start of the match. The opposite applies when the roof is closed and high winds or other conditions require the roof to be reopened for safety reasons.
- Changes in game order, including the completion of an unfinished match on a court other than the one in which it began, may be authorized under exceptional circumstances in order to complete a Tournament on time.

#### Darkness:

- If the roof must be partially closed for the lights to work properly, then the roof must be partially closed before the start of the match. The Supervisor will determine the exact time of day from which the roof will be closed for this purpose.

#### Cold weather:

- In the event that the temperature is below 50°F/10°C prior to the start of a match, to enhance the fan experience, the roof may be closed as directed by the supervisor. Decisions on whether to close the roof in cold weather will be made by match.

## APPENDIX C

Fines shall be paid in the manner stipulated by the FIP in each case according to the seriousness of the conduct, its consequences and other specific circumstances. The following fines shall apply, unless different penalty provisions are provided for in the FIP regulations.

### PLAYER FINES

Category	Fines												
Late Withdrawal	FIP Ranking at registration deadline	MAJOR	P1	P2									
	1-10	€2,500	€1,500	€1,000									
	11-25	€1,800	€1,000	€700									
	26-50	€1,200	€800	€500									
	+51	€800	€600	€400									
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Failure to comply with													

the On Site withdrawal requirements	PP Ranking as of registration deadline	MAJOR / P1	P2
	<b>1-10</b>	€500	€300
	<b>11-25</b>	€400	€250
	<b>26-50</b>	€300	€200
	<b>51-100</b>	€200	€100
	<b>101+</b>	€100	€50



## APPENDIX D

### PLAYER, COACH AND SUPPORT TEAM FINES

Category	Fines																
<b>On-Court Violations</b>																	
Visible obscenity	up to €10,000																
Audible obscenity	up to €5,000																
Verbal abuse	up to €5,000																
Physical abuse	up to €50,000																
Ball Abuse	up to €10,000																
Padel Abuse	up to €10,000																
Continuous play	up to €1,000																
Instructions	up to €10,000																
Unsportsmanlike conduct	up to €10,000																
Better efforts	up to €10,000																
Leaving the court	up to €3,000																
Not completing a match	up to €5,000																
Punctuality																	
- 10 minutes delay	€100																
- 15 minutes delay	€500																
- TV walk-on lost time	up to €10,000																
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Dishonorable or unprofessional conduct	up to €10,000
Aggravated conduct	up to €25,000 or prize money earned, whichever is greater

If there is a discrepancy between this chart and the Rule language, the Rule language will prevail.

## APPENDIX E

### INDICATIVE POSITIONS FOR PLAYER SPONSOR LOGOS: 2025



LOGOS	SIZES
Positions 1 to 4 / 10 to 12	5 cm vertical x 6,5 cm horizontal
Positions 5 to 9 with 3 (front) / 2 (back)	5 cm vertical x 20 cm horizontal
Positions 5 to 9 with 2 (front) / 1 (back)	5 cm vertical x 20 cm horizontal 1 Logo / 13 cm vertical x 20 cm horizontal 1 Logo

## APPENDIX E

### INDICATIVE POSITIONS FOR PLAYER SPONSOR LOGOS: 2026-27



LOGOS	SIZES
Positions 1 to 4 / 8 to 10	5 cm vertical x 6,5 cm horizontal
Positions 5 to 7 with 2 (front) / 1 (back)	5 cm vertical x 20 cm horizontal
Positions 5 to 7 with 1 (front) / 1 (back)	5 cm vertical x 20 cm horizontal 1 Logo / 13 cm vertical x 20 cm horizontal 1 Logo

## APPENDIX E

### INDICATIVE POSITIONS FOR PLAYER SPONSOR LOGOS: 2028+



LOGOS	SIZES
Positions 1 to 4 / 7 to 8	5 cm vertical x 6,5 cm horizontal
Positions 5 to 6 with 1 (front) / 1 (back)	5 cm vertical x 20 cm horizontal

# INDICATIVE POSITIONS FOR COACHES SPONSOR LOGOS:



LOGOS 2025	SIZES
Positions 1 to 4 / 7 to 8	5 cm vertical x 6,5 cm horizontal
Positions 5 to 6 with 1 (front) / 1 (back)	5 cm vertical x 20 cm horizontal
LOGOS 2026	
Logo 6 will be removed	