



PREMIER PADEL CONVENES INAUGURAL MEETING OF STEERING COMMITTEES AT STADE ROLAND-GARROS

- *Inaugural meetings were held during the Alpine Paris Major Premier Padel, taking place this week at the iconic Stade Roland-Garros from 9 to 14 September.*
- *New governance bodies including 11 different stakeholder groups set a global benchmark in sports representation, driving collaboration across the padel ecosystem.*
- *Meeting discussed geographic expansion, financial sustainability for all stakeholders, player welfare, anti-doping & betting regulations, new partnerships & broadcast innovation, youth development and the Olympic pathway.*

PARIS – 10 September 2025 – Premier Padel today held the inaugural meeting of the newly established Steering Committees at the iconic Stade Roland-Garros, marking a historic milestone in the evolution of governance for professional padel.

For the first time, dedicated Steering Committees for both the Men's Tour and the Women's Tour have been created, ensuring all players and stakeholders across the sport are represented. Each Committee is composed of 19 members, bringing together 11 stakeholder groups – including players from all ranking tiers, tournament organisers, commercial and broadcast partners, coaches, officials and the International Padel Federation (FIP) – making them among the most representative governance bodies in global sport. Over 25% of seats are reserved for active players and coaches, with representatives chosen by and for the athletes to guarantee their influence at the heart of governance.

The Steering Committees convened on Wednesday morning during the Alpine Paris Major Premier Padel at the iconic Stade Roland-Garros – a venue that highlights the elevated platform Premier Padel has grown for professional padel. Members addressed themes vital to the sport's long-term growth and sustainability, including continued geographic expansion, financial sustainability for all stakeholders, player welfare, anti-doping and betting regulations, new partnerships and broadcast innovation, developing young players from new markets, and the Olympic pathway.

David Sugden, Premier Padel CEO, said: *"In just a few years, Premier Padel has transformed the sport on and off the court. Today's meeting marks another landmark step: ensuring that all voices across the ecosystem - and particularly players - are represented in the decisions that will shape our future. Modelled on the world's top sporting leagues, this collaborative approach will help the sport grow stronger, faster, and more inclusively than ever before."*

Luigi Carraro, President of the International Padel Federation (FIP), said: *"The formation of the Men's and Women's Steering Committees marks a watershed moment for the governance of padel. By formalising dialogue and strengthening feedback loops between players, promoters, and partners, we are creating a more sustainable ecosystem that not only serves the professional game but also reinforces the pyramid of the sport worldwide and supports our Olympic pathway."*

Rosalie Van Der Hoek, professional padel player and a female player representative, said: *"I think it is very positive that everybody came together today and especially that the players are able to have a voice. Of course there's still a lot of work to do, but having the players here - and to be able to present how we look at things - is a big step forward."*

Maxi Sánchez Agüero, professional padel player and a male player representative, said *"Over the years I've been in this sport, we've played under many different circuits, but I truly believe this Committee is a breakthrough. It gives us a solid foundation to bring everything to the main table, alongside all the key stakeholders who drive the circuit, to start working on the fundamentals of the sport so we can grow stronger both as a professional tour and as a sport with limitless potential."*

The Steering Committees will meet twice annually, at the Rome Major and the Barcelona Finals. Following today's introduction and exchange of views, the next meeting in Barcelona later this year will provide an opportunity to build on these discussions and ensure continuity in shaping long-term strategic priorities for the benefit of the entire padel community.

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About Premier Padel

Premier Padel is the leading official professional padel tour worldwide, founded by Qatar Sports Investments (QSI) together with the International Padel Federation (FIP) and the Professional Padel Association (PPA). Launched in 2022, backed by the Professional Padel Association (PPA), over 500 players from around the world competed in Premier Padel tournaments in its first year and played in some of the most iconic venues in sports history, including at Stade Roland-Garros in Paris. Over 110 leading professional female players joined Premier Padel in March 2023 through the International Padel Players Association (IPPA). In August 2023, it was announced that QSI would acquire World Padel Tour (WPT) to create a single global professional padel tour – called Premier Padel – governed by FIP. From 2025, Premier Padel includes 24 tournaments in 16 countries as the tour continues to grow the sport in new territories and in every dimension. As a global brand, Premier Padel also captures the dynamic essence and spirit of padel, with the sport embarking on an exciting new dawn on a global scale driven by the new unified global tour.

About the Premier Padel Steering Committees

The Premier Padel Steering Committees – one for the Men's Tour and one for the Women's Tour – have been established to ensure that all key voices in the sport are represented in decision-making. With 11 stakeholder groups included – ranging from players and coaches to promoters, federations, sponsors, and broadcasters – the Committees provide a unique and inclusive governance framework within world sport. Drawing on extensive benchmarking across the industry, the Steering Committees will advise on strategic priorities, safeguard player welfare, and help shape the commercial and operational growth of Premier Padel worldwide. By bringing together diverse perspectives, the Committees will drive collaboration, transparency, and innovation across the entire padel ecosystem.

About International Padel Federation

The International Padel Federation (FIP) is the world governing body of Padel, whose mission is to: foster the growth and development of Padel at all levels and ages, from grassroots to professional; to govern the sport by affiliating national member federations and regional associations (it now counts with 87 affiliated National Federations from all five continents) and to make Padel become an Olympic sport and be part of the Olympic Games, the highest honour for any sport. FIP manages an international calendar comprising its two circuits (Premier Padel & Cupra FIP Tour), as well as its team competitions (World Championships and continental events) for young and senior players. Starting from January 2024, FIP also governs a single official unified international ranking for professional male and female players across its two circuits.