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Between innovation and tradition: introducing the “Star Point”, the scoring system that appeals to everyone

A major initiative, supported by all stakeholders, balancing tradition and innovation while boosting engagement for fans and broadcasters. With the introduction of the “**Star Point**”, padel is set to experience a regulatory innovation designed to modernize the game without altering its essence. Starting in 2026, it will be applied in the following circuits: **Premier Padel**, **CUPRA FIP Tour**, **FIP Promises**, and the amateur **FIP Beyond**. This new system was unanimously approved on November 28 by the **General Assembly** of the **International Padel Federation**, which currently brings together 100 national federations, following a process that included consultations with players, coaches, promoters, broadcasters, and commercial partners during the 2025 season - all of which received positive feedback - and culminating in in-depth discussions with the **Premier Padel Steering Committees**.

The Star Point introduces an alternative option for games that reach deuce. The new mechanism is activated at the first deuce and consists of three stages:

First advantage

If the team with the advantage wins the point, they win the game.

If they lose, the score returns to 40-40.

Second advantage

If the team with the advantage wins the point, the game is won.

If they lose, play moves to the Star Point.

Star Point

A single decisive point: the winner of this point takes the game.

This system limits the maximum number of points that can be played in a game, avoiding prolonged advantage situations. The innovation thus balances the essence of the game with its evolution, improving player welfare and enhancing fans engagement.

The Star Point will be used in 2026 starting with the FIP Bronze Melbourne, the first stage of the CUPRA FIP Tour, scheduled from January 5 to 11. Its debut in the Premier Padel circuit is set for the Riyadh P1 from February 9 to 14, kicking off the new season of the top professional circuit.

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