



INTERNATIONAL PADEL FEDERATION

International Padel referee
course
(1st level)
9th Edition

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1. INTRODUCTION

As Padel grows internationally, thanks to the efforts of the International Padel Federation to bring it in as many countries as possible, so does the number of its related sport activities.

Facing such a sharp development, the consolidation of the refereeing fundamentals is now becoming a pressing matter to address.

This unification will, furthermore, be beneficial to the Padel community during tournaments organization.

For this reason, the launch of a course managed by the top-governing body of the sport, will ensure help for those countries where referees' courses are not present and for those experienced professionals who wish to deepen their knowledge of the FIP assets.

2. OBJECTIVE

The first objective of these courses for International Padel Referee is shaping professional figures in the role of international arbitration experts.

Through this course the student aims to obtain the diploma of International Padel Referee (level 1)

The course is intended for all people wishing to deepen their knowledge, receive an ad-hoc training on arbitration matters and be part of the refereeing framework of the FIP.

The course addresses the following topics:

- Arbitrations knowledge.
- International Padel Federation knowledge.
- Rules of the game.
Rules and bylaws of the International Padel Federation

3. DIRECTION AND TEACHERS

The FIP is in charge of the referees' training through the organization of courses.

Each course teaching staff will be elected by the FIP.

4. GENERAL RULES

Registration requirements

- Be 18 years old on the day the course starts.
- Have a natural or corrected eyesight of 20-20 and normal hearing.
- Be in possession of the minimum academic title corresponding to the country of origin of the student.
- Be in possession of the valid license of the federation of their country of origin.

Contact emails

- For strictly academic matters (e.g., issues with the syllabus, questions about content or exercise corrections): fippadelacademy@gmail.com
- For billing and banking matters (e.g., payment issues or invoice requests):

secretaria@padelfip.com

- For strictly administrative matters (e.g., document submission, anything related to registration, or exceptional payment requests):
fipacademy@padelfip.com

5. REGISTRATION & PLACE CONFIRMATION

The course will be delivered in Spanish and English, in separate groups for each language. Depending on the final number of applications and registrations, it may be necessary to open one or more groups per language. Each group will have a maximum of 20 to 25 students.

Registrations will be carried out through the affiliated National Federations/Associations that are Associate Members of the FIP, which will select the students and forward them to the FIP for registration.

The FIP will send to the federations that have submitted their applications the number of people accepted into the course, according to the FIP activity of each country. Any application submitted by a participant belonging to a national federation that is not processed through said federation and does not follow the procedures established in this document will be considered independent. Consequently, said application will be subject to a €100 price increase and will be managed within the quota of places allocated to applications without the backing of a national federation.

Applicants who do not have a recognized national federation in their territory may register individually, submitting the same documentation —except for that related to the federation—, while respecting the same deadlines and method of submission. In these cases, they must assume the price differences and availability of places in comparison to the applications processed through member federations.

Persons who are not admitted will have priority for the next edition of the course.

In the event that the course has vacant places, the registration process will be opened directly to interested individuals (all of whom must have an active license from their country of origin), and each federation will be notified of these applications in case any of them are subject to sanctions, prior to accepting and confirming such registrations.

The following documentation must be submitted by the National Federations/Associations, for each person they wish to include in the course, to fipacademy@padelfip.com.

- Registration application form.
- 1 photo of the national identity document (legible)
- Photocopy of the Passport.
- Photocopy of the federal license in force.
- Certificate of studies.

The teaching staff will hold the right to cancel any course due to any administrative or academic reason.

The deadline for the confirmation of enrollment is until January 12, 2026, at 00:00 p.m. (CET)

Once all the applications have been received, each federation will receive the maximum number of confirmed attendees, from that moment payment of the course must be done and to confirm the place, a proof of payment needs to be sent on January 26.

Students or federations that, unless expressly agreed prior to the start of the course, have not paid the corresponding amount by the established deadline, will not be allowed to take part in it.

6. PAYMENT

The course fee is as follow:

- Requests from the National Federation/Association 350€.
- Application without Federation/National Association 450€.

The form of payment will be by bank transfer once the registration has been confirmed.

The payment receipt for the transaction made to the FIP account will be requested and must be sent, once the payment has been made, to the following email address: fipacademy@padelfip.com. This receipt must include, in the payment description, a reference to the course and the name of the participant or the national federation assuming the cost on behalf of all its registered members, in order to facilitate better and faster identification of the payments made. For these purposes, the FIP does not consider relevant who makes the payment, but rather the correct identification of the student or students who benefit from said payment.

Account number:

- Bank: CAIXABANK, S.A. 01655,
- Branch: CORAZON DE MARIA, 35. MADRID. ESPAÑA
- IBAN: ES83-2100-1065-4713-0053-7087
- BIC/SWIFT: CAIXESBBXXX
- Object: The name and surname of the student must be indicated and "Registration course International Padel Referee (Level 1, 9th edition)."
- Account holder: International Padel Federation

For each payment made, the FIP will issue the corresponding invoice, regardless of whether the payment is made by a national federation or by an independent participant.

7. REFUNDS

In the event of withdrawn from the course, the registration fee will be entirely reimbursed only if advised with a minimum of 10 days before the course start.

8. ABILITATION

The diploma of International Padel Referee entitles to perform the following roles, depending on the levels obtained:

- Tournament Main Referee: being entitled to be the highest refereeing authority during official international tournaments with or without prize money.
- Judge Umpire: Being entitled to act as Judge Umpire during official international tournaments with or without prize money.

- Chair Umpire: Being entitled to act as Chair Umpire during matches of official national tournaments with or without prize money.
- Court Umpire: entitled to act as Court Umpire during official national tournaments with or without prize money.
- Trainee Umpire: entitled to act as Trainee Umpire during official national tournaments with or without prize money.

9. ACADEMIC CRITERIA

The FIP is in charge of the development of the course material.

10. ACADEMIC RULES

Attendance to the course is mandatory.

Students be absent from class upon request to the FIP and teaching staff, the absence must be justified officially.

The FIP and/or teaching staff will decide on the validity of the justification. Major cause reasons only will be accepted.

In any case, more than 2 hours of absence will not be allowed.

11. COURSE TIME GUIDELINES

The course is divided into 4 parts:

- Part 1: teacher-guided self-learning to be completed by the students before the classes.
- Part 2: classes delivered online through Teams. Students must be present to the classes delivered by the teacher.
- Part 3: Assignments. Students are requested to complete tasks and assignments elected by the teachers.
- Part 4: Practice. Once completed the theory part and received confirmation from the FIP, students will carry out practical tasks.

12. METODOLOGY

The course is based on a blended-learning approach. Students are required to assist to the classes on Teams and complete the guided self-learning complementarily.

The whole course, in its online and offline parts, is always supervised by an international referee.

Students will receive by email the relevant material for the course:

- Draw drafting
- Order of play
- Problem-solving
- Decision-making
- etc.

Each task shall be completed either individually or in group according to teachers' instructions.

Once completed, students are required to carry out practice during official events, through the International Federation.

To obtain the completion of the course, it is mandatory to complete all of its parts.

13. SYLLABUS

The syllabus includes all subjects relevant to the completion of the course.

- Rules of play
- FIP technical rules.
- Duties and procedures.
- Rules of conduct.
- Draw drafting/order of play.
- Reports/records.
- On-court practice.

We stress the importance of attending the course since the first day students receive the material. A proper training is crucial to the acquisition of necessary skills and to the completion of the course.

14. ASSESSMENTS

In order to obtain the diploma students must complete both the theoretical and practical parts of the course.

- **Theoretical part.** The final mark of this part is composed of the following assessments:
 - In-class attendance and participation (10%), which will be evaluated on two questions asked at any time during the course without previous notice.
 - Performance of exercises (10%) and resolution of case studies – requiring a coherent explanation from the students, including justification and critical thinking.
 - Final exam (80%) made of two parts. For this task no material consultation will be allowed.

Each subject will have its own individual exam, which must be passed by the student.

Candidates will have a maximum period of one year to pass each of the exams and complete the course. Once this period has expired, the candidate must retake the entire course.

In the event that a student does not pass the course after exhausting the evaluation opportunities included with their enrollment, they may, if still interested in completing the course, pay €50 for each pending subject in order to have a new evaluation opportunity in future sessions.

This option will be limited to a single exam per subject, with no further recovery opportunity, and will grant the student exclusively the right to take the exam, without taking part in the development or training activities of the course corresponding to that new edition.

If the FIP does not hold three exam sessions during the year, this period will be extended until a second session is effectively held.

In the case of another failure, the student must repeat the entire course, as it will be understood that they do not meet the minimum knowledge requirements for obtaining the certification, whose granting and guarantee fall under this Federation.

- **Practical part.** Once completed the theoretical part, students are asked to carry out the practical one.
 - The report of this part will be a suitability note: “suitable” or “not suitable”.

The maximum period to complete the practical training associated with the course will be 24 months from the date of notification of having passed the theoretical part. If this deadline is not met, the theoretical part will be rendered void, and the student must retake the entire course in order to obtain the certification.

15. REVISION

Given the nature of the exams, no in-person revision will take place. The revision can be required by the students upon request to the Teaching Personnel. The solicitation shall be made no more than five (5) days after the exam results handover to be valid.

16. VALIDATIONS

Those person in possession of any National Referee licence in force, issued by any National Federation/Association member of the FIP, are entitled to ask for validation of any theoretical requirements from the FIP, which will assess each case individually.

In order to obtain the diploma a qualification exam will be mandatory.

17. COURSE NOTES

Each students' final mark will be delivered personally delivered by email.

18. DIPLOMA

The FIP will send a diploma of **International Padel referee (level 1)** according to the level obtained.

Diplomas' delivery will be under the FIP responsibility.

In the same way, an official credential will be sent. The latter, in order to be valid, shall always be accompanied by the federal licence in force.

19. ORGANISATION AND STRUCTURE

Classes will be delivered online through the TEAMS platform. An invitation link will be provided to all students to attend classes. Attendance is mandatory.

Course is made of six (6) modules where the most relevant principles around the topic in question will be addressed.

An opening meeting and the creation of a WhatsApp group will be organised by the course management to smoothen the delivery of any doubts or question around the course.

Before the beginning of each module, readings and case studies will be facilitated to the students. At the end each module, tests, tasks, and assignments – including questions to answer - will be facilitated to the students.

Notwithstanding the reading of the materials and the elaboration of the test or the corresponding activities, within each module the respective teacher will be available to attend to the queries that the students may formulate in relation to the issues raised around the subject matter.

Likewise, at the end of each of the classes, students will have access to the test or activity that will be used for the partial evaluation of its contents. The test or activity must be resolved, at the latest, before the start of the next module.

final mark will be the result of the sum of the partial marks obtained:

- Attendance and active participation during classes (10%)
- On course assessments (10%)
- Final assessment (80%)

20. ANNEX 1

20.1. International Padel referee course timeline (LEVEL I) 2026:

WEEK	DATE	MODULE	SUBJECT	DURATION	TEACHER
MODULE 1 MATERIAL PUBLICATION: Rules of play 29/01/2026					
1	03/02/2026	0 -1	Introduction – Rules of play	90´	
1	04/02/2026	1	Rules of play	90´	
1	06/02/2026	1	Rules of play	90´	
2	10/02/2026	1	Rules of play	90´	
MODULE 1 TEST HANDOVER: Rules of play I - II from 07/02/2026					
MODULE 2 MATERIAL PUBLICATION: Technical rules FIP TOUR 29/01/2026					
2	11/02/2026	2	Technical rules FIP TOUR	90´	
2	13/02/2026	2	Technical rules FIP TOUR	90´	
3	17/02/2026	2	Technical rules FIP TOUR	90´	
3	18/02/2026	2	Technical rules FIP TOUR	90´	
MODULE 2 TEST HANDOVER: Technical rules FIP TOUR I – II from 14/02/2026					
MODULE 3 MATERIAL PUBLICATION: Duties and procedures 29/01/2026					
3	20/02/2026	3	Duties and procedures	90´	
4	24/02/2026	3	Duties and procedures	90´	
MODULE 3 TEST HANDOVER: Duties and procedures from 21/02/2026					
MODULE 4 MATERIAL PUBLICATION: Rules of conduct 29/01/2026					
4	25/02/2026	4	Rules of conduct	90´	
4	27/02/2026	4	Rules of conduct	90´	
MODULE 4 TEST HANDOVER: Rules of conduct from 28/02/2026					
MODULE 5 MATERIAL PUBLICATION: Draw draft and order of play 29/01/2026					
5	03/03/2026	5	Draw draft and order of play	90´	
5	04/03/2026	5	Draw draft and order of play	90´	
5	06/03/2026	5	Draw draft and order of play	90´	
MODULE 5 TEST HANDOVER: Draw draft and order of play from 07/03/2026					
MODULE 6 MATERIAL PUBLICATION: Reports and Records 29/01/2026					

6	10/03/2026	6	Reports and Records	90'	
MODULE 6 TEST HANDOVER: Reports and Records from 11/03/2026					

20.2. Exams schedule

Week 7: March 17, 2026

- Modules: 1, 2, 3
 - Rules of play
 - Technical rules
 - Duties and Procedures
- Duration: 120 minutes

Week 7: March 18, 2026

- Módulos: 4, 5, 6
 - Rules of conduct
 - Reports and Records
 - Draw draft and Order of play.
- Duration: 120 minutes

Week 8: March 24, 2026

- Extraordinary test

Duration: 120 minutes

20.3. Course duration

From February 3rd to March 3rd, 2026. The six modules that make up the course will be taught, followed by final exams.

The online classes and the exams will have a timetable be from 12h00 to 13h30 (CET) Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday. If there are enough registrations to open a second group, the schedule will be from 10:15 to 11:45 (CET).

20.4 Reminder of deadlines:

Until January 12, 2026, at 00:00 p.m. (CET)

Once all applications have been received, the identity of the confirmed participants will be communicated. At that point, payment must be made and a payment receipt must be sent by Monday, January 26.

The maximum number of students per group will be 25, and the course schedules may vary depending on the final number of enrolled participants. Any changes, if applicable, will be communicated through the usual channels, in due time and form.