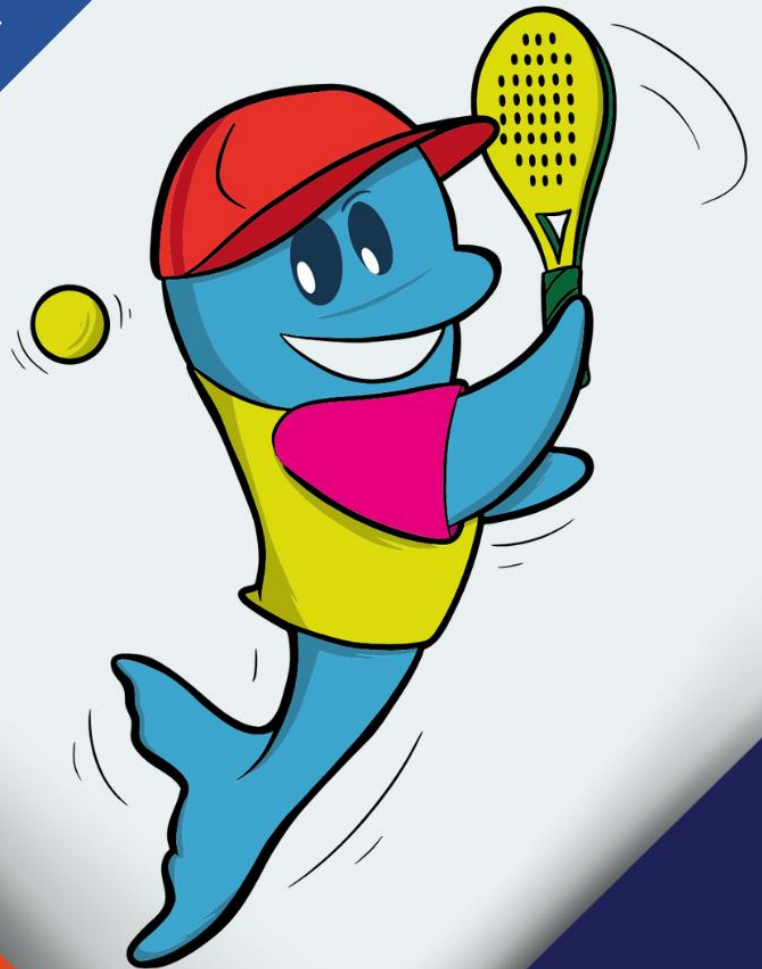




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1. COMPETITION MANAGEMENT

1.1. International Federation

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1.2. National Federation

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1.3. Management of the Competition

Technical Delegate of FIP: Mrs. Silvia JOVER (ESP)

Competition Manager: Mr. Francesco DEL MONACO (ITA)

2. TECHNICAL MILESTONES

DATES	DEADLINE FOR:
1 March	Opening of on-line Accreditation and Sport Entries on-line system
16 March	Official Communication by ICMG and OCMG to the NOCs and upload to the Games GMS platform of all Taranto 2026 Operations Guides and Manuals
26-30 March	CoCom Visit to Taranto – CoCom + OCMG Meeting on the 27 th March 2026
27-30 March	Chefs de Mission Seminar
28 March	Joint Meeting ICMG CoCom - IFs Technical Delegates - OCMG Sport Department

DATES	DEADLINE FOR:
30 March (at 23:59 CET)	Deadline for the Entries by Number and by Event (preliminary entries)
	Settlement of the guarantee deposit for team sports
23 April (at 23:59 CET)	Deadline for the Preliminary Entries by name of athletes and officials (Long List)
	Deadline for provisional Arrivals & Departures Forms
27-28-29-30 May	ICMG CoCom and SPC visit
29 May (Taranto)	Draw of team groups of all team sports, in the presence of a representative of the relevant IFs, (open to Chefs de Mission)
	Meeting for the eventual suppression of events without sufficient number of entries and publication of the Final Sport Programme
	Updating of the Daily Competition Schedule
	Deadline for the accreditation of VIPs and Dignitaries
15 June	Opening of the Entries by Name (SEQ – Short List)
30 June (TBC)	CoCom visit & ICMG ExCo meeting
14 July (at 23:59 CET)	Deadline for the Entries by Name (Short List)
15 July	Deadline for confirmation of Arrivals & Departure Forms (ADS)
	Opening of the Late Athlete Replacement procedure (LAR)
	Opening of the D.DRM for the NOCs (on-line)
15-17 August	End of F.DRM
18 August	Opening of the Mediterranean Village and beginning of the trainings
18-19 August (TBC)	ICMG meetings / ExCo meeting
20 August	ICMG General Assembly
21 August	Opening Ceremony of the Taranto 2026 Mediterranean Games

DATES	DEADLINE FOR:
3 September	Closing Ceremony of the Taranto 2026 Mediterranean Games
5 September	Closing of the Mediterranean Village
Note: CoCom visits are subject to future scheduling	

3. THE COMPETITION OF PADEL

3.1. Program

The competition of Padel at the XX Mediterranean Games Taranto 2026 will be as follows:

QUOTAS per NOC			MEN'S EVENTS	WOMEN'S EVENTS	MIXED EVENTS
M	W	T			
4	4	8	1	1	1

EVENTS	
Men	Women
Pairs	Pairs
Mixed Pairs	

3.2. Dates and Venue

The Padel competition of the XX Mediterranean Games Taranto 2026 will take place **from Saturday 22 to Friday 28 August 2026**, at the following venue in Taranto:

Competition venue	Distance from Village	Capacity	Municipality
Salinella Mediterranean Park	5,2 Km	1000 seats	TARANTO

4. RULES OF THE COMPETITION

4.1. Conditions for running the competition

The competition of Padel will take place if a minimum of eight (8) countries is entered, for the men competition and a minimum of six (6) countries for the women competition, by 23:59 (Italian time) on **Thursday 23 April 2026**.

4.2. Cancellation of Events

According to the number of confirmed entries, the President of the ICMG Sports Programme Commission (SPC) together with one (1) or two (2) members of the said Commission, appointed by the ICMG President and in the presence of the OCMG Taranto 2026 Sports Director, will decide on Friday 29 May 2026 on the staging or not of the Competition.

Once the event has been confirmed, it will be held and the corresponding medals and diplomas will be distributed, regardless of the number of participants.

The OCMG Taranto 2026 will inform immediately all the National Olympic Committees (NOCs) of the staging of the competition or not, depending on the number of Teams entered.

5. TECHNICAL ORGANIZATION

The FITP, under the supervision of FIP Technical Delegate, is responsible for the technical organization and for the development of the Padel Competition during the XX Mediterranean Games Taranto 2026.

5.1. Special procedures for the development of the competition

Any issue that may arise prior or during the events will be resolved by the competition management, as per ICMG and FIP rules, in force on 1 January 2026, unless the ICMG exceptionally authorises otherwise.

The exact measures to be taken regarding the organisation of the Padel competition will depend on the final number of participants.

5.2. Drawing of the lots

The lots to determine the playing order and schedule will take place during the Technical Meeting when all the delegations will have confirmed the final entries of their athletes.

5.3. Competition System

All the events will be run by knockout with the seed system. The seeds will be determined according to the FIP classification in force fifteen (15) days before the start of the competition.

All matches will be held in two (2) winning sets.

In all sets where there is a tie at six (6) games everywhere, the tie break system will apply. Golden point in case of 40-40 (Deuce) will apply.

In all events, a match between the losers of the semi-finals will take place for 3rd and 4th place.

If necessary, all participants would be forced to play more than one match per day. In this case, the minimum rest between the first and the second match will be a minimum time as the duration of last match played between.

If the referee decides it, the matches can be ended in artificial light.

The balls used for the competition will be Bullpadel Next Pro and will be communicated to the participants in advance.

Each match will be played with three (3) new balls. From semifinals will be changed every nine (9) and eleven (11) games.

6. COMPETITION SCHEDULE

The Tournament of Padel of the XX Mediterranean Games Taranto 2026 will take place according to the following schedule:

Dates/Time	Event	Matches	Categories and courts		
			Men	Women	Mixed
22th Aug. 9:30 a.m. 6:00 p.m.	Men's pairs 1st round	10	2		
22th Aug. 9:30 a.m. 6:00p.m.	Women's pairs 1st round	10		2	
22th Aug. 6:00 p.m. 10:00 p.m.	Mixed pairs 1st round	5			4
23rd Aug. 9:30 a.m. 6:00 p.m.	Men's pairs 1st round	10	2		

Dates/Time	Event	Matches	Categories and courts		
			Men	Women	Mixed
23rd Aug. 9:30 a.m. 6:00 p.m.	Women's pairs 1st round	10		2	
23rd Aug. 6:00 p.m. 10:00 p.m.	Mixed pairs 1st round	5			4
24th August 26 9:30 a.m. 11:30 p.m.	Men's pairs 2nd round	16	2		
	Women's pairs 2nd round	16		2	
25th Aug. 1:00 p.m. 9:00 p.m.	Men's pairs R16	8	2		
25th Aug. 1:00 p.m. 9:00 p.m.	Women's pairs R16	8		2	
25th Aug. 9:30 a.m. 1:00 p.m.	Mixed pairs R16	8			2
26th Aug. 1:00 p.m. 12:00 p.m.	Men's pairs Quarter Finals	4	1		
26th Aug. 1:00 p.m. 8:00 p.m.	Women's pairs Quarter Finals	4		1	
26th Aug. 10:00 a.m. 12:00 p.m.	Mixed pairs Quarter Finals	4			4
27th Aug. 4:00 p.m. 8:00 p.m.	Men's pairs Semi Finals	2	1		
27th Aug. 1:00 p.m. 4:00 p.m.	Women's pairs Semi Finals	2		1	
27th Aug. 10:00 a.m. 12:00 p.m.	Mixed pairs Semi Finals	2			2
28th Aug. 2:00 p.m. 4:00 p.m.	Men's pairs Bronze medal	1	1		
28th Aug. 12:00 p.m. 2:00 p.m.	Women's pairs Bronze medal	1		1	
28th Aug. 10:00 a.m. 12:00 a.m.	Mixed pairs Bronze medal	1			1

Dates/Time	Event	Matches	Categories and courts		
			Men	Women	Mixed
28th Aug. 8:00 p.m. 10:00 p.m.	Men's pairs Finals	1	1		
28th Aug. 6:00 p.m. 8:00 p.m.	Women's pairs Finals	1		1	
28th Aug. 4:00 p.m. 6:00 p.m.	Mixed pairs Finals	1			1
28th Aug. 10:00 p.m. 10:30 p.m.	MEDAL CEREMONIES				
Please note that the competition may end at a different time depending on how long the matches last.					

6.1. Technical Offices

Two offices will provide specific information on the Padel Tournament:

- Technical Information Centre (TIC) of Padel, at the Competition Venue.
- Sport Information Centre (SIC) at the Mediterranean Village.

These offices will provide information on the schedule of the competition and training sessions, transport, list of players and results.

7. COMPETITION VENUE

The Padel competition of the XX Mediterranean Games Taranto 2026 will be held at the following venue:

Competition venue	Distance from Village	Capacity	Municipality
Salinella Mediterranean Park	5,2 Km	1000 seats	TARANTO

7.1. Competition Area

The competition area will consist of four (4) courts:

- Three (3) 20m x 10m playing courts.
- One (1) central court of 20m x 10m, with a capacity of 500 spectators.

The venue will be completed with two (2) other training courts.

All playing courts are approved by FIP.

7.2. Warm-up Area

The warm-up area will be at Palaricciardi Sport Hall (indoor), located in the same sport Complex.

7.3. Changing Rooms

Athletes will have separate changing rooms for men and women equipped with showers and toilets.

7.4. Athletes' Lounge

Athletes will have at their disposal a lounge with water, energizing drinks and fruits.

7.5. Mixed zone

In the mixed zone, accredited media will be allowed brief interviews with participants who have finished their competition. Athletes must pass through this zone to leave the competition area and will be asked to cooperate willingly in answering journalists' questions. At the request of the journalists, an official of the OCMG may invite the athletes to go into the mixed zone to answer their questions.

Accredited media will have access to a press tribune.

7.6. Sport Equipment

All sport and technical equipment used during Padel competitions and training sessions will comply with FIP rules **in force on 1 January 2026**.

8. TRAINING SESSIONS

8.1. Training Venue

The Padel training sessions for the XX Mediterranean Games Taranto 2026 will take place at the following venue:

Training venue	Distance from Village	Capacity	Municipality
Salinella Mediterranean Park	5,2 Km	1000 seats	TARANTO

8.2. Calendar and Schedules for Training Sessions

Trainings will follow the schedules below:

Date	Training Program	Number of courts	Time
19th August 2026	Each country shall be allocated a reservation slot of sixty (60) minutes.	6 courts	8:00 a.m.- 9:00 p.m.
20th August 2026	Each country shall be allocated a reservation slot of sixty (60) minutes.	6 courts	8:00 a.m.- 9:00 p.m.
21st August 2026	Each country shall be allocated a reservation slot of sixty (60) minutes.	6 courts	8:00 a.m.- 9:00 p.m.
22nd August 2026	Each country shall be allocated a reservation slot of sixty (60) minutes.	2 courts	8:00 a.m.- 9:00 p.m.
23rd August 2026	Each country shall be allocated a reservation slot of sixty (60) minutes.	2 courts	8:00 a.m.- 9:00 p.m.
24th August 2026	Each country shall be allocated a reservation slot of sixty (60) minutes.	2 courts	8:00 a.m.- 9:00 p.m.
25th August 2026	Each country shall be allocated a reservation slot of sixty (60) minutes.	2 courts	8:00 a.m.- 9:00 p.m.
26th August 2026	Each country shall be allocated a reservation slot of sixty (60) minutes.	2 courts	7:00a.m. - 9:00p.m.
27th August 2026	Each country shall be allocated a reservation slot of sixty (60) minutes.	2 courts	7:00a.m. - 9:00p.m.
28th August 2026	Each country shall be allocated a reservation slot of sixty (60) minutes.	2 courts	7:00 a.m.- 9:00 p.m.

8.3. Services available at Training Venue

8.3.1. Changing Rooms

Athletes will have separate changing rooms for men and women, equipped with showers and toilets.

8.3.2. Athletes' Lounge

At the training venues, athletes will have at their disposal a lounge with water, energizing drinks and fruits.

8.4. Media during training sessions

Training sessions will be opened to the media but not to the public. The Competition Manager will be authorized to change this rule when and if he deems it necessary.

8.5. Procedure for the scheduling of training sessions

NOCs will receive the planning of the training sessions during the second half of July. They will have to confirm that they will make use of their allocated sessions during the DRM.

8.5.1. Before the Competition

As a rule, Competition Management will put the relevant Venues at the Athletes' disposal for one daily session, two (2) days before the beginning of the competition, **on Thursday 20 August 2026**.

If they have requested it during the DRM and following the procedure, Delegations will be able to use these Venues for training purposes, five (5) days before the beginning of the competition, **from Monday 17 August 2026**.

Training sessions will have a maximum length of one hour and thirty (1'30) minutes.

8.5.2. During the Competition

Competition management will assign a daily training session of one hour and thirty minutes (1'30) at the competition venue.

During the Technical Meeting, on 21 August 2026, the Organizing Committee will deliver the Training Schedule during competition. Each NOC will then be able to inform of its specific training needs; these will be assessed to be included in the training schedule during the competition.

All NOCs will have to confirm they will use their allocated training session, by 17:00 the day prior to the training is due; should they fail to do so, the relevant session will be made available for the other NOCs. They may also request, before 17:00, an additional training session, which may be allocated to them, from 20:00 the same day, subject to availability at the Venues.

Upon their arrival, Teams will receive all relevant information on the training sessions, both at the SIC and at the TIC for Padel.

9. PARTICIPATION

All NOCs members of the ICMG, whose National Federation is a member Association of FIP, are entitled to participate in the Padel Tournament of the XX Mediterranean Games Taranto 2026.

Athletes taking part in the competition must have the nationality of the country they represent and abide by the Conditions and Rules of ICMG and FIP.

Each NOC may take part in the padel competition with two (2) men's pairs and two (2) women's pairs for the pairs tournament, as well as with one mixed pair.

Players in the mixed pairs must be entered in the men's and women's pairs.

Each country may enter a maximum of eight (8) participants

9.1. Entries

9.1.1. General Principles

The XX Mediterranean Games Taranto 2026 are open to all the Athletes of the NOCs of the Mediterranean countries' members of the ICMG, as indicated in the Rules of the ICMG Charter and of the IOC.

All Athletes taking part in the Games must be citizens of the country they represent, in accordance with the IOC Rules.

9.1.2. Procedures

The registration process is linked to the general system of Accreditations. The OCMG Taranto 2026 entry system is an e-accreditation portal accessible through the official website of the Games: www.ta2026.com.

Each Delegation will have its own username and password to have access to this e-accreditation portal available in both French and English.

The portal will allow users to print a list of sport entries which, once signed, will have to be sent back, within the deadlines indicated below, to the OCMG Taranto 2026: entries@ta2026.com.

9.1.3. Entries by Number

The list of entries by number of participants for each NOC and event will have to be submitted through the e-accreditation portal, **by 23:59 (Italian time) on Monday 30 March 2026.**

9.1.4. Preliminary Entries by Name (Long list)

The list of preliminary entries of participants by names, by NOC and event, will have to be submitted via the e-accreditation portal, **by 23:59 (Italian time) on Thursday 23 April 2026.**

9.1.5. Final Entries by Name (Short list)

The NOC of each participating country will have to submit to the OCMG Taranto 2026, through the e-accreditation portal, the form with the final entries of their participants by name, five (5) weeks before the beginning of the Games, on **Tuesday 14 July 2026 (by 23:59, Italian time).**

9.1.6. Confirmation of Entries

Confirmation of entries will take place during the DRM and any eventual modification that could be acceptable will be presented to the SIC and confirmed at a later stage, during the Technical Meeting.

Specific forms for the confirmation of entries will be distributed in advance to the Chef of Mission of each NOC.

9.2. Technical Meeting

The Technical Meeting will take place on Friday 21 August 2026, at 10:30, at the Mediterranean Village.

The meeting will be held in accordance with FIP Rules and chaired by FIP Technical Delegate. The following people must be in attendance:

- FIP Technical Delegate
- One member of the ICMG SPC Commission
- The Team Managers (one per NOC)
- The coaches (one per team)
- The Team Doctors (one per team)
- The OCMG Taranto 2026 Competition Manager for Padel

10. MEDICAL SERVICES

10.1. Medical Services at the Village and on the Competition Venues

During the XX Mediterranean Games Taranto 2026, medical services will be available to any accredited Athlete or Official who might need them, both at the Mediterranean Village and on the competition venues.

10.2. Mediterranean Village

The Polyclinic at the Village will provide the residents with the following services:

- Sport medicine
- Physiotherapy
- First Aid
- Emergency services 24/24h
- A fleet of ambulances will link the Polyclinic and the main Hospitals, should additional care be needed.

10.3. Competition Venue

During the events, all competition venues will provide the Athletes with the following services:

- Medical services
- Ambulance services
- Coolers filled with ice will be available for the Delegations at all Sport Venues.

10.4. Anti-Doping Control

Doping controls will be carried out during the competition or out of competition, under the responsibility of the International Testing Agency (ITA) and with the collaboration of the Italian National Anti-Doping Agency (NADO Italy), in accordance with the rules of the ICMG, the IF and the World Anti-Doping Code.

All competitors who undergo a control will receive written notification. The official procedure for the collection of samples will subsequently start, in accordance with the official deadlines and Regulations.

Any Athlete who refuses to submit to doping control, or who is declared positive after the test, will be disqualified from the competition and will be sanctioned along with his/her Team, in accordance with the ICMG and FIP Regulations.

11. REFEREES and UMPIRES

11.1. FIP Supervisor and Main Referee

The FIP Supervisor appointed by FIP shall be the maximum and final authority over the application of the FIP regulations.

The FITP will appoint the Main Referee, with the approval of the FIP technical delegate and FIP Supervisor.

11.2. Chair Umpires

The FITP will appoint the Chair Umpires, with the approval of the FIP technical delegate and FIP Supervisor. They direct the matches and make decisions on disputed points.

11.3. Main Referee Assistant

The FITP will appoint the assistants' referees, with the approval of the FIP technical delegate and FIP Supervisor.

11.4. Claims

Claims will be ruled following FIP rules. Any claim can be raised by the relevant NOC, in written, in French or in English, accompanied by a cash deposit which amount is established by FIP rules.

All claims will be addressed to the TIC for Padel who will send them to the Secretariat of the Jury of Appeal and to the ICMG SPC.

The deposit will only be refunded if the claim is successful.

12. SPORT CLOTHING

Participants at the Padel competition of the XX Mediterranean Games Taranto 2026 will wear a sport uniform in accordance with FIP and ICMG Regulations.

Athletes' sport clothing and equipment will bear no commercial brand. As an exception, the brand name of the manufacturer of the clothing or the equipment will be tolerated if it is discreet and does not have any advertising purpose, in accordance to the ICMG and FIP rules.

The same rule will apply for the **Medal Ceremonies** regarding sport clothing and advertising. Athletes will step on the podium with the official clothing of their respective NOC.

13. MEDAL CEREMONIES

The Medal Ceremonies, as per the ICMG and the FIP Rules, will take place at the end of each competition.

A diploma to each player from fourth to eighth place will be awarded.

14. APPROVAL OF THE REGULATIONS

In case of disagreement on the interpretation of these Regulations with any other related version, the French version will take precedence.

This Technical Manual was approved by the ICMG.



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