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Argentina to host first FIP Senior World Cup, the Championship of Padel legends

- *Buenos Aires to host the fourth edition of the FIP Senior World Cup from 14 to 19 September 2026*
- *Expansion to 32 national teams*
- *Updated age categories: 40+, 45+, 50+, 55+ and 60+*

Buenos Aires will host, from 14 to 19 September 2026, the fourth edition of the FIP Senior World Cup, the World Championship of Padel for Senior players. The Asociación de Padel Argentino (APA), together with the International Padel Federation (FIP), will welcome athletes from around the world in a competition featuring players who have shaped the history of our sport.

It will be a special occasion for athletes and Padel fans, as it marks the first time the event is held in one of the key countries in the sport, Argentina. **The Buenos Aires edition will mark the debut of the FIP Senior World Cup in South America**, following previous editions held in Estepona (Spain, 2018), Las Vegas (United States, 2022) and La Nucía (Spain, 2024). Argentina will defend on home soil the men's world title won two years ago, while Spain will aim to retain the women's title.

The FIP Senior World Cup carries a strong legacy in addition to its competitive aspect, based on a principle that holds particular significance in Padel: talent has no age. The attention given by the FIP and national federations to more experienced athletes represents a key resource in the process of generational renewal. The players competing in the FIP Senior World Cup have been and continue to be a reference point for young athletes joining the professional circuit and for the champions who currently stand out on the Padel court.

In response to the exponential growth of Padel and the increasing demand for participation, **the final phase format has been expanded to 32 national teams**, a significant increase from the 16 teams that took part in the second edition in Las Vegas and the 24 teams in the third edition in La Nucía.

Following approval by the FIP Board of Directors, **the Senior categories for continental championships and the FIP Senior World Cup have been updated and set across five age**

groups: 40+, 45+, 50+, 55+ and 60+. This update aligns the structure of FIP Senior competitions with the new FIP Beyond format, which includes a category for players aged 18–39.

“We are pleased that the FIP Senior World Cup will be held for the first time in Argentina, a key country in the history and development of Padel, capable of fully representing its identity, culture and passion”, said International Padel Federation President **Luigi Carraro**, who added: *“The Senior movement is of fundamental importance to us: today’s more experienced players, in addition to having been great champions, represent a living legacy of our sport, an essential link between present and future talent. We are confident that this will be a special edition, also thanks to the enthusiasm of a unique public that has contributed significantly to the global growth of Padel. I would like to thank the APA and its president Santiago Brito for taking on, together with the FIP, the organisation of such an important event, as well as all the federations that submitted bids, demonstrating the growing interest and continuous international expansion of our sport”.*

The President of the Asociación de Padel Argentino (APA), **Santiago Brito**, also commented on the milestone: *“Bringing a World Championship to Argentina reaffirms the APA’s commitment to the development and international projection of Padel. This event represents a significant milestone and, on a personal level, it is an honour to continue a family legacy linked to the history of this sport. I thank FIP President Luigi Carraro for his trust, support and cooperation in enabling Argentina to host this Senior World Championship. Our country will have the honour of welcoming delegations from around the world and hosting a competition that promotes the growth and integration of Padel at a global level”.*

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