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GENERAL

The purpose of the “ISF Padel Technical Rules and Regulations” is to provide standardized rules and regulations for all Padel competitions. This document is set up in accordance with the ISF Statutes, the ISF Sport Policy, the ISF General Competition Regulations and the International Padel Federation (FIP).

This document is intended to ensure that all matters related to competitions are conducted in a fair and orderly manner. The specific objectives of this document are to :

1. Define and specify the **general conditions** under which participants can take part in the ISF Padel events;
2. Determine the **delegation composition**;
3. Determine the **sport program**;
4. Determine the **technical rules**;
5. Set the **draw** procedure;
6. Set **protests and appeals** procedure.

Please note that the technical rules and regulations are applicable to ISF Padel event in 2024.

1.GENERAL CONDITIONS

The competition will be run according to the ISF rules and regulations and FIP (International Federation of Padel) technical rules under the direction of the FIP. Any decisions over matters not mentioned in the present document will be taken by the IPF Technical Delegate.

- The ISF Padel events are open to teams.
- The competition is categorized as: boy categories, girls categories and mixed categories.

AGE CATEGORY

Year	U18 YEAR OF BIRTH
2024	2006 - 2007 - 2008 - 2009



2. DELEGATION COMPOSITION

Each delegation will consist of:

- Head of delegation - mandatory
- Deputy Head of Delegation - optional
- Student athlete(s) - mandatory
- Team officials - mandatory
- Field of Play Officials (referees/umpires/judges) - mandatory
- Additional adults - optional
- Safeguarding officer - optional
- Young reporter - optional

HEAD OF DELEGATION (HOD)

- There is a mandatory amount of one (1) head of the delegation per registering delegation.
- The head of the delegation shall be the sole intermediary between the delegation and the Local Organising Committee, and the ISF.
- He/she may not combine the function with any other official role (i.e., coach, referee, etc.).

DEPUTY HEAD OF DELEGATION (Deputy HoD)

- The role of Deputy HoD is to assist the Head of Delegation.
- The presence of the Deputy HoD is not mandatory.
- max 1 Deputy Head of a delegation from 100 to 200 participants.
- max 2 Deputy Heads of a delegation from 201 or more participants.

ATHLETES

- All student-athletes must be enrolled as full-time students at a school in the country in which they represent.
- All student-athletes must be attending schools that provide general education and/or vocational education incorporating segments of general education.
- Only athletes, registered on the team's list handed in at the accreditation, are authorized to take part in this competition.

Each delegation may enter a minimum of :

- 2 Athletes per gender.
- 1 coach per gender.
- 1 FOPO (referee).

The following are *not* eligible to participate:

- Attendees of vocational schools only attend a school as a complement to their vocational training and are not full-time students with a segment of general education.
- Students enrolled at schools that provide sports training without any general education.

TEAM OFFICIALS

COACHES

- The presence of a coach is mandatory.
- Teams or individuals cannot participate in the competition without the presence of a coach.
- Each delegation shall enter a minimum of one (1) coach per gender.



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OTHER TEAMS OFFICIALS

- The function of other team officials can be: doctor, trainer, physiotherapist, statistician, team manager etc.
- The presence of the other team officials is not mandatory.
- The function of the other team officials must be specified during the registration process.
- Any person not specified during registration or exceeding the limit will not be considered part of the team.

FIELD OF PLAY OFFICIALS

- The field of play official (umpire) cannot combine their position with other positions, such as heads of delegation, team officials or additional adults.
- Umpires shall be in possession international or national (minimum) qualification depending on the event type. The Level of qualification shall be described in the events bulletins.
- The qualification will be reviewed and approved by the ISF Padel technical commission.
- Delegations must provide certificates for umpires during the registration process.
- Failure to provide the required number of umpires will lead to a fine of 900€ (per umpire) payable to the organiser prior to the competitions.
- Each delegation is required to provide 1 FOPO needs to hold an FIP license.
- Delegations can register the FOPO without a FIP license, however, the FOPO will be required to attend online courses which will be organized jointly with FIP before the start of the event.

ADDITIONAL ADULTS

- The function of additional adults can be: interpreter, security personnel, ministry representatives, media, etc.
- The presence of additional adults is not mandatory.
- The function of each additional adult must be specified during the registration process.
- Any other additional persons not specified during registration or exceeding the limit specified in this document will not be considered part of the official delegation and will not be accredited by the LOC.

SAFEGUARDING OFFICER

The role of the safeguarding officer is to provide support to the delegation in any situation related to safety.

YOUNG REPORTER

Each delegation may bring additional young students who will take the role of a young reporter during the ISF event.

3. SPORT PROGRAM

EVENTS

- **Boys and Girls**
 - **Boys Pairs**
 - **Girls Pairs**
 - **Mixed Pairs**



4. TECHNICAL RULES

RULES

- The Padel competition will be held in accordance with the current edition of the following document that is in force at the time of the Games:
- The International Padel Federation Rules (FIP), available in English in this link: <https://www.padelfip.com/wp-content/uploads/2023/02/2-game-regulations.pdf>

SCORE SYSTEM

The matches will be played with the FIP official score systems:

- On the first point won “15” will be called on the second point won “30”, the third point “40” and the fourth “game”. Except, if each pair have won three points, at which time “deuce” will be called. The following point won “advantage” and if the same pair wins the next point, they win the game. If the point is lost the score will return to “deuce”. And so on until one pair of players has won the two consecutive points which are needed to win the game.
- The first pair to win 6 games, always with a minimum advantage of 2, will win the set. In the case of a tie (draw) at 5 games the players will have to play two more games, to win by 7-5. However, if there is a tie at 6 games a “tie-break” or sudden death will be applied.
- The match is the best of three sets. Two out of three sets need to be won in order to win the match.
- In the case of a tie of one set each, and always previously established, the third set may be played without a “tie break” so, if there is a tie at six games, the pair who gain a difference of two games win.

CLOSING AND EQUIPMENT

- Clothing and equipment used by Athletes and Officials accredited must comply with the current FIP Competition Rules.



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5. DRAW

- Up to 32 Pairs: Eight groups of four pairs will compete in a round-robin stage. Group winners will then advance to a single-elimination knockout draw to determine medalists.
- More than 32 Pairs: A single-elimination knockout draw with a consolation bracket will be implemented.

6. PROTESTS AND APPEALS

- Protests and Appeals will be considered according to official FIP Rules for Padel Regulations. Detailed information in this link: <https://www.padelfip.com/wp-content/uploads/2023/02/3-SPORT-DISCIPLINE-REGULATIONS.pdf>

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