

1. GENERAL INFORMATION

- 1.1. The 'Belgian Padel Tour' is a competition for the highest-level players affiliated to Tennis Vlaanderen or AFT Padel.
- 1.2. The Belgian Padel Tour includes tournaments in Flanders and Wallonia.
- 1.3. Players earn ranking points in each tournament. The ranking points contribute to the Belgian Padel Tour ranking.

2. TOURNAMENT ORGANISATION

- 2.1. Each tournament must organize a MEN and a WOMEN category.
- 2.2. A tournament must have 32 team spots for men and 16 for women.
- 2.3. The schedule of play must be communicated when registrations open.
- 2.4. There must be at least 13 teams for men / 9 teams for women registered. Otherwise the tournament (men or women) will be canceled.
- 2.5. All matches are played without referee. The organizing club is responsible for the tournament organization and to enter all scores into the system.
- 2.6. All tournaments start on Monday and finish on Sunday of the same week.
- 2.7. Tournament are composed of a round robin phase (4 teams/group) followed by a final draw with direct elimination. The best 2 teams of each group proceed to the final draw.
- 2.8. The round robin phases are played during the week on evenings (start at 7pm or 7.30pm) and on Saturday. The final draw is played on Saturday or Sunday. The final draw format and schedule must be included in the tournament announcement.
 - If the final draw starts in 1/8 finals, the final draw must be organized over 2 days
 - If the final draw starts in 1/4 finals:
 - MEN: the final draw must be organized over 2 days
 - WOMEN: the final draw must be organized in 1 day (with 30min break between all matches)
 - If the final draw starts in 1/2 finals, the final draw must be organized in one day.
- 2.9. The organizing clubs must have at least 4 courts (of which at least 2 covered).
- 2.10. Out-of-court play is only permitted if there is an official out-of-court play safety area* on all courts on which a certain round of the draw is played. For each round (e.g., round robin, 1/8 final, 1/4 final, ...), all matches are played with the same out-of-court play rules. Only if all courts on which a certain round is played have out-of-court play safety areas, out-of-court play will be allowed.

*The official out-of-court play safety area is defined based on the FIP regulations: 2m wide, 8m long, 3m high and the access must be protected in its three sides (later, upper, net post) with a product to cushion against player contact.
- 2.11. Padel Belgium provides new balls for each match to the clubs and organizes tournament branding (banners, beachflags, players benched, ...) on 4 courts.
- 2.12. The organizing clubs are responsible for payout of the prizemoney according to the prizemoney table. This can be organized through a money transfer (preference) or cash envelope (in case of the latter, a club responsible must organize this on the final days). For all amounts above 125 EURO the club is responsible to create a fiche 281.50 for tax purposes.
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Prizemoney per player	Winner	Runner-up	½ finalist	¼ finalist	TOTAL
9-12 teams	120	70	30	15	620
13-16 teams	160	100	50	20	880
17-24 teams	200	120	60	30	1120
25-32 teams	240	140	70	40	1360

3. TOURNAMENT ENTRIES

- 3.1. Players need to register online through the system that is used by the organizing club/federation.
- 3.2. The minimum age for players to participate is 13 years.
- 3.3. Tournament registrations cost 20 Euro per player.
- 3.4. Only players with level minimum P700 (male) and P300 (female) are allowed. Each pair must consist of at least one P1000 player for men or one P500 player for women. P300/P300 pairs (women) and P700/P700 pairs (men) are not allowed unless one of the players has earned a tournament pass by winning 1 tournament in their level/category.
- 3.5. Tournament registrations open 4 weeks before the start of the tournament and close on Monday night 23.45 the week before the tournament. If the group phase starts later than Thursday for men or women, the tournament registrations for that category can stay open until Thursday 23.45 the week before the tournament.
- 3.6. All players need to indicate their availability in the tournament registration. Players can only indicate one group moment of non-availability. There is no guarantee that the draw can take the availability into account. Players must be available on their planned round robin phase. Non availability is equal to Forfait (= Walk Over non excusé) if the matches are planned on days with indicated availability.
- 3.7. All players need to be available all Saturday or Sunday for the final round. If not available, players may not enter the tournament. Absence due to availability in the final round results in a Forfait.
- 3.8. If the maximum number of registrations is reached (taking into account possible wild-cards), the organization will reject registrations based on the lowest Padel Belgium Belgian ranking points* (as defined in 6.4) of both players (player A + player B).
 - *Padel Belgium ranking points are only applicable for this criteria for players who have passed the group phase in at least one counted BPT tournament.
 - *If multiple teams do not have Padel Belgium ranking points (or only have ranking points of the group phase), the rejection of teams is based on the teamranking (position player A + Player B) of the AFT Padel ranking and Padel Tour ranking Tennis Vlaanderen. If a player has a ranking in both, AFT Padel and TV, the best ranking is taken into account.
 - *If a player without Belgian Padel Tour Ranking wants to enter a tournament Padel Belgium can keep 4 teams to offer a wild-card.
- 3.9. A Belgian Padel Tour counts as an official tournament for the maximum restriction in the regional federation. Players are responsible to check this for themselves. If the organization is notified of an offense of this rule, the players will receive Forfait (= Walk Over non excusé) in all tournaments of this week.

4. TOURNAMENT FORMAT

- 4.1. In the group phase matches are played to 2 winning sets first to 6, with 3rd set super tie-break
- 4.2. The scoring format of the final draw is determined by the referee in consultation with Padel Belgium. The following formats are advised:
 - 4.2.1. Final draw played with max. 2 matches/rounds per day:
All matches are played to 2 winning sets first to 6, with a normal 3rd set to 6 (tie-break at 6/6).
 - 4.2.2. Final draw with 3 matches/rounds per day:
All matches in ¼ finals are played to 2 winning sets first to 6, with 3rd set super tie-break. The ½ finals and final are played to 2 winning sets first to 6, with a normal 3rd set to 6 (tie-break at 6/6).
- 4.3. All matches are played with Gold Point.

5. COMPOSITION OF THE GROUPS AND FINAL DRAW

5.1. The supervisor representing Padel Belgium will make the groups draw and final draw in connection with the club tournament director.

5.2. The registered teams are divided onto groups of 4 or 3 teams.

5.3. The teams with the best sum of Padel Belgium ranking points (as defined in 6.4) are the seeds of each group. Example for 16 teams (4 groups of 4): The 4 teams with the highest sum of Padel Belgium ranking points* (Padel Belgium ranking points player 1 + ranking points player 2) will be respectively seeds of the 1st, 2nd, 3rd and 4th groups. The other teams are placed by draw. If there is an ex aequo of the sum of ranking points, toss will decide.

*For the first BPT Tournament 2021 - 2022 the draw will be based on the Belgian Padel Tour ranking 2020.

5.4. After the group draw is published, the following must be applied:

- ✓ A team (both players) that is not available on the planned round robin moment can:
 - Unregister from the tournament (on the premise that the team is in a group of 4 teams)
 - Be replaced* by a reserve team
 - If the team is in a group of 3, and there is no replacement, this will result in a Forfait (non excusé) or a Walk-Over (excusé) depending on the reason
- ✓ A team in which only 1 player is available can:
 - Replace* 1 player

* The replacement cannot disturb the seeds of each group

- ✓ The following is not allowed
 - 2 teams may not split up and form new teams
 - Teams cannot be switched between groups
 - A team can not be moved from a group of 4 to a group of 3
 - No changes can be made that disturb the seeds of each group

5.5. The ranking of the groups is determined as follows:

- ✓ Match winners receive 2 points, match losers receive 0 points
- ✓ In case of ex aequo the final group ranking is determined based on:
 - Ex aequo between 2 teams
Match between those 2 teams is decisive
 - Ex aequo between 3 teams
Only the match scores between those 3 teams are taken into account to define the ranking. The 3 teams are ranked based on the best saldo win-loss of the sets. If this saldo is equal, the best saldo of win-loss games is taken into account. If an ex aequo remains, the number of lost games is considered. If there is no distinction between the 3 teams, the lot decides. If at one point, an ex aequo between 2 teams remains, the rules for “ex aequo between 2 teams” is applied.

5.6. The best 2 teams of each group qualify for the final draw.

5.7. The number of seeds is determined by the number of participants in the final draw. There is one seed for every 4 teams in the final draw. The seeds are the group winners with the best sum of Belgian Padel Tour ranking points (weighted average as defined in 6.4). The other pairs will be placed by draw taking into account that a group winner always plays against a nr 2 team, or has a bye in the first round.

5.9 Players cannot be replaced in the final draw.

6. PADEL BELGIUM RANKING AND RACE TO BELGIAN CHAMPIONSHIP

6.1. The Belgian Padel Tour tournaments count towards the ‘Padel Belgium Ranking’ and towards the ranking ‘Race to Belgian Championship’.

6.2. After each tournament, the rankings will be updated and published.

6.3. Ranking points will be awarded to the Padel Belgium Ranking and the Race to Belgian Championship Ranking according to the stage reached in the competition. These points are independent of the AFT Padel and Tennis Vlaanderen rankings.

BELGIAN PADEL TOUR RANKING	MEN	WOMEN
Winner	2000	2000
Runner-up	1600	1600
½ final	1200	1200
¼ final	800	800
1/8 final	400	N/A
Knock-out round robin	100	100

6.4. The ‘**Padel Belgium Ranking**’ takes into account all tournaments (Belgian Padel Tour tournaments and the Belgian Championship) that took place over the past 52 weeks.

‘**The Race to Belgian Championship Ranking**’ takes into account all Belgian Padel Tour tournaments of the current season. A new season and a new ranking starts after each Belgian Championship. The 2021-2022 season starts in July 2021.

For both rankings, a weighted average of the best 4 tournament results is used based on the number of played tournaments:

- 4 tournaments or more: average of the best 4 tournaments
- 3 tournaments: 80% of the average of the best 3 tournaments
- 2 tournaments: 70% of the average of the best 2 tournaments
- 1 tournament: 60% of the ranking points

6.5. In case of ex aequo in the final ranking before the Belgian Championship, the following criteria are used in the following order (if 1 criterion is decisive, the next criteria are not taken into account)

- 6.5.1. #Win - #loss matches
- 6.5.2. #Win - #loss sets
- 6.5.3. #Win - #loss games

6.6. Players who participate in more than 4 series (these 4 series can be in maximum 2 tournaments) in the same week (date of the final determines the week number) will not receive any ranking points for this week.

6.7. When a team Forfeits during the groups or final draw, those players do not receive ranking points for the Belgian Padel Tour. When a team gives a Walk Over (legitimized/excusé) ranking points are given.

6.8. Each Walk Over or Forfeit counts as a win/loss match/sets/games and is therefore included in counting the final ranking according to article 6.5 of this Regulation.

7. VARIA

7.1. Ranking points of the Flemish tournaments will be added to the “Padel Tour Ranking” and the “Race to Masters ranking”. Ranking points of the Wallonian tournaments points will be added to the AFT padel ranking.

AFT Padel/ Tennis Vlaanderen ranking	HEREN (13-32)	DAMES (9-16)
Winner	1500	750
Runner-up	1350	600
½ final	1200	450
¼ final	1050	300
1/8 final	900	N/A
Knock-out round robin	400	150