



BELGIAN VETERAN CHAMPIONSHIP 2022

1. GENERAL INFORMATION

- 1.1. The Belgian Padel Veteran Championship is a competition organized in alternance each year by AFT Padel and Padel by Tennis Vlaanderen.
- 1.2. The Belgian Padel Veteran Championship is a competition for players affiliated to AFT Padel or Padel by Tennis Vlaanderen.

2. TOURNAMENT ORGANISATION

- 2.1. The Belgian Padel Championships will be played from the 28th of November until the 4th of December 2022 at Padelpark 37.
- 2.2. The Belgian Padel Veteran Championship starts on Monday and finishes on Sunday the same week.
- 2.3. Organized categories:
 - MEN +35 (born in 1987 and before) → knockout table (open registrations)
 - MEN +45 (born in 1977 and before) → knockout table (open registrations)
 - MEN +55 (born in 1967 and before) → knockout table (open registrations)
 - WOMEN +35 (born in 1987 and before) → knockout table (open registrations)
 - WOMEN +45 (born in 1977 and before) → knockout table (open registrations)
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- 2.4. The schedule of play will be the following:
 - Matches start at 6 p.m. during the week (Monday to Friday)
 - Matches start at 9 a.m. during the week end (Saturday and Sunday)
- 2.5. All matches are played without referee. The organizing club is responsible for the tournament organization and to enter all scores correctly into the tournament software system.
- 2.6. A single elimination tournament draw will be used.
- 2.7. In the best possible way, the matches of players who proceed to the next round will be scheduled in such a way that these players have 2 matches on 1 day / evening.
- 2.8. All semi-finals and finals will be played on Sunday.
- 2.9. The organizing club must have at least 3 indoor courts available.
- 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.*

3. TOURNAMENT ENTRIES

- 3.1 Only players with the Belgian nationality can participate.
- 3.2 Players need to register online through the software application that is used by the organizing club/federation.

3.3 Tournament registrations cost 15 euro per player.

3.4 All players are allowed if they respect gender.

3.5 A pair that consists of 2 players from the same age category, can play 1 age category younger than their own on the condition that they also play in their own age category. Players can never play in an age category older than their own.

Example 1: a pair of both players in +55, can only participate to the +45 category on the condition they also participate to the +55 category.

Example 2: : a 42 year old may not participate in the +55 category.

3.6 If a pair consists out of players from different age categories, the pair must play the category of the youngest player of the pair.

Example: Player A is 43 years old, player B is 56 years old. This pair must participate in the +35 category.

3.7 Each player may register for maximum 2 categories.

3.8 Players who pursue a selection for a potential World or European Veteran Championship must play the Belgian Championship in the age category corresponding to the age categories set forth by [FIP](#). Selections will be made by the Veteran Padel Belgium Ranking. Padel Belgium will select players who are ranked highest according to their age.

3.9 Tournament registrations open 5 weeks before the start of the tournament and close on Monday night 23.45 the week before the tournament.

3.10 Full availability during the entire duration of the tournament is required to register for the tournament.

3.11 There is a maximum of 32 registrations allowed per category. In case the number of registrations exceeds the maximum, the team with the lowest sum of 'klassement'/'classement' (the best 'klassement/classement' of Tennis Vlaanderen and AFT Padel will be considered) will be rejected. In case of an ex aequo, toss will decide.

4. TOURNAMENT FORMAT

4.1 All matches are played to two winning sets and a match tie-break (first to 10 points) in case of a third set. The final is played to 3 winning sets.

4.2 All matches are played with Golden Point.

5. COMPOSITION OF THE FINAL DRAW

5.1 The referee will make the draw together with federation organizing the Belgian Padel Veteran Championship.

5.2 The seeds are determined by:

- a) The teams with the highest sum of 'klassement/classement'
- b) In case of an ex aequo, the team with the highest teamranking (best of CUPRA Padel Tour Ranking and AFT Padel Ranking)
- c) If there is still an ex aequo, toss will decide.

5.3 After the draw is published, the following is applicable:

- ✓ A team (both players) that is not available on the scheduled time of play can:
 - Unregister from the tournament (if there is no replacement → both players receive a Forfait or Walk-Over depending on the reason of cancellation)
 - Be replaced* by a spare team

- ✓ A team in which only 1 player is available can:
 - Replace* 1 player

* Replacements must never disturb the seeds of the draw.

- ✓ The following is not allowed:
 - 2 teams may not split up and form new teams
 - No changes can be made that disturb the seeds of the draw

