



## BELGIAN VETERAN CHAMPIONSHIP 2023

### 1. GENERAL INFORMATION

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

### 2. TOURNAMENT ORGANISATION

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- 2.1. The Belgian Padel Veteran Championships will be played from the 26<sup>th</sup> of June until the 2<sup>nd</sup> of July 2023 at Tour &Taxis Padel Club.
- 2.2. The Belgian Padel Veteran Championship starts on Monday and finishes on Sunday the same week.
- 2.3. Organized categories :
  - MEN +40 (born between 1983 and 1979) → knockout table (open registrations)
  - MEN +45 (born between 1978 and 1974) → knockout table (open registrations)
  - MEN +50 (born between 1973 and 1969) → knockout table (open registrations)
  - MEN +55 (born between 1968 and 1964) → knockout table (open registrations)
  - MEN +60 (born in 1963 and before) → knockout table (open registrations)
  - WOMEN +40 (born between 1983 and 1979) → knockout table (open registrations)
  - WOMEN +45 (born between 1978 and 1974) → knockout table (open registrations)
  - WOMEN +50 (born between 1973 and 1969) → knockout table (open registrations)
  - WOMEN +55 (born between 1968 and 1964) → knockout table (open registrations)
  - WOMEN +60 (born in 1963 and before) → knockout table (open registrations)
- 2.4. The schedule of play will be the following :
  - Matches start at 5 p.m. during the week (Monday to Friday)
  - Matches start at 9 a.m. on Saturday and at 10h30 am on Sunday
  - The availabilities required will be shown at sign in on [www.aftpadel.be](http://www.aftpadel.be)
  - Full availability of your aged category is required
- 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 with a maximum of 16 teams registered. If there is 16 teams, they will all start in last 16.
- 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 during the weekend.
- 2.9. The organizing club must have at least 6 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

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- 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 20 euros per player.
- 3.4 All players are allowed if they respect gender.
- 3.6 Each player can only register for 1 category.
- 3.7 If a pair consists out of players that belong to 2 different age categories, the pair has to register in the age category of the youngest players. Example: player A is 46 years old and player B is 51 years old. This pair must register in the +45 category.
- 3.8 Selections for a potential World or European Veteran Championship for 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 16 registrations allowed per category.** In case the number of registrations exceeds the maximum, the team with the lowest sum of Belgian Padel Tour Veteran ranking points will be rejected. If both teams don't have Belgian Padel Tour Veteran ranking points, the 'klassement'/'classement' (the best 'klassement/classement' of Padel Vlaanderen and AFT Padel which is valid at the moment of the tournament will be considered) to reject the following teams. In case of an ex aequo, toss will decide.
- 3.12 Players will receive points for the Veteran Padel Belgium according to the same rules as the Belgian Padel Tour Regulation.

### 4. TOURNAMENT FORMAT

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- 4.1 All matches are played to two winning sets and a full third set in case of a third set.
- 4.2 All matches are played with Golden Point.
- 4.3 On one day maximum two matches can be scheduled. Players can request a break of maximum 30 min between two matches.
- 4.4 Coaching is allowed according to the following rules :
  - 4.4.1 During the changeover between games/sets. Exception, coaching is not allowed during tie-breaks.
  - 4.4.2 The coach must be seated on the bench next to the court during the complete duration of the match. When a coach leaves this seat, he/she is not allowed to coach during that match anymore.
  - 4.4.3 Only 1 coach per match is allowed to coach a team.
  - 4.4.4 Players that participate to the tournament are not allowed to coach other players. Exception, a male player may coach a female player and the other way around.

### 5. COMPOSITION OF THE FINAL DRAW

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- 5.1 The referee will make the draw together with federation organizing the Belgian Padel Veteran Championship.
- 5.2 There will be a seed every 2 teams registered.

The seeds are determined by :

- a) The teams with the highest sum of Belgian Padel tour veteran points
- b) The teams with the highest sum of 'klassement/classement'

- c) In case of an ex aequo, the team with the highest teamranking (best of CUPRA Padel Tour Ranking and AFT Padel Ranking)
- d) 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)
  - That team still have to pay the entry fee if there is no team that can replace them
  - 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