



# BELGIAN PADEL TOUR REGULATIONS 2023 -2024



## 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 Padel Belgium 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 women.
- 2.3. Men/women can only register in their own gender category.
- 2.4. The schedule of play must be communicated when registrations open.
- 2.5. There must be at least 12 teams registered. Otherwise the tournament (men or women) will be canceled. Exception: the tournament can take place with 8 to 11 teams if at least 4 pairs consisting of at least 1 top 10 player on the Padel Belgium Ranking are registered.
- 2.6. All matches are played without referee. The organizing club is responsible for the tournament organization and to enter all scores into the system. Only for the final day (Sunday) Padel Belgium will assign an umpire.
- 2.7. All tournaments must be played between Monday and Sunday of the same week.
- 2.8. A tournament is played in an elimination draw divided in qualification and main draw depending on the number of registrations per tournament.
- 2.9. Draws are composed according to the following scheme:

Number of registrations	Main draw	Qualification draw
Less than 12	1 main draw starts in - 1/8 final (9-12 teams) - 1/4 final (8 teams)	NA
From 12 until 24	4 seeds Draw starts in 1/4 final	Rest of the players
From 25 until 32	8 seeds Draw starts in 1/8 final	Rest of the players

- 2.10. The qualification draw is played during the week in the evening (start at 6.30 pm) and depending on the number of registrations also on Saturday. The main draw is played on Saturday and Sunday.
- 2.11. The organizing clubs must have at least 4 courts (of which at least 4 covered or must provide an indoor alternative at a nearby club).
- 2.12. Out-of-court play is only permitted if there is an official out-of-court play safety area.  
  
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.
- 2.13. Padel Belgium provides new balls for each match to the clubs and organizes tournament branding (banners, beachflags, players benched, ...) on 4 courts. For the quarter finals and semi-final, new balls will be provided in case of a third set. For the final, balls will be replaced the first time after 9 games and thereafter every 11 games.

2.14. 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.

2.15. Prize money table:

Prizemoney per player	Winner	Runner-up	½ finalist	¼ finalist	TOTAL
8-12 teams	150	90	40	20	800
13-16 teams	200	125	60	25	1090
17-24 teams	300	150	70	40	1500
25-32 teams	400	200	100	50	2000

### 3. TOURNAMENT ENTRIES

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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 25 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. The draw is published on Tuesday the week before the tournament.

3.6. All players must be available on two weekdays. The schedule for weekdays is communicated when registrations open. All players need to be fully available during the weekend for the main draw. If not available, players may not enter the tournament. Non availability after the closing of the registrations is equal to Forfait (= Walk Over non excusé).

3.7. 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 for a tournament are only applicable for this criteria for players who have won at least one match in that tournament.
- \*If multiple teams do not have Padel Belgium ranking points (or only have ranking points of the qualification round), the rejection of teams is based on the teamranking (position player A + Player B) of the AFT Padel ranking and Padel Tour ranking Padel Vlaanderen. If a player has a ranking in both, AFT Padel and Padel Vlaanderen, 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. Wild cards can be requested by sending an email to [info@padelbelgium.com](mailto:info@padelbelgium.com)

3.8. 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

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4.1. All matches are played to 2 winning sets first to 6, with a third set to 6 (tie-break at 6/6 ).

4.2. On one day maximum two matches can be scheduled. Players can request a break of maximum 30 min between two matches.

4.3. All matches are played with Golden Point.

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. The national team coaches of Padel Belgium are not allowed to coach at the Lotto Belgian Padel Tour tournaments.
- 4.4.5. 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 QUALIFICATION AND MAIN DRAW

- 5.1. The supervisor representing Padel Belgium will make the qualification and main draw in connection with the club tournament director.
- 5.2. Depending on the number of registrations, there will be 4 or 8 seeds that are placed directly in the main draw. These seeds are determined by the best sum of Padel Belgium ranking points (as defined in 6.4). The 2 teams with the highest sum of Padel Belgium ranking points\* (Padel Belgium ranking points player 1 + ranking points player 2) will be respectively 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> seed on the main draw and placed at opposite sides of the table. The other seeds, are placed as below. If there is an ex aequo of the sum of ranking points, toss will decide.
- Draw with 4 seeds (draw ¼ final)
    - Seed 1 top of the draw
    - Seed 2 bottom of the draw
    - Seed 3 and 4 are placed by draw and can only play seeds 1 and 2 in ½ finals
  - Draw with 8 seeds (draw in 1/8 final)
    - Seed 1 top of the draw
    - Seed 2 bottom of the draw
    - Seed 3 and 4 are placed by draw and can only play seeds 1 and 2 in ½ finals
    - Seeds 5-8 are placed by draw but they can only play the first round against not seeded players
- 5.3. The seeds of the qualification draw are determined the same as in 5.2.
- 5.4. After the draw is published, the following must be applied:
- A team (both players) that is not available on the planned moment can:
- Qualification draw: be replaced by a reserve team (only if the sum of “klassesment/classement” is not higher than the team being replaced)
  - Main draw: be replaced by a Lucky Loser. A sorted list will be created based on 1) a team that lost in the last round of the qualification and has the highest sum of ‘klassesment/classement’ and 2) the best Padel Belgium team ranking. The tournament director contacts teams in order of this list. The tournament director has the right to contact the next team on the list in case the contacted players do not respond directly.
  - In case no reserve team is found it 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 (only with approval of the referee and the federation organizing).
- The following is not allowed:
- 2 teams may not split up and form new teams
  - Teams cannot be switched in the draw

## 6. PADEL BELGIUM RANKING

- 6.1. The Belgian Padel Tour tournaments count towards the ‘Padel Belgium Ranking’.
- 6.2. After each tournament, the rankings will be updated and published.
- 6.3. Ranking points will be awarded to the Padel Belgium 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	25-32 teams	8-24 teams
Winner	2000	2000
Runner-up	1200	1200

1/2 final	720	720
1/4 final	360	360
1/8 final main draw	180	N/A
<b>Additional points reaching main draw</b>	125	125
1/4 qualification draw	N/A	180
1/8 qualification draw	70	70
1/16 qualification draw	1	1

6.4. The 'Padel Belgium Ranking' takes into account the last 4 BPT tournaments and the last Belgian Championship.

A weighted average of the best 3 tournament results is used based on the number of played tournaments:

- 3, 4 or 5 tournaments: average of the best 3 tournaments
- 2 tournaments: 80% of the average of the best 2 tournaments
- 1 tournament: 70% of the ranking points

6.5. The following bonus point system is awarded to players playing the FIP Tour. These additional points will be added on top of the average points on the Padel Belgium Ranking:

- 1 FIP point = 8 BPT points.
  - E.g. player X has 123 FIP points.
  - This means that player X will receive 984 (123 \* 8) bonus points on top of his/her Padel Belgium ranking average.

6.6. Padel Belgium may sanction (will not receive any ranking points for this week) players who participate in more than 2 tournaments (and maximum 4 series within these 2 tournaments) in the same week (date of the final determines the week number).

6.7. Ranking points will only be given to a team when they have played at least one match during that tournament. If a team Forfaits after having played at least one match, during the qualification or main draw, those players do not receive ranking points for the Belgian Padel Tour. When a team gives a Walk Over (legitimized/excusé) after having played at least one match, ranking points are given. Walk Over matches are thus counted as a "Win" for the final ranking.