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CHAPTER I. OVERVIEW

I.1. THE REGULATIONS' AREA OF APPLICATION

The purpose of these regulations is to regulate the organization and development of every WPT tournament. Tournaments that are considered as such are those that are included on the official WPT calendar.

I.2. THE WPT'S COMPETENCES AND FUNCTIONAL BODIES

The WPT is responsible for the general control of all of the tournaments that are included on its official calendar, including:

- Choosing the tournaments that are included on its official calendar.
- Confirming or designating the tournament dates.
- Classifying and resolving the conflicts that arise.

The WPT's main functional bodies, that will control everything that affects the functioning of the WPT, are the following:

THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS. Responsible for regulating the economic aspects and supervising the executive bodies.

THE TECHNICAL COMMITTEE. Dedicated to managing and developing, it is the party responsible for controlling and ensuring that what is stipulated in these General Regulations is obeyed. It is formed by a total of six members: three WPT representatives and three players' representatives. Besides, there will also be two or three external advisers that don't have a right to vote. In the case of a technical draw, the final decision will be made by the executive chairman of the WPT.

THE DISCIPLINE COMMITTEE. This disciplinary body applies and ensures that the WPT's Sporting Disciplinary Regulations are respected, initially judging violations that appear on the Sporting Disciplinary Regulations and imposing the corresponding bans. This committee is single-person. When an offence that is considered serious is produced, the Discipline Committee will be expanded with members from the WPT's technical committee.

THE APPEAL COMMITTEE. The highest disciplinary authority which overviews, in the second and last instance, the appeals made against the agreements and decisions reached by the Sporting Disciplinary Committee, under the protection of what is exposed in the Sporting Disciplinary Regulations and with the application of the principles of equity. It must always be made up of an odd number of members, and can be collegiate or single-person.

All of the WPT's functioning bodies are subject to what is exposed in the different rules and regulations that are applicable in the WPT: Rules of Play, General Rules and Sporting Disciplinary Regulations, as well as what is established in the different contracts and agreements reached between the various involved parties.



CHAPTER II. COMPETENCES AND THE CALENDAR

II.1. NAMING OF TOURNAMENTS

WPT tournaments must be named in compliance with the following nomenclature criteria:

- Firstly, they will include the main sponsor's name – ESTRELLA DAMM
- Secondly, they must include the following sentence: “ (x) “, with (x) being the city or town where the tournament is taking place, followed by the word “MASTERS”, “OPEN” or “CHALLENGER”.

II.2. CALENDAR

The WPT will devise a tournament calendar that will be published in the media channels it feels appropriate, once it has been approved by the Board of Directors.

These tournaments will be directly dependent of the WPT in terms of the tournament's rules, rules of play, Sporting Disciplinary Regulations and other applicable rules, all of which are included in the calendar.

During 2018, the calendar will be made up of a minimum of 15 men's tournaments, 11 women's tournaments and the Master Final. In the future a minimum number of tournaments, which could or could not coincide with the number of previous years, will be determined, with a minimum of 15 men's tournaments.

At the end of the year the Master Cup will be played, with the top 16 male and female players in the WPT's official rankings taking part.

II.3. MODIFICATIONS TO THE CALENDAR

Each season's Official Calendar will be published with sufficient time before the start of the season. Once published, the WPT won't be able to modify the dates and/or the city where the tournament is taking place in a period of three months before the event. However, in exceptional cases, the WPT can make some changes outside of this established timeframe.

II.4. FACILITIES

For a tournament to take place, the facilities where the tournament is being played must have a minimum of six courts with floodlights, including centre court, which meet the requirements of the regulations (FIP regulations 1/1/2017). This minimum number of courts could be lower for tournaments outside of Spain.

Centre court must have, to each side, an exterior safety space which is, at least, 3 metres wide, 8 metres long (centred), and 3 metres high, and it mustn't include any physical obstacles that impede or put the safety of players at risk, when they move out of the court during play. The court will include protection on the doors. The Club main court must have, on each side of it, an security outdoor space of, at least, 2 metres wide, 8 metres long and 3 metres high.



The centre court that is used at tournaments will be the WPT's official court.

The player will have a practice court at his disposal since the afternoon of the day before the start of the main draw.

The courts that are next to the ones used throughout the tournament cannot be occupied during the event.

There will be stands on centre court with a minimum capacity of 2000 seated spectators, with safety systems and indications for access and emergency exits.

II.5 OBLIGATIONS OF THE WPT

The WPT is obliged to meet the following obligations during a tournament or competition:

(a) Naming an umpire for the tournament, with the possibility of the main umpire in qualifying and pre-qualifying being different to the main umpire in the main draw. Naming an umpire for the qualify and pre-qualify before the start of the tournament.

(b) Guaranteeing a good state of the courts and their maintenance throughout the tournament, in particular of the surface, walls and nets, as well as a good state of the stands.

(c) Having an ambulance available on the premises from the moment the pre-qualifying rounds begin.

(d) Including a hotel which has at least four stars in terms of the room and breakfast, with no cost for the players in the main draw, from the moment the main draw begins until the end (day and night included) of their participation in the tournament and one more day when events take place outside of the Iberian Peninsula. If the first round of the main draw is played in the morning, the player has the right to sleep and eat breakfast at the hotel since the night before. The players that lose in the first and second round of matches in the morning don't have a hotel for that day. The hotel must be at a maximum distance of 15km from where the tournament is being played.

The players that won't use the hotel must warn the hotel 48 hours beforehand. The players must check out of their hotels when they leave.

(e) Having the following services on court:

- A hostess/volunteer per pairing and court for main draw matches.
- A hostess/volunteer for qualify.
- Water, energy drinks and bananas for qualify and the main draw. Water for pre-qualify.
- Fridges for the competition.
- Towels (2 + 1) per player in qualify and the main draw.
- Umbrellas on every court for qualify and the main draw, when it's played outdoors.
- Physiotherapists: One (1) for qualifying matches and two (2) for the main draw.

Physiotherapists will be available from one hour before the start of the day's play until one hour after it has finished.



- Physio treatment off court, having registered beforehand
- Guarded players' area from qualifying onwards.
- Warm up areas outside of the club (treadmill, stationary bike...).
- Enclosed courts and controlled access to stands.
- Umpiring on centre court since the start of the main draw, with microphone included.

For the women's draw, umpires will have microphones from the quarter finals onwards.

(f) Enabling players access to the VIP stands, as long as the corresponding accreditation is presented. Likewise, enabling players who have a contract and have participated, and are still in the main draw, access with three guests to any match, as long as the player has requested tickets to the WPT. They will have one more ticket for the quarter finals, semi finals and final. Local players will have one more ticket available.

If THE PLAYER is in the main draw of the tournament, he/she has the right to enter the VIP area. If he/she needs a special pass for a guest, the request will be processed in situ following the aforementioned procedures (previous request to the Organization – Tournament Director). THE PLAYER will respect the rational practice of this benefit, particularly respecting the venue, especially with regards to the dress code of the player and his/her guests.

(g) Enabling and regulating the access of guests of players that are playing on centre court. Each pairing has a right to a box (6 people). To do so, they must be in possession of one of the invitations-tickets corresponding to the player. Once the match is over, the invitation-ticket allows access to the main stands.

(h) Having changing rooms, either in the facilities or near them in the case of tournaments where the centre court is located in a public area.

(i) Organizing the transport hotel/club/hotel and hotel/centre court/hotel for the players, with a fixed timetable (maximum one and a half hours after the match has ended). This transport is obligatory for every player, except for those that live in the same province where the tournament is taking place, and also unless they warn 2 hours in advance. Coaches can use this transport as long as they are accompanied by their players. Players will have transport available to attend official practice sessions.

(j) Having liability insurance which covers any eventuality which could occur during a tournament on court, in the stands, in the village and to the players during the tournament, except for those that occur as a result of play.

(k) Paying the corresponding prize money to each player, determined by their result in the competition. The players will receive the prize money after presenting an invoice and after a period of three weeks after the end of the tournament. The players must submit the corresponding invoice before a period of a month (30 days) after the end of the tournament.

II.6. TOURNAMENT DIRECTOR

II.6.1 The tournament director is designated by the WPT at least 30 days before the scheduled date for the final.



II.6.2 The tournament director is responsible for the organization and course of the event.

II.6.3 The tournament director is responsible for:

- Knowing the minimum requirements for the organization of the tournament and verifying that all the obligations established in the agreements are met (water, towels, chairs, changing rooms, etc.).
- Verifying that the sporting facilities are ready for a tournament; in particular, deciding if a match is postponed in case of adverse weather conditions when played on an outdoor court, after consulting with the head umpire of the tournament and sporting director.
- Check that the balls and trophies are in the facilities before the start of the tournament.
- Control the registrations and oversee the coordination between the parties responsible for the facilities, the players, the head umpire and the WPT.
- Coordinate the official transport for the players during the tournament.
- Coordinate and supervise everything related to the services and needs of the players.
- Be prepared to resolve any emergency that could arise during the tournament, especially in terms of medical assistance.

II.7. THE MAIN UMPIRE

II.7.1 In every tournament included on the official WPT calendar, the Technical Committee will designate a Main Umpire, that it must be duly entitled, that will act as such during the tournament.

II.7.2 Umpiring will be active/passive depending on the situation. A Main Umpire is obligatory in the following matches:

- Quarter finals of the qualify phase and every match in the men's main draw.
- The quarter finals, semi finals and final of the women's main draw.

II.7.3 You can't be an umpire and a player in the same competition.

II.7.4 The Main Umpire's responsibilities include:

- Carrying the WPT's rules of play and general rules.
- Designating the umpires for each match.
- Deciding whether a court meets the necessary requirements for a match to be played or if the match must switch courts and designate which court each of the matches must be played on. The decision to suspend a match played on an open court because of adverse weather conditions corresponds to the Tournament Director; however, the Main Umpire can decide to suspend a match if he/she considers that playing in those conditions puts the players' health at risk.
- Prevent players that haven't paid the registration fee or are disqualified from taking part.
- Notify players of the system and conditions of play.
- Communicate to the players the criteria that is going to be followed to designate courts when these have been built differently before the start of the tournament.



- Apply W.O.'s (Walk Overs).
- Apply 'lucky losers'.
- Note all of the results in the draw, including the winners and scores of each set, and communicate them to the organisation immediately after the match..
- Establishing when the balls are changed and carrying out the change.

Male category: There will be two types of ball in 2018: "Head Pro" and "Head Pro S".

- On Center Court:
 - More than 500 meters above sea level: the "Head Padel Pro" ball will be used and will be played with 4 balls and change at 7 and 9 games.
 - With less than 500 meters above sea level: you will play with the "Head Padel Pro S" and change balls at 7 and 9 games. When matches are played on "curly grass", indoor, 4 balls will be used.
- At the Club:
 - It will be played with the "Head Pro" and change balls to 7/9 games.

(* If a club has a centre court with curly grass, WPT will use the same criteria as for the centre court.

Female Category: Ball changes are mandatory in the games corresponding to the Qualy Phase and the Main Draw, at the 7 and 9 games. The HEAD Padel Pro "S" ball will be used in all tournaments and rounds. When matches are played on "curly grass", indoor, 4 balls will be used.

- Changes shall be made as follows: the first change to the 7 games and then every 9 games, without prejudice to the ability of the Referee to modify the timing of the change of balls due to weather conditions or other factors. If the players omit the corresponding change, it will occur in the first game that corresponds to serve the couple that should have started with new balls.
- Decide when a match must be suspended or restarted, keeping in mind the corresponding rules.
- Apply the Disciplinary Rules approved by the WPT.
- Be present in the venue where the tournament is being at all times when there is a match being played and, if it isn't possible, name an assistant Umpire to substitute him/her.
- In order to act as a Chair Umpire in a certain match, he/she must have named an assistant Umpire beforehand to substitute him/her while he/she performs that role, as long as this is necessary in the case of other matches being played simultaneously.

II.7.5 The Umpire will be responsible against the WPT's Disciplinary Committee for all of the offences reflected in the WPT's Disciplinary Regulations, and in particular, when he/she voluntarily or through imputable negligence:

- Doesn't comply with the rules.
- Makes mistakes in the draw.
- Falsifies the results.
- Unjustifiably favours or harms a player with his/her decisions.
- Falsifies the tournament report.
- Enables a suspended player or one that hasn't paid the registration fee to compete.



- Breaches his/her obligation to send the results at the end of every day, as is established in the aforementioned rule.
- Arrives late at the start of every day, having to arrive at least 1 hour before the start of the first match.
- Arrives with inappropriate clothing.

II.7.6 The Umpire's decisions are not subject to appeal in terms of the technical rules of play, without prejudice to the possible appeals against the WPT's Disciplinary Committee, in the case of an offence against the general sporting rules. The Umpire has the right to make decisions regarding any incident that may occur during the tournament, even if it isn't contemplated in the General Rules.

II.7.7 Once the tournament is over, in a period of 48 hours after the final, the Umpire must send the report to the WPT.

II.7.8 In the case of severe weather conditions, the Organization will be in charge of making the appropriate decisions. (See Protocol of Suspension of Proceedings and Protocols). If the suspension does not allow for the end of Sunday, the organisers will decide whether the match is postponed to Monday. The match(s) to be played may never be extended beyond Monday (the day following the end of the tournament). If the match could not be played, the points and prizes awarded to the pairs would be those corresponding to the suspended round. However, the Referee shall not consider the competition to be adjourned until the WPT has determined its final suspension or report of the times/dates of its continuation.

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II.7.9 Only the Umpire can hand a pairing a W.O. when they don't turn up on a court that is prepared for competition, 10 minutes after the match's established start time.

II.8. THE TEAM OF UMPIRES

II.8.1 The team of umpires for every match and the tournament is designated by the WPT. Everyone must be duly entitled.

II.8.2 Matches will be active when the match is refereeing in a chair. In this sense, if there is a discussion between players regarding an incident of play, the Chair Umpire must make a decision once the regulation time (10 seconds) is up or if one of the four players requests it.

II.8.3 The Team of Umpires is formed a Chair Umpire for every match that must have an umpire, and an Assistant Umpire if needed.

II.8.4 The Chair Umpire has the following obligations:

- Determine whether the players are dressed correctly.
- Determine if the racket is reglementary.
- Give the necessary information about the match to each player.
- Do the coin toss to determine the ends of the court and serve.
- Give the spectators the relevant information during the match.
- Announce the scoreline following the established rules.



- Control the spectators and stopping play, if necessary, until order has been re-established.
- Order the corresponding change of balls.
- Apply the Rules of Play in an active or passive manner depending on the circumstances.
- Apply the WPT's Sporting Disciplinary Regulations.
- Resolve the conflicts that arise regarding the use of the rules of play, accepting and guaranteeing the player's right to request an enquiry with the Umpire or Main Umpire.
- Determine at all times whether the court is fit to continue play.
- Fill out the score and conduct forms.
- Inform the Umpire of everything that has happened during the match.
- Follow the protocol for players entering and exiting centre court.

II.8.5 The Chair Umpire must:

- Express to the players, when necessary, the interpretation of the Rules of Play applied to certain actions in the match, as long as they have been correctly requested and they don't go on for longer than they should.
- Always behave in a professional and ethical manner, respecting the superior authority of the Umpire.

II.8.6 An Assistant Umpire can be designated to collaborate with the Umpire or Main Umpire in situations where, due to it being impossible, he/she can't attend various courts simultaneously.

The Assistant Umpire has the following obligations:

- Apply the Rules of play in an active or passive manner, however it corresponds, on those courts where, as a result of various matches taking place simultaneously, the Umpire or Main Umpire can't do so, and pointing out all off the offences against the Rules that occur.
- Control when the balls are changed.
- Coordinate his activity with the Umpire, accepting the latter's decisions in case of doubt or divergence.

II.8.7 The Assistant Umpire must:

- Always behave in a professional and ethical manner, respecting the superiority of the Umpire or Main Umpire.

II.9 THE PLAYERS

II.9.1 Signing of the Service Rendering Agreement

All of the players that want to participate in the WPT's tournaments must sign professional service rendering agreement with the WPT, except those players that are going to play in a maximum of 4 tournaments. Those players that don't sign the agreement will lose their right to play in the WPT, at least during the season corresponding to the date of the signing.

II.9.2 Rights and Obligations of Participating in Tournaments



The 72 top players in the WPT rankings have the right to sign up to every WPT tournament, as well as the Master Final if they qualify for them.

The 56 top players in the WPT rankings have the obligation of taking part in every WPT tournament, as well as the Master Final if they qualify for them. Players ranked between 57 and 72 in the WPT ranking must play at least 70% of the tournaments included on the WPT calendar.

II.9.3 Registration

For a player to be able to take part in a WPT tournament he must fill out the registration form accordingly and on time. To take part in the tournament, he/she must pay the established registration fee before his/her first match.

Participation in the tournaments included in the WPT calendar will be by invitation, and WPT may reject the application for registration to all those couples it deems appropriate. In particular, the requested registration of those players that are ranked in the top 72 places of the WPT rankings and the top 16 female places of the WPT rankings and haven't signed the Service Rendering Agreement with the WPT won't be processed.

The registration fee is 25 euros per player. The registration process closes at 12:00 on the Tuesday before the week of the tournament (except if a different time or date has been indicated). Once the registration process has finalised, a list of the registered pairings is published. There is a timeframe of 24 hours (until 12:00am on the Wednesday) for possible claims. Once this deadline has finished and once the definitive pairings that have registered for the tournament have been decided, no claims will be accepted and the draw will take place, unless if on the WPT's website or official calendar a different time and/or date is indicated.

No change of partner will be allowed after registration, and WPT will not allow a new registration of the players involved, except in special cases that WPT will analyze and that the player must justify. These changes will only be authorized for players affected by this circumstance.

Registration for tournaments outside Spain, when there is a "Qualy Phase" and a "Local Qualy Phase" to be held, will close approximately one month prior to the event. The exact date will be published on the WPT's website.

Registrations must be carried out on the WPT's official website. WPT won't accept the registrations that haven't been done on time and correctly, and they won't be responsible either for those that they haven't received because of technical errors beyond their control.

II.9.4 Participating in other tournaments and exhibitions

A player can participate in the Spanish National Championships, the first category Spanish Teams Championship and the European Championships, unless if those matches take place in a period of forty five (45) days before the start of a WPT tournament that is played in the same province. In any other case, they would need the authorization of the WPT organization, that will be it, except for reasonable cause and in accordance with the rules of the circuit.



They can also participate in the World Championships for National Teams, although they must let the WPT know, before the 30th of January of the year that the Championships are taking place, where they are taking place.

Players taking part in exhibitions that aren't organized by the WPT must notify the WPT's organization beforehand.

Players can never, barring authorization from the WPT's organization, participate in an exhibition in a period of forty five (45) days before the start of a WPT tournament if it is taking place in the same province.

In the case of authorized exhibitions, it has been agreed that they follow the following rules:

a. The top 2 pairings on the WPT rankings (as regulated on the Fourth Pact) can play one match per exhibition, clinic or activity, with other pairings not being able to participate in them.

b. In the event of an exhibition made up of 4 pairings, one of the top two pairings will be allowed to participate and of the pairings ranked 3 and 4. The rest of the pairings must be ranked from number 5 onwards. However, in the specific case of players that are ranked under number 20 in the WPT rankings (as regulated in the Fourth Pact), they are allowed to play in any tournament played in the Spanish territory where their residence is established. The present authorization will lose its effect immediately if the player in question reaches number 20 or above in the WPT rankings. In Spain they can only played exhibitions with a maximum of 4 couples

c. For exhibitions outside of Spain, which have over 4 pairings, the organizer must follow the "WPT Exhibition" format, or another format authorized by the WPT. In this case, the following can participate:

- a. A pairing ranked in the top two of the WPT rankings. The choice of this pairing will be made by the organizer or the WPT.
- b. A pairing ranked 3rd or 4th in the WPT rankings. The choice of this pairing will be made by the organizer or the WPT.
- c. Three pairings ranked between numbers 5 and 8 in the WPT rankings. The choice of these three pairings will be as follows: one by the organizer, another by the WPT and the other by the organizer or the WPT.
- d. The other pairings must be ranked from 9th onwards in the WPT rankings. One of these pairings will be picked by the organizer and the others by the WPT.

These same rules will be applied to all exhibitions, including those that belong to the WPT circuit, being in the opinion of the latter granted authorization to organize other types of exhibitions different pick-ups in this rules.

When the participants at an exhibition form an unusual pairing, the player with the highest



ranking will determine the order of the pairing.

No type of sponsorship act or advertising banner that is related to a beer different from those commercialised by DAMM can be performed in the frame of the WPT, as well as the commercial category of the circuit's Title Sponsor, in the case that this category is occupied by a different brand than Estrella Damm.

II.10. GENERAL RULES FOR PLAYERS

II.10.1 Notwithstanding the norms established in the previous section (II.9), the WPT may authorise the participation of a player in competition even though he/she does not fulfil the requirements if it is considered that such a decision is of benefit to the development of the WPT.

II.10.2 Those players qualified to dispute the Master Final must be available for the two weeks prior to the celebration of the same for events related to the tournament. Those players who need to travel from their place of residence will have their travelling costs, accommodation and per diems paid, provided that they reside in Spain, except when this acts will be in the same week of the tournament.

II.10.3 Those players who do not register for or participate in WPT events, breaching the regulations or agreements accepted in the contract for the provision of professional services, without due cause, will be penalised according to the Sporting Disciplinary Regulations of the WPT. The WPT may demand the attendance of any player who communicates his/her absence in order to undergo a medical check-up by authorised personnel from the organisation (doctor and/or physiotherapist).

II.10.4 A player who, having participated in a competition, has not paid the corresponding registration fee, will be disqualified from participating in any further competitions until the ensuing debt is covered.

II.10.5 The registration fee must be paid even though the player has been handed a W.O., provided that that this be without justified cause, and notwithstanding the additional sanctions derived, in each case, from said W.O.

II.10.6 If a pairing or player retires from a competition without justification, the pairing will lose all rights to prizes and the competition points won up until the moment of retirement.

II.10.7 The trophies and prizes corresponding to the players participating in the finals must be collected in the closing ceremony. If the absence of the player is not justified, he/she will lose all rights to cash prizes.

II.10.8 During changeovers and/or breaks, players may receive instructions related to play from their coaches (one per pairing). The coach must introduce him/herself, correctly dressed, to the Chair Umpire or to the Umpire before the match begins, and must bear the corresponding WPT accreditation. The coach may not be replaced by another during a match. He/she may only talk to the players during changeovers and during the time permitted in those changeovers. He/she may not address the Chair Umpire or the Umpire on any occasion, even when discussing wrong



calls, which can only be done by the players themselves. (See Procedure and Protocol Coaches).

The coach may not be player who participates or has participated in the tournament.

II.10.9 When participating, players must be correctly equipped, and it will be the Chair Umpire or the Umpire who will be responsible for deciding whether or not this is the case. In particular, all WPT ranked players must display their names (first initial and surname) on the back of their shirts. They must also display the WPT logo visibly on either sleeve or on their chest. From the quarter-final round in Main Draw, it is compulsory to wear a colour kit as close as possible to that of your partner. Avoid playing with the same colors as the opposite pair. To avoid this situation it will be the couple with the best ranking who will choose the color first. This communication will be done through the WPT sports department.

II.10.10 If any players are handed a W.O., or communicate their proposed absence once the tournament draw has been made, such absence or W.O. must be justified within 48 hours of the absence being communicated. When the absence is due to a medically certified injury, the WPT may insist on the player being examined by WPT recognised medical staff, provided that this incurs no further expense on behalf of the player (travel to the tournament will be paid for by the player him/herself). If a player's absence is not justified, or the Disciplinary Committee decides that the reasons given are not sufficient, both components of the pairing will be sanctioned, in accordance with the WPT's Sporting Disciplinary Regulations. If the absence is due to just one component of a pairing, only that player will receive a sanction.

II.10.11 A player who is clearly physically unfit, as a consequence of an accident or injury occurring before the pre-match warm-up, will not be allowed to begin his/her match, losing by W.O. and losing any right to points. If the pairing thus affected has qualified for a determined round of competition having played a previous round, irrespective of losing by W.O., said pairing will maintain their right to points already accrued. If the player participates in the match, he/she will be sanctioned in accordance with the WPT's Sporting Disciplinary Regulations.

II.10.12 In any official competition, the participants must identify themselves when so required by the Umpire, show their official residence document and in general produce any relevant documentation related to the competition.

II.10.13 The players will be provided with a protocol for entering and exiting the court before and after disputing a match. This protocol will be communicated to the player by the tournament director or the sporting department, and must always be respected by all participating players.

II.10.14 The player is obliged to use the official transport for travelling to and from the tournament. Only those players who reside in the city where the tournament is held may use alternative travel arrangements. If the player wishes not to use the official transport, he/she must ask the WPT for authorisation in advance with enough time (2 hours), and receive the permission of the organisation.

II.10.15 Finals will be played over the best of three sets with tie breaks in each set and may be played over the best of five sets if the organisers and participating players agree to do so.

II.10.16 Players, both the winning and the losing pairing, must attend to the WPT's official media



on completion of a match. Not attending will lead to the sanction stipulated by the WPT's Sporting Disciplinary Regulations.

II.10.17 Attending the Pro-Ams is obligatory for all players ranked among the WPT's top 32 according to the official calendar. Attendance to the Pro-Ams must be from the official start to the finish, and no retirement will be permitted even when the player has been eliminated. The Pro-Ams will take place on Tuesday afternoons except when previously justified. Women's Pro-Am will be held on Wednesdays or Fridays in the afternoon, unless for justifiable reasons the contrary is indicated in advance.

II.10.18 Players will defend the good image of the WPT, ensuring that any declarations they make do not damage said image.

II.10.19 All the players will be required to undergo, in competition or out of competition, the doping controls to be determined by the AEPSAD.

II.11. AWARDS AND PRIZE MONEY AT TOURNAMENTS

II.11.1 The amount of prize money destined to male players in tournaments included on the official calendar (except for the Master Final), for 2018, are the following:

MASTER: 95.000 € (4)

WINNER	9.500 € x 2 =	19.000 €
FINALIST	6.175 € X 2 =	12.350 €
SEMIFINALS	3.560,50 € X 4 =	14.242 €
QUARTERS	2.138 € X 8 =	17.104 €
LAST 1/16	1.069 € X 16 =	17.104 €
LAST 1/32	475 € X 32 =	15.200 €

OPEN: 81.360 € (11)

WINNER	8.136 € x 2 =	16.272 €
FINALIST	5.290 € X 2 =	10.580 €
SEMIFINALS	3.050 € X 4 =	12.200 €
QUARTERS	1.830 € X 8 =	14.640 €
LAST 1/16	915 € X 16 =	14.640 €
LAST 1/32	458 € X 24 =	10.992 €
QUARTERS QUALY	255 € X 8 =	2.040 €

CHALLENGER: 15,000 €

WINNER	1,400 € x 2 =	2,800 €
FINALIST	800 € X 2 =	1,600 €
SEMIFINALS	500 € X 4 =	2.000 €



QUARTERS325 € X 8 = 2,600 €
 LAST 16 180 € X 16 = 2,880 €
 LAST 32 130 € X 24 = 3,120 €

II.11.2 2018 Male Master Final.

The prize money for the Master Final will be the following:

WINNER 16.155 € X 2 = 32.310 €
 FINALIST10.770 € X 2 = 21.540 €
 SEMIFINALS5.922 € X 4 = 23.688 €
 QUARTERS..... 3.770 € X 8 = 30.160 €
 COUPLE RESERVES 1.150 € X 2 = 2.300 €

II.11.3 Each Masters and Open tournament has an added Bonus Pool of 10,000 € which will be distributed amongst the first 32 players in the WPT rankings in the following fashion:

Position	% Bonus	Position	% Bonus	Position	% Bonus	Position	% Bonus
1st	11.00%	9th	4.00%	17th	1.80%	25th	0.70%
2nd	10.00%	10th	3.50%	18th	1.70%	26th	0.60%
3rd	9.00%	11th	3.25%	19th	1.60%	27th	0.50%
4th	8.00%	12th	3.00%	20th	1.50%	28th	0.45%
5th	7.00%	13th	2.75%	21st	1.10%	29th	0.40%
6th	6.50%	14th	2.50%	22nd	1.00%	30th	0.35%
7th	6.00%	15th	2.25%	23rd	0.90%	31st	0.30%
8th	5.30%	16th	2.00%	24th	0.80%	32nd	0.25%

Players that are among these positions and don't participate in certain tournaments on the calendar have the amount corresponding to the Bonus Pool of that tournament taken away.

II.11.4 The prize money destined to female players in tournaments included on the official calendar (except for the Master Final), for 2018, are the following:

MASTERS: 28,000 € (3)

WINNER 2,660 € x 2 = 5,320 €
 FINALIST1,820 € X 2 = 3,640 €
 SEMIFINALS1,060 € X 4 = 4,240 €
 QUARTERS600 € X 8 = 4,800 €
 LAST 16325 € X 16 = 5,200 €



LAST 32200 € X 24 = 4,800 €

OPEN: 23,750 € (11)

WINNER 2,250 € x 2 = 4,500 €

FINALIST1,545 € X 2 = 3,090 €

SEMIFINALS890 € X 4 = 3,560 €

QUARTERS505 € X 8 = 4,040 €

LAST 16280 € X 16 = 4,480 €

LAST 32170 € X 24 = 4,080 €

CHALLENGER 10,000 € (2 – 3)

WINNER 930 € x 2 = 1,860 €

FINALIST630 € X 2 = 1,260 €

SEMIFINALS350 € X 4 = 1,400 €

QUARTERS210 € X 8 = 1,680 €

LAST 16125 € X 16 = 2,000 €

LAST 3275 € X 24 = 1,800 €

II.11.5 2018 Female Master Final.

The prize money for the Master Final will be following:

WINNER3,450 € x 2 = 6,900 €

FINALIST2,300 € x 2 = 4,600 €

SEMIFINALS1,550 € x 4 = 6,200 €

QUARTERS.....1,100 € x 8 = 8,800 €

COUPLE RESERVES 500 € X 2 = 1.000 €

II.11.6 The invoices corresponding to any prize money (tournaments, Bonus Pool or Master Final) must be sent to the organization in a maximum period of 30 days after the tournament has ended. If the player doesn't do so he/she loses the right to receive the corresponding prize money.

CHAPTER III. TECHNICAL REGULATIONS

III.1 GENERAL TECHNICAL REGULATIONS

III.1.1 All of the tournaments must adjust to the Technical Regulations. If any irregularity or offence is verified, the tournament could be declared invalid in terms of the rankings.

III.1.2 Every tournament included on the WPT calendar will be played with the balls that have been designated officially by the WPT. Balls change are required corresponding in Quality Phase and the main draw matches (see II.7.4.)

In all competitions must be available to players 3 training balls for each couple which shall be



returned. These balls can be used (not new) still in good condition for use. Players are entitled to training balls while they remain in competition. The brand and type of training balls must be the same as those used in the competition.

III.2. TOURNAMENT DRAWS

III.2.1 The draw will be public and performed by the WPT.

III.2.2 The following players can't enter the draw:

- Those that still haven't paid an overdue registration fee.
- Those that are disqualified or banned.
- Those that haven't handed in their registration on time or correctly.

III.2.3 Tournaments are made up of a Main Draw, a Qualifying Round and a Pre-Qualifying Round. Tournaments will have open draws in the Main Draw and Qualifying Rounds. The men's Main Draw will be made up of 32 pairs in the Master tournaments, 28 in the Open tournaments and in the Challenger tournaments (in the latter, neither the top 16 men players nor the top 8 women players in the WPT ranking will be allowed to participate).

In the women's category, there will be 28 couples in all categories of tournaments.

Main Draw of 32 pairings

- Composition: The top 28 pairings in the rankings qualify directly, one of which could be a wild card handed out by the WPT, as well as the 4 semi finalist pairings from qualifying.

- Seeds: 1 and 2 are fixed, 3 and 4 are drawn between themselves; 5, 6, 7 and 8 are also drawn between themselves and the remaining pairings are drawn along with the four qualifiers.

Qualify

- Composition: 8 pairings qualify directly (seeds) and 8 come through from the Pre-Qualifying rounds.

- Seeds: Pairings ranked between 29 and 36 (for Masters) and from 25 to 32 (in Opens and Challengers) will go into the round of sixteen of the Qualifying draw. These 8 pairings will be seeded and will be allocated in the following manner: 1 and 2 are fixed, 3 and 4 will be drawn between themselves; 5, 6, 7 and 8 are also drawn between themselves.

- The semi finalist pairings from Qualifying will go through to the Main Draw.

Pre Qualy

- Composition: The remaining pairings that haven't qualified through their ranking for the Main Draw or Qualifying Draw, of which a maximum of three in the women's category and a maximum of four in the men's category could be a wild card handed out by the WPT.

- Seeds: The number of seeds will be the result of dividing by four the number of pairs participating in that level, rounding up or down the power of two closest to the result of the



division. If the proximity is identical, the lowest figure will always be selected.

- The eight quarter finalist pairings from the Pre Qualifying round will go through to the Qualifying Rounds.

Main Draw of 28 pairings

- Composition: The top 24 pairings in the rankings qualify directly, one of which could be a wild card handed out by the WPT, as well as the four semi finalist pairings from qualifying.

- Seeds: 1 and 2 are fixed, 3 and 4 are drawn between themselves; 5, 6, 7 and 8 are also drawn between themselves and the remaining pairings are drawn along with the four pairings from qualifying.

The number 1, 2, 3 and 4 seeds receive a bye in the first round.

The Qualifying and Pre-Qualifying rounds from Open and Challenger events are exactly the same as in Masters tournaments.

In international tournaments that take place outside of Spain, there will be a "second Qualifying Round", called the Final Qualifying round, which will be made up of four pairings that qualified for the semi finals of Qualifying in Spain and four pairings that qualified for the semi finals of the Qualifying rounds that have been played in the organizing country (Local Qualifying Phase). These eight pairings will be drawn and the four winning pairings will qualify for the Main Draw. The Pre-Qualifying and Qualifying rounds of these events will take place in Spain and the organizing country, while the "Final Qualifying Round" will take place in the organizing country. In 2018, this rule shall not apply in Lisbon and Andorra tournaments, where we played all phases in the organising country.

III.2.4 For the WPT to hand out a wild card it must be approved by the Technical Committee – Board (see I.2.). A wild card must be requested personally by the pairing and always within a maximum period of 5 days prior to the close of the registration at 12:00 (usually the Thursday before the close of registration), and it is done by sending the request to the WPT's sporting department. (competicion@worldpadeltour.com), through the "player application" on the website or through the registration application form in the comments section.

III.2.5 Seeds will be elected according to the WPT's rankings.

III.2.6 To gather the total points of a pairing when determining the seeds, the total points of both players will be added. The order of the seeds will be established according to that value.

III.2.7 If two pairings are drawn on points in the ranking, the order between them will be drawn.

III.2.8 A player that doesn't appear on the rankings is considered to have zero points.

III.2.9 Tournaments will be played with a knockout system.

III.2.10 The number 1 seeds are placed at the bottom of the draw and the number 2 seeds at the top. The remaining seeds are placed in the draw in the following manner:

- The number 3 and 4 seeds' positions are drawn, and they cannot face the number 1



and 2 seeds until the semi finals.

- The position of the number 5, 6, 7 and 8 seeds, when they exist, is drawn, and they cannot face another seed until the quarter finals, and cannot face each other until the semi finals.

- The positions of the remaining pairings are drawn.

- The same criteria is followed in the Pre-Qualifying draws, even when there is the possibility of a larger quantity of seeds.

- The four pairings that have qualified from the Qualifying rounds for the Main Draw will go into a draw to establish their position in the draw, and their positions are marked with the letters A, B, C and D in said Main Draw.

- The eight pairings that have qualified from the Pre-Qualifying rounds move into the last sixteen of the Qualifying rounds and their positions in this draw will be drawn, their positions are marked with the letters A, B, C, D, E, F, G and H in the Qualifying draw.

III.2.11 If the number of pairings in a draw is raised to the power of two, the bye system will be introduced so that it is even in the second round. A bye is given to those pairings that don't need to play the opening round.

To establish the amount of pairings that receive a bye, the amount of registered pairings will be subtracted from the nearest even number above the exact number of registered pairings. The number 1 seeded pairing will initially receive a bye, the second bye would be for the number two seeds, the third bye for the number three seeds and so on.

If after all of the seeds have been allocated there are still byes that need to be handed out, the number of byes that still need to be allocated will be divided into two parts, with half being placed in the top half of the draw and the other half in the bottom half, filling up the highest free spots in the top half and the lowest free spots in the bottom half, alternatively. When they're an odd number, one more is allocated in the bottom half.

III.2.12 The WPT will determine, in accordance with rule III.2.3, the seeds for the Pre-Qualifying rounds and will place them in the draw in accordance with rule III.2.10, proceeding afterwards to draw the remaining players, whose names will be included in the draw.

III.2.13 When a mistake has been detected in some of the draws (categories) and the draw is yet to begin, said draw (category) must be repeated.

III.2.14 Notifications of absences must be informed urgently to the WPT via email or any other channel that gets the message across. Players must also communicate via telephone with the Tournament Umpire. If the Umpire is aware of an absence and it hasn't been confirmed to the WPT, they will proceed to verify the veracity of the notification, consulting immediately with the WPT's technical committee. If the absence cannot be reconfirmed, the draws won't be altered.

In the case of an absence, variations to a pairing will not be permitted, and they will be excluded from the tournament.

If the absence is confirmed before the start of the first match of the last round of the Qualifying Draw, proceed to make the following changes in the Main Draw:

- If the notice is of the n° 1 seeded pairing, the n° 2 pair will occupy the hollow left by the absent couple, the n° 3 couple goes to the free position left by the couple n° 2, the n° 5

couple goes to the free position left by the couple n° 3, the n° 9 couple goes to the free position left by the couple n° 5 and a lucky loser will occupy the free position left by the couple n° 9.

- If the notice is of the n° 2 seeded pairing, the n° 3 couple goes to the free position left by the couple n° 2, the n° 5 couple goes to the free position left by the couple n° 3, the n° 9 couple goes to the free position left by the couple n° 5 and a lucky loser will occupy the free position left by the couple n° 9.
- If the notice is of the n° 3 or 4 seeded pairing, the n° 5 couple goes to the free position left by the couple n° 3 or 4, the n° 9 couple goes to the free position left by the couple n° 5 and a lucky loser will occupy the free position left by the couple n° 9.
- If the notice is of the n° 5 to 8 seeded pairing, the n° 9 couple goes to the free position left by the couple n° 5 and a lucky loser will occupy the free position left by the couple n° 9.

If the absence is confirmed after the start of the first match of the last round of the Qualifying Draw and before the start of the Main Draw, be a substitute for the absent couple by a lucky loser.

If the absence is confirmed after the start of the Main Draw, will proceed to apply a W.O.

A lucky loser will be designated after a draw including all of the losers in the quarter finals of Qualifying.

When the absence occurs in the Qualifying round:

- If the absence is confirmed before the start of the last round of the Pre-Qualifying draw, be a substitute for the absent couple by a lucky loser.
- If the absence is confirmed after the start of the last round of the Pre-Qualifying draw, will proceed to apply a W.O.

A lucky loser will be designated after a draw including all of the losers in the last round of Pre - Qualifying. When there is a loss in the Final Draw of International tournaments, the Lucky Loser will be drawn by lot from the quarter-final losers of the Preliminary Final Round.

The draw will take place immediately after the end of the respective round. In order to enter said draw, at least one of the members of the pairing must be present. The Main Umpire will be responsible for carrying out the draw.

III.2.15 A tournament is considered to be underway once the participants of any of the matches from said round are already on court, even if they are warming up.

III.2.16 Once the registration process is closed, under no circumstances can there be a change or substitution of players from a pairing. The formation of the pairing will remain the same throughout the entire tournament. Breaching this rule will lead to the immediate disqualification of the pairing from the moment the irregularity is detected, without prejudice to the sanctions that the WPT's Sporting Disciplinary Committee deems appropriate.

III.2.17 A pairing must abandon a tournament if any of its components retire or don't turn up to play in the established deadlines.



III.3. MASTER FINAL REGULATIONS

III.3.1 Participation

- Men's category: 16 players in the order of the WPT rankings.
- Women's category: 16 players in the order of the WPT rankings.

If a player pulls out before the start of the Master Final he/she will be substituted by the player that is directly below in the rankings. For example: if the player that pulls out is ranked 9th, the 17th ranked player will be included. And so forth until the total amount of players is completed.

III.3.2 Rankings: the rankings that will be taken into account for qualification for the Master Final will be the updated rankings immediately before the Master Final, respecting the current rules.

III.3.3 The players themselves will decide with which other qualified player they decide to play the Master Final. To do so they must send a written communication to the WPT with the name and surnames of the two players that make up the pairing, within the established deadlines. If no communication on the player's behalf has been received, the WPT will decide the pairings that haven't been formed out of the players that have qualified.

III.3.4 System draw for the competition.

Once the WPT season is over, the ranking which defines which players have qualified for the Master Final will be published.

The indicated day the draw will be held.

The competition format will be by round in a draw of 8 couples

Seeds: 1 and 2 are fixed. 3 and 4 are drawn between themselves; 5, 6, 7 and 8 are also drawn between themselves.

PLAY ORDER

On the first day of competition two quarter-final matches will be played and on the second day of competition the other two quarter-final matches will be played. The third day of competition will be the semifinals and the fourth day will be the Final.

Matches will be played in a best of three sets format, with a tie break in all of them. For the change of balls applies rule II.7.4.

When more than one match is played in a day, the Umpire must give the players that are affected at least a 3 hour break after the end of their first match and start of their second.

Every match that is played must follow the International Padel Federation's Rules of play and also everything that appears in the present Regulations.

III.4 SCHEDULE

III.4.1 The Main Draw of Open and Challenger events in the men's category will be played over five consecutive days (except outside Spain), starting on Wednesday and finishing on Sunday.



One round will be played per day. The Qualifying rounds will be played the day before the start of the Main Draw (Tuesday).

1/16 and 1/8 rounds will vie for both in the central court of the tournament and in the central club court (or auxiliary court). The criterion for the choice of the games which were rescheduled on a court or another will be according by the ranking of the couples or the participation of local players

In Challenger tournaments the rounds of sixteenths and eighths may be played on several courts simultaneously.

In clubs with courts with outside play and no outside play where several matches are played simultaneously, all matches shall be played under the same conditions - no outside play. The criteria for the allocation of courts will be at the discretion of the organization.

The Main Draw in female category, will be played over five consecutive days (except outside Spain), starting on Wednesday and finishing on Sunday. One round will be played per day. The 1/16 and 1/8 rounds will be played in several courts simultaneously.

The Main Draw of Master tournaments in the men's category will be played over six consecutive days (except outside Spain), starting on Tuesday and finishing on Sunday. The last sixteen will be played on Tuesday (8 matches) and Wednesday (8 matches) and the remaining rounds will be played one per day. Qualifying will take place on Monday before the Main Draw.

In exceptional cases, the WPT's Technical Committee can authorize a breach of these rules, if it considers that the interests of third parties aren't affected.

The order of play must include at least the day and the time of each game. Failing that indicate shifts using the term "below". The order of play must be drawn up after making the draw and will be made public immediately after its making, sure that its spread properly.

The umpire and/or the organization may modify the order of play when they may deem it necessary for the proper conduct of the competition or for reasons deemed suitable and necessary. These modifications must be publicly announced sufficiently in advance and the affected players are informed. The Organization reserves the right to modify in these cases the matches times, the initially fixed courts and even the facilities. In these situations they might have to play games at courts without external output.

III.4.2 If any of the pairings in the Main Draw have to play two matches in the same day, they will hold the right to a minimum of three hours rest between the end of their first match and the start of the following match. After this time, the Organization will be the only one to decide the starting time of this second match.

III.4.3 It is the player's obligation to find out the time of his match, via the WPT's official website, the organization or other means, without the WPT having to communicate said time or other circumstances.

CHAPTER IV. RANKINGS SYSTEM AND RULES FOR PARTICIPATING IN THE WPT



IV.1. GENERAL PRINCIPLES

IV.1.1. To rank is to place the names of players in the order that corresponds on a list or ranking, taking into account the results obtained by each player in the 12 months prior to the publication of the rankings.

IV.1.2 The rankings are published every week on the WPT's official website (www.worldpadeltour.com) each week on Monday.

IV.1.3 The rankings in 2018 will be established by a points system: 2018's points are added to the resulting points from 2017. Points obtained during the 2017 season are taken off in 2018 on the week that a tournament is played in 2017.

If a player, after made the draw, cause low in the tournament, this will give 0 points for their ranking.

IV.2 POINTS TABLE

Points awarded to players depending on the round they reach in each tournament are the following:

MASTERS CUP

ROUND	Winner	Final	Semifinals	1/4 Finals	1/8 Finals	1/16 Finals
POINTS	1,300	780	470	235	---	---

MASTERS

ROUND	Winner	Final	Semifinals	1/4 Finals	1/8 Finals	1/16 Finals
POINTS	1,700	1.020	610	310	150	70

ROUND	1/4 Qualy	1/8 Qualy	1/8 Pre Qualy	1/16 Pre Qualy	1/32 Pre Qualy	1/64 Pre Qualy
POINTS	35	18	13	8	5	4

OPEN



ROUND	Winner	Final	Semifinals	1/4 Finals	1/8 Finals	1/16 Finals
POINTS	1,000	600	360	180	90	40

ROUND	1/4 Qualy	1/8 Qualy	1/8 Pre Qualy	1/16 Pre Qualy	1/32 Pre Qualy	1/64 Pre Qualy
POINTS	20	10	8	5	3	2

CHALLENGER

ROUND	Winner	Final	Semifinals	1/4 Finals	1/8 Finals	1/16 Finals
POINTS	120	75	50	35	25	12

ROUND	1/4 Qualy	1/8 Qualy	1/8 Pre Qualy	1/16 Pre Qualy	1/32 Pre Qualy	1/64 Pre Qualy
POINTS	8	5	4	3	1	0

POINTS TABLE INTERNATIONAL QUALIFYING ROUNDS

MASTER

ROUND	International	1/4 Qualy	1/8 Qualy	1/16 Qualy	1/32 Qualy	1/64 Qualy
POINTS	35	13	8	5	4	3

OPEN

ROUND	International	1/4 Qualy	1/8 Qualy	1/16 Qualy	1/32 Qualy	1/64 Qualy
POINTS	20	8	5	4	2	1



CHALLENGER

ROUND	International	1/4 Qualy	1/8 Qualy	1/16 Qualy	1/32 Qualy	1/64 Qualy
POINTS	8	5	3	2	1	0

Qualifiers from the Qualifying draw will receive the following bonus points that will be added to the points they gain in the Main Draw:

Masters: 40 points.
 Open: 25 points.
 Challenger: 7 points.

Lucky losers won't receive these bonus points.

Qualifiers from the Pre-Qualifying draw will receive the following bonus points that will be added to the points they gain in the Main Draw.

Masters: 8 points.
 Open: 5 points.
 Challenger: 2 points.

Lucky losers won't receive these bonus points.

Pairings that defeat a seeded pairing in the main draw will receive bonus points (40 points at Masters tournaments, 25 points at Open tournaments and 7 points at Challenger tournaments). Also, when a pairing win a seeded pairing in the Qualifying draw will receive bonus points (8 points at Masters tournaments, 5 points at Open tournaments and 2 points at Challenger tournaments). These bonus points are added per seeded pairing that is defeated in each tournament. When a seeded pairing defeats another seeded pairing, they don't receive bonus points.

The players who may participate in the Challenger tournaments (see III.2.3), they only scored for the WPT ranking a maximum of these tournaments according to the following table:

Nº Challenger Tournaments	Máy. nº Challenger Qualifying
1	1
2	2
3	3
4	4
≥ 5	4

For those players who rescheduled a number greater than the indicated maximum Challenger tournaments, points of best results obtained shall be taken into account in the ranking.

IV.3 PARTICIPATION

Participation in a WPT tournament is limited to 100 pairings per Masters tournaments and 96 pairings per Open and Challenger tournaments for male category, and to 56 pairings per Masters, Open and Challenger tournaments for female category.

Registered couples are sorted in a decreasing way by the sum of points of both players. When the number of registrations is greater, couples that are below nº 100 and nº 96 respectively in men's category, and below nº 56 in women's category, they will be removed from the registration. If there is a tie between one or more couples to define a position, a draw will be made.

The criteria for the order of priority of pairings that have registered for a tournament and meet the minimum requirements are the following:

- 1st Wild Cards.
- 2nd WPT rankings.
- 3rd Players with the WPT's service rendering contract.
- 4th National rankings.
- 5th Territorial rankings, former junior players in their first year (*) and changes of residency (**).

To be able to participate in a WPT event:

IV.3.1 Only players who meet any of the following requirements may register for WPT tournaments:

(The reference for the ranking is the position during the week prior to the WPT tournament).

- To be in the WPT's official rankings.
- To be within the top 25 positions in the F.E.P's rankings.
- To be within the top 25 positions in the rankings of one of the following regional rankings: Andalucia, Catalonia, Madrid or the Valencian Community.
- To be within the top 12 positions in the rankings of one of the following regional rankings: Galicia, Navarra and Basque Country.
- To be within the top 8 positions in the rankings of one of the following regional rankings: Aragon, Cantabria, Castilla y Leon and Balearic Islands.
- To be within the top 6 positions in the rankings of one of the following regional rankings: Asturias, Canary Islands, Extremadura and Murcia.
- To be within the top 4 positions in the rankings of one of the remaining regional rankings.
- To be within the top 6 positions in the F.E.P's junior rankings.
- To be within the top 4 positions in the F.E.P's Under 16 rankings.
- To be within the top 4 positions in the Junior rankings of one of the following regional rankings: Andalucia, Catalonia, Madrid or the Valencian Community.
- To be within the top 2 positions in the Junior rankings of the remaining regional rankings.
- (*) Players that are no longer Juniors and that meet the WPT's minimum requirements on the 31st of December of 2017, as long as they send a certificate to the corresponding federation.
- (**) Players that change their residency and that certify, via the federation of origin, their last ranking that meets the requirements, can play a maximum of 1 tournament in

2018. From then on, they can only compete if they meet the minimum requirements in this regulation.

- To be within the top 25 positions in the Argentine rankings (AJPP/APA).
- To be within the top 10 positions in the Brazilian rankings (COPRABA).
- To be within the top 25 positions in the Portuguese and Swedish ranking.
- For other countries, to be within the top 8 positions in the national rankings.

- To be within the top 25 positions in the F.E.P's rankings.
- To be within the top 25 positions in the rankings of one of the following regional rankings: Andalucia, Catalonia, Madrid or the Valencian Community.
- To be within the top 12 positions in the rankings of one of the following regional rankings: Navarra and Basque Country.
- To be within the top 8 positions in the rankings of one of the following regional

IV.3.2 Participation in International Tournaments

For international tournaments outside of Spain, there will be a "second Qualifying Phase" (Qualifying Final Phase) which will square together the four pairings that qualified for the semi finals of the Qualifying Rounds played in Spain with the four pairings that qualified for the semi finals of the Qualifying Rounds (Local Qualifying Phase) in the organizing country. The matches between the eight pairings will be defined by a draw. The four pairings that win will qualify for the Main Draw with the letters A, B, C and D, which have been previously drawn for the main draw. The Pre-Qualifying and Qualifying rounds for these tournaments will take place in Spain and in the organizing country, while the "second Qualifying Phase" will take place in the organizing country. In 2018, this rule shall not apply in Lisbon and Andorra tournaments, where we played all phases in the organising country.

To take part in the Pre-Qualifying and Qualifying rounds in the organizing country, players must meet the following requirements:

- Be a citizen of the organizing country and appear in the national rankings in the following positions:
 - o Be within the top 100 positions in the Argentine rankings (AJPP/ APA) for the qualifying rounds played in Argentina.
 - o Be within the top 75 positions in the Brazilian rankings (COPRABA) for the qualifying rounds played in Brazil.
 - o Be within the top 75 positions in the Portuguese rankings for the qualifying rounds played in Portugal.
 - o Be within the top 75 positions in the Swedish rankings for the qualifying rounds played in Sweden.
 - o For other countries, be within the top 50 positions in the national rankings for qualifying rounds that are played in any other country.
- Players with a different nationality from the organizing country can participate if they are not ranked within the top 150 positions in the WPT rankings.

For the women's category:

- Be a citizen of the organizing country and appear in the national rankings in the

following positions:

- Be within the top 70 positions in the Argentine rankings (AJPP/APA) for the qualifying rounds played in Argentina.
 - Be within the top 50 positions in the Brazilian rankings (COPRABA) for the qualifying rounds played in Brazil.
 - Be within the top 50 positions in the Portuguese rankings for the qualifying rounds played in Portugal.
 - For other countries, be within the top 25 positions in the national rankings for qualifying rounds that are played in any other country.
- Players with a different nationality from the organizing country can participate if they are not ranked within the top 80 positions in the WPT rankings.

(*) The reference for the ranking is the position during the week prior to the WPT tournament.

The qualifying rounds played in the organizing country (Local Qualifying Phase) will award points for the WPT rankings (see IV.2). The four pairings that qualify in the local qualifying phase will have the same rights as the four pairings that have qualified from the qualifying phase in Spain: hotel and meals. The prize money that corresponds to the losers of the final qualifying round will go towards the players that participated in but didn't qualify from the International qualifying rounds (Final Qualifying Phase).

IV.3.4 All of the players that don't meet at least one of the previous requisites, must send a written request to the WPT (competicion@setpointevents.com). The WPT will decide whether to grant players the right to register and participate in any of the official tournaments on the calendar.

IV. 4. PROTECTED RANKING

IV.4.1 A protected ranking is a system that is established with the sole purpose of guaranteeing that certain players can be handed a given ranking ahead of the tournament's draw.

IV.4.2 A protected ranking can be requested by players that have suffered an injury which has side-lined them for above four months and who were ranked in the top 70 in the men's category and top 50 in the women's category when they sustained their injury.

The injury must be accredited by a medical report or certificate.

IV.4.3 Any player that wishes to receive a protected ranking must send a written request to the WPT's technical committee, requesting the benefits of this system and attaching the corresponding medical certificate, where the type of injury must be detailed.

IV.4.4 Once the player has been handed a protected ranking, this ranking will be maintained for the first five tournaments within a maximum of five months following his return to the circuit when the absence is less than one year. If the absence exceeds one year, the protected ranking will be maintained for seven tournaments in a maximum of seven months.

The player will start using the protected ranking from his first reappearing tournament.



Tournaments must be consecutive as long as they are Open and Master. In the case of the Challenger tournaments, the player may choose whether or not to take advantage of the protected ranking, and must notify the Sports Department before the closing of the registration. If the player concerned has not given notice of his or her wish to join the protected ranking in a Challenger tournament, the Organization will not apply it.

To qualify for the protected ranking, the injured player must return in a WPT tournament before a year and a half (18 months) from the date of the injury.

IV.4.5 For the application of a protected ranking, the ranking at the time of the injury will be taken into account. This way, for the purpose of the draw, the player that has received a protected ranking will be awarded the same amount of points as the player that, according to the WPT rankings in force at that time, occupies the same ranking that the player with the protected ranking had at the time of his/her injury.

IV.4.6 A protected ranking will only come into effect when drawing the positions of players for a tournament. This way, a player with a protected ranking will appear, for all intents and purposes, in the WPT rankings with the ranking that his/her real points place him/her, and not in the position that he/she had when sustaining the injury.

IV. 5 VIDEO REVIEW

Each couple shall have the right to request review of a play through the repetition of the same display. This repetition may be requested from the quarter-final round of the Main Draw in men's category and semifinals in women category.

Only the Chair Umpire or the Assistant Umpire will observe this repetition in the área enabled for this purpose. After checking the video, the Umpire confirmed or rectified its first decision.

The system will be as following:

- Each couple will have two repetitions per set, including the tie-break.
- They can only obtain replays exclusively relating to a game point, never on an action of the Disciplinary Regulations.
- The couple shall request repetition immediately after the lance is dubious, and must stop de point, if it is necessary and not allow point to continue (unless it is after a hit of immediate action). In the case that this doubt is produced at the end of a game, the request must be immediately and never after 10 seconds.
 1. If the requesting couple has NO reason, the use of the repetition is accounted and will remain the Chair Umpire decision.
 2. If the requesting couple just be right, the use of the repetition is not accounted and will rectify the decision of the Chair Umpire.
 3. If the display is doubtful, the use of repetition is not accounted and the Chair Umpire will decree a let. The decision if the visualization is doubtful or not only will be for Umpire. A couple never can view a display.

Players must not leave the court while waiting for the video review, and must wait for the referee's decision within the court. As long as players remain on the court they must maintain a



correct posture, taking care of "body language". They may not leave the track to drink, eat, sit, or receive instructions.

The Chair Umpire, when there is a doubtful move, and the 4 players are discussing the move, wait 10 seconds to make a decision, except when some of the couples ask for the visualization of the repetition of the move. When the Chair Umpire considers necessary, he may request itself a review of video needed to clarify a release from game. If the four players will agree, the Chair Umpire may modify his decision.

CHAPTER V. ABBREVIATIONS

V.I WPT

For the purpose of these Technical Regulations, the abbreviation WPT is used to refer to the professional World Padel Tour.

V.II F.I.P.

For the purpose of these Technical Regulations, the abbreviation F.I.P. is used to refer to the International Padel Federation.

V.III F.E.P

For the purpose of these Technical Regulations, the abbreviation F.E.P is used to refer to the Spanish Padel Federation.

V.IV AJPP/APA

For the purpose of these Technical Regulations, the abbreviation AJPP/APA is used to refer to the Padel Professional Players Association / Argentina Padel Association.

V.V COBRAPA

For the purpose of these Technical Regulations, the abbreviation COBRAPA is used to refer to the Padel Brazilian Confederation.