# **Technical Regulations** 2020





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DISCLAIMER

Except when otherwise stipulated, any reference to "player" in these regulations includes both sexes.

# **CHAPTER I. GENERAL**

# I.1. SCOPE OF APPLICATION OF THE REGULATION

The purpose these regulations is to regulate the organization and development of all WPT competitions. Competitions means all those that have been included in the official WPT calendar.

The simple fact of voluntarily being part of a WPT Competition will imply the express and voluntary submission to this Technical Regulation and the commitment to respect and abide by its provisions.

## I.2. COMPETENCIES AND FUNCTIONAL BODIES WPT

WPT is responsible for the general control of all competitions included within its official competition calendar, as well as:

- Select competitions for inclusion in the official calendar.
- Schedule competitions.
- Being responsible for the resolution of any matter of dispute pertaining to the WPT.

The main WPT functional organs, which will control everything affecting WPT operation, are comprised of:

- THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS. Regulates the financial aspects and supervises the executive bodies.
- THE DELEGATE COMMISSION (BOARD) will be formed by the Player Board Representatives and by the Sports Director of WPT plus the same number of members of the organization (preferably from the sports area) as the number of components of the Players Commission. The powers of this Commission will be the supervision of the General Regulations, the monitoring of the modifications introduced in the competition, the execution of the Contract agreements and the elevation of the proposals deemed appropriate for the best development and growth of the Circuit. The agreements will be approved by simple majority and will bind both parties. In the event of a technical tie, a vote by the WPT Director General will be required to make the final decision.
- THE DISCIPLINE COMMITTEE. Disciplinary body that will apply and enforce the WPT Sports Discipline Regulations, judging in the first instance those infractions contained in the Sports Discipline Regulations that could be committed and imposing the corresponding sanctions. This will be a one-person committee. When an offense considered very serious occurs, the Discipline Committee will include the WPT members of the Delegate Commission.



• THE APPEAL COMMITTEE. Maximum disciplinary body, which will hear, in the second and last instance, the appeals filed against the agreements and decisions of the Sports Discipline Committee, under the provisions of the Sports Discipline Regulations and in application of principles of equity. In its composition, an odd number of members must always be observed, being able to be collegiate or one-person.

All the functional bodies of WPT will be subject to the provisions of the different regulations and rules applicable in WPT:

- Game Regulations.
- General regulations.
- Protocols.
- Sport Discipline Regulations.

As well as what is established and provided in the different contracts and agreements signed between the various parties involved.

WPT, will have the power to analyze and decide on any situation or incident not contemplated in these regulations, and which may be subject to their inclusion.

# CHAPTER II. THE COMPETITIONS AND THE CALENDAR

# **II.1. NAME OF THE COMPETITIONS**

WPT competitions must necessarily be named according to the following naming criteria:

- First, they will bear the reference " main sponsor "-" ESTRELLA DAMM ".
- Secondly, the following sentence must be included: "(x) ", being (x) the city or town where the Competition is held, followed by the word "MASTER", "OPEN", "CHALLENGER", MASTER FINAL or EXHIBITION.

#### II.2. CALENDAR

WPT will prepare a Competition Calendar that will be published in all the media it deems appropriate, once it has been approved by the Board of Directors.

They will be competitions directly dependent on WPT regarding the Competition Regulations, Game Regulations, Sports Discipline Regulations and other applicable provisions, all those registered in the calendar (except those with their own regulations).

At the end of the season the Final Master will be played, in which the first 16 players and the 16 first



# players of the official ranking of the WPT circuit will participate (see Chapter V - Final Master Regulations)

## **II.3. CHANGES TO THE CALENDAR**

The Official Calendar of each season will be published sufficiently in advance before the start of the season. Once published, WPT will not be able to modify the tournament dates and / or city within the three months prior to the tournament date. However, WPT, in exceptional cases, may make any change outside this established period.

## **II.4. FACILITIES**

In order to hold a competition, it will be necessary for the facilities where it is going to be held to have lighted courts, including the center court, which comply with the regulatory provisions (regulation FIP 1/1/2017).

On each side of the center court of the tournament there will be a 2 meter wide, 8 meter long (centered) and 3 meter high exterior security space in which there should be no physical obstacle that impedes or endangers the safety of a player when he leaves the perimeter during the course of the game. The court will count with protective / security elements at its entrances. The same conditions should apply for the club's main court. In special cases, and in order to guarantee the celebration of the event, the Club's main court may not have an external exit, and may be either out-door or indoor, interchangeably.

The center and auxiliary court of the tournament will be called the official WPT courts.

WPT will ensure that there is a practise court available for PLAYERS to practise in from the afternoon of the day prior the start of the final draw of the competition. If for reasons beyond WPT (construction deadline), the Center or Auxiliary Court is not available, WPT will do its best to find a suitable alternative.

# **II.5. WPT OBLIGATIONS**

It will be mandatory for the WPT to comply with the following obligations during the celebration of the Tournament or Competition:

a) Appoint, inherent function of the Supervisor of Umpires of the Sports Department, a Chief Umpire for the tournament. The Umpire of the preliminary and pre-preliminary rounds may be different from that of the main draw. Appoint an Umpire for the preliminary and pre-preliminary rounds, if required, before the start of the tournament.



- b) Guarantee the good conditions and their maintenance, throughout the tournament, of the courts. Particularly, the surface, walls, glass and nets, as well as the good condition of the stands.
- c) Have an ambulance on the premises or playing grounds from the moment the pre-preliminary round of the tournament begins.
- d) WPT, will bear the cost of accommodation and subsistence for all the players classified to play the final draw of the tournaments (inside and outside Spain) of the WPT Circuit (see conditions stipulated in PROCEDURES AND PROTOCOLS 2020 THE PLAYER)
- e) Depending on the round that a player participates in, the competition must be set up to provide: Pre-Preliminary Round:
  - Refereeing.
  - Coolers for the competition.
  - Water.
  - Court assisstants or volunteers.
  - Ambulance service (not medicalised).
  - Physiotherapist for on court evaluation and treatment (1).
  - WPT will do its best to find hotel deals for pre-qualifying players (although they will be responsible for taking on such expenses).

Preliminary round:

- Refereeing.
- Coolers for the competition.
- Water, isotonic drinks (WPT agreement), bananas.

Court assistants or volunteers.

Ambulance service (not medicalised).

 On – court Medical and Physiotherapy evaluation and treatment (1 or 2). Physiotherapists will be available for players from one hour prior to the start of the match until one hour after it has finished.

• Off - court physiotherapy evaluation and treatment must be requested in advance.

WPT will do its best to find hotel deals for pre-qualifying players (although they will be responsible for taking on such expenses).

- Towels.
- Player's Lounge.

• Restriction and control of access to the courts and to the stands (whenever possible).

Final Draw:

Refereering.

Coolers for the competition.



- One stewardess / volunteer per couple and court.
- Water, isotonic drinks (WPT agreement), bananas.
- ▸ On court Medical and Physiotherapy Support (1 or 2). Physiotherapists will be available for players from one hour prior to the start of the match until one hour after it has finished.
- Off court physiotherapy attentention must be requested in advance.
- Medical Ambulance.
- Towels.
- Player's Lounge.
- Restriction and control of access to the courts and to the stands (whenever possible).
- f) WPT, will pay for the hotel room corresponding to the day prior to the official match of the PLAYER that qualifies to play the final draw of the WPT Circuit tournaments of each season (Open and Master in and out of Spain), whilst in the competition (see conditions stipulated in PROCEDURES AND PROTOCOLS 2020 - THE PLAYER)
- g) Provide the following Medical Support to the PLAYER:
- WPT will warrant the set up of a Medical Service that offers the right coverage and the best possible medical attention to the PLAYER and covers every need of the professional Circuit. This work unit of the Organization will be made up of a highly professional physiotherapy service with extensive experience in the world of sport and a medical specialist in this specific field.
- WPT guarantees that medical support for players competing in the sport's highest profile event is delivered by an experienced multi-disciplinary team that includes primary care and sports medicine specialist doctors and physiotherapists. Together they aim to enable each player to achieve their full potential on the Center Court and at the Club from the Preliminaries of each tournament. WPT will make available to these professionals the latest generation equipment to optimize physiotherapists will have continuity and stability, except for force majeure or justified absence, in the tournaments held in Spain (Open and Master) throughout the season, which is a critical factor that is required to be able to deliver high standards of medical care in such an unusual and demanding environment. In tournaments held outside of Spain, the service will be performed by local professionals.
- The Medical Service and Physiotherapist / treatment Room may be used by the PLAYER during all the official tests of the WPT Circuit calendar. There is a protocol for its use that may be consulted by the PLAYER in the PLAYER APP (PROCEDURES AND PROTOCOLS 2020 - REFEREEING - MEDICAL ATTENTION – MEDICAL TIME - OUT).
- The cost of the Medical Area during the celebration of the WPT Circuit will be fully covered by WPT.



Outside of the tournament and the protocol established by the Organization, the PLAYER will bear the cost of those specialist doctors and physioterapists of his choice.

- The Medical Service and the Physiotherapy Room will be available for the attention of the player, in the pre-preliminary, preliminary and main draw, for each tournament of the WPT Circuit of each season of this contract.
- WPT also guarantees the PLAYER the presence of a responsible and permanent doctor of the professional Circuit. Experienced qualified doctors will also be available in each venue to attend to serious cases that may occur during the competition. It will be for them to examine or study a PLAYER'S medical report in case of injury and treatment by other medical professionals which should, eventually, determine if the PLAYER is suitable or not to participate in the competition. If the PLAYER is considered to be fit, he will be obliged to play. If the player refuses to do so, his decision will be considered a very serious infraction and he / she will be subject to what is determined by the WPT Sanctioning Regulations. In the event that the PLAYER is declared unfit to continue competing, the WPT Sports Department, having been informed, will have the right to disqualify said PLAYER (see PROCEDURES AND PROTOCOLS 2020 REFEREEING MEDICAL ATTENTION MEDICAL TIME OUT).
- e) WPT, will provide tickets / passes to every PLAYER who qualifies to play the final draw (and all those matches that are played on the central court) while he remains in the competition and is not eliminated (see conditions in PROCEDURES AND PROTOCOLS 2020 PLAYERS TICKETS).
- f) Have changing rooms or showers, either in their own facilities or close to them in those tournaments in which the central court is located on a public space.
- g) Organize transportation hotel / club / hotel and hotel / central court / hotel for PLAYERS who qualify to play the final draw while remaining in the competition and is not eliminated (see conditions in PROCEDURES AND PROTOCOL 2020 PLAYERS TRANSPORTATION).
- Provide a civil liability insurance that covers any situation that may occur during the tournament on the courts, stands, village and to the PLAYERS themselves, except for those situations incidents, accidents that happen to a player during the course of a match (for which the player must be in possession of his / her own insurance).
- Pay the prizes which each PLAYER is entitled to as a result of their performance in the competition. The PLAYER will receive the latter upon presentation of the invoice and within three weeks of sending it. PLAYERS must issue the corresponding invoice within one month (30 days) from the end of the tournament (ajimenezn@worldpadeltour.com).



j) If for any exceptional reason beyond its control WPT should be forced to cancel any of the Circuit's matches, but it complies, throughout the season, with the minimum number agreed to and established in the Contract with the players, WPT will be exempt from the payment of the prize money of the cancelled match, as well as from granting the corresponding points to it. If, on the other hand, a qualifying round or phase had been played, WPT will recognize the matches or rounds played as valid, awarding the corresponding points in the next update of the Ranking (once the suspension of the match has been officially announced).

# **II.6. COMPETITION DIRECTOR**

The WPT Sports Department will be responsible for the direction of the Competition for which it may appoint a Director, if it is deemed appropriate and convenient. The Director of the Competition will be responsible for the organization and proper development of it before WPT, and his appointment will be published and reported in the Tournament information sheet, published in the PLAYER APP.

The management functions of the Sports Department (or of the Director appointed given the case), will be the following:

- To be aware of the minimum conditions for the organization of the tournament and check that all the obligations set out in the agreements are fulfilled (water, towels, chairs, changing rooms, etc.).
- Verify that the sports facilities are prepared for holding the competition; in particular, deciding whether to cancel a match in case of adverse weather conditions to be held on an outdoor court, after consultation with the tournament chief umpire and the sports director.
- Check that the balls and trophies are in the facilities before the start of the competition.
- Control the registrations and exercise the coordination tasks between those responsible for the facilities, the players, the chief umpire and WPT.
- Coordinate the official transportation for the players during the competition.
- Coordinate and supervise everything related to the player's services and needs.
- Be prepared to manage / resolve any emergency that arises during the competition, especially regarding medical attention.

## II.7. REFERREEING

# **II.7.1. GENERAL FUNCTIONS**

It controls and regulates everything related to the normal development of the Competition, its functions being the following:

- Carry out or control the initial draw for each match, reporting the frequency of the change of balls (if applicable).

- Control warm up time.



- Intervene if required (calling a play, or indicating the repetition of the point if it is considered necessary).
- Application of the Code of Conduct and Discipline.
- Results management.

Particular functions (chair refereeing):

It includes the functions of the Chair Umpire (who also assumes all the general functions). In general, the Chair Umpire intervenes at the request of the PLAYERS, but must call the infraction by stopping the game when any of the following situations occur: (more information in PROCEDURES AND PROTOCOLS 2020 – REFEREEING.

- Serving Faults.
- Net.
- Double bounce.
- Through (ball that goes through the net).
- Anti-regulatory hit (double hit, with the hand, etc.).
- Let.
- Interferences.

In case of dispute between the PLAYERS that does not require the intervention of the Chair Umpiree, the latter will be responsible for preventing the discussion from going beyond 10 seconds. After that time, the Chair Umpire decides and the game continues.

In case of Video Review (see II.7.9), the Chair Umpire and the Umpire Supervisor will be in charge of enforcing the protocols established for this purpose.

Chair refeering will be mandatory in the following matches:

- Quarterfinals of the preliminary round and all rounds of the final draw in the men's category (for Open and Master).
- The quarterfinal, semifinal and final rounds of the main draw in the women's category.
- If the competition format allows the women's round of 16 to be played consecutively on center courts (4 in the pavilion and 4 in the club's center court), they will also have chair refereeing.

# II.7.2. REFEREE SUPERVISOR WPT

The Referee Supervisor will be in charge of appointing the Chief umpire and umpire teams for each tournament of the WPT Circuit, their functions and powers will be as follows:

- Appoint the Refereeing Team, and direct, coordinate and control its functions and decisions.
- Training of referees and evaluation of the functions derived from referee teams.
- If necessary, delegate their functions to a representative of the Sports Department or to a member of the Refereeing Team.
- He will be responsible (together with the Chair Umpire) for enforcing the protocols established for



the Video Review (II.7.9).

- He / she can act as a chair umpire in a tournament, in those unavoidable situations, and always under the authorization of the Sports Department.
- He / she will be in charge of coming out on court, to settle any disputes that the players may have on the correct application and interpretation of the Regulations of the game as well as these Regulations.

## II.7.3. COURT OFFICIALS

The tournament officials are:

- Referee Supervisor.
- Chief Referee.
- Deputy Referee.
- Assistant Referee
- Chair Umpire.
- Referee in Practice.

All of them must possess the required qualification with the corresponding WPT Certification (from 2020), and occupy or assume the functions of any of the appointed referees.

## II.7.4. THE CHIEF REFEREE

You cannot be a Chief Referee and a player in the same competition.

## The Chief Referee must:

- Carry the Rules of the Game Regulations and the WPT General Regulations.
- Decide if a court meets the necessary conditions to be able to play on it or if a match should be continued in another court and designate the court each match must be played on. The decision to suspend a match will correspond to the Sports Department (or Tournament Director, if applicable); however in special cases, the Referee may decide for himself the suspension if he considers that playing the match under certain conditions endangers the physical integrity of the players (More information in REFEREES - SUSPENSION AND POSTPONEMENT.
- Conduct brief pre-match meeting at the net to to tell them about the system and conditions pertaining to the up-coming match.
- Apply the W.O. (Walk over).
- Apply the "lucky loser".
- Write down all the results of the matches, including winners and scores for each set and communicate them to the organization immediately after the match is over.
- Establish the periodicity and apply the changes of balls, without prejudice to the ability of the



Umpiree to modify the time of the change of balls due to weather conditions or other factors. If the players omit the corresponding change, it will take place in the first game that corresponds to the couple that should have started with new balls shall serve. (See types, characteristics and periodicity of ball change in CHAPTER III.1.2 - GENERAL TECHNICAL REGULATIONS).

- Apply the Discipline Regulations approved by WPT.
- Be present in the venue where the competition is held, at all times, when a match is being played and, if this is not possible, appoint an assistant Referee to replace him.
- To be able to act as Chair Umpire of a specific match, he / she must have previously appointed an Assistant Referee to replace him while performing that function, as long as this is necessary due to other matches being played simultaneously.
- Always behave in a professional and ethical manner, respecting the superior authority of the Referee Supervisor.

# Responsibilities Chief Referee:

The WPT Disciplinary Committee will hold the Chief Referee responsible for all those infractions included in the WPT Discipline Regulations, and in particular, when voluntarily or due to negligence attributable to:

- Failing to comply with the provisions of the regulations.
- Misrepresenting the results.
- Having unfairly favored or harmed a PLAYER with his decisions.
- Misrepresenting the report of the Competition.
- Not complying with his / her obligation to send the results at the end of each match, nor the Final Act as established in the immediately preceding Rule.
- Arriving late to a match. During the competition they must be present at least 45 minutes before the first match is held.
- Not being in appropriate uniform nor maintaining their appearance and personal hygiene, as stipulated in the Code of Conduct.

## Refereeing Decisions:

The decisions of the Chief Referee are unappealable with regard to the technical rules of the game, without prejudice to possible appeals to the WPT Disciplinary Committee, should it proceed, for violation of general sports rules. The Referee is also empowered to make decisions about any incident that may occur during the competition, even if it is not contemplated in these General Regulations.

## Refereeing Act:

Once the competition is over, within a maximum period of 48 hours after the last final, the Chief Referee must submit to WPT, the corresponding refereeing report (Refereeing Act).

Adverse weather:



In case of adverse weather conditions, the Organization will be in charge of making the appropriate decisions. (See SUSPENSION PROTOCOL). If it is on a Sunday that a match must be suspended, the organization will decide if it is postponed to Monday. The pending match / -es may never be extended beyond Monday (the day following the end of the tournament). If the match could not be held, the points and prizes that would be awarded to the couples would be those corresponding to the suspended round. However, the Referee will not postpone the competition until WPT determines its definitive suspension or reports the times / dates of its continuation.

WPT will have the right to establish a limit time, for the suspension of a day of competition due to adverse weather conditions, which will be informed through the usual channels and means.

## No - show (WO):

If a couple fail to show up on – court at their assigned match 10 minutes after it is due to start, it will be the Chief Referee's responsibility to declare that they have lost. A couple may not play a match if one its players does not show up within the established deadlines, or withdraws.

## II.7.5. Deputy Referee

The Deputy Referee will be appointed by the Supervisor of Referees and / or the Chief Referee, in order to replace the latter, when he must perform the duties of Chair Umpire or any situation prevents him from performing his duties.

The Deputy Referee, may perform the functions of Chair Umpire, and in case of replacing the Chief Referee, he must perform the same functions (see previous point).

## II.7.6. CHAIR UMPIRE

When a match is refereed by a Chair Umpire it must be done consistently. If there is a dispute between the PLAYERS about any set of the match, the Chair Umpire must make a decision after 10 seconds have elapsed or at the request of any of the four players involved.

The Chair Umpire may count on the collaboration of an Auxiliary Referee when necessary.

The functions of the Chair Umpire are:

- Determine if the PLAYERS appearance is correct and are wearing the proper attire.
- Determine if the racket is regulatory.
- Give the necessary information about the match to each PLAYER.
- Tos a coin to decide the choice of ends, who serves first and who receives.
- Give the spectators relevant information during the game, when a speaker does not.
- Announce the score according to the established rules.
- Control the spectators, stopping the game, if necessary, until order is restored.
- Establish the periodicity and apply the ball changes during the match as originally anticipated.
- Apply the Game Regulations actively whenever necessary.



- Apply the WPT Sports Discipline Regulations.
- Resolve in the first instance the conflicts that arise regarding the application of the rules of the game, accepting and guaranteeing the right of the player to request consultation with the Referee Supervisor.
- Determine at all times if the court is in good condition to continue the match.
- Fill in the score sheet and the conduct sheet.
- Inform the Referee of all the events that occurred during the match.
- Comply with the protocol for players when entering and leaving the central court.
- They must discuss with the players, when required, the interpretations of the Game Rules applied to specific sets of the game, as long as they are correctly requested and do not extend beyond what is due.
- Always behave in a professional and ethical manner, respecting the superior authority of the Supervisor of Referees or Referee Judge.

## II.7.7. ASSISTANT UMPIRE

An Assistant Umpire may be appointed to collaborate with the Referee when the latter cannot attend to the circumstances of the game or the tournament on several courts simultaneously.

The Assistant Umpire will:

- Apply the Game Regulations on those courts where, because several games are played simultaneously, it is not possible for the Umpire to do so, pointing out all the infractions of the Regulations that occur.
- Control the moments of change of balls.
- Coordinating his work with the Umpire, accepting his decisions in case of doubt or disagreement.
- Perform line umpire functions.
- He must always behave in a professional and ethical manner, respecting the superiority of the Referee Supervisor and / or Chief Umpire.

# **II.7.8. UMPIRE IN PRACTICE**

The Supervisor of Referees will appoint umpires in practice in order to train and qualify certified rookie umpires. Their responsabilities will be clearly defined and will solely support the team of umpires. Compliance with these practices will lead to approval of their certification by WPT.

## II.7.9. VIDEO REVIEW

In all Tournaments where this system can be technically applied, each couple will have the right to request an official video review when a disagreement arouses over judgement call from the Chair Umpire. This replay may be requested from the quarterfinal round of the main men's and women's draws (in the event that the latter are played on the center court).



Only the Chair Umpire and / or the Umpire can see the replay in the area designated for this purpose. Once the video has been verified, the Chair Umpire will confirm or overturn the call on the court. This decision will be final and the game must be resumed immediately (10 seconds). The player can appeal no further. Otherwise, the application of the corresponding code of conduct will be at the discretion of the Chair Umpire. Procedure :

- Each couple will have the right to 2 replays per set, including the tie-break.
- The players can only request the replays that refer exclusively to a game point, never on an action related to the disciplinary rules.
- The couple must request a replay immediately after the dubious play occurs, stopping the point, if necessary, and not allowing the point to continue (unless it is immediately after a player has hit a ball). If this doubt occurs at the end of a game, the request must be immediate and never after 10 seconds.

## Accounting system:

- If the couple that requests the replay is NOT right, the use of the replay will be counted and the decision of the Chair Umpire will be upheld.
- If the couple that requests the replay IS right, the use of the replay will not be counted and the decision of the Chair Judge will be rectified.
- If the visualization is DOUBTFUL, the use of replay is not counted and the Chair Umpire will call a let. The decision as to whether it is dubious or not will depend only on the umpire. A couple can never view a replay.

Players must not leave the court while waiting for the video review, and must wait for the Umpire's decision on the court. While the players remain on - court their behavior must abide by de Code of Conduct. They may not leave the court to drink, eat, sit, or receive instructions.

When the 4 players disagree on a call that has been challenged, the Chair Umpire will wait 10 seconds before making a decision, unless one of the couples requests to see a review of the call. If the Chair Umpire considers it necessary, he may request a video review to clarify a call. If the 4 players agree, the Chair Umpire may abide by their decision, as long as the video review has not been completed, and has not ruled on it, in which case the decision will be final.

The Video Review system may be replaced at any time of the season, due to the appearance of new technologies.



**II.8. THE PLAYERS.** 

#### II.8.1. SIGNING OF THE SERVICE PROVISION AGREEMENT

The best 100 players and the best 56 players in the WPT Ranking must sign the Contract for the Provision of Professional Services in writing.

The player subscribed to the service provision agreement agrees to participate in all the events and tournaments that are part of the national and international WPT Circuit calendar, except due to force majeure (being understood as such those subject to the criteria contemplated in the Article 1105 of the Civil Code) that may prevent him / her from doing so and so justifies it. He / she will do it according to his / her classification or ranking and with the quality, diligence and professionalism inherent in his / her activity as a professional player and in the most appropriate way in accordance with his / her physical condition, ensuring that his physical, technical and tactical capabilities are at the highest levels

#### **II.8.2. REGULATION**

All PLAYERS registered in a WPT Tournament, must observe and comply, at all times, with the rules, regulations, ethical codes, WPT Regulations and, in particular, those referring to the protection of intellectual and industrial property rights of WPT and uses of the same for the purposes of the proper celebration, management and coordination of tournaments and activities of the WPT Circuit in all its aspects, and especially the technical, graphic, organizational, communication and sanctioning regime.

All players, through their authorised representatives, will be informed of the modifications proposed by WPT in the Technical Competition Regulations and the General Disciplinary Competition Regulations fifteen (15) calendar days before being approved and will be valid for all purposes, being mandatory for all to abide by them.

#### II.8.3. BETTING

No WPT PLAYER may place bets on companies dedicated to the sports betting business within the sport of paddle tennis, either personally or through any channel or means whilst under contract with WPT and officially participate in the WPT Circuit. The foregoing can be extended to spouses and first degree relatives, although the Organization will take into account special situations that the PLAYER may have.

## **II.8.4. REGISTRATION**

In order for a PLAYER to participate in a WPT tournament, they must formalize the registration request in a timely manner. Such requests must be made through the official website and / or WPT PLAYER APP, filling in the corresponding form. WPT will not accept those registrations that have not been made in a timely manner, nor will it be responsible for those that have not been received due to technical errors, beyond its control.



Participation in the tournaments included in the WPT calendar will be by invitation, with those that proceed in each Tournament being at the discretion of the organization, and WPT may reject the application for registration to all those couples it deems appropriate.

Regardless of the obligation on the part of the players to comply with the registration process, WPT will have the power to review the list of registered participants, 24 hours before the closing of the same, in order to ensure participation in the tournaments of the 20 best players and 8 best players in the Official WPT Ranking, evaluating the possibility of joining the list of registered players.

The PLAYER with the Contract for the Provision of Professional Services in force, shall not pay the inscription in the tournaments of the WPT Circuit. For the 2020 Season, WPT will charge the registration to the rest of PLAYERS who play the WPT tournaments that are not among the first 100 (men) and first 56 (women) of the WPT Ranking, although this measure will be reviewed annually and WPT may modify it for those PLAYERS who have not signed the corresponding contract. In any case, the conditions for the registration fees (procedures, cost, etc.) will be communicated to the players through the Player APP (tournament technical sheet).

The opening and closing dates of registration will be as follows:

Tournaments in Spain:

- Registration opening date: 15 days before the closing of the registration, always coinciding on Monday (unless previously indicated another date and / or WPT modify that date and announce it in the Player APP).
- Registration closing date: registration will be closed at 12:00 on the Tuesday of the week prior to the start of the final table of the competition, (unless previously indicated another time and / or date and / or WPT modify these conditions and announce them in the Player APP)
- Appeal and Draw Period: Once the registration is closed, a provisional list will be published with the registered couples. There will be a period of 24 hours (until Wednesday at 12.00 in the morning) for possible appeals. Once this term has ended and once the final couples registered for the tournament have been decided, there can be no appeal and the draw will proceed, unless, on the website, Player APP or official WPT calendar, another time is indicated and / or date. It will be WPT, through its Sports Department, who decides on any incident.

Tournaments outside of Spain:

- The openings and closings of registration, and the date of the draw will be published and informed through the official website WPT and the APP of the PLAYER, with enough time in advance, and attending to the needs of the Calendar (trying to avoid overlapping dates.
- Injuries: only for tournaments held outside of Spain in which the registration deadline is established more than three weeks before the start of the Final Draw, and in the event that one of the players of a couple already signed up and classified for the Final Draw, suffers an injury (once the



Preliminary Stage is over) that prevents him from playing the tournament, his partner may choose a new one according to the conditions established for the Individual Lucky Loser (See III.2.7. Lucky Loser)

A couple will not be allowed to change any of its players once the registration has been made. WPT will not allow a new registration of the players involved, except in special cases that will be analyzed by WPT and that the player must justify. These changes will only be authorized for the players affected by this circumstance.

Double Validation: players must sign up for tournaments through the usual channels (web / APP), and once this process has been carried out, each player of the couple will receive an email in which they will be able to to confirm or reject registration (this process can also be done in the APP, in the "pending confirmations" section).

IMPORTANT: it is understood that all the inscriptions are accepted unless they are formally rejected (only in the case that one of the two players rejects the inscription can he sign up with another partner).

Once the registration is closed (with the exception of the aforementioned case of injury in Tournaments held outside of Spain), under no circumstances will a change or substitution of PLAYERS be allowed in couples. The players of a couple will remain the same throughout the Competition. Failure to comply with this rule will result in the immediate disqualification of the couple from the moment the irregularity is detected, without prejudice to the sanctions that the WPT Sports Discipline Committee deems appropriate.

## II.8.5. PARTICIPATION IN OTHER TOURNAMENTS AND EXHIBITIONS:

All PLAYERS, linked or subscribed to the Service Provision Contract, without distinction of ranking, may only and exclusively play the following tournaments:

- Absolute Spanish Championship.
- Championship of Spain or other countries by Teams.
- European Championship.
- World Cup of Teams.

That is, a maximum and exclusive total of four (4) championships not organized by WPT for each year of the contract to which they are subscribed and without affecting the WPT Calendar.

The players classified from 1 to 20 and the players classified from 1 to 8 of the official WPT ranking will have the absolute exclusivity of participation in the Tournaments by WPT.

Players classified from the 21st position onwards in the male category and from the 9th position onwards in the female category will be able to play any tournament complying with the WPT rules, except for circuits that could be a direct competitor of the WPT. This authorization will be immediately without effect



in the event that the PLAYER in question reaches the position number 20 or higher for men or position number 8 or higher for women in the WPT Ranking.

For everything related to participation in other Tournaments, Exhibitions, Exclusivity, Clinic, etc., this Regulation will be accepted by those published and included in the PROCEDURES AND PROTOCOL - PLAYERS Regulations).

## II.8.6. MEDICAL AND ANTI - DOPING CONTROLS

- Controls: Comply with sports obligations in the field of anti doping control established in Law 3/2013, of June 20, protecting the health of the athlete and fighting doping in sports, as well as with any other regulations that may apply. Submit to the medical, physical and / or doping tests that the Organization and other bodies with competence in the matter decide or have established.
- Communication. The PLAYER must notify the competent authority, and the Spanish Agency for the Protection of Health in Sports, of any medical, pharmacological or any other circumstance that requires obtaining a therapeutic use authorization. This authorization, or its denial, must be brought to the attention of WPT prior to the holding of any competition or tournament in which it will be used.
- Action protocol: The PLAYER is aware of and is informed that SPE, in agreement with the AEPS, may carry out doping controls in any competition or official tournament of each season of validity of this contract without notice and following strictly the Agency's action protocol, sole and exclusive responsible for this control, in favor of the protection of the health of the PLAYER.

## **II.8.7. HEALTH INSURANCE**

- The PLAYER who participates in WPT must be duly insured during the entire time he is playing in the WPT Professional Circuit with coverage for any contingency, by way of example or limitation, medical assistance, temporary, total and absolute disability, invalidity, medical care, death, etc.... The insurance coverage must be subject at least to the conditions of temporary validity of this contract.
- The policy will be at the player's expense. It will be for the PLAYER to look for and bear the cost of the most suitable insurance that covers the above mentioned.
- The health policy must include, as a minimum, ordinary and emergency health and surgical care and hospitalization and ICU stay throughout the national territory.
- At the beginning of each sports year, and with the WPT competition calendar provided by the Organization, the PLAYER will provide the health policy signed for this purpose to the Sports Department .
- The PLAYER must comply with those obligations that according to Law are mandatory for the professional exercise of their sports activity, with Social Security, if applicable, or with the regime



that their situation requires.

#### II.8.8. TRAVELS

THE PLAYER will bear the cost of his / her trips, both inside and outside Spain, to participate in the WPT Circuit except for the Exhibitions and / or promotional tournaments, which will be borne by WPT. WPT will collaborate actively with the eight (8) players of the preliminary who qualify at the last minute to play a Circuit tournament outside of Spain. WPT will make the best efforts in management and logistics in common agreement with the aforementioned players, although they will bear the cost of best traveling conditions achieved by WPT in the negotiations held with the different travel agencies.

#### **II.9. GENERAL RULES FOR PLAYERS**

#### **II.9.1. PARTICIPATION AUTHORIZATION**

Without prejudice to the provisions of section II.8., in any case, WPT may authorize a player to participate in a competition, even if he does not meet the requirements, if such decision benefits the development of WPT.

## II.9.2. SCORING:

All matches will be played to the best of 3 sets with a tie-break in all of them and a Gold Point system (see II.9.3.). WPT, may change this competition format whenever it deems appropriate and communicating any with the corresponding time in advance.

#### II.9.3. GOLD POINT:

Starting in the 2020 season, the alternative scoring method included in the FIP Regulations, known as the Gold Point, will be implemented.

## The FIP Regulations include:

The "no advantage" (gold point) may be used as an alternative scoring method when the score is deuce. This is a sudden death scenario and is used as a way of speeding up a match result. A game is scored as follows with the score of the server called first:

- no point "zero".
- first point "15".
- second point "30".
- third point "40".
- fourth point "game".



If both couples have won three points each, the Umpire will call "no advantage" and a decisive point called the gold point will be played. The couple that rests will choose whether to rest the service on the right or the left side of the court. The couple that rests cannot change positions to rest the deciding point. The couple that wins the point wins the game. In mixed doubles matches however, the player who rests must be of the same sex as the server. The players who rest cannot change positions to rest a serve. (See PROCEDURES AND PROTOCOLS 2020 - COMPETITION)

## II.9.4. INSTRUCTIONS:

The PLAYERS will not be allowed to receive instructions related to the game from their coach, one per couple except in the situations included in PROCEDURES AND PROTOCOLS 2020 - COACHES.

# II.9.5. IDENTIFICATION ACCREDITATION:

In any official competition, the participants must prove, when required to do so by the Chief Umpire, their identity, residence permit, and in general any other circumstance directly related to the competition, by presenting the appropriate credentials.

# II.9.6. NO – SHOW OR UNJUSTIFIED WITHDRAWAL:

All those players who do not register or do not participate in the WPT competitions, in breach of the regulations or agreements adopted in the contract for the provision of professional services, without a justifying cause, will be sanctioned according to the provisions of the WPT Sports Discipline Regulations. WPT may require the presence in the tournament of the player who communicates his absence to pass a medical examination by personnel of the organization (doctor and / or physiotherapist).

## II.9.7. JUSTIFICATION OF WITHDRAWAL OR WO:

If any of the PLAYERS is declared W.O., or if they communicate their withdrawal from the tournament once the draw has been made, they must justify their withdrawal within 48 hours. When the withdrawal is due to an injury / illness justified with a Medical Information Form, WPT may request the PLAYER to have the examination performed by a doctor appointed by the WPT itself, as long as this does not imply any expense for the PLAYER (the player will have to bear the cost of the trip to the tournament). If he does not proceed to justify his withdrawal, or the Disciplinary Committee considers that the reasons stated are not sufficient, the two players of the couple will be sanctioned, in accordance with the provisions of the WPT Sports Discipline Regulations. Only the player of the couple who withdraws will be sanctioned.

## **II.9.8. UNJUSTIFIED WITHDRAWAL:**

If a couple or a player unjustifiably withdraws from a competition, the couple will lose all right to the prize and the tournament points that they had been awarded until then.



#### II.9.9. INJURY INTERIM:

A PLAYER in clear physical disadvantage as a consequence of accident or injury produced prior to the previous warm-up of a match, may not start said match, losing by W.O. and without the right to points (in any case, it will be for the WPT to decide whether the player is fit to play, once he / she has undergone medical assessment and evaluation by the Medical Team, and to authorize the player to play the match). If the couple affected by the aforementioned situation had qualified to participate in a certain round, having played a previous round, even if they lost by W.O., they will keep the right to the points obtained if they justify the withdrawal Medical Information Form. If the PLAYER participates in the match, he will be sanctioned, in accordance with the provisions of the WPT Sports Discipline Regulations.

Previous injuries: in the case of players who reappear after injury, and in order to guarantee a normal development of the competition, WPT may request that the Official Medical Team carry out a medical examination to determine the degree of recovery from the corresponding injury and the risks of a possible relapse. In the event that the Medical Team concludes (through medical examinations and assessment table) that the player is not in a position to return to the competition, WPT will decide whether accepting or not the registration of said player, allowing his partner to act in consequence.

#### II.9.10. AWARD DELIVERY - UNEXCUSED ABSENCE:

The trophies and prizes corresponding to the PLAYERS participating in the finals must be collected at the closing ceremony. If the PLAYER's absence is unexcused, he will lose all right to the cash prizes.

#### II.9.11. RULES OF BEHAVIOR:

The PLAYER must behave in a courteous and polite manner for as long as he remains in any competition (including previous training sessions), even if he is not participating in it or his matches have ended, and respect any person participating in the competition, and may be sanctioned for any any violation of the Code, either in the same tournament (direct disqualification) or through the opening of a disciplinary proceeding.

II.9.12. ENTERING AND LEAVING CENTER COURT: Players must respect a protocol for entering and leaving the court when they play a match. This protocol will be communicated to the player by the director of the competition or by the sports department, and must always be respected by all PLAYERS (more information in PROCEDURES AND PROTOCOLS 2020 - PLAYERS)

## II.9.13. WPT IMAGE:

PLAYERS will ensure the good image of WPT and not tarnish it through public statements, images or publications they make for which they may be sanctioned as provided in the WPT Sports Discipline Regulations.



# II.9.14. ATTIRE STANDARDS:

PLAYERS must participate properly equipped, being subject to everything stipulated in PROCEDURES AND PROTOCOLS 2020 - PLAYER - GAME UNIFORMS and the dossier on game uniforms and advertising (Annex 4 - Contract), published in the Player APP. Failure to comply with these rules will be sanctioned through a disciplinary proceeding in accordance with the provisions of the WPT Sports Discipline Regulations, and according to the penalty table published in the Regulations of Procedures and Protocols 2020.

## II.9.15. ATTENTION TO THE MEDIA:

PLAYERS must make themselves available to the official WPT media as soon as a match is over. Failure to attend will imply a penalty stipulated in the Discipline Regulation (conditions in PROCEDURES AND PROTOCOLS 2020 - PLAYERS). AVAILABLE FOR THE MEDIA WHEN REQUESTED

# II.9.16. OFFICIAL TRANSPORTATION:

The PLAYER must use official transportation in tournaments, except in the case of a PLAYER residing in the place where the competition is held or there are duly justified reasons and prior authorization from the Organization (conditions in PROCEDURES AND PROTOCOLS 2020 - PLAYERS).

# II.10. PRIZE MONEY POLICY OF THE COMPETITIONS

## II.10.1. MONETARY AWARDS

The amounts for prizes for PLAYERS in Competitions included in the official calendar for the year 2020, respond to the following tables:



# PRIZE MONEY BREAKDOWNS FOR MEN

MASTER	105.840,00 €	М	ASCULIN	0
RONDA	PORCENTAJE	€	№ JUG.	x JUGADOR
Campeón	20,00%	21.168,00	2	10.584,00
Sub-campeón	13,00%	13.759,20	2	6.879,60
1/2	15,00%	15.876,00	4	3.969,00
1/4	18,00%	19.051,20	8	2.381,40
1/8	18,00%	19.051,20	16	1.190,70
1/16	16,00%	16.934,40	32	529,20
		105.840,00 🤅	2	

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	CHALLENGER	17.640,00 €	M	ASCULIN	C
	RONDA	PORCENTAJE		№ JUG.	x JUGADOR
	Campeón	19,00%	3.351,60	2	1.675,80
	Sub-campeón	11,00%	1.940,40	2	970,20
	1/2	13,00%	2.293,20	4	573,30
	1/4	17,00%	2.998,80	8	374,85
	1/8	19,00%	3.351,60	16	209,48
	1/16	21,00%	3.704,40	24	154,35
			17.640,00€		

OPEN	92.090,88 €	М	ASCULIN	0
RONDA	PORCENTAJE		№ JUG.	x JUGADOR
Campeón	20,00%	18.418,18	2	9.209,09
Sub-campeón	13,00%	11.971,81	2	5.985,91
1/2	15,00%	13.813,63	4	3.453,41
1/4	18,00%	16.576,36	8	2.072,04
1/8	18,00%	16.576,36	16	1.036,02
1/16	13,50%	12.432,27	24	518,01
Perdedor 1/4 Previa	2,50%	2.302,27	8	287,78
		92.090,88 €	Ξ	

MASTER FINAL	110.880,00€	M	ASCULIN	0
RONDA	PORCENTAJE		Nº JUG.	x JUGADOR
Campeón	30,00%	33.264,00	2	16.632,00
Sub-campeón	20,00%	22.176,00	2	11.088,00
1/2	21,00%	23.284,80	4	5.821,20
1/4	27,00%	29.937,60	8	3.742,20
Reserva	2,00%	2.217,60	2	1.108,80
		110.880,00 €	2	

#### PRIZE MONEY BREAKDOWNS FOR WOMEN

MASTER	40.320,00€	F	EMENIN	)	Cł	ALLENGER	12.600,00€	1	EMENIN	)
RONDA				x JUGADOR						
Campeona	20,00%	8.064,00	2	4.032,00	(	Campeona	19,00%	2.394,00	2	1.197,00
Sub-campeona	13,00%	5.241,60	2	2.620,80	Su	b-campeona	13,00%	1.638,00	2	819,00
1/2	15,00%	6.048,00	4	1.512,00		1/2	14,00%	1.764,00	4	441,00
1/4	18,00%	7.257,60	8	907,20		1/4	16,00%	2.016,00	8	252,00
1/8	18,00%	7.257,60	16	453,60		1/8	20,00%	2.520,00	16	157,50
1/16	16,00%	6.451,20	24	268,80		1/16	18,00%	2.268,00	24	94,50
		40.320,00	E					12.600,00	€	

OPEN	35.280,00 €	FEI	MENIN	
RONDA				
Campeona	19,00%	6.703,20	2	3.351,60
Sub-campeona	13,00%	4.586,40	2	2.293,20
1/2	15,00%	5.292,00	4	1.323,00
1/4	17,00%	5.997,60	8	749,70
1/8	19,00%	6.703,20	16	418,95
1/16	17,00%	5.997,60	24	249,90
		35.280,00 €		

MASTER FINAL	45.360,00 €		EMENINC	
RONDA	PORCENTAJE	€	№ JUG.	x JUGADOR
Campeona	30,00%	13.608,00	2	6.804,00
Sub-campeona	20,00%	9.072,00	2	4.536,00
1/2	21,00%	9.525,60	4	2.381,40
1/4	27,00%	12.247,20	8	1.530,90
Reserva	2,00%	907,20	2	453,60
		45.360,00 €	2	

# II.10.2. BILLING AND RIGHT TO COLLECTION

The invoices corresponding to any prize must be sent to the organization within a maximum period of 30



days from the end of the tournament. If the PLAYER does not do so, he will lose the right to collect the corresponding prize.

#### II.10.3. FIXED ANNUAL PAYMENT

During the 2020 season, the PLAYER will receive a fixed Annual Payment according to his participation in the WPT Circuit. It will come as a result of applying the following rules:

- a) Ranking level. The PLAYER will be entitled to receive an annual payment from WPT, guaranteed upon their level of ranking, dedication and participation with WPT to play any of its official competitions and be present at any event organized by WPT at the time of the competition.
- b) Distribution of quantities. Payment breakdown for men among the first 100 players of the WPT ranking during the first five years of the Agreement's validity :

Group	Ranking	ANNUAL PAYMENT (per player)	TOTAL PAYMENT (per group)
1	Positions 1 to 10 (10 players)	10.000€	100.000 €
2	11-20 (10 players)	7.500€	75.000€
3	21-40 (20 players)	5.000€	100.000 €
4	41-60 (20 players)	3.500€	70.000€
5	61-100 (40 players)	2.500€	100.000 €
TOTAL		±	445.000 €



c) Distribution of quantities. Payment breakdown for women among the first 56 players of the WPT ranking during the first five years of the Agreement's validity :

Group	Ranking	ANNUAL PAYMENT (per player)	TOTAL PAYMENT (per group)
1	Positions 1 to 10 (10 players)	6.000€	60.000 €
2	11-20 (10 players)	4.500€	45.000€
3	21-40 (20 players)	3.000€	60.000€
4	41-56 (16 players)	2.000€	32.000€
TOTAL			197000 €

- d) Payment procedure: WPT will pay the fixed economic amount to the PLAYER in a single gross annual payment per season payable by bank transfer on the 16th of January of the year following the expired season, after the prior presentation of the corresponding invoice referring to the specific concept in order to capitalize and favor the economic planning of the PLAYER (unless different conditions are stipulated in the corresponding Professional Services Contract)
- e) Ranking Update. WPT will proceed to update the classification ranking at the end of each sports year of this contract, which will determine the PLAYER'S classification and the amount of his fixed pay throughout the calendar year of the competition. Until that precise moment, the possible variations of the PLAYER in the aforementioned ranking during the Circuit will not be taken into account.
- f) Reduction of the fixed payment. The PLAYER who participates from the beginning of the WPT Circuit until the end of it, playing all the tournaments of each sports season, must receive in full the amount indicated as annual payment. Otherwise, except for justifiable serious injury, a reduction percentage of the minimum payment will be applied according to the uncontested tournaments and / or matches thereof.



# **CHAPTER III. TECHNICAL PROVISIONS**

#### **III.1. GENERAL TECHNICAL REGULATIONS**

## III.1.1. NULLITY:

All Competitions must comply with the provisions of this Technical Regulation. In the event of any irregularity or infringement being verified, the Competition may be declared void for classification purposes.

## III.1.2. OFFICIAL BALL:

All Competitions included in the WPT calendar will be played with the ball that WPT designates as official.

#### **Types of Balls:**

## Male Category:

Ball changes are mandatory in the matches corresponding to the Preliminary Round and the Final Draw (in the Pre-Qualifying round with special conditions).

In 2020, the Organization will continue using: "Head Pro" and "Head Pro-S" balls.

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- On the Center Court (Curly Grass):
  - More than 500 meters above sea level: "Head Paddle Pro" balls will be used. Matches will be played with 4 balls which will be changed after every 7 and 9 games.
  - > 500 meters below sea level: "Head Paddle Pro S" balls will be used. Matches will be played with
    4 balls which will be changed after every 7 and 9 games.
- In the club:
  - "Head Pro" balls will be used. Matches will be played with 3 balls which will be changed after every 7 and 9 games.
  - In Pre-Preliminary Round matches, balls will be changed only if a third set is played.



• In the case of using curly grass courts in the club, the same height criteria will be taken into account as with the Center Court and it will be played with 4 balls.

#### Female category:

Ball changes are mandatory in the matches corresponding to the Preliminary Round and the Final Draw, at 7 and 9 games. In the Pre-Preliminary Phase the change of balls will take place only in the case of playing a third set.

All tournaments and rounds shall use the ball "HEAD Paddle Pro-S". On "curly grass" courts, matches will be played with 4 balls.

For any special situation (changes in the playing conditions), and in order to guarantee a normal development of the Competition, WPT will have the power to assess and modify these conditions.

#### Explanatory Table:

MASCULINA	TIPO BOLAS	Nº BOLAS	TIPO BOLAS	Nº BOLAS	
	500	) +	500	) -	CAMBIO
PABELLON	PRO	4	S	4	7/9
CLUB RIZADO	PRO	4	S	4	7/9
CLUB NO RIZADO	PRO	3	PRO	3	7/9
PRE PREVIAS RIZADO	PRO	4	S	4	3 SET
PRE PREVIAS NO RIZADO	PRO	3	PRO	3	3 SET

FEMENINA	TIPO BOLAS	Nº BOLAS	TIPO BOLAS	Nº BOLAS	
	500	) +	50	0 -	CAMBIO
PABELLON	S	4	S	4	7/9
CLUB RIZADO	S	4	S	4	7/9
CLUB NO RIZADO	S	3	S	3	7/9
PRE PREVIAS RIZADO	S	4	S	4	3 SET
PRE PREVIAS NO RIZADO	S	3	S	3	3 SET

Conditions, special situations and incidents, consult PROCEDURES AND PROTOCOLS 2020 - ARBITRATION - CHAIR UMPIRE - Responsibilities, point 6).

Players will be given three official balls (brand and type exactly as those used in competion) to use during their practice sessions. The balls, which may not be new, must be returned once the player is out of the competition.



#### **III.2 DRAWS OF COMPETITIONS**

#### III.2.1. DRAWS

The draw will be public and will be carried out by WPT on Wednesdays of the week prior to the start of the final draw of the competition (unless previously indicated another time and / or date). The draw will be made through the WPT Management System in order to obtain a computerized registration of the results. Once the draw is made, a 48-hour period will open (limit on Friday 12:00 pm), to detect the existence of any error in the draw of any of the tables (categories), in which case the WPT will proceed to make a new draw.

#### **III.2.2. EXCLUSIONS**

- A PLAYER may not enter a draw:
- When disqualified or sanctioned.
- When the palyer's registration has not been sent correctly in time and form.

#### III.2.3. TYPES OF DRAW

The Competitions will be made up of draws of Final Rounds (Final Draw), Preliminary Rounds and Pre-Preliminary Rounds. The Competitions will have open Final Round and Preliminary Round. The Final Draw in the men's category will consist of 32 couples in the Master tournaments, 28 in the Open tournaments and in the Challenger tournaments (in the latter, players in the first 16 positions of the WPT ranking will not be able to participate).

In the female category, the Final Draw will consist of 32 couples in the Master and 28 couples in Open and Challenger (in Challenger Tournaments, the players in the first 8 positions of the WPT ranking will not be able to participate).

#### Final Draw of 32 couples - 28 + 4 (Male and female Master)

- Composition: The first 28 couples by ranking directly classified, of which one can be a WPT wild card (two in Competitions outside Spain), and the 4 winning couples of the quarterfinals of the preliminary round.
- Seeds: 1 and 2 confirmed, 3 and 4 drawn among themselves; 5, 6, 7 and 8, also drawn among themselves and the remaining couples drawn together with the four from the preliminary round.

#### Final Draw of 28 pairs - 24 + 4 (Open and Challenger male and female)

- Composition: The first 24 couples by ranking directly classified, of which one can be a WPT wild card (two in Competitions outside Spain), and the 4 winning couples of the quarterfinals of the preliminary round.



Seeds: 1 and 2 confirmed, 3 and 4 drawn among themselves; 5, 6, 7 and 8, also drawn among themselves and the remaining couples drawn together with the four from the preliminary round. Heads 1, 2, 3 and 4 will be exempt from playing the first round.

# Preliminary Round Draw 16 + 8 (Men's Tournaments) (\*)

- Composition: 16 couples classified directly and 8 couples from the Pre-Preliminary Draw.
- Seeds: For this draw, the system of double number of seeds will be established. The couples between positions 29 to 44 (in the Master category) and 25 to 40 (in the Open category and the Challenger category) by ranking will be placed in the round prior to the quarterfinal stages of the Qualifying Round. 8 of these 16 couples will be seeds, and therefore exempt, and will be placed as follows: 1 and 2 confirmed, 3 and 4 drawn among themselves; 5, 6, 7 and 8 also drawn among themselves. A draw will determine how the rest of the couples (8 from pre-preliminary and the remaining 8 from pre-match) will be placed.

# Preliminary Round Draw 8 + 8 (Women's Tournaments) (\*\*)

- Composition: 8 couples classified directly (series heads) and 8 couples from the Pre- Preliminary Draw.
- Seeds: For this table, the system of double number of series heads will be established. The couples between positions 29 to 36 (in the Masters category) and 25 to 32 (in the Open category or the Challenger category) by ranking will be placed in the round prior to the quarterfinal stages of the Qualifying Round. These 8 couples will be series heads and will be placed as follows: 1 and 2 confirmed, 3 and 4 drawn among themselves; 5, 6, 7 and 8 also drawn among themselves.
- The 4 winning couples of the quarterfinals of the Preliminary Round will qualify for the Final Draw.

## **Pre- Preliminary Round Draw**

- Composition: Rest of couples not classified by ranking in the Final Draw or in the Preliminary Round Draw, of which a maximum of three in the female category and a maximum of four in the male category can be a wild card (see WILD CARD section ) of WPT.
- Seeds: The number of seeds will come as the result of dividing by four the number of couples participating in that level, rounding up or down the power of the two closest to the result of the division. In case of identical proximity, the lowest will always be chosen. In the female modality, for this Round the resulting number of series heads will be doubled (for a maximum of 24 pairs).
- The eight winning couples of the round prior to the quarterfinal stages of the Pre-qualifying round will qualify for the Pre-qualifying round.

(\*) (\*\*) In tournaments that are played outside of Spain, the Preliminary Rounds may be carried out either in the same City of the venue, or in Spanish territory, always under the same Regulations stipulated for the Preliminary Tournaments organized in Spain.



# **Qualifying Tournaments for Competitions Outside of Spain (Local Previews)**

The format of this Qualifying Tournament (Local Preliminaries) will only be considered for the Tournaments held outside of Spain, the qualification rounds being played in Spanish territory, in order to define the couple that access the final draw through the received wild-card. It may be held with open or closed draws, as defined by the local Promoter. Participation in them must meet the requirements set forth in point IV.3.2.

At all times, WPT may evaluate, regulate and approve new competition formats for this type of tournament, either proposed by the local Organization or by the Sports Department itself.

## III.2.4. MAKING THE DRAWS:

Position of the top two seeds: number 1 will be placed on the top line of the draw and number 2 will be placed on the bottom. The rest of the seeds will be placed in the draw as follows:

- Seeds 3 and 4: their placement will be determined by a draw (in the positions established in the explanatory table). They will not meet 1 and 2 until the semifinal.
- Seeds 5, 6, 7 and 8, if any: their placement will be determined by a draw (in the positions established in the explanatory table). They will not face another seed until the quarterfinals, or each other until semifinals.
- A draw will determine the placement of the rest of couples.
- The same criteria will rule in the Pre-match draws, even though there may be a greater number of seeds.
- The four classified from the Preliminary round who qualify for the Final Draw will raffle their position in the draw, and their positions must be marked by letters (A, B, C and D) in said Final Draw.

The eight couples classified from the Pre-Preliminary Draw will advance to the round of 16 of the Preliminary final draw and will raffle their positions in that draw. Their positions must be marked by letters (A, B, C, D, E, F, G and H) in the Preliminary draw.

TIPOS DE CUADROS DE LA COMPETICIÓN 2020				
MASTER (m)				
CUADRO PRINCIPAL (28+4 ABCD) CUADRO PREVIA (16+8 ABCDEFGH) CUADRO PRE-PREVIA (RESTO PAREJAS)				
	Dobles cabezas de serie			
1 al 28 + ABCD 👞	29 al 44 + ABCDEFGH 🔨	Máximo 56 PAREJAS		
cs 1 linea 1	cs 1 linea 1 exento			
cs 2 linea 32	cs 2 línea 32 exento			
cs 3/4 linea por sorteo 16 ó 17	cs 3/4 línea por sorteo 16 ó 17 y exentos			
cs 5/6/7/8 linea por sorteo 8-9-24-25	cs 5/6/7/8 línea por sorteo 8-9-24-25 y exentos			
Resto del 9 al 28 + ABCD por sorteo en las líneas libres				
	EL CUADRO FINALIZA EN 1/4 (ABCD)	EL CUADRO FINALIZA EN 1/8 (ABCDEFGH)		
TOTAL 3 CUADROS 100 PAREJAS				

## Explanatory Table:



MASTER (f)				
CUADRO PRINCIPAL 28 + 4 (ABCD)	CUADRO PREVIA (8+8 ABCDEFGH)	CUADRO PRE-PREVIA (RESTO PAREJAS)		
	Dobles cabezas de serie	Dobles cabezas de serie		
1 al 28 + ABCD <u> </u>	29 AL 36 + ABCDEFGH			
cs 1 linea 1	cs 1 linea 1	Máximo 24 PAREJAS		
cs 2 linea 32	cs 2 línea 16			
cs 3/4 linea por sorteo 16 ó 17	cs 3/4 línea por sorteo 8 ó 9			
cs 5/6/7/8 linea por sorteo 8-9-24-25	cs 5/6/7/8 línea por sorteo 4-5-12-13			
Resto del 9 al 28 + ABCD por sorteo en las líneas libres				
	EL CUADRO FINALIZA EN 1/4 (ABCD)	EL CUADRO FINALIZA EN 1/8 (ABCDEFGH)		
TOTAL 3 CUADROS 60 PAREJAS				

OPEN (f) / CHALLENGER (f)				
CUADRO PRINCIPAL 24 + 4 (ABCD)	CUADRO PREVIA (8+8 ABCDEFGH)	CUADRO PRE-PREVIA (RESTO PAREJAS)		
	Dobles cabezas de serie	Dobles cabezas de serie		
1 al 24 + ABCD 👞	25 AL 32 + ABCDEFGH			
cs 1 linea 1 exento	cs 1 linea 1	Máximo 24 PAREJAS		
cs 2 linea 32 exento	cs 2 línea 16			
cs 3/4 linea por sorteo 16 ó 17 exentos	cs 3/4 línea por sorteo 8 ó 9			
cs 5/6/7/8 linea por sorteo 8-9-24-25	cs 5/6/7/8 línea por sorteo 4-5-12-13			
Resto del 9 al 24 + ABCD por sorteo en las líneas libres				
	EL CUADRO FINALIZA EN 1/4 (ABCD)	EL CUADRO FINALIZA EN 1/8 (ABCDEFGH)		
TOTAL 3 CUADROS 56 PAREJAS				



OPEN (m) CHALLENGER (m)				
CUADRO PRINCIPAL 24 + 4 (ABCD)	CUADRO PREVIA (16+8 ABCDEFGH)	CUADRO PRE-PREVIA (RESTO PAREJAS)		
	Dobles cabezas de serie			
1 al 24 + ABCD 👞	25 AL 40 + ABCDEFGH	Máximo 56 PAREJAS		
cs 1 linea 1 exento	cs 1 linea 1 exento			
cs 2 linea 32 exento	cs 2 línea 32 exento			
cs 3/4 linea por sorteo 16 ó 17 exentos	cs 3/4 línea por sorteo 16 ó 17 y exentos			
cs 5/6/7/8 linea por sorteo 8-9-24-25	cs 5/6/7/8 línea por sorteo 8-9-24-25 y exentos			
Resto del 9 al 24 + ABCD por sorteo en las líneas libres				
	EL CUADRO FINALIZA EN 1/4 (ABCD)	EL CUADRO FINALIZA EN 1/8 (ABCDEFGH)		
TOTAL 3 CUADROS 96 PAREJAS				

III.2.5. DRAWS – GENERAL RULES:

- The top players are seeded on the basis of the WPT ranking.
- To know the total points of a couple for the purposes of determining the seeds, points from both players will be added. The order of seeds will be established according to that value.
- If two couples are tied for points in the classification, the order between them will be decided by a draw.
- The player who does not appear in the classification will be considered as zero points.
- Competitions will be held through the direct elimination system.
- When the couples that make up a draw are not a power of two, the exempt system will be applied to achieve this power in the second round. Those couples that do not need to play the initial round are called exempt.
- To find the number of exempt couples, the total number of registered participants will be subtracted from the power of two immediately higher than that of the registered number. The number 1 seed couple will be exempt in the first place, the second would be the number 2 seed couple, the third exempt, the number 3 seed couple, and so on.
- If, once all the series heads have been assigned, there are even more exempts to assign, the number of exempts pending allocation will be divided into two parts, placing half in the upper part of the draw and the other half in the lower part, filling in the upper part of the free positions that are higher and at the bottom those that are lower. When they are odd, one more will be placed on top.

## III.2.6. WILD CARD

In a tournament it is awarded to player or couple that fails to qualify in the normal way, for example by having a high ranking or winning a qualifying stage.

The wild card request. It must be done personally by the couple and always within a maximum period of 5 days prior to the closing of the registration at 12:00 noon, generally, the Thursday before the closing of the registration, unless the closing date had been changed, and it had been published on the Web or APP. The



players must fill in the corresponding application, which will be made available for such purposes for each Tournament, on the Official Website WPT (www.worldpadeltour.com). In order for the request to be registered, it will be necessary to fill in all the "mandatory" fields in the application. In order for WPT to grant a wild card, it must be approved by its Delegate Commission - BOARD (see I.2.), taking into account that it will only be considered for the pre-preliminary and final draw stages.

Once the wild cards have been granted and communicated, the player himself will be in charge of verifying that his registration has been uploaded to the list of registered participants of the corresponding tournament, and the Organization must be notified of any incident before registration closes.

In the Pre-Qualifying Round, WPT may award a maximum of three wild cards in the female category and a maximum of four in the male category (there is no mandatory minimum). In the Female modality, the number of wild cards may increase if the WPT Organization understands that this may be beneficial for the development of the Competition and the Circuit itself (even having the power to raise to 60 in the Open category the maximum number of couples already established in the female modality).

In addition, for WPT Circuit Tournaments outside Spain, WPT has the power to reserve two wild cards for the final draw, so that the Organization can grant one as an invitation, and the other through a Local Qualifying Tournament (or granted to couple No. 1 in the local Ranking).

## III.2.7. LUCKY LOSER:

The term applies to a player who loses in the final qualification draw of a tournament, but who, due to the withdrawal of a player in the main draw, takes his place.

Withdrawals must be notified urgently to WPT, by e-mail or any other means that allows it to be confirmed and receives confirmation of receipt by WPT. The Sports Department must also be notified by phone. If in any case the Chief Umpire learns of any withdrawal which has not been confirmed to WPT, an attempt will be made to verify this information, consulting immediately with said Department. If the withdrawal cannot be confirmed, the draws will not vary.

In case of withdrawal, no variations in the formation of the couple will be admitted, which will be out of the competition:

## Final Draw Restructuring:

If the withdrawal is confirmed before the start of the first match of the last round of the Preliminary Stage (except in the Preliminary Round for Tournaments held outside Spain), the following changes will be made in the Final Draw:

- If series head No. 1 withdraws, couple No. 2 will take its place, No. 3 will move on to the position left vacant by No. 2, No. 5 will move on to the position left vacant by No. 3, No. 9 will move on to


the position left vacant by No. 5, and a lucky loser will occupy the position left vacant by couple No. 9.

- If series head No. 2 withdraws, couple No. 3 will take its place, No. 5 will move on to the position left vacant by No. 3, No. 9 will move on to the position left vacant by No. 5, and a lucky loser will occupy the position left vacant by couple No. 9.
- If series head No. 3 or 4 withdraw, couple No. 5 will take their place, No. 9 will move on to the position left vacant by No. 5, and a lucky loser will occupy the position left vacant by couple No. 9.
- If series head No. 5 or 8 withdraw, couple No. 9 will take the place left vacant by W.O., and a lucky loser will occupy the position left vacant by couple No. 9.
- If a non-series head couple withdraws, it will be replaced directly.

If the withdrawal is confirmed after the beginning of the first match of the last round of the Preliminary Round and before the start of the Final Draw, the couple that has withdrawn will be replaced by a lucky loser. In the event that the Lucky Loser replaces an exempt series head, he will have to win his first match to add the ranking points corresponding to that round (in case of defeat, he would only add the points corresponding to the first round).

In the case of not having a Lucky Loser, a WO will be applied.

If the withdrawal is confirmed after the start of the Final Draw, a W.O. will be applied as well.

A draw will take place to decide the lucky loser among the losers of the quarterfinals of the Preliminary Round (the same procedure will be carried out for the Tournaments that take place outside of Spain where said Preliminary Round is played in the same City as the Final Draw).

Restructuring of the Preliminary Round Draws (Women 8 + 8):

When the withdrawal occurs in the Preliminary Round:

- If the withdrawal is confirmed before the start of the last round of the Pre-Preliminary Round (eighths), the procedure will be the same as that explained for the final draw.
- If the withdrawal is confirmed after the start of the last round of the Pre-Preliminary Round (eighths), a W.O. will be applied.

When the withdrawal occurs in the Preliminary Round (Male 16 + 8):

- If the withdrawal is confirmed before the start of the last round of the Pre-Preliminary Round (eighths), the procedure will be the same as that explained for the final draw.
- If the withdrawal is confirmed after the start of the last round of the Pre-Preliminary Round (eighths), a W.O. will be applied.

The lucky loser will be designated by draw among the losers of the knockout stages of the Pre-Preliminary



#### Round.

Under normal circumstances, the lucky loser draw will take place immediately after the end of the respective round. In order to enter said draw, at least one member of the couple must be present. The Referee will be in charge of carrying out the draw.

In any special situation (inability to carry out the draw, when justified, under the conditions established; preliminary round held in Spanish territory for tournaments held outside Spain, etc.), it will be WPT, who informs the players and establishes the conditions and procedures that must be followed (place of the draw, person in charge of it, etc).

The round of a Competition shall be considered to have begun when the players of any of the matches of said round are already on - court, even if it is in the warm up.

#### Individual Lucky Loser:

Exceptional situation only contemplated for tournaments held outside of Spain in which the registration deadline is established more than two weeks before the start of the Final Draw:

If one of the players of a couple, who had already signed up and had been classified for the Final Draw (in the course of the time in which the Preliminary Round ended and up to 5 days before the start of the Final Draw), justifies his withdrawal from the tournament, his partner may choose one of the players of a couple that has lost the 1/4 final of the Preliminary draw of the corresponding Tournament (who may accept or reject said invitation). In case of unavailability of said players, a player from the country where the tournament takes place may be chosen (as long as that player meets the minimum participation requirements contemplated in this Regulation and with the approval of WPT), or decline participation in the Tournament (such decision must be informed to WPT, in sufficient time, to carry out the reconfiguration of the corresponding table). From that moment, onwards, WPT will have the power to decide the alternate couple (traditional lucky loser or local couple that meets the aforementioned requirements) or declare the corresponding WO.

In these cases, the process of restructuring the Final Draw will be the same as established in this Regulation.

In any situation regarding the individual Lucky Loser, which is not contemplated in these Regulations, WPT will have the power to assess it and decide accordingly through its Sports Department, always in benefit of a normal development of the Competition.

#### **III.3. SCHEDULE**

#### III.3.1. SCHEDULE STRUCTURE

Men's final draws:

- MASTER: The final draw will be played for six (6) consecutive days, starting Tuesday and ending on



Sunday, with one round per day being disputed (with the exception of 1/16 final, which will be played between Tuesday and Wednesday).

- OPEN: The final draw will be played for five (5) consecutive days, starting Wednesday morning and ending Sunday, with one round per day being played.
- CHALLENGER: The final draw will be played for five (5) consecutive days, starting Wednesday afternoon and ending on Sunday, with one round per day being played. The round of sixteenth and eighth finals may be played on several courts simultaneously (Club facility).

## Women's final draws:

In all women's tournaments, the final draw will be played for five consecutive days, starting on Wednesday and ending on Sunday. One round per day will be played. The rounds of round of 32 and round of 16 will be played on several courts simultaneously (counting on the facilities of the Headquarters Club).

## Pre-Preliminary and Preliminary Rounds:

The schedule for the start and subsequent development of the Pre-Preliminary and Preliminary Rounds will be published in advance in the tournament information sheet published in the PLAYER APP.

In exceptional situations, WPT may modify this structure in any of its Rounds.

## III.3.2. ORDER OF PLAY

The order of play must include at least the day and time or turn of each game. Otherwise, the turns will be indicated by the term "next" and / or "not before" except from the round of eighths of the Final Draw, round from which a Daily Order of Play will be drawn up, which will always be published before 22:00 pm. the day before.

## III.3.3. GENERAL PRINCIPLES - TIMETABLES AND ALLOCATION OF COURTS

In clubs with and without outside runaway courts where several matches are played simultaneously, all matches will be played under the same conditions - no outside play. The criteria for the allocation of courts will depend on the organization.

In exceptional cases, the Sports Department may authorize non-compliance with this rule, if it considers that the interests of third parties are not harmed.

The WPT Sports Department (or Tournament Director, when appropriate) may modify the order of play when it deems it necessary for the smooth running of the competition or for reasons deemed convenient and necessary. These modifications must be announced publicly in advance and the affected players informed. The organization reserves the right to modify in these cases the schedule of the matches, the order of play, the courts initially set and even the facilities. In these situations, they may have to play matches on courts without outside play, simultaneously and without chair umpiring.



If any of the couples included in a Final Draw should play two matches on the same day, they will be entitled to the following breaks:

<ul> <li>Duration of the 1st match&gt; 2 hours:</li> </ul>	2 hour Rest
- Duration of the 1st match between 1 and 2 hours:	1-1 / 2 h Rest
- Duration of the 1st match <1 hour:	1 h Rest

Once these times have elapsed, the WPT Sports Department will be the only one with authority to establish the start time of this second match. In turn, and taking into account special situations, the WPT Sports Department may modify (increase or decrease) these established rest times.

It is the player's obligation to check the game schedule, through the official WPT page, the organization or by other means, without the need for WPT to communicate said schedule or other circumstances.

## CHAPTER IV. RULES FOR CLASSIFICATION (RANKING) AND PARTICIPATION IN WPT

## **IV.1. GENERAL PRINCIPLES**

## IV.1.1. CLASSIFICATION:

To classify is to place the names of the PLAYERS in the corresponding order in a list or ranking, based on the results obtained by each PLAYER in the 12 months prior to the publication of the classification.

## IV.1.2. UPGRADE:

The classification or ranking will be prepared weekly and uploaded on the official WPT website (www.worldpadeltour.com) on Mondays of each week.

Removing the player who communicates his official withdrawal from the ranking:

- When a player with a valid contract officially announces that he is withdrawing from the competition, or for any reason permanently ceases to participate in the WPT Circuit, he will automatically be removed from the Official WPT Ranking. " (approved in BOARD Commission - 02/27/2018).

## IV.1.3. SUMMATION SYSTEM:

The classification during the year 2020 will be established by a summation system: the points of 2020 will be added to the points resulting from the year 2019. The points obtained during the 2019 season will be gradually subtracted during 2020 the same week in which the tournament was played in the year 2019.

Once the draw is made, a PLAYER withdrawal from the tournament, will count as zero points for his ranking.



During 2020, WPT will develop a report implementing a series of equivalence tables, in order to study some variations in the scoring system, which may favor various aspects of the competition.

## IV.2. TABLE OF POINTS

The score given to PLAYERS based on the round they reach in each competition for the 2020 season is shown in the following table:

#### IV.2.1. SCORE TABLE:

		CUADRO FINAL				PREVIA			PRE-PREVIA				
TORNEO	CAMP.	FINAL	1/2	1/4	1/8	1/16	1/4	1/8	1/16	1/8	1/16	1/32	1/64
MASTER FINAL M/F	1300	780	470	235									
MASTER MASC	1700	1020	610	310	150	70	38	20	16	13	8	5	0 puntos
MASTER FEM	1700	1020	610	310	150	70	35	18		13	8	5	0 puntos
OPEN MASC	1000	600	360	180	90	40	22	12	10	8	5	3	0 puntos
OPEN FEM	1000	600	360	180	90	40	20	10		8	5	3	0 puntos
CHALLENGER MASC	120	75	50	35	25	12	9	6	5	4	3	0 puntos	
CHALLENGER FEM	120	75	50	35	25	12	8	5		4	3	0 puntos	

TORNEO	INTERNATIONAL PADEL FEDERATION	CAMP.	FINAL	1/2	1/4	1/8	1/16
STAR		40	24	12	6	3	2
RISE		20	10	5	3	1	
PROMOTION		5	3	1			



## IV.2.2. BONUS

BONUS X	VENCER CS	CUADRO P	BONUS CS 5º a 8º			
C.S.	5º al 8º	1º al 4º		X ve	ncer a CS 1	.º a 4º
MASTER	48	55		MASTER	70	
OPEN	30	35		OPEN	45	
CHALL.	9	11		CHALL.	15	

PRINCIPAL PREVIA

10

6

3

48

30

9

MASTER

OPEN

# BONUS EXTRA BONUS X VENCER CABEZAS DE SERIE

CHALL.	3	4		CHALL.
BONUS X	VENCER CS:	CUADRO PR	RE-PREVIA	
C.S.	1º al 16º			
MASTER	2			
OPEN	1			

12

7

BONUS X VENCER CS: CUADRO PREVIA 5º al 8º 1º al 4º

10

6

C S MASTER

OPEN

СПУП

Those classified of the Preliminary round who access the Final Draw will receive an extra bonus of points that will be added to those obtained in said Final Draw:

- Masters: 48 points. -
- Open: 30 points. -
- Challenger: 9 points. -

Players who access the Final Draw through a lucky loser will not receive said bonus.

Those classified of the Pre-Preliminary phase who access the Preliminary draw will receive an extra bonus of points that will be added to those obtained in said draw:

- - Masters: 10 points.
- -- Open: 6 points.
- Challenger: 3 points. \_

Players who access the Preliminary Draw through a lucky loser will not receive said bonus.

#### Bonus for beating the seed:

There will be a bonus of points for those couples who beat a seed in the final draw. Victory over top seed 5th to 8th:

- Master: 48 points. -
- Open: 30 points.
- Challenger: 9 points.

Victory over seeded 1º to 4º:



- Master: 55 points.
- Open: 35 points.
- Challenger: 11 points.

Victory for the seeded teams from 5th to 8th over the seeded teams from 1st to 4th.

- Master: 70 points.
- Open: 45 points.
- Challenger: 15 points.

## There will be a bonus of points for those couples that beat a seed of the Preliminary Round:

Victory over top seed 5th to 8th:

- Master: 10 points.
- Open: 6 points.

- Challenger: 3 points.

Victory over seeded 1º to 4º:

- Master: 12 points.
- Open: 7 points.
- Challenger: 4 points.

## There will be a bonus of points for those couples that beat a seed of the Preliminary Round:

- Master: 2 points.
- Open: 1 point.

These bonuses will be added for each seed a couple defeats in each tournament.

PLAYERS who can participate in Challenger Tournaments (see III.2.3), will only score a maximum of these tournaments for the WPT Ranking, according to the following table:

Nº Challenger	Máx. nº Challenger
Tournaments	Scoring
1	1
2	2
3	3
4	4
≥ 5	4

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



## **IV.3. PARTICIPATION**

For the male category, Participation in a WPT Circuit tournament will be limited to 100 couples in the Master tournaments and 96 couples in the Open and Challenger tournaments. For the female category, participation will be limited to 60 couples in the Master tournaments, and 56 in the Open and Challenger tournaments, although the WPT Sports Department will have the right to increase that amount if it considers it beneficial for the development of the competition, in particular, and the Circuit, in general. The registered couples will be ordered in decreasing order by the sum of the points of both players (also counting the wild cards awarded). When the number of registered is higher, the couples that are below the No. 100 (Master) and No. 96 (Open) respectively in the male category and No. 60 (Master) and No. 56 (open) in the female category, will be removed from enrollment. A draw will be held If there is a tie between one or more couples to define a position.

The criteria in order of priority for the list of registrants who meet the minimum requirements listed below will be:

- 1st Wild Cards.
- 2º Ranking WPT.
- 3º Players with a WPT service contract.
- 4º National ranking.
- 5º Regional ranking, former junior players in first year (\*) and changes of residence (\*\*).

#### **IV.3.1. REQUIREMENTS**

Only PLAYERS who meet any of the following requirements may enter the WPT tournaments:

- (The reference of the ranking will be that of the position during the week prior to the WPT tournament).
  - Be within the official WPT ranking.
  - Be within the top 25 positions in the F.E.P.
  - Be within the top 25 positions in the ranking in any of the following regional circuits: Andalusia, Catalonia, Madrid or the Valencian Community.
  - Be within the first 12 positions of the ranking in any of the following regional circuits: Galicia, Navarra and the Basque Country.
  - Be within the first 8 positions of the ranking in any of the following regional circuits: Aragón, Cantabria, Castilla y León, I. Baleares.
  - Be within the first 6 positions of the ranking in any of the following regional circuits: Asturias, I. Canarias, Extremadura,
  - Be within the first 4 positions of the ranking in any of the rest of the regional circuits.
  - Be within the first 6 positions of the F.E.P.Junior ranking.
  - Be within the first 4 positions of the F.E.P.
  - Be within the first 4 positions of the Junior ranking of one of the following Regional Federations: Andalusia, Catalonia, Madrid or the Valencian Community.
  - Be within the first 2 positions of the Junior ranking of the rest of the Regional Federations.



- (\*) Players who, due to their age, are no longer in the junior category and who met the minimum WPT requirements in this category as of December 31, 2019, as long as they send a certificate from the corresponding federation.
- (\*\*) Players who change residence and who certify through the federation of origin their latest ranking that meets the minimum requirements, will be allowed to compete a maximum of 1 tournament during 2020. From there they can only participate if they meet the minimum requirements of this regulation.
- Be within the top 25 positions in the Argentinian ranking (AJPP / APA).
- Be within the top 25 positions in the Brazilian ranking (COBRAPA).
- Be within the top 25 positions in the ranking of France and Portugal.
- Be within the top 20 positions in the ranking of Italy and Sweden
- For the rest of the countries, be among the first 15 positions in their national ranking.

## IV.3.2. PARTICIPATION IN CLASSIFICATIONS OUTSIDE OF SPAIN

In Circuit tournaments that take place outside of Spain, the local Organization will have the right to organize a Qualifying Tournament to define the couple that accesses the final draw through the received wild card. In such case, the PLAYERS must meet any of the following conditions:

For Men's Category:

- Be a player from the organizing country and be included in the Absolute Official Ranking of the corresponding Association or National Federation.
- In case of request for a wild-card for the Qualifying Tournament, it will be granted with the prior approval of the local Organization (Association or National Federation) and the WPT Sports Department.
- Players from other nationalities than the organizing country may participate if they are not classified among the top 175 positions in the Official WPT Ranking.
- NOT HAVE PARTICIPATED IN ANY OF THE TOURNAMENT CLASSIFICATION PHASES

For Women's Category:

- Be a player from the organizing country and be included in the Official Absolute Ranking of the corresponding National Association or Federation.
- In case of a wild-card application, it will be granted with the prior approval of the local Organization (Association or National Federation) and the WPT Sports Department.
- Players from other nationalities than the organizing country may participate if they are not classified among the top 80 positions in the Official WPT Ranking.
- NOT HAVE PARTICIPATED IN ANY OF THE TOURNAMENT CLASSIFICATION PHASES

The reference of the ranking will be that of the position during the week prior to the WPT tournament.



Given the possibility of new formats in this type of tournament, WPT will have the right to evaluate, regulate and approve any other aspect, requirement or condition that is not contemplated in this Regulation, or carry out a new assessment of the existing ones.

## IV.3.3. PLAYERS WHO DO NOT MEET REQUIREMENTS:

All those players who do not meet at least one of the above requirements must request their participation in writing to WPT through the registration form located on the official WPT website, being in the latter's judgment granting authorization to register and participate in any of the tournaments on the official calendar.

#### **IV.4. PROTECTED RANKING**

#### IV.4.1. GUARANTEES

The protected ranking is a system that is established solely to guarantee certain PLAYERS who use this system a certain position for the purpose of the draws in Tournaments.

#### **IV.4.2. REQUIREMENTS**

The protected ranking may be requested by those players who have suffered an injury, which has kept them out of the competition for more than four months, or have suffered a temporary withdrawal (pregnancy or illness) and are included at the time of injury, in the Official WPT Ranking (Male and Female).

The injury must be duly accredited by a medical report or certificate (WPT may require any additional information it deems appropriate, in order to prove the corresponding injury or illness).

#### IV.4.3. REQUEST

The player who wishes to take advantage of this system must send a written request to the WPT technical committee (competicion@worldpadeltour.com), requesting the benefit of this regime and attaching the corresponding medical certificate, where the type of injury and the treatment to follow are stated.

## IV.4.4. CONDITIONS

Once the protected ranking has been granted to the player, this ranking will be maintained for the first five tournaments for 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 must formally notify WPT of the date of his return to the competition, and if he meets the requirements established for its application (IV.4.2), he will begin to use the protected ranking from his first comeback tournament. Tournaments must be consecutive, provided they are Open or Master. In the case of the Challenger, the player will be able to choose whether or not to benefit from the protected ranking, and must notify the Sports Department before registration closes. If the affected player had not given



notice of his wish to join the protected ranking in a Challenger tournament, the Organization will apply it and it will count as a Tournament.

For the Master Final, the player will not be able to take advantage of the Protected Ranking (so in under no circumstance will it be counted as a tournament).

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

## **IV.4.5. APPLICATION AND EFFECTS**

For the application of the protected ranking, the ranking position will be taken at the time of the injury. In this way, for the purposes of the draw for the competition, the PLAYER who enjoys the benefit of the protected ranking will be awarded the same number of points as the PLAYER who, according to the WPT ranking in force at that time (registration closing), occupies the same position that the PLAYER with protected ranking occupied at the time of his injury.

The protected ranking will only display its effects in relation to the draws of the positions in the competition draws. In this way, the PLAYER included in the protected ranking will appear, for all other purposes, in the official WPT ranking in the position that his real points give him, and not in the position he had at the time of the injury.

Any situation or incident that occurs in relation to the Protected Ranking, not contemplated in these Regulations, will be treated and decided accordingly by the WPT Executive Committee

## CHAPTER V. MASTER FINAL REGULATION

## V.1. GENERAL PRINCIPLES

## V.1.1. PARTICIPATION

- Male category: 16 players per WPT ranking order.
- Women's category: 16 players per WPT ranking order.

A PLAYER who withdraws before the start of the Master Final will be replaced by the one immediately after the last classified (see deadlines). Example: if the the player in position 9 withdraws, player 17 will be included in the ranking. And so on, until the total number of players has been completed.

A draw (which will take place at the WPT offices) will decide which players take part in the Master Final in the event of a tie in points of one or more players in the 16th position.

In order to solve any incident regarding possible player injuries, once the list of participants has been



defined, two alternates will be summoned for each modality (both, according to their ranking, will be positioned immediately after the players already summoned). Taking into account the particularities of each edition, a specific Regulation will be prepared for the Master Final, where all the special aspects of the competition will be collected, which will be made available to the participating players.

## V.1.2. RANKING

The Ranking that will be used for the classification of the Master Final will be the update immediately prior to the dispute of the Master Final, without including the points corresponding to the Final Master of the previous year, respecting current regulations. For the Master Final, the player will not be allowed to rely on the Protected Ranking.

## V.1.3. COMPOSITION OF COUPLES

The PLAYERS themselves will decide which other qualified PLAYER they will play the Master Final with. They must communicate in writing to the WPT the names and surnames of those players within the period indicated, otherwise it will be the WPT who will decide on the players that will form a couple.

## V.1.4. COMPETITION DRAW:

- The ranking that will define the couples that qualify to participate in the Master Final will be published once the WPT tournament calendar for the season has ended.
- The date for the celebration of the draw will be communicated to the players through the APP with sufficient notice.
- The competition format will be defined by a qualifying round in a table of 8 couples.
- Series heads: 1 and 2 confirmed, 3 and 4 drawn among themselves; 5, 6, 7 and 8 also drawn.

## V.1.5. ORDER OF PLAY:

- Two quarterfinal matches will be played on the first day of competition. The other two quarterfinal matches will be played on the second day. The semifinals will be played on the third day and the final on the fourth.
- The matches will be played to the best of three sets, with a tie-break in all of them and a Gold Point system. For the change of balls, rule III.1.2 will be applied, the same criteria as that established for the rest of the tournaments.

All the matches played must comply with the Game Rules of the International Padel Federation and the provisions of these Rules.

## V.1.6. MASTER FINAL AVAILABILITY:

Those players classified to play the Master Final must be available two weeks before the end of the Master for some events related to the competition. Those players who must travel from their place of residence will be paid travel, food and subsistence allowances, as long as their place of residence is Spain, except



when these events are held the same week of the tournament.

## CHAPTER VI. MODIFICATIONS TO THE TECHNICAL REGULATION AND EXCEPTIONAL SITUATIONS

VI.I. AGREEMENT:

This Technical Regulation may be modified and updated during the course of the current season (2020) in order to introduce immediate changes, attending to exceptional situations not contemplated in it, and for the benefit of a better development of the competition, with the agreement between the Players' Association and the WPT Organization (in absence of a Players' Association, the WPT, through its Sports Department, will assume these functions).

## **CHAPTER VII. ABBREVIATIONS**

For the purposes of this Technical Regulation, the following abbreviations will be used:

- WPT: for the purposes of this Technical Regulation, the abbreviation WPT will be used to refer to the World Padel Tour professional circuit.

- F.I.P .: for the purposes of this Technical Regulation, the abbreviation F.I.P. will be used to refer to the International Paddle Federation.

- F.E.P .: for the purposes of this Technical Regulation, the abbreviation F.E.P will be used to refer to the Spanish Paddle Federation.

- AJPP / APA: for the purposes of this Technical Regulation, the abbreviation AJPP / APA will be used to refer to the Association of Argentinian Professional Paddle Players / Argentinian Paddle Association.

- COBRAPA: for the purposes of this Technical Regulation, the abbreviation COBRAPA will be used to refer to the Brazilian Paddle Confederation.