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CANDIDACY REQUIREMENTS & RUNNING – 2019/09/21
EUROPEAN PADEL ASSOCIATION





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The European Padel Association and the organizing member regulate all the logistics of organizing competitions that count towards the EPA Ranking, namely technical, refereeing and discipline topics. The EPA has a duty to protect the interests of the organizers, sponsors and players in order to comply with the FIP game regulations and the EPA General Rules.

1. General Conditions

- 1.1. To apply for the organization of a competition, the member must complete the "Request for Tournament Organization" form.
- 1.2. In order to apply for the organization of a competition, the organizer cannot have any debt to the EPA.
- 1.3. To participate in the EPA events, all players must hold a valid national license from an affiliated member, for the year in question.
- 1.4. Each Organizer/Member can only organize one class 1.000 tournament. They can organize as many class 500, 200 or 50 as they wish.
- 1.5. The application form can be sent from January 1st, and it is in the interest of the clubs to do so as soon as possible as it may result in not having a guaranteed slot in the national calendar.
- 1.6. The Tournaments are organized by the members and are exclusively the responsibility of the members. The EPA intervention only verifies that the regulations established by EPA are complied with.
- 1.7. Only the following events will be the responsibility of the EPA: European Team Championships, European Junior Team Championships, European Veterans Team Championships, European Champions Trophy, European Club Champions League. The EPA may delegate the promotion of these events to companies specialized in event organization, although the technical component is always the responsibility of EPA.
- 1.8. Members, Players, Coaches, Referees and Field Homologation Technicians must read all EPA regulations before participating in any of the initiatives described in this regulation. Ignorance cannot be used as defence for non-compliance with regulations

2. The Organizer

- 2.1. In order to organize any event or tournament, it is necessary to be affiliated to the European Padel Association and have no outstanding dues with EPA, up to 15 days prior to the event.
- 2.2. The organizing members must know and respect all the regulations of the EPA.
- 2.3. The Organizing member must take into account that for the inclusion of a tournament in the official calendar it should be open only to players from countries affiliated with EPA, players from countries belonging to other continental associations, or affiliated with the recognized ruling international federation.





3. Location and Facilities

3.1. To organize Opens the minimum possible courts are as described:

3.1.1. Opens 1.000 and 500 – 4 courts

3.1.2. Opens 200 and 50 – 2 courts

3.2. It is necessary that the courts comply with all the safety measures listed in the court homologation regulation of the EPA and are approved with level 2 at least, before the event (after the entry into force of the field approval regulation)

3.3. It is necessary that the club has adequate sanitary facilities, restrooms with shower, bar and lounge area, properly protected in case of bad weather.

3.4. It is necessary to have adequate space to install a results board, and all the information regarding the competition.

3.5. If a club is under construction or there is any reason why it should not be possible to perform the event in the place originally planned, it may:

3.5.1. Cancel the tournament and lose the reservation deposit

3.5.2. Request the EPA to change the place of the tournament 15 days prior to the set date, to another club affiliated, within the same region (50 kms or less), presenting a statement from the other club accepting the performance of the event in their space

4. Organizing Obligations (Level 1 Category)

4.1. Class 1.000 Tournaments

4.1.1. Must open Men and Ladies categories

4.1.2. Minimum Prize-money is 5.000 Euros for men and 2.500 Euros for Ladies

4.1.3. Must have Live-Streaming of the Semi-finals and Finals of both men and ladies

4.1.4. Must send out invitations to all EPA member federations which shall include an invitation for a pair, nominated by each federation. That invitation shall include Hotel & Meals (breakfast, lunch & dinner) for 3 nights which shall be accommodated by the organizer.

4.1.5. The Main Draw must be opened to 64 pairs, and there should be room for one pair from each country member (these are nominated by its national federations) – the remainder are for nationals and EPA ranked players. If countries don't send national pairs, then the spaces left can be used by national players and EPA ranking players.

4.1.6. For it to count points for EPA Ranking there must be at least 16 pairs in the men's category and 8 pairs in the ladies' category.

4.1.7. Level 2, 3, and 4 categories may be opened to accommodate all players that don't get to the main draw and local players, but these don't count points for EPA Ranking. The organization must make sure they have enough courts to fit the remaining categories if they chose to open them.

4.2. Class 500

4.2.1. Must open Men and Ladies categories

4.2.2. Minimum Prize-money is 5.000 Euros for men and 2.500 Euros for Ladies

4.2.3. Must have Live-Streaming of the Semi-finals and Finals of both men and ladies





4.2.4. The Main Draw must be opened to 64 pairs, and there should be room for one pair from each country member (these are nominated by its national federations) – the remainder are for nationals and EPA ranked players. If countries don't send national pairs, then the spaces left can be used by national players and EPA ranking players.

4.2.5. For it to count points for EPA Ranking there must be at least 16 pairs in the men's category and 8 pairs in the lady's category.

4.2.6. Level 2, 3, and 4 categories may be opened to accommodate all players that don't get to the main draw and local players, but these don't count points for EPA Ranking. The organization must make sure they have enough courts to fit the remaining categories if they chose to open them.

4.3. Class 200

4.3.1. Must open Men and Ladies categories

4.3.2. Minimum Prize-money is 2.000 Euros for men and 1.000 Euros for Ladies

4.3.3. The Main Draw must be opened to 64 pairs, and there should be room for one pair from each country member (these are nominated by its national federations) – the remainder are for nationals and EPA ranked players. If countries don't send national pairs, then the spaces left can be used by national players and EPA ranking players.

4.3.4. For it to count points for EPA Ranking there must be at least 16 pairs in the men's category and 8 pairs in the lady's category.

4.3.5. Level 2, 3, and 4 categories may be opened to accommodate all players that don't get to the main draw and local players, but these don't count points for EPA Ranking. The organization must make sure they have enough courts to fit the remaining categories if they chose to open them.

4.4. Class 50

4.4.1. Must open Men and Ladies categories

4.4.2. For it to count points for EPA Ranking there must be at least 8 pairs in the men's category and 6 pairs in the lady's category.

5. Advertising

5.1. EPA and the organizer of each event assume all advertising commitments that they deem appropriate for the best development of each tournament.

5.2. The organizing clubs/members must respect all EPA advertising agreements. In any club or company event, EPA has the right to place the publicity of its official sponsors in the fields or surrounding areas. The advertising banners to be affixed to the headboards at the top of the pitch, as well as the net screens that will be sent to the clubs at least 1 week before the event, and their installation in the headboards and nets is the responsibility of the club.

5.3. The poster of the event shall be ready 3 weeks prior to the organization of the event and it should include the following information:

5.3.1. Name of the event.

5.3.2. Class of the event (50, 200, 500, and 1.000)

5.3.3. City where the event takes place.





- 5.3.4. Club and location.
- 5.3.5. Date of the Event
- 5.3.6. Name or logo of the organizer
- 5.3.7. It must contain the EPA Class logo
- 5.3.8. It must have the EPA official sponsor's logos (included in the EPA's 25% publicity share)
- 5.3.9. Entries deadline
- 5.3.10. Name of the Referee accredited by EPA and his contact.
- 5.3.11. Name of the Tournament director and his contact
- 5.3.12. Price of entry.
- 5.3.13. Phrase: "MANDATORY EPA LICENSE".

6. Applications

- 6.1. To organize a tournament approved by the EPA the member must comply with EPA's Regulations and Annexes
- 6.2. The member must consult the latest publication of the provisional calendar before sending its form and application in order to check if the date is still available.
- 6.3. After completing and signing the application form to organize a tournament, the member must send it along with the proof payment of the date reservation fee and the temporary regulation.
- 6.4. The reservation will only be considered valid after receiving the payment of the reservation fee.
- 6.5. A first temporary calendar of the EPA Circuit will be published on January 20th and daily updates until 31 January. After that (31/01) any club that wants to insert a test in the EPA Circuit must pay € 50 extra penalty. Updates will be sent with every change.
- 6.6. A member cannot drop the class of a tournament after it has been confirmed in the calendar.
- 6.7. If the member or national club fails to pay a player for unjustified reasons, they may be suspended from participating in EPA events and be inhibited from organizing EPA events for a year or more, depending on the seriousness of the breach.
- 6.8. If a Member cancels a tournament, he will be responsible for all the expenses players may have incurred (booked flights and hotels). If the member fails to reimburse any player, the member may lose the right to organize EPA events for a year or more.

7. Communication of Results and Ranking

- 7.1. It is the responsibility of the organizer to send a complete list of entries/results (ANNEX08b) within 5 days of the completion of the competition
- 7.2. The list of entries/results shall have the names and data of all participants, as well as what they placed in the competition (Ex: Winner, Finalist, 1/2 final, 1/4 final, 1/8 final, 1/16 final, 1/32 final, 1/64 final, etc.)
- 7.3. Rankings will be actualized within 2 weeks of receiving the results
- 7.4. For Draw matters and seeding the organization must follow the ranking published in the official webpage of EPA.
- 7.5. EPA Ranking supersedes the national ranking of organizing countries, when seeding players in Draws.





8. Official Sponsors
 - 8.1. Official Car -
 - 8.2. Official Hotel -
 - 8.3. Official Ball –
 - 8.4. Official Racket -
 - 8.5. Padel Courts –
 - 8.6. Official TV -
 - 8.7. Official Playing Clothing -
 - 8.8. Official Social Clothing -

