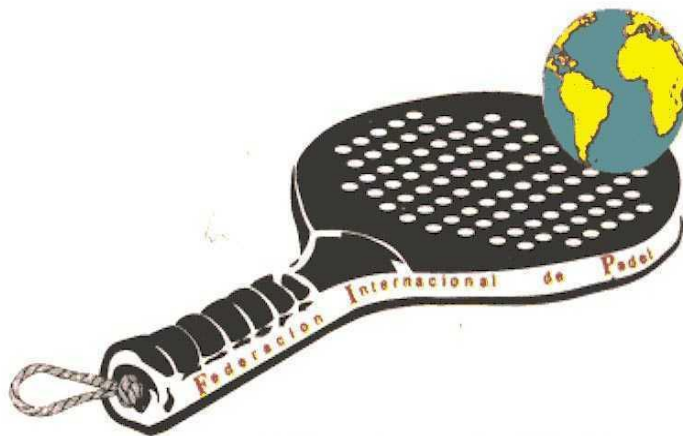


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TECHNICAL RULES AND REGULATIONS OF THE INTERNATIONAL PADEL FEDERATION (I.P.F.).

CHAPTER I: GENERAL

I.1. GOAL AND APPLICATION

The aim of these rules and regulations is to regulate the organisation and running of all the Official Padel Competitions authorised by the International Padel Federation (henceforth I.P.F.) anywhere in the world.

I.2. OFFICIALDOM

The expression Official Competitions refers to all those which have been included in the Official I.P.F. Calendar.

I.3. RESPONSIBILITY

The I.P.F. is responsible for the general running of all the Official Competitions, including:

I.3.1. Selection: Choice of the competitions to be included in the Official Calendar.

I.3.2. Dates: Confirmation or appointment of competition dates.

I.3.3. Conflicts: Classification and resolution of all conflicts that arise.

I.4. CALENDAR

The I.P.F. will publish the Official Calendar every year on the 31st January.

I.5. TAKING PART IN THE COMPETITIONS

Each competition authorised by the I.P.F. will be subject to these Rules and Regulations. All players who participate in a Competition authorised by the I.P.F. will likewise be subject to the present Rules and Regulations.

In order to participate in the Official Competitions, players are required to hold the corresponding valid federation licence issued by the corresponding Federations/Associations, the I.P.F. having been notified of the issue.

I.6. ANTI DOPING REGIME

All competitions under the control of the I.P.F. will be bound by its Anti Doping Regime, by the stipulations set by the World Anti-doping Code, and by the list of prohibited substances and pharmacological groups and non-regulated sports doping methods approved by the World Anti-doping Agency.



CHAPTER II: OFFICIAL COMPETITIONS

II.1. DEFINITION

The Competitions in the Official Calendar are "Official Competitions". "Official Competitions" are divided into "World Championships", "Continental Championships" and "Tournaments".

- The "World Championships" are those in which the World Champion Title is at stake. They are defined and selected by the I.P.F.
- The "Continental Championships" are those in which the Continental Champion Title is at stake. They are defined and selected by the corresponding Continental Federation or in their absence by the I.P.F.
- "Tournaments" are all the other competitions included in the I.P.F. Official Calendar.

II.2. CATEGORY, NAME, LICENCES AND UMPIRING

II.2.1. Category and Official Calendar.

II.2.1.1. "Official Competitions" are the direct responsibility of the I.P.F. as regards the Competition Rules and Regulations, Disciplinary Rules and Regulations, Match Rules etc. They decide World or Continental Champions or simply count towards the Official I.P.F. Rankings. Those competitions that do not meet the indicated requirements but which have been included on the Organiser's request in the Official Calendar on the condition that they respect all the I.P.F. Rules and Regulations will also be considered as "Official Competitions"

II.2.1.2. The following will be included in the Official Calendar: World Championships in all categories, Continental Championships and those Tournaments that, in the opinion of the I.P.F., form part of a sports project that meets all the appropriate budgetary, sponsorship and organisational conditions.

II.2.1.3. In order to count towards the I.P.F. Ranking an event must be included in the Official Calendar.

II.2.1.4. Competitions must be requested from the I.P.F. through the corresponding National Federations/Associations who must ensure that I.P.F. Rules and Regulations are respected.

II.2.2. Names.

World Championships are the following:

- Men and Women's World National Teams Championship.
- Men and Women's World National Doubles Championship.
- Junior World Male and female National Team Championship.
- Junior World Male and female National Doubles Championship.
- Veterans National Team World Championship.
- Veterans Men and Women's Doubles World Championship.



II.2.3. Licences.ç

II.2.3.1. As indicated in paragraph I.5., in order for a player to participate in Official Competitions, they have to hold a valid licence issued by the I.P.F. or by one of those National Federations - Associations that are an associated member of the former and which, furthermore, have not been sanctioned by the I.P.F.

II.2.3.2. All National Federations will inform the I.P.F. of the licences issued to players so they can be checked, providing a record of the official licences issued during the season.

II.2.3.3. Each player may only have one official licence. It is not possible to hold two official licences even if they have been processed in different countries. If a player with a current licence changes their country of residence, they can request the cancelation of the licence from the Organisation that issued it. This organisation should inform the I.P.F. of the circumstances and the I.P.F. will in turn notify whoever it may concern.

II.2.3.4. Licence Types:

- **OFFICIAL:** Those issued by the country of RESIDENCE. The I.P.F. is notified of them and they allow the player to compete in the Internal Tournaments of the country that issued the licence, in accordance with the terms and conditions in effect in that country, and in Official Competitions.

- **TEMPORARY:** They are issued by the country of the player's nationality when the player lives abroad. They last for a maximum of three months. In order to issue the licence, a certificate has to be obtained from the country of residence confirming that the player's licence has not been withdrawn, suspended or cancelled either temporarily or indefinitely and that the nationality that appears for the sports point of view is the same as that of the country for which the temporary licence has been requested. It allows playing internal competitions for the mentioned period of three months.

II.2.3.5. Those players who have multiple nationality must opt for one of them at the time of requesting the licence, without being able to change it for two seasons, (the sports season is considered as being from the 1st January to 31st December of each year).

All countries will respect the nationality chosen by the player and take it into account should there be, because of it, limitations to be able to participate in the corresponding country's internal tournaments, in accordance with their own rules or regulations or would like to include them in their national teams to compete in Official Competitions.

II.2.3.6. If the player in question has played in an official competition representing a national team, they will not be able to do so for another team for a period of three years from the time at which they played for the first. This clause is not applicable to players in junior categories.

II.2.3.7. When players are not yet 18 on the 1st January of the year in which they receive the licence, and so consequently are in the Junior categories, the National Federations/Associations of the Associated Members could, on their own initiative, assimilate their situation to those of multi-national players, providing they are residents abroad and live with their parent/s who are also resident/s.

For these purposes, the player has to choose between the civil nationality that corresponds to them and that of their place of residence, bearing in mind that, while they are included in the junior category the nationality chosen cannot change, unless a change of Country of Residence later occurs.



The National Federation/Association of an Associated Member is responsible for appropriately documenting these cases so the player can demonstrate their situation to Head Umpires and Padel Organisers.

II.2.4. Umpiring.

II.2.4.1 The special features of paddle, which can be played with opaque walls and the lack of means at specific times, means that it is impossible to demand the presence of an Umpire in all matches. When this occurs, the players themselves should apply the Game Rules, as a general rule, each couple umpiring in their own court.

In the event that it is not possible to reach an agreement concerning a specific point or action, the presence of the Referee will be requested, this person taking the final decision once both sides have been heard.

Control of the march by the Umpires and their team can have two different modalities:

- Active Umpiring. In active umpiring play stops once the umpire has called a decision signalling all infractions to the rules. II.9.15.
- Passive umpiring. In passive umpiring the umpiring team intervenes directly when points named in II.9.14. arise but in all others act at the request of players.

II.2.4.2 The I.P.F. will determine whether the umpiring is active or passive but their decision should be known before the competition begins.

II.2.4.3. The Chair Umpire shall be obligatory in all finals and semi-finals of the Tournaments included in the I.P.F. Official Calendar and in the World and Continental Championships. It is not obligatory in any Junior World Championship Categories.

II.3.COMPETITION ORGANISERS.

II.3.1. The following will be considered as Potential Organisers of competitions included in the I.P.F. calendar:

- National Federations/Associations which are an Associated Member.
- Promoting Companies that are accredited by the I.P.F. Even with accreditation, the request is transmitted through an Associated Member which is responsible for the payment of the prizes and for confirming the existence of the necessary deposits and guaranties in order to hold the competition. The I.P.F. will notify the organiser, through the Associated Member, of competition confirmation.

II.3.2. Organisation of all the World Padel Championships corresponds to the I.P.F., which can delegate to the Associated Members. Concession of the World Championships is decided in the Assembly.

II.3.3. Organisation of the remaining Tournaments included in the I.P.F. Official Calendar corresponds to the Potential Organiser who has requested it, supervised by the Associated Member of the country in which the Tournament is held. The Potential Organiser is responsible to the I.P.F.

II.3.4. In order to receive accreditation the Board of Directors will demand:

- Experience in the organisation of sporting events, either due to having already organised some or to having personnel with proven capacity to do so.
- Sufficient qualified personnel.



- Economic capacity. Directly related to the category of the Championships or Tournaments they intend to organise.
- Backing from the Associated Member which is responsible for the country where the Organiser's head office is located.

II.4. REQUESTING COMPETITIONS

II.4.1. The Assembly sets two years in advance the dates and place of the World Padel Championships. The Associated Members that wish to request the organisation of a World Championship should present their request 75 days prior to the day of the Assembly. If, for whatever reason, the Assembly cannot choose the Organiser of the World Championship they will give instructions to the Board of Directors to delegate, setting the delays and conditions they consider appropriate. If any of the members of the Board of Directors are of the same nationality as any of the organisers the request then they will abstain from participating in any of the tasks related to the issue.

The I.P.F., before the 30th November will send to the Associated Members a Provisional Calendar stating all the World and Continental Championships that have been programmed for the year with an indication of the estimated dates. It will also include all the Tournaments included in the Official Calendar of the previous year attempting to adjust the dates to the New Year as far as possible. The said Provisional Calendar will provide guidance concerning the name of the competition, the prize amount, venue and probable dates.

II.4.2. Once the Provisional Calendar has been received, the Associated Members and promoting Companies that wish to repeat the organisation of Tournaments or organise other new ones should apply in writing to the I.P.F. through their Associated Member, indicating the Tournament name, tentative date and the budget available for prizes. Obviously, when requesting dates, preference will attempt to be given to those Tournaments that have already been held in previous years.

Information must on all occasions be included about the facilities of the Club where the competition will be held; this must be registered and up to date on payment to the Associated Member corresponding to its country, except in special circumstances to spread and promote paddle: organisation in a street, shopping centre, etc.

The I.P.F. must receive all requests before the 15th of December.

II.4.3. Once it has received the information the I.P.F. will draw up the Tentative Calendar which will be published before the 31st of December, showing the bids chosen to organise the World Championships as well as the Tournaments that meet with requirements. The Board of Directors, once they have attended to the comments of the interested parties, will draw up the Official Calendar, no later than the 31st of January, which can then no longer be modified to avoid affecting the calendars of the Associated Members.



II.5. COMPETITION ADJUDICATION

II.5.1. In order to adjudicate the World Championships and to include Tournaments in the Official Calendar, the I.P.F. will take into account, amongst others, the following circumstances:

Installations:

- Number of courts and their technical conditions. (Dimensions, lighting, wall materials, surface, etc.)
- Existence of glass courts.
- Adequate changing rooms
- Players' room.
- Other usable installations. (Gym, swimming pool)

Facilities:

- Club restaurant with accessible prices.
 - Massage and physiotherapist services.
 - On-site medical attendance.
 - Availability of communication media: telephones, e-mail, internet,
- etc.

Communications:

- Press room.
- Result information via e-mail and information notes to press and Associated Members.
- Space reserved for TV cameras.

Organisational Capacity:

- Organisational experience of sporting events.
- Sufficient and qualified personnel.
- Board and lodging in appropriate hotels.
- Transport between club – hotel or sufficient proximity for transport to be unnecessary.

Once these concepts have been taken into account, others relating to rotation or geographical distribution can be taken into account, at the sole discretion of the I.P.F.

II.12. Shows the economic conditions relating to the adjudication of Competitions which must appear on the Technical Conditions and Requirements form.

II.5.2. The I.P.F. may demand a deposit, either in cash or by means of a bank guarantee, to guaranty that the requested Championship or Tournament is held in the offered conditions. The deposit amount will never be less than the cash prizes offered by the Tournament.

These deposits will be immediately returned should the inscription request for the Tournament in the Official Calendar be turned down, or if the bid to organise a Championship is not selected. Otherwise the refund will be made within 60 days of the completion date of the Championship or Tournament.

II.5.3. If the same Organiser promotes or requests the inscription of various events in an Official Calendar, the total amount of all the deposits can be negotiated with the I.P.F., so that, in order to protect common interests, they are not too excessive a burden.



II.6. AMENDMENTS TO THE OFFICIAL CALENDAR

II.6.1. In order to change any of the data relating to a competition once it has been included in the Official Calendar, the requesting Organiser has to make the appropriate written request to the I.P.F. within the following periods:

- Change of name: 1 month
- Change of city: 4 months
- Change of club: 1 months
- Change of Referee: 15 days

All these periods are understood to be the minimum before the programmed Competition start date.

The I.P.F. will study the received requests and attempt to attend to them as long as they do not harm the rights of third parties or that the requested changes are not sufficiently big to alter the normal programming of the competition calendar.

Any Organiser that cancels a competition or introduces changes in its organisation without the authorisation of the I.P.F. will lose their deposit and can, in addition, be sanctioned by not being able to organise competitions included in the Official Calendar for one year irrespective of the possible sanctions that might arise in accordance with the Sporting Discipline Regulations.

II.6.2. The following conditions need to be met to request the incorporation of new competitions in the Official Calendar:

- The request is received at least two months in advance of the planned start date of the competition.
- The interests of Organisers of competitions already included in the Official Calendar will not be harmed.
- The request complies with the requirements set out in II.5.1.

II.7. INSTALLATIONS

In order to hold a competition included in the I.P.F. Official Calendar, the installations must have at least three courts with specified lighting, as well as adequate auxiliary installations and sufficient human and material resources.

In order to hold a World Championship, the Organisation must have sufficient courts to guaranty that the competition runs smoothly, taking into account the available days, the number of players, the numbers of matches to be played and the fact that the players cannot play more than two matches a day.

In cases of exception, the I.P.F., in defence of the promotion of paddle, can decide to authorise holding the tournament in installations that do not meet the mentioned requirements, providing the courts respect the I.P.F.'s Rules for the Game of Padel. Competitions will always be held on lit courts with the same type of walls and surface. When the courts where the matches to be held are of different surface or construction (glass and wall) the criteria to be followed for the adjudication should be publicly established beforehand. Should these criteria be lacking, there will be a draw to decide who plays on each court.

Installation inspections. The I.P.F. reserves the right to send an Inspector to review the courts, assessing their state to hold matches as well as the other directly related installations, such as changing rooms, dining rooms, rest rooms, etc.

Should the report be negative, the Organiser, the Referee of the competition and the Owner of the installations will immediately be informed so they can remedy the notified faults before the start of the matches. Should this not be possible, the necessary measures will be taken, from forbidding the use of the defective installations to cancellation of the Competition.



II.8. COMPETITION DIRECTOR

II.8.1. The Competition Director will be designated by the Organiser, bearing in mind that no one may be Competition Director and player or Umpire in the same event.

II.8.2. The Competition Director is responsible to the Organiser for the organisation and smooth running of the competition, and the latter is responsible to the I.P.F.

II.8.3. Competition Director Duties:

- To ensure that the sports installations are prepared to hold the competition.
- To check that the balls and trophies are in the installations before the beginning of the competition.
- To check the registrations and provide the Referee with a list of the players who have not paid so the latter can prevent them from taking part.
- To send to the I.P.F. a list of the players that have declared a W.O. and who have not paid the registration.
- To liaise between the Organiser, the people responsible for the installations, the players, the sponsors, the Referee and the I.P.F.
- To be prepared to handle any emergency that may arise during the competition, especially from the medical point of view.
- To attend to the press and provide them with all the necessary information should there be specifically designated Press Manager to do so.

II.9. THE UMPIRING TEAM

II.9.1. The umpiring team will be made up of; the Referee, Auxiliary Referee, Deputy Referee, Chair Umpire, Assistant Umpires. All of them must hold the qualification issued by the corresponding National Federation. The Referee, Auxiliary and Deputy should wear some distinctive clothing or article which identifies them e.g.: T-shirt, cap, arm band, etc.

Referee. The person with maximum umpiring responsibility in an Official Sports Competition. In addition, they assign the tasks that the Referees making up the umpiring team should carry out at any time.

Auxiliary Referee. Basically the person responsible for the administrative control, announcing of results, calling players, etc.

Deputy Referee. Collaborates with the Referee to oversee matches when there are a large number taking place simultaneously.

Chair Umpire. Umpires the match and if there is a microphone system available they use it to inform spectators of the details.

Assistant umpires. Collaborate with the Chair Umpires in controlling a match.

II.9.2. For the Tournaments included in the Official Calendar, the Organiser will propose the name of the Referee to the I.P.F. at least one month before the programmed start date. This proposed referee should be attached to the national federation where the competition takes place. This proposal should be accompanied by their umpiring curriculum. Should the proposal not be accepted, considering that the person is not the ideal Referee for the Tournament or the Organizer considers that any of the chosen Referees has the sufficient capacity to perform that work, the F.I.P. in consultation with the respective federations, will provide Referee so that the organizer can choose from among them.

II.9.3. No-one can be a member of the Umpiring Crew and a player in the same competition.



II.9.4. Duties of the Referee are to:

1. Carry around the Game Rules and Technical Rules, respect them and ensure they are respected.
2. Draw up the timetables and announce them in a timely manner.
3. Designate the duties of each one of the Umpiring team, and, should there be events that so require, halt them in their exercise of those functions.
4. Decide whether a court meets the necessary conditions to be able to play on it, whether a court should be changed for a match or decide on which court each match should be played.
5. Identify participating players.
6. Not allow players to participate if their age or nationality does not correspond to the event category in which they intend to take part, or those people who, according to the report presented to the Organiser, have not paid their inscription.
7. Notify players of the game system and conditions.
8. Notify players, before the start of the competition, of the criteria to be followed to allocate courts when there are different construction types.
9. Apply Walkovers (WO).
10. Carry out the draws of the plate tournaments.
11. Order the change of balls. These are obligatory for semi-final and final matches, the first change occurring after 11 games and then every 13 games. In the other matches of the first level table, they will only be changed, in the event of three sets being played, at the start of the third set.
12. Note all the results of the tables: winners, set results, players' licence numbers, etc.
13. Decide when a match must be delayed or restarted.
14. Apply the Sports Discipline Rules approved by the I.P.F.
15. Be present at the competition venue during all the matches and should that not be possible name a Referee to stand in provisionally during their absence.
16. Oversee as far as possible all the matches being played through being present on the courts, and, in the absence of a Chair Umpire, can carry out their duties, such as decide whether the players are appropriately dressed or do the draw for courts and service.
17. Take the final decision when disagreements arise between match players during a match without a Chair Judge. If the disagreement lasts, they will demand it to end within 25 seconds, even if their intervention has not been requested. Should that not occur they will take the final decision.
18. Take the final decision if there is a conflict between the players and the Chair Umpire in the interpretation of a concrete point of the Rules.
19. Name a provisional Referee if they have to act as a Chair Umpire.
20. Send the results, reports of incidences relating to the Umpiring Team and the final report of the competition in the set delays and by the means determined.

II.9.5. The I.P.F.'s Disciplinary Committee will understand there to have been possible mistakes committed by the Referees when either voluntarily or unknowingly:

1. They have ignored the Rules.
2. They have made errors in the draw.
3. They have falsified the results.
4. They have favoured or prejudiced, clearly and unjustifiably, a player with their decisions.
5. They have falsified the competition report.
6. They have allowed an unregistered player to participate, or substituted a third party acting in the stead of a registered player, or one who has not paid the inscription.
7. And, in general, they have not respected the duties of their position.



II.9.6. The decisions of the Referee are without appeal as refers to technical rules of the game, without prejudicing possible recall to the I.P.F. Sports Discipline Committee. The Referee is also capacitated to take decisions concerning any incidence that may arise during the competition, even in the case that it was not covered by the Rules and Regulations.

II.9.7. Report, reports of incidences and match results. The report of the draws and the results of the matches in which the name and licence number of the players must appear, the umpiring report and incidences reports, should be sent to the I.P.F. in a period of three days from the end of the competition. In the team competitions they will also send the reports of the knock out matches, duly completed and signed by the team captains.

II.9.8. In the case of inclement weather, the Referee will be responsible for taking the appropriate decisions, but under no circumstances can the competition continue later than 12 p.m. of the day specified as being as the last day of the competition if the players do not agree. If, by this time, the competition has not finished and the players are not ready to continue, the competition will be delayed until the I.P.F. decides whether to suspend it indefinitely or notifies of the dates of its continuation.

II.9.9. The Referee is responsible, unless they themselves consider that there is a case of force majeure, for declaring W.O. partners or a team that do not present themselves in the court, ready to play, once 10 minutes after the time set for the match to start have passed.

II.9.10. The following are the duties of the Auxiliary Referee: from those assigned to the Referee the following: 1, 5, 6, 12, 13 and 14 in the case of incidences to send the written report to the Referee.

II.9.11. The following are the duties of the Deputy Referee: from those assigned to the Referee the following: 1, 4 (in what concerns the match court conditions), 13, 14, 16 and 17 and in the case of incidences to send the written report to the Referee.

II.9.12. The Chair Umpires duties are: out of those assigned to the Referee the following: 1, 5, 7, 11, 13 and 14 and also to:

1. Determine whether the players are correctly dressed.
2. Give each player the necessary information.
3. Draw courts and service.
4. Give the public relevant information during the match.
5. Apply the Game Rules actively or passively as corresponds.
6. Resolve conflicts that arise concerning the application of paddle rules, accepting the player's right to consult the Referee.
7. Announce the score in accordance with set conditions.
8. Control the public, halting play if necessary, until order has been re-established.
9. Fill the score and behaviour sheet.
10. Inform in writing the Referee of all the incidences that occur during the match.



II.9.13. The following are the duties of the Assistant Umpires. Collaborating with the Chair Umpire in the conditions fixed in these rules for the type of active or passive umpiring to be applied.

II.9.14. In the passive umpiring the Chair Umpire intervenes at the request of the players, but should stop play when one of the following infractions has occurred:

- Service faults (those produced in the servers side of the court)
- Let (player who touches the net)
- Double bounce
- Through ball (ball that goes through a hole in the net)
- Shot against the rules (double hit, handball, etc.)
- Let
- Hindrances

In the event of discussion between players who have not requested the intervention of the Chair Umpire, the latter will be responsible for ensuring that the discussion does not last for longer than the 25 seconds indicated in the rules as the maximum delay to serve. After these 25 seconds without agreement the Chair Umpire will decide and play will continue. In opaque courts the Chair Umpire can be helped by an Assistant Umpire, in this case they will be situated one on each side of the court at net height.

II.9.15. In Active Umpiring all rule infractions that occur are called. If the match is played on opaque walled courts the Umpiring crew will consist of a Chair Umpire and an Assistant Umpire who will occupy the positions indicated in the previous point.

If the transparent courts are used, the Umpiring Crew will be formed by a Chair Umpire and one or two Assistant Umpires. The role of the Assistant Umpires is to check the bounce of the ball on the wall opposite that occupied by the Chair Umpire, and the service line on the receiver's side of the net.

II.9.16. The I.P.F.'s Disciplinary Committee will hear all the possible intentional faults or those due to lack of awareness committed by the Umpires when exercising their duties:

1. Having not followed the Rules.
2. Having falsified the Results.
3. Having clearly and unjustifiably favoured or prejudiced a player with their decisions.
4. Having falsified the match report.
5. Having permitted a player to compete who is not registered or being registered has replaced a third party.
6. And, in general, has not met the duties related to their position.



II.10. THE FEDERAL DELEGATE

II.10.1. This person is an official representative of the I.P.F. Competition Committee during a Competition. They are named by the Competition Committee itself at the request of the I.P.F. President

Their role is to act as observer, without any power to intervene in any kind of technical decision, this corresponding solely to the Umpiring Team.

At the end of the Competition they will present a report of the event which will be considered to be an official document.

II.10.2. Any party interested in a Competition can request from the President of the I.P.F. the presence of a Federal Delegate, with at least 30 days notice. Should any travel/lodging costs be incurred they will be borne by the applicant. Should the Federal Delegate's residence be in the town where the Competition is being held, their attendance will be without cost.

II.10.3. The name of the Federal Delegate will be sent in writing to the Referee, who in turn will inform all the participants, or otherwise, will place an Information Note next to the Competition match draws.

II.11. THE PLAYERS

II.11.1. In order to take part in an Official Competition the player must be in possession of a player's licence issued by the National Federation – Association of an Associated Member recognised by the I.P.F. In addition, they should be covered by a Sports Insurance Policy that covers the possibility of an accident during the Competition. In the cases that the licence the player holds does not cover the possibility of an accident when doing sport, the I.P.F. or in the event the National Federation – Association of the Affiliated Member in whose country the event is taking place, will have the right to demand that this risk be covered.

II.11.2. The player must pay the inscription set for the Official Competition in advance. Should they not do so the Organiser will inform the Referee in writing so they can stop the player from taking part, the match being lost by W.O. For the purposes of sanctions, this will be considered to be an unjustified W.O.

II.11.3. Registration payment should be made even when the player declares W.O., not being able to play in another Competition until it has been paid. The Organiser will therefore send a list of players that declared W.O. Who have not paid to the I.P.F. who will inform the players concerned sending a copy to the Association/Federation who issued the player's official licence, warning them that they cannot enter any Competition until the situation has been dealt with.

II.11.4. If a team, doubles pair, or player unjustifiably leaves a Competition, the team in the first case, the doubles pair in two others, will lose any rights to the prize they might have won so far. The player/s can appeal against this sanction in writing within a 15 day delay, without prejudice to any eventual disciplinary responsibility that might be incurred.

II.11.5. The trophies and prizes must be collected during the closing ceremony. Should the player's absence be unjustified the player will lose all rights to the cash prizes. The trophies will be relayed to the I.P.F., where the player can recuperate them.



II.11.6. During the changing of sides and/or rest periods of the match, the players can receive instructions and technical advice relating to the game from their trainer or captain. The trainer and/or captain should present themselves to the Chair Umpire or Referee before the beginning of the match. They will remain in one place outside the court, next to the players' chairs. They can only have verbal contact with the players during the change of sides and for the time permitted. This rule is applicable both the doubles and team matches.

II.11.7. Apart from exceptional cases, the players cannot play more than two matches a day, there being at least two hours between the end of one match and the beginning of the next. In the World Championships, and irrespective of their being two parallel competitions, this rule will be upheld and the exceptions will be determined by the I.P.F.'s Competition Committee. (See III.4.7, III.5.12, III.6.11 and III.7.13.)

II.11.8. The players must be correctly attired, the Chair Umpire or Referee being responsible for this point. In team competitions, the players are recommended to wear the same clothes although this is not obligatory.

II.11.9. The players can use the shoes, clothes and rackets they wish as long as they respect the rules.

II.11.10. If any of the players registered in one of the competitions included in the Official I.P.F. Calendar is declared W.O., or once the draw has been made decides not to take part in the Competition, they must justify their absence within a fortnight. Should they not do so, or should the Discipline Committee consider that the given reasons are insufficient, the Disciplinary Rules and Regulations will be applied.

II.11.11. A player who is obviously not fit to play, as the consequence of an accident or injury that occurred prior to the warming up of the first match of the draw, will not be able to start the match, losing by W.O., without the right to any points. If the affected player has classified to play at a specific level, by playing the previous level, even though they lose by W.O. they will have the right to points.

II.11.12. Participants have, in any official Competition, to prove when requested to do so by the Referee, their identity, nationality, age or any other circumstance directly related to the Competition, by means of the presentation of the appropriate documentation.

II.11.13. In order to represent a team in Official Competitions, the players must have the nationality of that country.

II.11.14. All those players who have not competed in an Official Absolute Competition representing their country can compete in Official Competitions representing another country whose nationality they have acquired there being any time limit.

II.11.15. All players who have competed in an Official Absolute Competition or Veterans tournament for a country can represent another country whose nationality they have legitimately acquired once three years have passed since the date on which they officially represented the first country.



II.12. ECONOMIC CONDITIONS FOR THE ORGANISATION OF COMPETITIONS

II.12.1. In each case the I.P.F. will agree with the corresponding Organiser on the conditions on which the organisation of a World Championship is granted, including the amounts that can be charged for registration, both in Doubles and Team Competitions, and the amounts that must be paid to the I.P.F. as a levy. For Tournaments the levy is fixed and set in point II.12.6.

The Organiser must submit to the I.P.F., the following documents, signed to show their acceptance: Technical Conditions and Specifications for the organisation of Competitions and Application Form. These specify the conditions and requirements that the I.P.F. imposes to ensure the competitions are of the required level.

II.12.2. The Organiser is liable to the I.P.F. for the economic repercussions that could arise from the organisation of the Competition, and bear all the costs arising from it. They are also responsible for compliance with the conditions agreed upon with the I.P.F., clubs, installations, etc. They are also responsible for obtaining and benefiting from sponsorship or advertising income, without affecting that which corresponds to the I.P.F.

II.12.3. The Organiser will reach an agreement with all the other interested parties (promoters, sponsors, clubs, and sports installations) about all the necessary conditions to ensure the Competition runs smoothly.

II.12.4. The lodgings and local transport costs of the Official Delegations of the competing Countries are included within the conditions mentioned in point II.12.1 to grant a World Championship. The make up of these Delegations and the days to be covered are given below in detail:

World National Team Championship. Delegation made up of 14 players if they compete in both the Men's and Women's Competition or 7 players if they only compete in one of them, plus one captain per team and only one federal representative. The costs the Organiser has to bear are:

Eight day stay.

- First day. Only dinner.
- Days 2 to 7. Breakfast, lunch and dinner.
- Day 8. Breakfast. If there is any sporting activity on day 8, lunch must also

be included.

Seven nights at the hotel.

Pick up and drop off from and at the airport or station in the city where the Championship is held.

Local transport, hotel – sports installations – hotel.

Junior World National Team Championship. Delegation made up of 20 players, 1 or 2 captains and 1 federation representatives. The costs the Organiser has to bear are:

Seven day stay.

- First day. Only dinner.
- Days 2 to 6. Breakfast, lunch and dinner.
- Day 7. Breakfast. If there is any sporting activity on day 7, lunch must also

be included.

Six nights at the hotel.

Pick up and drop off from and at the airport or station in the city where the Championship is held.

Local transport, hotel – sports installations – hotel.



II.12.5. Veterans National Team World Championship. In future, there might be a Veterans National Team World Championship in which case Special Provisional Rules will be put together, to be updated and incorporated into the Technical Rules and Regulations once the Championship has been held.

II.12.6. The Organiser of each of the Championships or Tournaments included in the Official Calendar will pay I.P.F. a levy of 10% of the prize money (men's and women's), which becomes a fixed amount of 900\$ USA, for prize money of over 9 000\$.

II.12.7. The Organiser will be responsible for ensuring that the players, Organisers and I.P.F. members have free access to the Padel Installations. Right to access the remainder of the installations can be restricted in accordance with the internal rules of the venue. Competitors should be notified of these restrictions.

II.12.8. The I.P.F. reserves the right to supervise the organisation of all the competitions included in the Official Calendar and will require all the conditions agreed upon and covered by the form "Technical Conditions and Specifications for the Organisation of Competitions" and those included in the documents mentioned in point II.12.1. to be met.

II.12.9. The different Tournaments included in the Official Calendar are grouped according to the prize money, in the following manner:

Category A Tournament: Men's, minimum US \$8 000. Women's, minimum US \$4 000.

Category B Tournament: Men's, minimum US \$4 000. Women's, minimum US \$2 000.

II.12.10. The amount allocated to each event will be spread in accordance with the following alternatives:

Draws of 16, 24, 28 y 32 doubles pairs. Prizes down to the last 16:

Winners: 24 %

Runners up: 15 %

Semi-finalists: 16 %

Quarter-finalists: 22 %

Eighth-finalists: 23 %

II.13. COMPETITIONS BY AGE CATEGORY

II.13. Following are the categories for competitions by age:

Under 12: Not have reached the age of 12 by 1st of January of the year of the Competition.

Under 14: Not have reached the age of 14 by 1st of January of the year of the Competition.

Under 16: Not have reached the age of 16 by 1st of January of the year of the Competition.

Under 18: Not have reached the age of 18 by 1st of January of the year of the Competition.

Junior Veterans: Reach 35 the year of the event.

Veterans: Reach 45 the year of the event.

Senior Veterans: Reach 55 the year of the event



CHAPTER III. TECHNICAL REGULATIONS

III.1. GENERAL TECHNICAL RULES

III.1.1. All competitions should adopt I.P.F. Rules and Regulations. In the event of any irregularity or infraction being uncovered, the Competition could be declared null for the classification purposes.

III.1.2. Competitions included in the Official Calendar will be played with the ball chosen by the organisation as long as the ball meets all the necessary technical conditions.

III.1.3. For the Tournaments included in the Official Calendar, the men's and women's tournaments can be held independently. In the World Championships both have to be held. The minimum number of doubles pairs that must make up a draw for the Competition to be able to be counted for points is 16 doubles pairs if it is men's and 12 if it is women's, except in particular cases accepted by the I.P.F.

III.1.4. On receiving the adjudication of a Competition, the Organiser must immediately propose the name of the person responsible for it, called the Competition Manager, who will liaise with the I.P.F. for everything relating to the technical / sports organisation.

III.2. REGISTRATIONS

III.2.1. In order to register for an Official I.P.F. Competition the player must hold an official licence in effect issued by a National Federation/Association that is an Associated Member. Should the organisation so decide the players have to pay the set amount of the registration fee to the Organiser club before the first match. The Referee will not let any player take part until they have made the payment.

Should the Competition be a team one, the registration will be paid by the National Federation/Association.

III.2.2. Registration in the Tournaments will close on the day and at the time previously indicated by the Organising Federation / Association, as long as it is not longer than 15 days before the starting date of the Competition nor later than 12:00 on the Wednesday of the week before the Competition is to be held, and will be followed by the draw. (See III.3.).

Registration in the World Championships, both teams and doubles, will respect the conditions that have been agreed upon by the I.P.F. and the Organising Association /Federation at the time of the adjudication.

III.2.3. Registration for the Tournaments will be freely done by the players. Registrations for the World Championships will be done through the doubles pairs National Federation/Association. The registrations can be made via any means that leaves written evidence of receipt, containing the following data:

- Championship or Tournament name.
- Event date.
- First and surnames of both players as they appear on their federation licence.
- Players' nationality.
- Licence number.
- Event in which they wish to take part (if they can do so, in more than one).
- Date of birth when the Competition has age restrictions



The registration will be done by formalised pairs. The formation of the doubles pairs can only be changed up to the moment of the close of registration.

III.2.4. For Tournaments included in the Official Calendar the amount raised through registration fees will correspond entirely to the Organiser. In the World Championships the agreement reached between the I.P.F. and the Federation/Association of the Member Country where it is held and the Organiser will be respected.

III.3. COMPETITION DRAWS, BOXES AND DRAW SHEETS.

III.3.1. Official Competition draws must be public and the Organisations responsible for them are:

World and Continental Championships. The I.P.F. Tournaments. The Federations/Associations of the Associated Members in the country in which they are held.

- III.3.2.** In Official Doubles Competitions, no player can enter the draw who:
- Has an unpaid registration.
 - Does not have a current licence in effect.
 - Has been disqualified or has received a sanction.
 - Whose age or nationality does not correspond to the event category.
 - Whose registration arrives once the deadline has passed.

In Official National Team Competitions, teams will not be allowed to enter the draw if they represent an Associated Members that:

- Have debts with the I.P.F.
- Are not up to date with the payment of quotas.
- Have been disqualified or received sanctions.
- Whose registration has not arrived by the deadline set by the I.P.F. or who have not made the prior registration in the set manner.

III.3.3. Unless otherwise specified in the notification of the Official Doubles Competitions, the system of successive elimination will be used.

III.3.4. The types of draw and their characteristics will depend on the Official Competition in question. When it is a Tournament included in the Official I.P.F. Calendar the rules of the Associated Member in whose country it is held will be applied.

III.3.5. The I.P.F. is the only entity that can grant a wild card to be able to participate in an Official Competition. Any other entity needs prior approval from the I.P.F. to do so.

III.3.6. When the number of couples making up a draw are not a power of two, the system of "byes" will be applied which enables having this power in the second round. Those players who do not need to play the first round will be called "byes".

In order to calculate the number of byes, the total number of registrations is taken away from the power of two immediately above. The first bye will be the number one seed; second bye, number two seed; third bye, number three seed; etc. If, once all the seeds have been placed, there are more byes, they will be divided into two parts, one half being placed in the upper half of the draw sheet, the other half in the lower, filling in the upper part the highest empty slots and in the lower part, those that are the lowest alternatively. When the numbers are odd, one more will be placed in the lower part.



III.3.7. As a general rule, the choice of the Tournament seeds should be based on the I.P.F. Ranking in effect of the day of the draw. In those cases in which very few or none of the players have points in the I.P.F. Ranking, the ranking of the Federation/Association of the Member Country where the event is being held can be used alongside.

III.3.8. In order to calculate a doubles couples points, the points of both players are added up and if neither of them appear in the Ranking they are considered to have 0 points. The order of the seeds will be based on the sum of points. Should two or more doubles pairs have the same number of points the order will be drawn between them.

III.3.9. The draw sheets corresponding to Official Competitions will be published on the I.P.F. website. A period of 48 hours will be given from the time of the publication for implicated parties to present any appropriate complaints should they consider there are errors or omissions. Once this period has passed, no amendments to the published draw sheets will be made unless the I.P.F. Competition Committee consider it necessary.

III.3.10. Under no circumstances can a player in the doubles be changed or substituted once the registration has been closed. The formation of the doubles pair will remain the same throughout the Competition. Non observance of this rule means immediate disqualification of the doubles pair as soon as the irregularity is detected, without affecting the actions that the Discipline Committee might consider opportune.

III.3.11. A doubles pair must withdraw from the Competition if either of the players pulls out or does not turn up to play in the set period.

III.3.12. The obligation to organise the plate competition depends on the Competition in question. Should it exist, first round losers of the respective draws will have the right to take part. No doubles pair that has lost the first round by W.O. or have won the first match W.O. and lost the second will be able to compete.

III.3.13. In competitions in which there is a plate phase, the doubles pairs who have the right to play in it and desire to do so, should inform the Referee within thirty minutes of the end of their match.

III.3.14. A new draw will be made with the doubles pairs that go through to the plate, as stipulated in point III.3.7. The number of seeds being obtained by dividing by four the number of competing doubles pairs, rounding upwards or downwards to the closest power of two. In the case of equidistance, the lowest will be chosen.

III.3.15. Any challenge or complaint related to the plate draw should be made in writing to the Referee before the start of the event. Once any match has been started, no change at all can be made to the draw, even if the complaint is justified.



III.4. NATIONAL DOUBLES WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP. MASCULINE AND FEMININE

III.4.1. The National male and female doubles World Championship. These, will be held every two years, coinciding with even-numbered years. The national doubles World Championship and the national team World Championship will be held at the same time.

III.4.2. Competing couples must meet the following requirements:

- Both players must hold the nationality of the country they are representing.
- May not have played, in representation of another country, in an official absolute or veterans' competition for at least the last three years.
- In cases of multi nationality, the nationality chosen (for sporting purposes) must correspond to the country that is being represented.
- Age of at least 17 years old to the year they held the test.

III.4.3. Except when the needs of the competition state otherwise all matches will be played over the best of three sets. In the case of tie at 6 games (6 games all) a tie-break or sudden death will be held to decide the winner of the set.

III.4.4. The draw will be made up of a maximum of 68 men and 50 women doubles players.

Men's draw. 68 double players.

- 64 pairs will be directly selected by the associate members participating in the national team World Championship. 4 pairs of each one of them.
- 4 pairs from the preliminary round held in the organizing country reserved for players holding that country's nationality.
- Seeds: 1 and 2 are fixed, Seeds 3 and 4, are selected by a draw between them, and, the same applies with seeds 5 and 6, 7 and 8, 9 and 10, 11 and 12, 13 and 14, 15 and 16. The rest of the draw is done by drawing lots.

Women's draw. 50 double players.

- 48 pairs will be directly selected by the associate members participating in the national team World Championship. 4 double of each one of them.
- 2 pairs from the preliminary round held in the organizing country reserved for players holding that country's nationality.
- Seeds 1 and 2 are fixed, Seeds 3 and 4, are selected by a draw between them, and, the same applies with seeds 5 and 6, 7 and 8. The rest of the players draw is done by drawing lots.

Preliminary

The preliminary round is reserved for players holding the nationality of the organizing country as per the regulation in force to which it applies.

The four doubles pairs who classify in the preliminary round of the men's competition or the two doubles in the women's will be put into the main draw and their places must be marked using letters (A, B, C and D) or (A and B) on the mentioned main draw sheet.



III.4.5. The choice of seeds in the National doubles World Championship will be made based on the F.I.P. ranking.

Each of the countries that classify in the first category (see III.5.18.) will be entitled to include their partner best classified among the seeded players. The remaining seeded pairs will be decided by taking the F.I.P. ranking into account which will also be considered when determining the order of seeds.

III.4.6. Seeded players will be put into the draw as follows:

The number one seed will be placed on the last line of the draw sheet and the number two seed will be placed on the first line of the draw sheet.

Third and fourth seeds position will be drawn, they must not come up against the first and second seeds until the semi final, nor play each other until the final.

Fifth and sixth seeds will be drawn; they must not come up against the 3rd or 4th seeds until the quarter-finals, nor play against each other until the final.

Seventh and eighth seeds will be drawn, they must not come up against 1st or 2nd seeds until the quarter finals, nor play each other until the final.

Seeds nine to sixteen, when relevant will be put into a draw for their position on the draw sheet as they must not come up against any other seeded player until the 8th round, nor with each other until the quarter finals (this only applies in the men's draw)

The positioning of the rest of the couples will be done by draw, avoiding the possibility that two pairs of players from the same country come face to face in the first round.

III.4.7. Only in exceptional cases (see II.7.) may players play more than two games a day even though they correspond to different Championships and making sure that there are at least two hours between the end of a game and the beginning of the next.

III.5. NATIONAL DOUBLES TEAM WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP. MEN AND WOMEN.

III.5.1. The National Team World Championship. Men and women will be held every two years, coinciding with the even-numbered years, at the same time as the national doubles world championship.

III.5.2. Each team is made up of seven players who must meet at least the following conditions.

- Hold the nationality of the country which they are representing.
- Not have played in an official competition in representation of another country at least for the last 3 years.
 - In cases of multi nationality, the nationality chosen (for sporting purposes) must correspond to the country that is being represented.
 - Age of at least 17 years old to the year they held the test.

III.5.3. Each team encounter will be played over the best of three matches without any player being able to participate in more than one. Each country must present three couples required unless it is impossible for injury sustained during the concerned competition.

III.5.4. The three matches may be held simultaneously or consecutively, if the latter, players will play their matches in the following order of rank: Pairs ranked Number 3 play first, number 1 play second, number 2 play last. If matches are played at the same time another round may not be started until the matches already started have completed all their games or at least in play.



III.5.5. Once the encounter has started if either pair of players is not present; the team loses the point of said pair of players.

III.5.6. The election of the combination of the 7 players which form three doubles pairs is open, but the order among them will depend on the addition of total points between the couples according to the I.P.F ranking players, provided that it is representative.

III.5.7. Unless the needs of the competition state otherwise, all matches will be played over the best of three sets. In case of tie at six games a "tie-break" or "sudden death" will be played to decide the set.

III.5.8. At the time of inscription as well as the names of all the team players, the captain's name will also be made available who may be substituted if, in the case of force majeure, is unable to attend the tournament. The reserve captain must be authorized by the Organization upon arrival.

III.5.9. The captain is responsible for:

- Being in contact with Umpires
- Communicate the match times, instructions etc to their players
- Monitor punctuality and sportsmanship of their players.
- Enforce and ensure their players comply with everything stipulated in these regulations.

III.5.10. Thirty minutes prior to the start of each qualifying round, the captains must hand in the details of their team in duplicate. The Umpire will submit a copy of the teams to each Captain. Captains will have 15 minutes to present any challenge of the rival teams. If an objection concerning the makeup of the opposing teams is accepted by the umpire or an abnormality is found, the team will be requested to rearrange the team order, without infringing on any actions that the disciplinary Committee may take.

III.5.11 Any challenge must be submitted in writing prior the start of the qualifying round.

III.5.12. Once the relationship of players who make up the team of doubles players has been submitted, no player may be substituted unless through error or challenge, and is requested by the Umpire.

III.5.13. Except in exceptional cases (see II.7.) players may not play more than two games a day even though they may correspond to different Championships and should make sure that there is least two hours between the end of a game and the beginning of the next.

III.5.14. The final phase of the National Team World Championship will have a maximum of 16 men's and 12 women's teams. If the number of teams signed on is higher a qualifying round should be played.

III.5.15. Qualifying round.

In the case of more than 16 men's and 12 women's teams signing on, a qualifying round will be played taking the following into consideration:

Men's competition.

The first 8 teams in the first category will classify automatically (See III.5.18)

The two best teams relegated to the Second Category (See III.5.18) will classify automatically

If the country organizing the World Championship is among the 9 teams appointed they classify automatically, the worst of the two teams going down to the Second Category. Otherwise it will be the organizing country which occupies this place.



The 6 remaining places will be allocated one to each continent, considering America as two continents, South America as one and North and Central America another.

Women's Competition

The first 6 teams in the first category will classify automatically.

If the country organizing the World Championship is not among the first 6 teams in the first category they will be awarded one place.

The 5 remaining places will be allocated one to each continent. If the country organizing the World Championship is among the 6 teams in the first category 6 places will be allocated to the representatives of the other continents, considering America as two, South America as one and North and Central America another.

The teams which do not classify will be grouped directly by Continent and will play for the place which will give them access to the final phase

III.5.16. As it is impossible to predict the number of possible different situations which could occur in the Organization of the qualifying round in each continent, the option will be given to interested countries to establish the procedure to follow. If agreement cannot be reached it will be the FIP who decide. As a general rule it will be the visiting teams who pay their transport costs and the country where the qualifying round is held will be responsible for competitor's board and lodging. In the case of a qualifying round, it must be completed at least 90 days in advance of the start date of the final phase.

III.5.17. If any continent does not have a country to represent it, its place will be awarded to another correspondingly based on the classification in the last World Championship. The FIP will determine the deadline for those federations/national associations of the associate members interested in participating, their intention being that the said date will be approximately one year before the start of the World Championship to which it corresponds.

III.5.18. Final Phase.

The Final Phase of the National Team World Championship will be divided into two categories:

First category.: Eight men's teams and six women's teams.

Second category.: Eight men's teams and six women's teams.

The end of the championship last two teams of First Category will be relegated to Second category and first two teams promoted to the First Category.

Final transition phase. Mexico 2010:

Men's team Competition: 16 have classified (Europe 8, North America and Central America 3 and South America 5) countries which did not classify in the World Championship in Calgary 2008 must gain their place by competing with the last classified in their zone. If the 16 fixed places are not covered, they will be entered directly.

Women's team competition: 12 have classified (Europe 5, North America and Central America 3 and South America 4) countries that did not classify in the World Championship in Calgary 2008 must gain their place by competing with the last classified in their zone. If the 12 fixed places are not covered, they will be entered directly..

Aspiring players from other continents will have to travel in order to qualify, competing with those who have at one time participated in an absolute World Championship. If the places mentioned in the previous two subparagraphs are not covered, they will be entered directly.

First round.

Men's First Category. 8 teams. Divided into 2 groups of 4 teams.

Group A. Seeds: 1, 4, 5 and 8

Group B. Seeds: 2, 3, 6 and 7

Women's First Category. 6 teams. Divided into 2 groups of 3 teams.

Group A. Seeds: 1, 4 y 5



Group B. Seeds: 2, 3 y 6

Men's Second Category. 8 teams. Divided into 2 groups of 4 teams.

Group A. Seeds: 9, 12, 13 and 16

Group B. Seeds 10, 11, 14 and 15

Women's Second Category. 6 teams. Divided into 2 groups of 3 teams.

Group A. Seeds: 7, 10 and 11

Group B. Seeds: 8, 9 and 12

Second round

Men's competition

1^o A – 2^o B; 1^o B – 2^o A

3^o A – 4^o B; 3^o B – 4^o A

Winners against winners, losers against losers

Those classifying in seventh and eighth position in the First Category will be relegated to the Second Category, those classifying in first and second position in the Second Category will be promoted to the First Category

Women's Competition.

1^o A – 2^o B; 1^o B – 2^o A

Winners against winners, losers against losers

3^o A – 3^o B

Those classifying in fifth and sixth position in the First Category will be relegated to the Second Category, those classifying in first and second position in the Second Category will be promoted to the First Category

The choice of the seeds in the men's competition will be determined as follows:

Seeds 1-6. First 6 classified in the first category of the previous World Championships

Seeds 7 and 8. The 2 teams which have been promoted to the first category in the previous World Championship.

Seeds 9 and 10. The 2 teams that went down to second category at the previous World Championships.

Seeds 11-16. The last 6 classified in the previous World Championship second category. If the country organizing the World Championships is not in its own right included in the first 9 seeds it will be allocated a 10th Seed by adjusting the position of those below, if necessary.

The seeds in the women's competition will be determined as follows:

Seeds 1-4. First 4 classified in the first category of previous World Championships.

Seeds 5 and 6. The 2 teams which have been promoted to the first category in the previous World Championship.

Seeds 7 to 12. The 2 teams that went down to Second Category at the previous World Championships plus the last four classified in the second category.

If the country organizing the World Championships is not included in its own right, in the first 6 Seeds it will be allocated a 7th Seed by adjusting the position of those below, if necessary.

If any of the teams who have participated in a World Championship do not register for the following one they will lose their corresponding rights as qualifiers and as a consequence the order of the seeds will be adjusted. This measure will not affect the organizing country's teams which occupy 10th place in the men's competition and 7th place in the women's unless they have the right to occupy a higher position.



Teams that have not competed in the previous World Championship will occupy the last places and their order will be determined by a draw.

III.6. NATIONAL JUNIOR DOUBLES WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP. MASCULINE AND FEMININE.

III.6.1. The Junior national pairs World Championship will be held every other year, coinciding with the odd-numbered years. The World Championship for junior national pairs and the World Championship for junior National teams be held together

III.6.2. Both male and female categories to be played are: Under 14, under 16 and under 18. Unofficially the organizing country can also include categories for under 20, under 12 and under 10, although these categories may be granted they will not have official recognition. In general the players must compete in their corresponding category but will be allowed to do in the next category up. At no time will a player be allowed to compete in two categories in the same junior pair's world Championship.

III.6.3. Players must be made up of couples of the same nationality and who are in possession of a current players license issued by an associate member and recognized by the I.P.F.

III.6.4. Except when the needs of the competition state otherwise all matches will be over the best of three sets. In the case of tie at 6 games (6 games all) a tie-break or sudden death will be held to decide the winner of the set.

III.6.5. Each Federation/ National Association may sign on a maximum of four pairs of players per category, except the organizing country, who will be entitled to sign on a maximum of six pairs per category.

III.6.6. Competitions will be held using the zonal system in the first round and qualifying rounds in the second. Zones be drawn up in the form of an inverted "S" and the number will depend on number of players competing , ensuring that each zone has no more than four pairs of players and no less than three pairs of players. Examples:

With 21 or 22 doubles players:

A	B	C	D	E	F	G
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
14	13	12	11	10	9	8
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
						22

With 6, 7 or 8 doubles players:

A	B
1	2
4	3
5	6
8	7

When the number of doubles is five or less there will be a Round Robin. Everyone plays everyone.

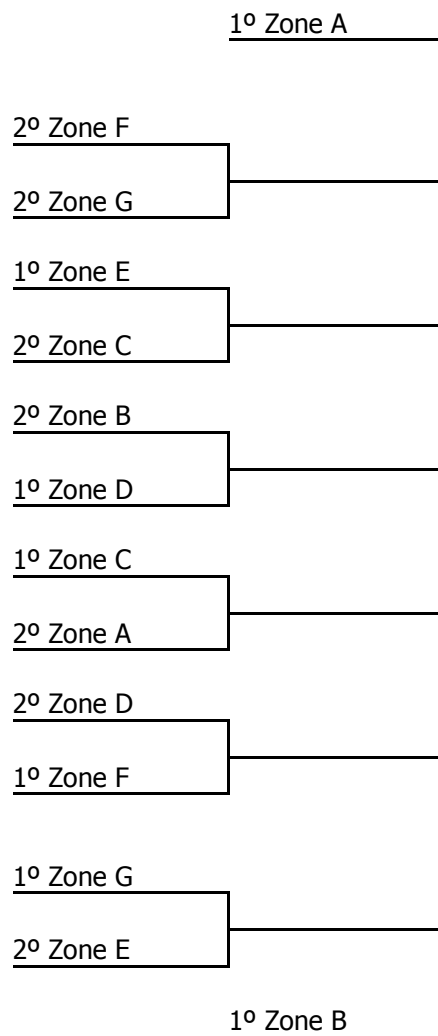


III.6.7. the seeds of each zone will be determined according to the position reached by each country in the last junior national team World Championship. The rest of pairs of players each country signs on will occupy the zone assigned to it according to the draw, taking into account that if any country competes in a category with two or more pairs of players they should try to make sure that players of the same nationality are not integrated in the same zone.

III.6.8. At the 'zone' stage matches won will accumulate 2 points, matches lost 1 point and no shows (W.O.) with 0 points.

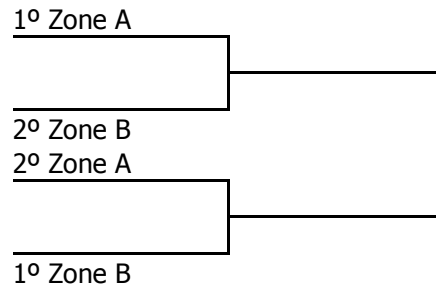
III.6.9 The top two of each zone will go into the second round. Exit from the draw will be as per the following examples:

With 21 or 22 doubles players:





With 7 or 8 doubles players:



III.6.10 When an error is detected in the draw of any of the events before they have started the draw must be repeated. Any challenge or claim concerning the draw must be put in writing and sent to the Umpire before the event. Once any match has been started, no change at all can be made to the draw, even if the complaint is justified

III.6.11. Except in exceptional cases (see II.7.) players may not play more than two matches a day even though they correspond to different Championships and the time between the end of a match and the beginning of the next one should be at least two hours.

III.6.12. It is the duty of the Organizer to assure that the semi-finals and finals are played on time and on the courts they designate, always with the intention of attracting the greatest sports coverage, public and commercial interest.

III.7. NATIONAL JUNIOR DOUBLES TEAM WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP MALE AND FEMALE

III.7.1. The male and female Junior national team World Championship will be held every two years, coinciding with odd-numbered years and together with junior national doubles World Championship.

III.7.2. Each team is made up of a maximum of twelve players, four for each category, under 14 under 16 and under 18. All players must hold the nationality of the country they represent and corresponding age for the category in which they will play. A player will be permitted to sign on to play in an age group higher than the one corresponding to his or her age. However, in such a case the player will have to remain in the same category for the entire team competition. Any player who has not turned 12 years old on the 1st of January of the year competition takes place will not be allowed to sign on or play. If due to injuries or similar circumstances, a team are not able to form the pair in a particular category they will be allowed to promote a player from the category immediately below, on the understanding that that player may not play two matches at the same team event.

III.7.3. Competitions, both male and female, may be played with a round-robin system all teams playing each other or by forming leagues, all of them based on the registered teams. The matches will be played over the best of 3 games: one pair of under 14 players, one pair of under 16 and one pair of under 18.

III.7.4. The three matches may be held simultaneously or consecutively, in the latter, in the following order: Under 14 plays first, under 16 second and under 18 last. If



the matches are played simultaneously another qualifying round may not be started until those matches started have finished or at least are in progress.

III.7.5. Once the qualifying has started if either of the pair of players is not present; the team loses this pairs point.

III.7.6. Unless the needs of the competition state otherwise, all matches will be played over the best of three sets. In case of tie at six games a "tie-break" or "sudden death" will be played to decide the set.

III.7.7. At the time of inscription as well as the names of all the team players, the captains name will also be made available who may be substituted if, in the case of force majeure, is unable to attend the tournament. The reserve captain must be authorised by the Organisation upon arrival

III.7.8. The captain is responsible for:

- Being in contact with Umpire.
- Communicate the match times, instructions etc to their players
- Monitor punctuality and sportsmanship of their players.
- Enforce and ensure their players comply with everything stipulated in these regulations.

III.7.9. Thirty minutes prior to the start of each qualifying round, the captains must hand in the details of their team in duplicate. The Umpire will submit a copy of the teams to each Captain. Captains will have 15 minutes to present any challenge of the rival teams. If an objection concerning the makeup of the opposing teams is accepted by Umpire or an abnormality is found, the team will be requested to rearrange the team order, without infringing on any actions that the disciplinary Committee may take.

III.7.10 Any challenge must be submitted in writing before the start of the round.

III.7.11. The captain may vary the formation of their teams in each round.

III.7.12. Once the relationship of players playing in the qualifying has been submitted no player may be substituted unless due to error or challenge, and is requested to do so by the Umpire

III.7.13. Except in exceptional cases (see II.7.) players may not play more than two games a day even though they may correspond to different Championships and should make sure that there is least two hours between the end of a game and the beginning of the next.

III.7.14. In order to take part in the team competition it is imperative to present a full team. If you cannot make up a complete team you will be able to take part in the doubles competition. In this case however, the expenses during the stay will be borne by the sending country.

III.8 CHAMPIONSHIPS CONTINENTAL -

Specific regulations corresponding to Continental Championships will be prepared once the continental federations have been created. Until then will be governed by the regulations that the competitors in each event have decided to apply.



III.9. TOURNAMENTS

III.9.1. - Tournaments are those included in the official I.P.F. calendar of competitions and who will determine whether they are rated or not for I.P.F. rankings. In the case that they are, the number of points granted will be set based on the financial resources in prize money and the level of players competing. (Chapter IV). Apart from the exceptions referred to in III.9.4. tournaments will be governed by the technical regulations of the country where the tournaments are held, provided that the minimum requirements listed below are respected:

- Prize money 4,000 US\$, men's competitions and 2,000 US\$ for women's.
- Main draw. Minimum 16 male doubles pairs up to a maximum of 32 pairs. Minimum 12 women's doubles pairs, up to a maximum 16.
- Duration. No more than two matches may be played a day.
- Arbitration. There must be an Umpire recognized by the Federation of a Member country.
- Regulation. I.P.F. regulations in force will apply.

III.9.2 All member countries may request the official tournament calendar from the I.P.F. provided that the minimum requirements are met.

III.9.3. - If an associate member would like to include a second or more tournaments in the official calendar, these tournaments should have a minimum economic resources for first prize money of a minimum: US\$ 8,000 for men and US\$ 4,000 for women.

III.9.4. – Tournaments will have two different categories:

Category A. Those who have minimum financial resources in prize money of 8,000 US\$ in the men's category or 4,000 US\$ in women's category. For the preparation of the draw in these tournaments, is it obligatory to use the I.P.F. ranking. Although in certain situations a complementary ranking of the country where the tournament is held (see III.3.7.) may be used. Nevertheless, in cases where the ranking of the country holding the tournament has 20 of the 30 best players among the top 30 F.I.P. ranked male or 15 of the best 20 players among the 20 top ranking F.I.P. female, the Member country ranking will be applied.

Category B. For those that have less than the above mentioned financial resources the designation of the seeds is governed by the local ranking but the players as per the first category according to FIP ranking will be entitled to enter main draw directly.

III.9.5. - Minimum participation.

If in a tournament of 16 doubles men's players or 12 doubles women players in the main draw have a W.O (walk over) in the first round, the results will not be taken into account in the FIP



ranking, unless the total number of players who have competed between the qualifying round and first round of men's main table exceeds 32 and 24 in the women's.

CHAPTER IV. REGULATIONS FOR THE I.P.F. CLASSIFICATION

IV.1. GENERAL PRINCIPLES

IV.1.1 Rank: Is to place the names of each player in their corresponding order, based on the results obtained in the 12 months prior to publication of the classification.

IV.1.2. The World doubles Absolute Championships and the Tournaments included the I.P.F. official calendar will have an international rated ranking.

IV.1.3. The I.P.F. International ranking will have three categories: first, second and third.

- First: Players ranked from 1 to 30 from 1 to 20
- Second: Players ranked from 31 to 100 and players ranked from 21 to 50.
- Third: Players ranked lower than 101 and players ranked lower than 51.

IV.1.4. Ranking will be done monthly, and will be reflected in the official I.P.F. website.

IV.1.5. International ranking will be established using an "average" System. A maximum of 80% of the tournaments included in the official I.P.F. calendar for the 365 days beforehand will be taken into account.

For players who play more than 80% of the competitions their worst results will be eliminated, as many as necessary to get to the stipulated 80%. Those who play the exact number or less than 80% will rank by the number of tournaments they have played.

IV.2. POINTS SYSTEM

IV.2.1. the points awarded to each model will be based on the evaluation of each competition, on the basis of two cumulative criteria:

- a) Competitors level = 1 a 20 stars.
- b) Economic resources = 1 a 10 stars.



IV.2.2. The level of competitors is set depending on the category of best classified in the ranking of the eight doubles pairs, provided that there has not been a W.O. declared. To this end, each player will be assessed according to the following table

<i>Ranking</i>			
nº 1	1.000 points	nº 16 al 20	500 "
nº 2	950 "	nº 21 al 25	450 "
nº 3	900 "	nº 26 al 30	400 "
nº 4	850 "	nº 31 al 40	325 "
nº 5	800 "	nº 41 al 50	275 "
nº 6	775 "	nº 51 al 60	250 "
nº 7	750 "	nº 61 al 70	225 "
nº 8	725 "	nº 71 al 80	200 "
nº 9	700 "	nº 81 al 90	175 "
nº 10	675 "	nº 91 al 100	150 "
nº 11	650 "	nº 101 al 150	100 "
nº 12	625 "	nº 151 al 200	75 "
nº 13	600 "	nº 201 al 300	50 "
nº 14	575 "	nº 301 al 400	40 "
nº 15	550 "	nº 401 al 500	30 "

Based on this score and the addition of the points of the 16 components of these best 8 doubles players the number of stars that will determine the category of each competition will be given and the corresponding ranking applied to the main draw sheet. The relationship between the sum of points and the stars is as follows:

Addition points / players	Final phase stars
From 100 points	1 star
From 500 "	2 stars
From 1.000 "	3 "
From 1.600 "	4 "
From 2.600 "	5 "
From 3.600 "	6 "
From 4.600 "	7 "
From 5.600 "	8 "
From 6.400 "	9 "
From 7.200 "	10 "
From 8.000 "	11 "
From 8.600 "	12 "
From 9.200 "	13 "
From 9.800 "	14 "
From 10.300 "	15 "
From 10.800 "	16 "
From 11.200 "	17 "
From 11.600 "	18 "
From 12.200 "	19 "
From 12.800 "	20 "



IV.2.3. Should any of eight doubles players in a competition with a star value lose because of a W.O. in their first game, it will not be considered for the assessment of the tournament in question, taking then the scores of the following better classified pair of players even though they will not appear as seeded players

IV.2.4. To establish the competition stars according to the financial resources, the amount in cash prizes will be taken into account. Players justifiable economic compensation (cost of travel, accommodation and meals) will go to increase the provision of prize money, and may not under any circumstances exceed 40% of the cash prize budget. The I.P.F. reserves the right to annually review the correspondence in the following table:

Men's Competitions:

From 4.000	US \$	1 star
From 6.000	US \$	2 stars
From 8.000	US \$	3 stars
From 10.000	US\$	4 stars
From 12.000	US\$	5 stars
From 14.000	US\$	6 stars
From 16.000	US\$	7 stars
From 18.000	US\$	8 stars
From 20.000	US\$	9 stars
From 24.000	US\$	10 stars

Women's Competitions:

From 2.000	US\$	1 star
From 3.000	US\$	2 stars
From 4.000	US\$	3 stars
From 5.000	US\$	4 stars
From 6.000	US\$	5 stars
From 7.000	US\$	6 stars
From 8.000	US\$	7 stars
From 9.000	US\$	8 stars
From 10.000	US\$	9 stars
From 12.000	US\$	10 stars

So that a competition can opt for stars as cash prizes they should distribute these awards, according to I.P.F. regulation



IV.2.5. The points given to players based on the number of rounds that they have completed, is as follows:

Star	Champions	Finalists	Semi finalists	1/4	1/8	1/16	1/32
1	30	28	22	16	13	12	11
2	40	36	29	22	18	16	14
3	50	44	36	28	23	20	17
4	60	52	43	34	28	24	21
5	70	60	50	40	33	28	24
6	80	68	57	46	38	32	27
7	90	76	64	52	43	36	30
8	100	84	71	58	48	40	33
9	110	92	78	64	53	44	36
10	120	100	85	70	58	48	39
11	140	117	100	82	68	56	46
12	160	134	114	94	78	64	53
13	180	151	129	106	88	72	60
14	200	168	143	118	98	80	67
15	220	185	158	130	108	88	74
16	260	219	187	154	128	104	88
17	300	253	216	178	148	120	101
18	340	287	245	202	168	136	115
19	420	354	302	249	207	168	142
20	500	422	360	297	247	200	169
21	600	507	432	357	300	243	205
22	700	591	504	416	350	283	239
23	800	676	576	476	400	324	274
24	900	760	648	535	450	364	308
25	1.000	845	720	595	500	405	343
26	1.120	946	806	666	560	454	385
27	1.240	1.047	892	737	620	503	426
28	1.360	1.148	978	808	680	552	468
29	1.480	1.249	1.064	879	740	601	509
30	1.600	1.350	1.150	950	800	650	550

The semifinalists of the previous rounds or classification and the "lucky losers" who have qualified to compete in the main draw, will be assigned the highest scores relevant in each of the boxes.

IV.2.6. So that a main box applies the total points according to the corresponding number of stars appropriate it will be necessary for a minimum of 16 men`s doubles and 12 women`s doubles to play.

IV.2.7. The doubles Absolute World Championship, will carry a maximum of a 30 star rating regardless of the level of players or whether there are cash prizes or not.



IV.2.8. The number of stars corresponding to the preliminary or qualifying rounds will be in relation to the number of stars of the first level, according to the following scales:

(a) Main draw sheet 24/28/32 or more couples.

** Main.	30	29	28	27	26	25	24	23	22	21	20	19	18	17	16	15	14	13	12	11	10
** Quali	22	22	21	21	20	19	19	18	17	16	15	14	12	11	10	8	7	6	5	4	3

0 stars
subtracted

b) Main draw sheet 12, 16 or more couples.

** Princ.	30	29	28	27	26	25	24	23	22	21	20	19	18	17	16	15	14	13	12	11	10
** Qualif	24	23	22	22	21	20	20	19	18	17	16	15	13	12	11	10	9	8	7	6	5

0 stars
subtracted

IV.2.9. The Board of Directors has jurisdiction to interpret the Present Technical Regulations. If within this interpretation the existence of unregulated issues arises, necessary actions must be started to amend these Regulations.

CHAPTER V. FINAL REGULATION

The present Technical Regulations shall come into force the day following their approval by the Board of Directors of the F.I.P.