

## 1. GENERAL INFORMATION

- 1.1. The 'Belgian Padel Tour' is a competition for the highest-level players affiliated to Tennis Vlaanderen or AFPadel.
- 1.2. In 2020 the Belgian Padel Tour includes tournaments in Flanders and Wallonia. The calendar will be published at the beginning of the year.
- 1.3. Players earn ranking points in each tournament. The ranking points contribute to the Belgian Padel Tour ranking.

## 2. TOURNAMENT ORGANISATION

- 2.1. Each tournament must organize a MEN and a WOMEN category.
- 2.2. A tournament must have 32 team spots for men and 16 for women.
- 2.3. The schedule of play must be communicated when registrations open.
- 2.4. There must be at least 16 teams registered for men and/ or 6 teams for women. Otherwise the tournament (men or women) will be canceled.
- 2.5. All matches of the round robin phase are played without referee. During the round robin phase the organizing club is responsible for the tournament organization and to enter all scores into the system. For the final draw (day of the men's and women's final) there is a referee available to supervise all courts and to enter all scores into the system. The men's and women's final are played with a referee.
- 2.6. All tournaments start on Monday and finish on Sunday of the same week.
- 2.7. Tournament are composed of a round robin phase (4 teams/group) followed by a final draw with direct elimination. The best 2 teams of each group proceed to the final draw.
- 2.8. The round robin phases are played during the week on evenings (start at 7pm or 7.30pm) and on Saturday. The final draw is played on Saturday or Sunday. The organizing club can choose to organize all final draw matches on 1 day with at least 1h breaks between matches, or to spread the final draw matches over 2 days (Saturday/Sunday). The final draw format and schedule of play must be included in the tournament regulations.
- 2.9. The organizing clubs must have at least 4 courts (of which at least 2 covered).
- 2.10. Out-of-court play is only permitted if there is an official out-of-court play safety area\* on all courts on which a certain round of the draw is played. For each round (e.g., round robin, 1/8 final, 1/4 final, ...), all matches are played with the same out-of-court play rules. Only if all courts on which a certain round is played have out-of-court play safety areas, out-of-court play will be allowed.  
  
\*The official out-of-court play safety area is defined based on the FIP regulations: 2m wide, 8m long, 3m high and the access must be protected in its three sides (later, upper, net post) with a product to cushion against player contact.
- 2.11. Padel Belgium provides new balls for each match to the club.
- 2.12. The organizing clubs are responsible for payout of the prizemoney according to the prizemoney table.

Prizemoney per player	Winner	Runner-up	1/2 finalist	1/4 finalist	TOTAL
6-7 teams	80	50	15	N/A	220
8-12 teams	120	70	30	15	620
13-16 teams	160	100	50	20	880
16-24 teams	180	110	50	30	1020
25-32 teams	220	140	70	40	1320

### 3. TOURNAMENT ENTRIES

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- 3.1. Players need to register online through the system that is used by the organizing club/federation.
- 3.2. The minimum age for players to participate is 13 years.
- 3.3. Tournament registrations cost 20 Euro per player.
- 3.4. Only players with level minimum P750 (male) and P250 (female) are allowed.
- 3.5. Tournament registrations open 6 weeks before the start of the tournament and close on Monday night 23.45 the week before the tournament. If the group phase starts later than Thursday for men or women, the tournament registrations for that category can stay open until Thursday 23.45 the week before the tournament.
- 3.6. All players need to indicate their availability in the tournament registration. Players can only indicate one group moment of non-availability. There is no guarantee that the draw can take the availability into account. Players must be available on their planned round robin phase. Non availability is equal to Forfait (= Walk Over non excusé) if the matches are planned on days with indicated availability.
- 3.7. All players need to be available all Saturday or Sunday for the final round. If not available, players may not enter the tournament. Absence due to availability in the final round results in a Forfait.
- 3.8. If the maximum of registrations is reached, the organization will reject registrations based on the lowest Belgian Padel Tour\* teamranking.  
  
\*For the first tournament the ranking position of the AFP and Padel Tour ranking Tennis Vlaanderen will be taken into account. If a player has a ranking in both, AFP and TV, the highest ranking is taken into account.  
\*If a player without Belgian Padel Tour Ranking wants to enter tournament 2/3/4/5 Padel Belgium can keep 4 teams to offer a wild-card.
- 3.9. A Belgian Padel Tour counts as an official tournament for the maximum restriction in the regional federation. Players are responsible to check this for themselves. If the organization is notified of an offense of this rule, the players will receive Forfait (= Walk Over non excusé) in all tournaments of this week.

### 4. TOURNAMENT FORMAT

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- 4.1. In the group phase matches are played to 2 winning sets first to 6, with 3<sup>rd</sup> set super tie-break
- 4.2. The scoring format of the final draw is determined by the referee in consultation with Padel Belgium. The following formats are advised:
  - 4.2.1. Final draw played with max. 2 matches/rounds per day:  
All matches are played to 2 winning sets first to 6, with a normal 3<sup>rd</sup> set to 6 (tie-break at 6/6).
  - 4.2.2. Final draw with 3 matches/rounds per day:  
All matches in ¼ finals are played in the same format as the groups. The ½ finals and final is played to 2 winning sets first to 6, with a normal 3<sup>rd</sup> set to 6 (tie-break at 6/6).
  - 4.2.3. Final draw with 4 matches/rounds per day:  
All matches in 1/8, ¼ and ½ final are played in the same format as the groups. The final is played to 2 winning sets first to 6, with a normal 3<sup>rd</sup> set to 6 (tie-break at 6/6).

### 5. COMPOSITION OF THE GROUPS AND FINAL DRAW

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- 5.1. The supervisor representing Padel Belgium will make the groups draw in connection with the club tournament director.
- 5.2. The registered teams are divided onto groups of 4 or 3 teams.
- 5.3. The teams with the best sum of Belgian Padel Tour ranking points (according to 6.4) are the seeds of each group. Example for 16 teams (4 groups of 4): The 4 teams with the highest sum of ranking points\* (BPT ranking points player 1 + BPT ranking points player 2) will be respectively seeds of the 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> groups. The other teams are placed by draw. If there is an ex aequo of the sum of ranking points, toss will decide.  
\* For the first tournament the ranking position of the AFP and Padel Tour ranking Tennis Vlaanderen will be taken into account. If a player has a ranking in both, AFP and TV, the highest ranking is taken into account

5.4. The ranking of the groups is determined as follows:

- ✓ Match winners receive 2 points, match losers receive 0 points
- ✓ In case of ex aequo the final group ranking is determined based on:
  - Ex aequo between 2 teams  
Match between those 2 teams is decisive
  - Ex aequo between 3 teams  
Only the match scores between those 3 teams are taken into account to define the ranking. The 3 teams are ranked based on the best saldo win-loss of the sets. If this saldo is equal, the best saldo of win-loss games is taken into account. If an ex aequo remains, the number of lost games is considered. If there is no distinction between the 3 teams, the lot decides. If at one point, an ex aequo between 2 teams remains, the rules for “ex aequo between 2 teams” is applied.

5.5. The best 2 teams of each group qualify for the final draw

5.6. The supervisor representing Padel Belgium makes the final draw with the club tournament director.

5.7. The number of seeds is determined by the number of participants in the final draw. There is one seed for every 4 teams in the final draw. The seeds are the group winners with the best teamrankings. The other pairs will be placed by draw taking into account that a group winner always plays against a nr 2 team, or has a bye in the first round.

5.8. After the draw is published, the following must be applied:

- ✓ A team (both players) that is not available on the planned round robin moment can:
  - Unregister from the tournament (on the premise that the team is in a group of 4 teams)
  - Be replaced\* by a reserve team
  - If the team is in a group of 3, and there is no replacement, this will result in a Forfait (non excusé) or a Walk-Over (excusé) depending on the reason
- ✓ A team in which only 1 player is available can:
  - Replace\* 1 player

\* The replacement cannot disturb the seeds of each group

- ✓ The following is not allowed
  - 2 teams may not split up and form new teams
  - Teams cannot be switched between groups
  - A team can not be moved from a group of 4 to a group of 3
  - No changes can be made that disturb the seeds of each group

## 6. BELGIAN PADEL TOUR RANKING

6.1. After the first tournament a Belgian Padel Tour ranking for men and for women will be published.

6.2. After each tournament, the rankings will be updated and published.

6.3. Ranking points will be awarded for the Belgian Padel Tour Ranking according to the stage reached in the competition. These points are independent of the AFP and Tennis Vlaanderen rankings.

BELGIAN PADEL TOUR RANKING	MEN	WOMEN ≥8 teams	WOMEN 6-7 teams
Winner	2000	2000	2000
Runner-up	1600	1600	1600
½ final	1200	1200	800
¼ final	800	800	N/A
1/8 final	400	N/A	N/A
Knock-out round robin	100	100	100

- 6.4. COVID 19 adjustment: Due to the limited number of tournaments in 2020 (4 instead of 6), the Belgian Padel Tour Ranking will be determined as follows. The ranking is composed of the “*weighted average*” of the rankings points of the 2 best tournament results. In case 2 or more tournaments are played, the average of the best 2 ranking points will be taken to determine the ranking. In case only 1 tournament was played, the weighted average is determined by the earned ranking points divided by 1,35.
- 6.5. In case of ex aequo in the ranking, the following criteria are used in the following order (if 1 criterion is decisive, the next criteria are not taken into account)
- 6.5.1. #Win - #loss matches
  - 6.5.2. #Win - #loss sets
  - 6.5.3. #Win - #loss games
- 6.6. Players who participate in more than 4 series (these 4 series can be in maximum 2 tournaments) in the same week (date of the final determines the week number) will not receive any ranking points for this week.
- 6.7. When a team Forfaits during the groups or final draw, those players do not receive ranking points for the Belgian Padel Tour. When a team gives a Walk Over (legitimized/excusé) ranking points are given.

## 7. VARIA

- 7.1. Ranking points of the Flemish tournaments will be added to the “Padel Tour Ranking” and the “Race to Masters ranking”. Ranking points of the Wallonian tournaments points will be added to the AFP padel ranking.

AFP/ Tennis Vlaanderen ranking	HEREN (16-32)	DAMES (6-16)
Winner	1500	750
Runner-up	1350	600
½ final	1200	450
¼ final	1050	300
1/8 final	900	N/A
Knock-out round robin	400	150