

## **PADEL TOURNAMENT REQUIREMENTS**

### **DURATION:**

- 2 Days
- Main draw Saturday and Sunday
- Organizing Club can also host a player party Friday night (optional)

### **TOURNAMENT CATEGORIES**

- Open Women: Open to Women of all levels.
- B Women: Intermediate Women
- C Women: Beginner Women
- Open Men: Open to Men of all levels.
- B Men: Intermediate Men
- C Men: Beginner Men
- A maximum of 2 categories can be entered per person

### **ORGANISING CLUB REQUIRED SERVICES:**

### **PRIZE MONEY:**

- Total (\$1000) to be distributed amongst the event categories by the APT in agreement with the host Club.

### **TROPHY'S:**

- For winners of each category except consolation draw (trophy is optional). The trophies should be engraved / printed in the following format (this is the example of a co-hosted event in Perth in 2022. Each of the 5 lines equally spaced apart.

2022 AUSTRALIAN PADEL TOUR

PERTH CUP

Hosted by Padel West & Padel Perth

WOMENS WINNER – OPEN A

### **BALLS:**

- New cans of 3 balls opened for each round of the Open Categories, and 3rd set in the final of the Open categories (Men & Women).
- New cans at the commencement of category B, C and semi and finals of Category B & C. No new balls required for Consolation Draw.

**COURT TIME FOR VISITING PLAYERS:**

- The Organizing Club must make available (block at least 2 courts), for 3 hours, on the Friday afternoon/early evening before the event for visiting players to try the courts.

**CONSOLATION DRAW:**

- The Organizing Club must run a background Consolation Draw on the 2nd day, whereby the first-round losers (Men & Women), can enter into this category. This ensures all Players have at least 2 matches available.

**PLAYER SUBSTITUTIONS:**

- After the registrations are closed, but up to the start of play, a player may find an alternate partner so long as the new player has a ranking equal or lower than the player substituted.

**REGISTRATIONS:**

- The organising Club will open registrations via a registrations link (which Aus Padel will promote on its social media platforms), no later than 3 weeks out from the event start date (we recommend 4 weeks+).
- Registrations will close off the Tuesday at midnight prior to the Tournament starting date.
- Players may register as a single entry, and the club will make best endeavours to find another player up until the Tuesday midnight registrations deadline, then will refund the single player's entry fee if no partner is found.
- A team playing in the "B" category can only have 1 player maximum within the top 50 as listed in the updated "Australian Padel Rankings" which is updated after each previous tournament.

**DRAWS:**

- The minimum event draw for each category is 8 teams (quarter finals). The Draw will be published to the registered players (via a what's app group for continual communications and player questions), no later than Thursday at 5pm prior to the Tournament starting.

**TOURNAMENT CONTACT & REFEREE:**

- The Organizing Club must provide the tournament 1 contact name that is advertised by both the club and the federation as the 'tournament contact/director' minimum 4 weeks prior to the event.

- The Organizing Club must provide 1 person as the Tournament Referee to resolve on court disputes during the event. Whilst this isn't always recommended, in the case that the tournament referee is playing in the tournament then an "alternate referee" is required to be provided as the "stand in" tournament referee whilst the original tournament referee is on court for that match. Please note that the tournament referee can be the same person as the tournament contact.
- In all cases the Referee's decision is final and across all areas including discretionary seeding and scheduling decisions, conduct disqualifications, and any other issues or conflicts that may occur throughout the organisation of the event.

#### **MEDICAL & INJURIES:**

- The organising club must carry a medical first aid kit. Any player injured may a) firstly take a 2 min break for a medical assessment, then b) a 5 mins medical time out (if deemed necessary). If no medical staff are onsite –these assessments/timeouts may be self-assessed by the multiple.

#### **MULTIPLE CATEGORY PLAY:**

- Players may play in 2 categories (e.g., Men's Open A and B) provided that 2 seeded players don't play together. E.g.: if a player is seeded in Cat Open A, then he/she cannot play with another seeded player in Cat B.

#### **SCORING / RULES:**

- All matches except the Open Category Semi Finals & Finals will be best of 3 sets with the 3rd set a super tiebreaker (first to 10 points). From the Open Category semi-finals onwards, best of 3 tie break sets. Short deuce (golden point) for all matches except the Semi Finals & Finals of the Open Category, where it will be long deuce.
- Players must receive a minimum of 30 minutes rest between matches, except in between semis and finals, where they will receive a 1-hour break.

#### **RANKING POINTS:**

- Players receive the greater of ENTRY POINTS and SUCCESS POINTS towards their Aus Ranking (and they only receive entry points for 1 category if they enter 2 categories).
- Entry points: Open Men's/Women's: 3 points, B Men's/Women's: 2 Points, C Men's/Women's: 1 Point.
- Success Points: Players receive ranking points as per the ranking table (depending on their results).

#### **ROLLING RANKINGS POINTS:**

- Players will defend ranking points at events that occur annually, in the same format as other major Padel & Tennis tournaments.

**CODE OF CONDUCT:**

- All code of conduct decisions will be made by the referee (who's decision is final), using the code of conduct guidelines typically used at major Padel tournaments.

**PLAYER DATABASE:**

- The organising Club must provide a full list of each player first and last name, city, mobile phone number & email (in excel) to the Australian Padel Tour Manager (matt@padel.org.au) within 3 days of the tournament completion (for each category).

**PLAYER/EVENT RESULTS:**

- The organising club will submit the official results within 3 days after the conclusion of the event, i.e.: by Wednesday the following week. Within 14 days after the closing of the previous APT tournament (and the results submitted), the rankings will be updated on the Aus Padel WWW site. The official rankings WWW site is: [www.padelaus.com.au](http://www.padelaus.com.au)

**TOURNAMENT SOFTWARE:**

- The organising Club can use the software of its choice, but must be able to create the draw, place seeds (via a random generator), and distribute results at the conclusion of the event. Tournament Planner is recommended as a software choice.

**REFUNDS:**

- If the organising Club cancels the event for any reason, then they must pay back the full entry fee to each player.
- In the case of the tournament being rained out; If the tournament progresses past the first round of matches in any event, then the entry fees will not be refundable.

**ACCOMODATION:**

- Organising Clubs hosting APT Tournaments must recommend at least 1 of the nearest and most economically reasonable hotels to registered players.

**EVENT ADVERTISING:**

- The Organizing Club must clearly display the Australian Padel Tour Calendar at the event as well as actively promote the next event in the Australian Padel Tour.

**TOURNAMENT CONTACT:**

- The Organizing Club must provide the tournament 1 contact name that is advertised by both the club and the federation as the 'tournament contact/director' min 3 weeks prior to the event.

**SNACKS:**

- Snacks must be provided at the club for players (on both days of the event). Other items such as Water, Food and Energy Drinks must be available for purchase.

**OFFICIAL PRESENTATION:**

- An official presentation to the winners and runner ups of the tournament must take place at the conclusion of the tournament and photographed for upload on social media. Media/Photos throughout the event should also tag [@padelaus](https://www.instagram.com/padelaus)

**OPTIONAL ORGANAISING CLUB EXTRA SERVICES:**

- Partner Hotel Discounts
- Friday night player party
- Welcome packs
- Live streaming matches