

PADEL TOURNAMENT REQUIREMENTS

DURATION:

- 2-3 Days
- Main draw Saturday and Sunday
- Organising Club can also host a player function Friday night (optional)

TOURNAMENT CATEGORIES

- Men's Open Doubles (Available to all players)
- Men's B Doubles (Available to only males ranked beyond #40 in the Aus Padel Rankings)
- Men's C Doubles (Available to males only ranked beyond #80 in the Aus Padel Rankings)
- Women's Open Doubles (Available to all players)
- Women's B Doubles (Available to only females ranked beyond #20 in the Aus Padel Rankings)

ORGANISING CLUB REQUIRED SERVICES

PRIZE MONEY:

AUSTRALIAN NATIONAL SERIES - OPEN

- Total (\$3,000) to be distributed amongst the event categories by the APT in agreement with the host club.

AUSTRALIAN MASTERS SERIES

- Total (\$1,000) to be distributed amongst the event categories by the APT in agreement with the host club.

Where it is not possible to complete the final, affected players will receive an equal distribution of the advertised winner and finalist prize money.

If events are abandoned before the final, but having reached the prize money distribution stage, any players that are still in contention to win the event should receive an equal distribution of the prize money being offered. For example – If the event is abandoned at the semi-finals stage, the tournament should total up the prize money on offer (winner, finalist, semi-finals) and distribute this equally to the four remaining players.

If events are abandoned before reaching the prize money stage, players that are still in contention to win the event should receive a full refund of their entry fee,

NOTES:

1. A player needs to win a match to be entitled to prize money.
2. Players who have not won through to a prize money round but have completed a match are not entitled to any prize money.
3. Players who have not completed their first match at the time of the abandonment will be entitled to a full entry fee refund.
4. A "bye" does not count as a win but a retirement/walkover or default after the start of the match does.
5. Players who do not complete a match are entitled to a full refund of entry fee.

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TROPHY'S:

- For winners of each category except consolation draw (trophy is optional). The trophies should be engraved / printed in the following format:

2024 AUSTRALIAN PADEL TOUR

Gold Coast Cup

Hosted by Padel Gold Coast

WOMENS WINNER – OPEN

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 organising 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 organising club must run a background Consolation Draw, whereby the first-round losers (Men & Women), can enter into this category by “sign up only” This ensures all Players have at least 2 matches available.

PLAYER SUBSTITUTIONS:

If a player intends on substituting their partner with another player, they must notify Padel Australia and the venue manager (email, telephone, in person) before the substitute player can play.

- The substitution can only be made before the start of that pairs first match.
- A walkover in the pairs first match constitutes a match played whereas a ‘bye’ does not.
- If the substitution occurs 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.
- Every effort should be made to find a replacement partner when one member of pair cannot compete.
- The substitute player must not be already confirmed into the draw unless that player was originally combined with another player who also withdrew.
- If the team was originally not seeded, then any newly created team should have a combined ranking that is not higher than the next highest seeded team. The exception is when the original team was seeded #1 or #2 in which case the combined ranking of the newly created team is of no consequence.
- Any such substitutions must be approved by the Tournament Director. Any substitution will then be altered on the draw following this approval and re-published as soon as possible.
- If a partner withdraws within 30 minutes of the first match of the team, or one partner is a “no show”, the remaining partner will have 30 minutes (either from the time the withdrawal is notified to the tournament, or from the time the “no show” is declared) to find a new partner, providing the aforementioned provisions are satisfied.
- If another suitable partner cannot be found, a walkover shall be awarded.

REGISTRATIONS:

- The organising Club will open registrations via a registrations link (which Padel Aus 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 endeavors’ to find another player up until the draw is published, then will refund the single player’s entry fee if no partner is found.
- A team playing in the “B” category neither player can be ranked within the top 40 as listed in the updated “Australian Padel Rankings” which is updated after each previous tournament.

SEEDINGS

Seedings are done based on the rankings that are available online at the corresponding time. Rankings get updated periodically as part of a rolling ranking system and annual tournament calendar.

The number of seeds shall be as follows:

8 pairs or less: 2 seeds
9 to 16 pairs: 4 seeds
17 to 32 pairs: 8 seeds

The number of seeds required for a draw is different if undertaking a round robin draw. Two (2) seeds are required for each round robin group.

QUALIFYING

The number of seeds shall be as follows:

- 4 pairs > 2 qualifiers: 4 seeds
- 8 pairs > 2 qualifiers: 4 seeds
- 8 pairs > 4 qualifiers: 8 seeds
- 16 pairs > 4 qualifiers: 8 seeds
- 16 pairs > 8 qualifiers: 16 seeds
- 32 pairs > 4 qualifiers: 8 seeds
- 32 pairs > 8 qualifiers: 16 seeds

SELECTION OF SEEDS

If, in the opinion of Padel Australia or the Tournament Director a team is worthy of being seeded, the team's seeding shall be based on the following criteria:

- A team comprising of a player(s) recovering from illness/injury, currently with a low ranking.
- A team comprising of 'known performer(s)' either internationally or nationally who either PA or the Tournament Director deems necessary for seeding in comparison to other competitors.

The decisions of PA/Tournament Director on seeding will be final and binding on all parties (including all relevant players) and no one will have the right to appeal against or otherwise challenge such decisions.

DRAWS:

- The minimum event draw for each category is 8 teams (quarter finals). A round robin format may be introduced if the minimum of 8 teams isn't reached.

The Draw will be published to the registered players, no later than Thursday at 5pm prior to the Tournament starting.

TOURNAMENT CONTACT & REFEREE:

- The Organising Club must provide the tournament 1 contact name that is advertised by both the club and the federation as the 'tournament contact/director'.

- The Organising 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 players.

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. Second deuce (golden point) for all matches.
- 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 unless otherwise agreed to by the players.

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. In other words, players points last 12 months.

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 (info@padel.com.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 at 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. The organising club will have the opportunity to reschedule the tournament after liaising with the federation.
- 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.

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- 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' .

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 [@Auspadel](#).

OPTIONAL ORGANISING CLUB EXTRA SERVICES:

- Partner hotel discounts
- Friday night player party
- Welcome packs
- Live streaming matches