



# APT Finals

## QUALIFICATION CRITERIA & TOURNAMENT REGULATIONS

Official qualification framework and competition regulations for the Australian Padel Tour Finals.

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The Australian Padel Tour Finals fall under the Padel Australia Tournament Regulations and are governed accordingly.

### 1. THE COMPETITION

The Australian Padel Tour (APT) Finals comprise the year-end championship event, bringing together qualified pairs from the APT National and APT Masters series.

The Australian Padel Tour Finals form part of the official Australian Padel Tour and are conducted in accordance with the Padel Australia Tournament Regulations.

#### 1.1 PURPOSE AND APPLICABILITY

Padel Australia issues the Padel Tournament Regulations to provide fairness and consistent regulations in tournament categories endorsed by Padel Australia forming part of the annual calendar.

Any ambiguity or uncertainty in connection with these regulations shall be resolved by Padel Australia acting reasonably. Padel Australia reserves the right to interpret these regulations, when necessary, to resolve particular or unusual circumstances. It may also determine the most appropriate procedures to be utilised in special or unusual situations.

In the event that these regulations do not cover a rule or procedural matter at a Padel Australia Tournament, Referees and Tournament Directors shall refer to the International Padel Federation (FIP) documentation, available via:

<https://www.padelfip.com/documentation/>

Effective from May 2026, these regulations may undergo revision, with updates published online in accordance with the applicable version control procedures.

All persons participating in any capacity (including players, officials, staff, coaches, representatives, agents, medical staff, relatives and associates of a player, a player's entourage and spectators) must abstain from negative or disparaging comments about players, organisers or officials, including to media representatives or through social media. Breaches will be addressed under the applicable Code of Behaviour.

### 2. DRAW SIZES

#### Open Divisions

- Open Men: 16 Pairs
- Open Women: 16 Pairs

#### Masters Divisions

- Masters 35+ Men: 8 Pairs
- Masters 35+ Women: 8 Pairs
- Masters 45+ Men: 8 Pairs
- Masters 45+ Women: 8 Pairs

- Masters 55+ Men: 8 Pairs
- Masters 55+ Women: 8 Pairs

### **Competition Format**

All divisions will be conducted using a Round Robin format followed by knockout Finals.

### **Open Divisions (16 Pairs)**

- Four (4) Round Robin groups of four (4) pairs
- The top placed pair from each group will qualify for the Semi Finals
- Semi Final winners will progress to the Final

### **Masters Divisions (8 Pairs)**

- Two (2) Round Robin groups of four (4) pairs
- The top two pairs from each group will qualify for the Semi Finals
- Semi Final winners will progress to the Final

Final standings within Round Robin groups shall be determined in accordance with the Padel Australia Tournament Regulations.

## **3. QUALIFICATION CUT-OFF DATE**

The official qualification cut-off date will be determined and published by Padel Australia prior to the event. Only ranking points earned and officially published by the qualification cut-off date shall be considered for qualification, seeding and acceptance purposes.

## **4. AUTOMATIC QUALIFICATION**

- Winning pairs of each APT National 1000 event will receive automatic qualification into the Open division draw.
- Winning pairs of each APT Masters 1000 event will receive automatic qualification into the respective Masters division draw.

If a pair that has earned automatic qualification does not accept their position as a pair, or elects to compete with a different partner, that automatic qualification position will be reallocated to the next highest-ranked eligible pair based on the official ranking cut-off date.

## **5. REMAINING POSITIONS**

All remaining positions will be allocated based on the combined APT National and APT Masters ranking points of the entered pair, calculated at the official qualification cut-off date.

To calculate team points, the respective ranking points of both players will be added together.

If either player does not hold current ranking points, that player will be allocated zero (0) points.

Acceptance order will be determined by:

1. Highest combined team points
2. If tied, highest combined ranking position

Rankings operate under a rolling ranking system as per the official tournament calendar.  
Official rankings: <https://www.padelaus.com.au/auspadel-ranking/>

## **6. SEEDING**

Seeding will be determined by the combined ranking points of the entered pair at the official qualification cut-off date.

## **7. WILDCARDS**

Padel Australia reserves the right to allocate a limited number of wildcards at its discretion to ensure competitive integrity, athlete development and/or event presentation objectives.

## **8. WITHDRAWALS & REPLACEMENTS**

In the event of a withdrawal after acceptance into the main draw but prior to publication of the draw, the vacated position will be offered to the next highest-ranked eligible pair based on the official acceptance list.

If a withdrawal occurs after the draw has been published, replacement procedures will be determined by the Tournament Director and Referee in accordance with Padel Australia Tournament Regulations.

## **9. AGE ELIGIBILITY**

To compete in the Open categories of the Australian Padel Tour Finals, the minimum age requirement is 15 years as of January 1 of the competition year.

Padel Australia reserves the right to consider applications for players under the minimum age requirement upon written submission from a parent or legal guardian. Requests must be submitted to: [info@padelaus.com.au](mailto:info@padelaus.com.au)

## **10. MATCH FORMAT**

All competition is conducted under the Padel Australia Tournament Regulations.

### **APT Nationals**

- Best of 3 Tie-Break Sets

### **APT Masters**

- 2 Tie-Break Sets plus 10-Point Match Tie-Break
- Finals: Best of 3 Tie-Break Sets

Padel Australia reserves the right to amend match format, scheduling or event structure due to weather, venue limitations or unforeseen circumstances.

## **11. ENTRY FEE**

Entry Fee: \$90.00 per player

Includes official tournament shirt.

## 12. REGISTRATION & ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

It is mandatory for all players to register online via the official tournament entry system.

- Registrations open approximately four (4) weeks prior to the event start date.
- Entries close five (5) days prior to the tournament at 11:59PM AEST (unless otherwise specified).
- Payment must be completed at the time of registration.
- Players must register with an identified partner. Both players must nominate each other for the entry to be accepted.
- It is the responsibility of each player to confirm their playing partner.
- If a partner withdraws after the closing of entries, the host venue will make best endeavours to source a replacement until the draw is published.

If a player enters without nominating a partner:

- Players will be paired with the next highest-ranked available player without a partner.
- Once ranked players are allocated, any remaining unranked players may be paired via random draw.
- Pairing of unallocated partners will occur once only and will not be redone if withdrawals occur.
- Discretionary consideration may be applied for handedness balancing
- Registrations with outstanding payments will not be accepted into the event.

## 13. ACCEPTANCE LIST

Each APT Tournament shall produce a pre-event Acceptance List displaying:

- a) Teams accepted directly into the main draw based on combined ranking points
- b) Teams awarded wildcards
- c) Teams not accepted into the event
- d) Teams withdrawn from the event

## 14. EVENT AUTHORITY

The Tournament Director and Referee, under the authority of Padel Australia, retain final decision-making authority on all matters relating to competition operations, interpretation of regulations and on-site disputes.



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