

INFORMATION SHEET EUROPEAN CHAMPIONSHIP VETERANS 2023

On 3/4/2023 the FIP has officially communicated the following information regarding the European Championship for veterans 2023:

- Date: 12th until 17th of June 2023
- Location: La Nucia (Alicante) Spain
- There will be 2 championships organised. The regular veteran championship and the super veteran championship (both for men and women):
 - o Regular veterans categories: 40+, 45+, 50+
 - o Super veterans categories: 50+, 55+, 60+
 - o The pairs in the +50 categories cannot participate to both competitions but will have to choose the regular or the super competition
- An open by national pairs is organised

It still may be possible FIP changes this information. Padel Belgium will update this sheet as soon as any new or additional information is known. All changes are not attributable to Padel Belgium.

Player selections

Selection is done according to the Veteran Belgian Padel Tour rules:

- The first player in the Veteran Belgian Padel Tour ranking can choose* a partner to participate to the championship and always has priority to play as a pair with the chosen partner.
- The second player in the ranking can choose* a partner and will form the reserve team. In case the second player is the chosen partner of the first ranked player, the next player in ranking is contacted.
- If a player does not accept the selection, the next ranked player will be invited until the main team and reserve team are filled. Padel Belgium can decide to not select a reserve team.
- Since in the categories 45+ men and 60+ men it was not possible to select teams based on ranking, Padel Belgium decided to organise a play-off in order to fix the first and second spot. The players concerned will be contacted by Padel Belgium with instructions.
- Padel Belgium reserves the right to adapt the selection due to withdrawal or other unforeseen circumstances.
- In case there are not sufficient teams interested in participating to the competition, Padel Belgium can decide to only send a regular veteran teams and not a super veteran team.

*Players will receive guidelines on who they can select as a partner and will be contacted directly by Padel Belgium. The chosen partner has to be approved by Padel Belgium.

The communication to selected players will be done in phases:

1. The first selected player receives a selection email (05/04/2023) and needs to confirm with which partner he/she will play.
2. Padel Belgium will contact the chosen partner, who also needs to confirm he/she will play.
3. After 1 and 2. is confirmed, the next ranked player receives a selection email (reserve team) and needs to confirm with which partner he/she will play
4. Padel Belgium will contact the chosen partner of the reserve team, who also needs to confirm he/she will play.
5. In case a player does not accept selection, the next player will be invited.

We ask each contacted player to confirm asap whether he/she will participate and with which partner. Each player receives a maximum of 3 working days to respond. Therefore, the selection process will take some time, we count on your patience in this regard.

Pair selection during the championship

During the championship the first placed team always has priority to play matches if they want to play. The reserve team can only play if the first team chooses not to play.

In case the first team chooses not to play an encounter, and there are specific requests, or discussions amongst the first and the second placed teams, the team captain will decide keeping in mind the best possible team composition possible during the championship.

Team captain selection

For each team (men, women regular competition and men, women super veteran competition) there will be a team captain appointed who has the role to take decisions in function of achieving the best possible result of the team. This person will also be the representative of the federation and will be able to attend the on-site events organised by FIP who are only allowed for these persons.

Each player can candidate for the role of Team Captain. If more than 1 player applies, Padel Belgium Padel Belgium will appoint a player as captain. Each team (regular and super veteran) must have 1 team captain.

What does Padel Belgium provide for the championship?

- Communication with FIP
- Registration for the competition
- Team sweater + 2 playing T-shirts from Joma (selected players get the option to order more T-shirts at own cost)
 - o Players are obligated to play all team competition matches in the Joma team T-shirt

Responsibility of the players

- Booking and payment of flights
- Booking and payment of hospitality (hotel (own choice) + transport + food & drinks)
 - o FIP did not provide hotel information
- Additional match clothing for the team competition
- Black short/skirt for the team competition
- Additional match clothing for the open competition

Duration of the stay

The players are obligated to stay with Team Belgium from the start (Monday, 12th June is first match day) until the end of the competition (17th of June included).