



JUNIOR BELGIAN PADEL TOUR 2025

1. GENERAL INFORMATION

- 1.1. The 'Junior Belgian Padel Tour' is a competition for the highest-level players under 16 years old affiliated to Tennis Padel Wallonie Bruxelles or Padel Vlaanderen that concern the age categories included in this Regulation.
- 1.2. The Junior Belgian Padel Tour includes tournaments in Flanders and Wallonia.
- 1.3. Padel Belgium reserves the right to combine categories in terms of optimisation of the category to be played.
- 1.4. Categories for the Junior Belgian Padel Tour are: Open U12 (Boys and Girls), Boys U14, Boys U16, and Girls U14, Girls U16. Each tournament must organize all the categories (boys and girls).

U12	2013 and younger
U14	2012-2011
U16	2010-2009

2. TOURNAMENT ORGANISATION

- 2.1. There is a maximum of 16 registrations per category for the boys and 8 for the girls.
- 2.2. All matches must be played between Monday and Sunday of the same week. Depending on the number of registrations per category, the group stage will be played during a weekday (starting from 6PM and Wednesday from 1pm) or the weekend (starting from 9AM). The final draw is played during the weekend (starting from 9AM).
- 2.3. Players must be available during the indicated playing moments of the category for which they register and for the entire tournament weekend. The indicative playing schedule is communicated when registrations open. If not available, players may not enter the tournament. Non availability after the closing of the registrations is equal to Forfait (= Walk Over non excusé). The playing schedule will depend on the number of registrations. Padel Belgium reserves the right to ensure an optimal playing schedule and may make changes to the planning accordingly.
- 2.4. All matches are played without referee. The organizing club is responsible for the tournament organization and to enter all scores into the system.
- 2.5. The organizing clubs must have at least 4 courts, of which at least 4 covered/indoor. In case a club does not have covered/indoor facilities, the club must provide an indoor alternative at a nearby club.
- 2.6. Out-of-court play is only permitted if there is an official out-of-court play safety area*.

*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.
- 2.7. Padel Belgium provides new balls to the clubs for each group (2 per group) and for the final draw. Padel Belgium also provides the tournament branding.
- 2.8. The organizing clubs are responsible for providing a prize table.

3. TOURNAMENT ENTRIES

- 3.1. Players need to register online through the system that is used by the organizing club/federation.
- 3.2. Teams need to register by pair. Individual registrations are not allowed.
- 3.3. The combination of the players who make up the pairs should respect the gender (male or female) and the age category. No player may under any circumstances register in two different categories in the same tournament.
- 3.4. Minimum age to participate is reaching the age of 10 years in the year of the competition. Exceptions may be requested to info@padelbelgium.be.
- 3.5. There is no minimum "klassement"/"classement" to entries the tournament as long as the age and gender category is respected.
- 3.6. Tournament registrations cost 20 Euro per player.
- 3.7. Tournament registrations open 4 weeks before the start of the tournament and close on Monday night 23.45 the week before the tournament. The draw is published on Tuesday the week before the tournament.
- 3.8. In case the number of registrations exceeds the maximum, the team with the lowest sum of the 'klassement'/'classement' (the best 'klassement/classement' of Padel Vlaanderen and Tennis Padel Wallonie Bruxelles will be considered) will be rejected. In case of an ex aequo, toss will decide.

4. TOURNAMENT FORMAT

- 4.1. All matches are played to two winning sets to 6 and a match tie-break to 10 in case of a third set.
- 4.2. All matches are played with Golden Point.
- 4.3. The U12 category will play according to the same rules as 3.1 but starts always at 2-2.
- 4.4. On one day maximum three matches can be scheduled. Players can request a break of maximum 15 min between two matches.
- 4.5. Coaching is allowed according to the following rules:
 - 4.5.1. Only officially licensed coaches may act as a coach during the tournament (only padel or tennis coaches with minimum Initiator level). The name of the coach must be given to the referee before the start of the match and written down next to the name of the player on the attendance list.
 - 4.5.2. During the changeover between games/sets. Exception, coaching is not allowed during tie-breaks.
 - 4.5.3. The coach must be seated on the bench next to the court during the complete duration of the match. When a coach leaves this seat, he/she is not allowed to coach during that match anymore.
 - 4.5.4. Only 1 coach per match is allowed to coach a team.
 - 4.5.5. Players that participate to the tournament are not allowed to coach.
 - 4.5.6. The national junior team coaches are not allowed to coach.

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5. COMPOSITION OF THE DRAW

- 5.1. The supervisor representing Padel Belgium will make the group stage draw and the final draw in cooperation with the club tournament director.
- 5.2. A tournament is always organized as a group stage for the preliminary round and an elimination draw for the final rounds. E.g. in case of 16 participating pairs, there will be 4 groups of 4 teams. In case of 8 participating pairs, there will be 2 groups of 4 teams.
 - In case 5 teams or less are registered, one group with all the teams registered will be used as the final draw. A final match is played between the number 1 and the number 2 of the group. The winner of this match is the winner and the other pair is the finalist of this age category.

5.3. Per group there is 1 seed. In 2025 the seeds of the groups will be determined by sum of “klassesment”/”classement”. In case of an ex aequo, toss will decide. The other teams are placed by toss.

5.4. The group ranking is determined as follows:

5.4.1. Pairs that win a match earn 2 points, pairs that lose a match earn 0 points

5.4.2. In the event of a tie in the final ranking, the following provisions apply:

5.4.2.1. A tie between 2 pairs: the match between those 2 pairs is deciding

5.4.2.2. A tie between 3 pairs: Only the results of the matches between these pairs will be taken into account to make a final ranking. The 3 pairs will be ranked according to the best balance win-loss of the sets. If the balance of sets is equal, the best win-loss balance of the games is counted. If this is also equal between the 3 pairs, the least number of lost games is counted. In case there is an ex aequo in the ranking between 2 teams, 5.4.2.1 applies. If there is no distinction between the 3 duos, toss will decide.

5.5. The first 2 pairs of each group go through to the final round.

5.6. The draw of the final round shall take place on the same day the last group has played.

5.7. The draw of the final round is automatic. The group winner will always play against the number 2 from the other group or starts one round ahead. Per 4 pairs in the final round, one seed is determined. This is done based on the sum of the ‘klassesment’/’classement’ of the teams coming out of the groups as group winners.

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

A team (both players) that is not available on the planned moment can:

- Withdraw; this will result in a forfait (non excusé) or a walk-over (excusé) depending on the reason.
- Be replaced by a reserve team

A team in which only 1 player is available can:

- Replace 1 player

The following is not allowed:

- 2 teams may not split up and form new teams

5.9. After the final draw is published, a team that is not available for the final draw can withdraw, this will result in a forfait (non excusé) or a walk-over (excusé) depending on the reason.

5.9.1. If a team withdraws for their first match in the final draw, the team can be replaced by a lucky loser team. All teams ranked 3rd in the group phase are eligible to become lucky loser. The tournament referee can choose the lucky loser by draw.