

1. GENERAL INFORMATION

- 1.1. The 'Belgian Padel Tour' is a competition for the highest-level players affiliated to Tennis Padel Vlaanderen or Tennis Padel Wallonie-Bruxelles.
- 1.2. The Belgian Padel Tour includes tournaments in Flanders and Wallonia.
- 1.3. Players earn ranking points in each tournament. The ranking points contribute to the Padel Belgium ranking.

2. TOURNAMENT ORGANISATION

- 2.1. Each tournament must organize a MEN and a WOMEN category.
- 2.2. A tournament must have 32 team spots for women and 40 spots for men.
- 2.3. Men/women can only register in their own gender category.
- 2.4. The schedule of play must be communicated when registrations open.
- 2.5. There must be at least 12 teams registered. Otherwise the tournament (men or women) will be canceled. Exception: the tournament can take place with 8 to 11 teams if at least 4 pairs consisting of at least 1 top 10 player on the Padel Belgium Ranking are registered.
- 2.6. All matches are played without referee. The organizing club is responsible for the tournament organization and to enter all scores into the system. Only on Saturday and Sunday, Padel Belgium will assign an umpire.
- 2.7. All tournaments must be played between Monday and Sunday of the same week.
- 2.8. A tournament is played in an elimination draw divided in qualification and main draw depending on the number of registrations per tournament.
- 2.9. Draws are composed according to the following scheme:

Number of registrations	Main draw	Qualification draw	Pre-qualification draw
Less than 12 (min. 8)	All players in main draw	NA	NA
From 12 until 24	4 seeds Draw starts in 1/4 final	Rest of the players	NA
From 25 until 32	8 seeds Draw starts in 1/8 final	Rest of the players	NA
From 33 until 40	8 seeds Draw starts in 1/8 final	8 seeds (1/8 final)	Rest of players (24 teams) 1/16 final (16 teams) 1/8 final (8 teams)

- 2.10. The qualification draw is played during the week in the evening (start at 6.30 pm) and depending on the number of registrations also on Saturday. The main draw is played on Saturday and Sunday.
- 2.11. On Sunday, a bronze final will be played between the losing semi-finalists at the same time of the final. This match is a mandatory part of the tournament (not optional) and counts towards prize money, ranking points, and selections.
- 2.12. The organizing clubs must have at least 4 courts for the entire duration of the tournament. Preferably, the organizing club has at least 2 indoor and/or outdoor courts with official out of court area.

- 2.12.1. Exception: in case of a combined BPT Adults - Juniors tournament, the club must have at least 6 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.
- 2.13. 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.
- 2.14. Padel Belgium provides new balls to the clubs for each match and organizes tournament branding (banners, beachflags, players' benches, ...) on 4 courts (or 6 courts in case of a combined BPT Adults - Juniors tournament).
- 2.15. Each match is played with new balls. In the semi-finals and finals the balls will be changed as follows: first ball change after 11 games. The following change after 13 games and so successively.
- 2.16. The organizing clubs are responsible for payout of the prize money according to the prize money table. This can be organized through a money transfer (preference) or cash envelope (in case of the latter, a club responsible must organize this on the final days). For all amounts above 250 EURO the club is responsible to create a fiche 281.50 for tax purposes.
- 2.17. Prize money table:

Prize money per player	Winner	Runner-up	Bronze (3rd place)	½ finalist (4th place)	¼ finalist	TOTAL
8-12 teams	150	90	60	40	20	840
13-16 teams	200	120	80	55	25	1110
17-24 teams	300	180	120	80	40	1680
25-32 teams	400	240	160	110	55	2260
33-40 teams	500	300	200	135	70	2830

3. TOURNAMENT ENTRIES

- 3.1. Players need to register online through the system that is used by the federation.
- 3.2. The minimum age for players to participate is 13 years.
- 3.3. Tournament registrations cost 25 Euro per player.
- 3.4. Only players with minimum level P700 (male) and P400 (female) are allowed. Each pair must consist of at least one P1000 player for men or one P500 or P700 player for women. P400/P400 pairs (women) and P700/P700 pairs (men) are not allowed.
- 3.5. 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 and play schedule is published on Wednesday the week before the tournament.
- 3.6. Female players must be available on two weekdays, male players on 3 weekdays. The schedule for weekdays is communicated when registrations open. All players need to be fully available during the weekend for the main draw. 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).
- 3.7. If the maximum number of registrations is reached (taking into account possible wild-cards*), the organization will reject registrations based on 1/ lowest sum of "classement/classement" of both players, 2/ the lowest sum of Padel Belgium ranking points of both players, and 3/ toss.
- * Padel Belgium can keep 4 spots to offer a wild-card. Wild cards must be requested by sending an email with motivation to info@padelbelgium.be (by Monday Night 23.45 the week before the tournament).
- 3.8. A Belgian Padel Tour counts as an official tournament for the maximum restriction in the regional federation. Players are responsible to check this for themselves. If the organization is notified of an offense of this rule, the players will receive forfait (= walk-over non excusé) in all tournaments of this week.

4. TOURNAMENT FORMAT

- 4.1. All matches are played to 2 winning sets first to 6, with a third set to 6 (tie-break at 6/6).
- 4.2. On one day maximum two matches can be scheduled. During the week, players can request a break of up to 30 minutes between matches. On Saturdays and Sundays, additional rest time is already built into the match schedule.
- 4.3. All matches are played with Golden Point.
- 4.4. Coaching is allowed according to the following rules:
- 4.4.1. During the changeover between games/sets. Exception: coaching is not allowed during tie-breaks.
 - 4.4.2. 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.
 - 4.4.3. Only 1 coach per match is allowed to coach a team.
 - 4.4.4. The national team coaches of Padel Belgium are not allowed to coach at the Lotto Belgian Padel Tour tournaments in the player category (men or women) for which they are officially designated as national team coach.
 - 4.4.5. Players that participate to the tournament are not allowed to coach other players. Exception: a male player may coach a female player and the other way around.

5. COMPOSITION OF THE QUALIFICATION AND MAIN DRAW

- 5.1. The supervisor representing Padel Belgium will make the qualification and main draw in connection with the club tournament director.
- 5.2. Depending on the number of registrations, there will be 4 or 8 seeds that are placed directly in the main draw. These seeds are determined by the best sum of Padel Belgium ranking points (as defined in 6.4). The 2 teams with the highest sum of Padel Belgium ranking points* (Padel Belgium ranking points player 1 + ranking points player 2) will be respectively 1st and 2nd seed on the main draw and placed at opposite sides of the table. The other seeds, are placed as below. If there is an ex aequo of the sum of ranking points, toss will decide.
- Draw with 4 seeds (draw ¼ final)
 - Seed 1 top of the draw
 - Seed 2 bottom of the draw
 - Seed 3 and 4 are placed by draw and can only play seeds 1 and 2 in ½ finals
 - Draw with 8 seeds (draw in 1/8 final)
 - Seed 1 top of the draw
 - Seed 2 bottom of the draw
 - Seed 3 and 4 are placed by draw and can only play seeds 1 and 2 in ½ finals
 - Seeds 5-8 are placed by draw but they can only play the first round against not seeded players
- 5.3. The seeds of the pre-qualification and qualification draw are determined the same as in 5.2.
- 5.4. After the draw is published, the following must be applied:
- In case a mistake is made in the draw, the draw will be removed and drawn again.
 - A team in which only 1 player is available can:
 - Replace 1 player (only with approval of the referee and the federation organizing).
 - In case a main draw seed (team) withdraws before Friday 11am the week before the tournament, the draw will be removed and drawn again. In case a main draw seed (team) withdraws at a later time, the below rules are applied.
 - A team (both players) that is not available on the planned moment can:
 - First draw or only draw: be replaced by a reserve team (only if the sum of "klassement/classement" is not higher than the team being replaced).
 - Continuation draw: be replaced by a Lucky Loser. A list will be created including all teams who lost in the last round of the qualification draw. The tournament director will toss to determine which team is the Lucky Loser. In case the contacted team does not respond directly, the tournament director has the right to contact the next team (toss).
 - In case no reserve team is found it will result in a forfait (non excusé) or a walk-over (excusé) depending on the reason.
 - The following is not allowed:
 - 2 teams may not split up and form new teams
 - Teams cannot be switched in the draw

6. PADEL BELGIUM RANKING

- 6.1. The Belgian Padel Tour tournaments count towards the 'Padel Belgium Ranking'.
- 6.2. After each tournament, the rankings will be updated and published.
- 6.3. Ranking points will be awarded to the Padel Belgium Ranking according to the stage reached in the competition. These points are independent of the Padel Wallonie-Bruxelles and Padel Vlaanderen rankings.

BELGIAN PADEL TOUR RANKING	8-24 teams	25-32 teams	32-40 teams
Winner	2000	2000	2000
Runner-up	1200	1200	1200
Bronze (3 rd place)	920	920	920
1/2 final (4 th place)	640	640	640
1/4 final	360	360	360
1/8 final main draw	N/A	180	180
Additional points reaching main draw	125	125	125
1/4 qualification draw	180	N/A	N/A
1/8 qualification draw	70	70	70
1/8 pre-qualification draw	N/A	N/A	30
1/16 qualification or pre-qualification draw	1	1	1

- 6.4. The 'Padel Belgium Ranking' takes into account the last 4 BPT tournaments and the most recent Belgian Championship. The ranking is determined by the sum of the points from a player's best 3 results out of these 5 events.
- 6.5. Additional bonus points are added on top of these points for players who play in the FIP Tour:
- 1 FIP point = 20 BPT points.
 - E.g. player X has 123 FIP points.
 - This means that player X will receive 2460 (123 * 20) bonus points on top of the points the he/she receives for his best 3 results in the last 4 BPT tournaments and the most recent Belgian Championship.
- 6.6. Padel Belgium may sanction players who participate in more than 2 tournaments (and maximum 4 series within these 2 tournaments) in the same week (date of the final determines the week number). These players will not receive any ranking points for that week.
- 6.7. Ranking points will only be given to a team when they have played at least one match during that tournament. If a team forfeits after having played at least one match, during the qualification or main draw, the players do not receive ranking points. When a team gives a walk-over (legitimized/excusé) after having played at least one match, ranking points are given. Walk-over matches are thus counted as a "Win" for the final ranking.