



TECHNICAL RULES BOOK

IPF WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS

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TECHNICAL RULES AND REGULATIONS OF THE INTERNATIONAL PADEL FEDERATION

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CHAPTER I: GENERAL

I.1. PURPOSE AND APPLICATION

The aim of these rules and regulations is to regulate the organisation and running of all the World Padel Championships, considered included in the Official Competitions, organised, authorised or recognised by the International Padel Federation (henceforth IPF) anywhere in the world.

I.2. AUTHORITY

The expression Official Competitions refers to all those which have been included in the Official IPF Calendar.

I.3. RESPONSABILITY

The IPF is responsible for the general running of all the Official Competitions, including: **I.3.1.** Selection: Choice of the competitions to be included in the Official Calendar.

I.3.2. Dates: Confirmation or appointment of competition dates.

I.3.3. Conflicts: Classification and resolution of all conflicts that arise.

I.4. CALENDAR

The IPF will publish the Official Calendar every year on the 31st January.

Modifications and inclusions can be done throughout the year, and will be communicated to the Associate Members and posted in the official web system.

I.5. TAKING PART IN COMPETITIONS

Each competition authorised by the IPF will be subject to the specific Rules and Regulations. All players who participate in a Competition authorised by the IPF will likewise be subject to the specific Rules and Regulations.

In order to participate in the Official Competitions, players are required to hold a valid membership or licence issued by a National Federation or Association affiliated to the IPF.

I.6. ANTI DOPING REGIME

All competitions under the control of the IPF will be bound by its Anti Doping Regime, by the stipulations set by the World Anti-Doping Code, and by the list of prohibited substances and pharmacological groups and non-regulated sports doping methods approved by the World AntiDoping Agency.

CHAPTER II: OFFICIAL COMPETITIONS

II.1. DEFINITION

The Competitions in the Official Calendar are “**Official Competitions**”.

“**Official Competitions**” are divided into:

- The “**World Championships**” are those in which the World Champion Title is at stake. They are defined and selected by the IPF.
- The “**Continental o Regional Championships**” are those in which the Continental o Regional Champion Title is at stake. They are defined and selected by the corresponding Continental o Regional Federation in the event that it is recognised by the IPF, or in their absence, by the IPF itself.
- “**International Tournaments**” are all the other competitions included in the IPF Official Calendar

II.2. CATEGORY, NAME, LICENCES AND UMPIRING

II.2.1. Category and Official Calendar

II.2.1.1. “Official Competitions” are the direct responsibility of the IPF as regards the Competition Rules and Regulations, Disciplinary Rules and Regulations, Game Rules, etc.. They decide World Champions or Continental o Regional Champions or simply count towards the Official IPF Rankings. Those competitions that do not meet the indicated requirements but which have been included on the Organiser’s request in the Official Calendar on the condition that they respect all the IPF Rules and Regulations will also be considered as “Official Competitions”.

II.2.1.2. The following will be included in the Official Calendar: World Championships in all categories, Continental Championships, Regional Championships and those Tournaments that, in the opinion of the IPF, form part of a sports project that meets all the appropriate budgetary, sponsorship and organisational conditions.

II.2.1.3. In order to count towards the IPF Ranking an event must be included in the Official Calendar.

II.2.1.4. World, Continental and Regional Championships requests must be made to the IPF via the corresponding National Federations/Associations who must ensure that IPF Rules and Regulations are respected. If the IPF considers it convenient, they sign contracts awarding competitions to Potential Organisers, but if these have the authority to choose the country in which the competition will be held, the application must be escalated to the IPF via the Federation/Association of the Associate Member. The Association/Federation will give course to the request if in agreement but should it do so it will have to respect the terms agreed between the IPF and the Potential Organizer.

II.2.1.5. If the IPF considers it convenient, they sign contracts awarding competitions to Potential Organisers, but if these have the authority to choose the country in which the competition will be held and select a country without Associate Member, the application must be escalated to the IPF directly and will be

provided the necessary help to IPF to carry out the own functions of supervision and control, in order to approve the competition.

II.2.2. Names

Absolute World Championships are the following:

- World Championships, Male and Female National Teams.
- World Championships, Male and Female National Doubles.
- World Open Doubles Championships, male and female.

Absolute Continental Championships are the following:

- “Continental” Championships, Male and Female National Teams.
- “Continental” Championships, Male and Female National Doubles.
- “Continental” Open Doubles Championships, male and female.

Absolute Regional Championships are the following:

- “Regional” Championships, Male and Female National Teams.
- “Regional” Championships, Male and Female National Doubles.
- “Regional” Open Doubles Championships, male and female.

II.2.3. Licences

II.2.3.1. As indicated in paragraph I.5., in order for a player to participate in Official Competitions, they have to hold a valid licence or membership issued by one of those National Federations - Associations that are an Associated Member of the former and which, furthermore, have not been sanctioned by the IPF.

II.2.3.2. All National Federations upon request will inform the IPF of the licences issued to players so they can be checked, providing a record of the official licences issued during the season.

II.2.3.3. Each player may have as many licences or memberships as he wants, issued by Associate Members, but has to declare the elected nationality at the time of requesting the licence in order to show it in the official IPF Individual Ranking.

II.2.3.4. The players who participate to the World Championships for National Teams or National Doubles, representing a country from which they are native or nationalised citizens, and from which have a valid documents showing the correspondent nationality, will hold the federative licence of the Associate Member of this country.

II.2.3.5. It has to be available for each entry player an electronic file with the following data: licence number, recent photograph, birthdate, own private address and phones and of parents or relatives, RH group and relevant medical data for urgencies. Taking into account the data protection laws could be different country to country, and considering the legal limitations could arise, when possible the Associated Members of applied countries will forward the information about the own players to the Organising Committee of Associate Member, whom will hand-over the file and use it only for organization and medical needs.

II.2.4. Umpiring

II.2.4.1. The special features of padel and the lack of means at specific times, means that it is impossible to demand the presence of an Umpire in all matches.

When this occurs, the players themselves should apply the Game Rules, as a general rule, each couple umpiring in their own court.

In the event that it is not possible to reach an agreement concerning a specific point or action, the presence of the Referee will be requested, this person taking the final decision once both sides have been heard.

Control of the march by the Umpires and their team can have two different modalities:

- Active Umpiring: In active umpiring play stops once the umpire has called a decision signalling all infractions to the rules. II.9.15.
- Passive umpiring: In passive umpiring the umpiring team intervenes directly when points named in II.9.14. arise but in all others act at the request of players.

II.2.4.2. The IPF will determine whether the umpiring is active or passive but their decision should be known before the competition begins.

II.2.4.3. The Chair Umpire shall be obligatory in all finals and semi-finals of the World, Continental and Regional Championships, for National Teams, for National Doubles and Open Doubles.

II.3. COMPETITIONS ORGANISERS

II.3.1. The following will be considered as Potential Organiser of competitions included in the IPF calendar:

- National Federations/Associations which are an Associate Member.
- Promotion Companies that are accredited by the IPF.

II.3.2. Organisation of all the World Padel Championships corresponds to the IPF, which can delegate to the Associated Members or directly contracted with a potential organiser but, in this case the terms of the agreement may not be imposed on the Associate Member in the country where the said championships will be held. The concession of the World Championships is decided in the General Assembly.

II.4. REQUESTING COMPETITIONS

II.4.1. The Assembly sets two years in advance the dates and place of the World Padel

Championships. The Associated Members that wish to request the organisation of a World Championship should present their bid document allotting for the time period as defined in the by-laws and present it to the general assembly. If, for whatever reason, the Assembly cannot choose the Organiser of the World Championships they will give instructions to the Board of Directors to delegate, setting the delays and conditions they consider appropriate. If any of the members of the Board of Directors are of the same nationality as any of the organisers the request then they will abstain from participating in any of the tasks related to the issue.

The IPF, will send to the Associated Members before the 30th November a Provisional Calendar stating all the World, Continental and Regional Championships that have been programmed for the year with an indication of the estimated dates. It will also include all the Tournaments included in the Official Calendar of the previous year attempting to adjust the dates to the New Year as far as possible. The said Provisional Calendar will provide guidance concerning the name of the competition, the requested category or the ones corresponding to the prize amount, venue and probable dates.

II.4.2. Once the Provisional Calendar has been received, the Associated Members and promoting Companies that wish to repeat the organisation of Tournaments or organise

other new ones should apply in writing to the IPF through their Associated Member, indicating the Tournament name, tentative date and the budget available for prizes. Obviously, when requesting dates, preference will attempt to be given to those Tournaments that have already been held in previous years.

Information must on all occasions be included about the facilities of the Club where the competition will be held; this must be registered and up to date on payment to the Associated Member corresponding to its country, except in special circumstances to spread and promote padel: organisation in a street or square, shopping centre etc.. The IPF must receive all requests prior to the 15th of December.

II.4.3. Once it has received the information the IPF will draw up the Tentative Calendar which will be published prior to the 31st of December, showing the bids chosen to organise the World Championships as well as the Tournaments that meet with requirements. The Board of Directors, once they have considered to the comments of all the interested parties, will draw up the Official Calendar, no later than the 31st of January, after which it can no longer be modified to avoid affecting the calendars of the Associated Members.

II.5. COMPETITION ADJUDICATION

II.5.1. In order to adjudicate the World Championships the IPF will take into account, amongst others, the following circumstances:

Installations:

- Number of courts and their technical conditions: dimensions, lighting, wall materials, surface, etc..
- Existence of glass courts.
- Adequate changing rooms.
- Players' room.
- Room or reserved space for the use of Umpiring Team.
- Other usable installations: gym, swimming pool, SPA, etc..

Facilities:

- Club restaurant with accessible prices. ☐ Massage and physiotherapist services.
- On-site medical attendance.
- Availability of communication media: telephones, e-mail, internet, Wi-Fi, etc..

Communications:

- Press room.
- Relevant information about the event (results, information releases, access to IPF web-system, etc.) to press and Associated Members.
- Space reserved for TV cameras and photographers.

Organisational Capacity:

- Organisational experience of sporting events.
- Sufficient and qualified personnel.
- Board and lodging in appropriate hotels.
- Transport between club-hotel or sufficient proximity for transport to be unnecessary.

Once these concepts have been taken into account, others relating to rotation or geographical distribution can be taken into account, at the sole discretion of the IPF.

Article II.12. that shows the economic conditions relating to the adjudication of Competitions the bidder's document must refer to the Technical Conditions and Requirements as agreed with the IPF, taking into

account as guideline the document: "Indications of Necessities to organise a World Padel Championships" (see annex A).

II.5.2. The IPF may demand a deposit, that never could be higher than US\$ 30.000,00, either in cash or by means of a bank guarantee, to guaranty that the requested Championships or Tournament is held in the offered conditions.

These deposits will be returned immediately should the inscription request for the Championships in the Official Calendar be turned down, or if the bid to organise a Championships is not selected. Otherwise the refund will be made within 60 days of the completion date of the Championships.

II.5.3. In the event that an Associated Member that has requested a World Championships at the Annual General Meeting of IPF -or the Board of Directors- after it has been assigned, if it is then communicated that they will not be able to follow through with the event, the Associate Member will not only lose the guarantee deposit but may also be required to pay a fine for damages caused by the cancellation of the event. The documentation will also be forwarded to the Disciplinary Committee for their analyses and decision about the application of Disciplinary Code.

II.6. AMENDMENTS TO THE OFFICIAL CALENDAR

II.6.1. In order to change any of the data relating to a competition once it has been included in the Official Calendar, the requesting Organiser has to make the appropriate written request to the IPF within the following periods:

- Change de City: four (4) months
- Change de Club: four (4) months
- Change of Referee: fifteen (15) days

All these periods are understood to be the minimum before the programmed

Competition start date.

The IPF will study the received requests and attempt to attend to them as long as they do not harm the rights of third parties or that the requested changes are not sufficiently big to alter the normal programming of the competition calendar.

Any Organiser that cancels a competition or introduces changes in its organisation without the authorisation of the IPF will lose their deposit and can, in addition, be sanctioned by not being able to organise competitions included in the Official Calendar for one (1) year irrespective of the possible sanctions that might arise in accordance with the Sporting Discipline Regulations.

II.7. INSTALATIONS

In order to hold a World Championships, the Organisation must have sufficient courts with specified lighting to guaranty that the competition runs smoothly, taking into account the available days, the numbers of matches to be played and the fact that the players -in principle and except in particular cases- cannot play more than two matches a day, as well as adequate auxiliary installations and sufficient human and material resources.

In cases of exception, the IPF, in defence of the promotion of padel, can decide to authorise holding the tournament in installations that do not meet the mentioned requirements, providing the courts respect the IPF's Rules for the Game of Padel. Competitions will always be held on courts with lighting with the same type of walls and surface. When the courts where the matches to be held are of different surface or construction (glass and brick-wall) the criteria to be

followed for the adjudication should be publicly established beforehand, included the possibility for the organiser to assign the court due to TV needs. Should these criteria be lacking, there will be a draw to decide who plays on each court.

Inspection of the installations: The IPF reserves the right to send a Supervisor to review the general infrastructure and courts, assessing their state to hold matches as well as the other directly related installations, such as changing rooms, dining rooms, rest rooms, etc..

Should the report be negative, the Organiser, the Referee of the competition and the Owner of the installations will immediately be informed so they can remedy the notified faults before the start of the matches. Should this not be possible, the necessary measures will be taken, from forbidding the use of the defective installations to cancellation of the Competition.

II.8. COMPETITION DIRECTOR

II.8.1. The Competition Director will be designated by the Organiser, bearing in mind that no one may be Competition Director and Player or Umpire in the same event.

II.8.2. The Competition Director is responsible to the Organiser for the organisation and smooth running of the competition, and the latter is responsible to the IPF.

II.8.3. Competition Director Duties:

- To ensure that the sports installations are prepared to hold the competition.
- To check that the balls and trophies are in the installations before the beginning of the competition.
- To check the registrations and provide the Referee with a list of the players who have not paid so the latter can prevent them from taking part.
- To send to the IPF a list of the players that have declared a W.O. and who have not paid the registration.
- To liaise between the Organiser, the people responsible for the installations, the players, the sponsors, the Referee and the IPF Supervisor.
- To be prepared to handle any emergency that may arise during the competition, especially from the medical point of view.
- To attend to the press and provide them with all the necessary information should there be specifically designated Press Manager to do so.

II.9. UMPIRING TEAM

II.9.1. The umpiring team will be made up of: the Umpire, Auxiliary Umpire, Deputy Umpire,

Chair Umpire, Assistant Umpires. All of them must hold the qualification issued by a National Federation or Association affiliated to the IPF. The Referee, Auxiliary and Deputy should wear some distinctive clothing or article which identifies them e.g.: Tshirt, cap, arm band, etc.

Head Umpire. The person with maximum umpiring responsibility in an Official Sports Competition. In addition, they assign the tasks that the Referees making up the umpiring team should carry out at any time.

Auxiliary Umpire. Basically the person responsible for the administrative control, announcing of results, calling players, etc.

Deputy Umpire. Collaborates with the umpire to oversee matches when there are a large number taking place simultaneously.

Chair Umpire. Umpires the match and has a microphone to inform spectators of the details.

Assistant Umpires. Collaborate with the Chair Umpires in controlling a match.

II.9.2. For the Tournaments included in the Official Calendar, the Organiser will propose the name of the Umpire to the IPF at least three (3) months before the programmed start date. The proposed Umpire should be an official from a National Federation or Association affiliated to the IPF. This proposal should be accompanied by their umpiring curriculum. Should the proposal not be accepted, considering that the person is not the ideal Referee for the Tournament in question, or if the Organiser chooses not to use any of the selected Umpires that are deemed to not have the capacity to perform the work, the IPF, after consulting with the corresponding Federations, will provide the name of three (3) people so that the Organiser can choose the Referee from among them.

II.9.3. No-one can be a member of the Umpiring Crew and a player in the same competition.

II.9.4. Duties of the Umpire are to:

- 1.** Carry around the Game Rules and Technical Rules, respect them and ensure they are respected.
- 2.** Draw up the timetables and announce them in a timely manner.
- 3.** Designate the duties of each one of the Umpiring team, and, should there be events that so require, halt them in their exercise of those functions.
- 4.** Decide whether a court meets the necessary conditions to be able to play on it, whether a court should be changed for a match or decide on which court each match should be played.
- 5.** Identify participating players.
- 6.** Not allow players to participate if their age or nationality does not correspond to the event category in which they intend to take part, or those people who, according to the report presented to the Organiser, have not paid their inscription.
- 7.** Notify players of the game system and conditions.
- 8.** Notify players, before the start of the competition, of the criteria to be followed to allocate courts when there are different construction types.
- 9.** Apply Walk-Over (W.O.).
- 10.** Carry out the draws of the plate tournaments.
- 11.** Order the change of balls. These are obligatory for semi-final and final matches, the first change occurring after eleven (11) games and then every thirteen (13) games. In the other matches of the first level table, they will only be changed, in the event of three (3) sets being played, at the start of the third set.
- 12.** Note all the results of the tables: winners, set results, players' licence numbers, etc..
- 13.** Decide when a match must be delayed or restarted.
- 14.** Apply the Sports Discipline Rules approved by the IPF.
- 15.** Be present at the competition venue during all the matches and should that not be possible name an Umpire to stand in provisionally during their absence.
- 16.** Oversee as far as possible all the matches being played through being present on the courts, and, in the absence of a Chair Umpire, can carry out their duties, such as decide whether the players are appropriately dressed or do the draw for courts and service.
- 17.** Take the final decision when disagreements arise between match players during a match without a Chair Judge. If the disagreement lasts, they will demand it to end within twenty (20) seconds, even if their intervention has not been requested. Should that not occur they will take the final decision.
- 18.** Take the final decision if there is a conflict between the players and the Chair Umpire in the interpretation of a concrete point of the Rules.
- 19.** Name a provisional Umpire if they have to act as a Chair Umpire.

20. Send the results, reports of incidences relating to the Umpiring Team and final report of the competition in the set delays and by the means determined.

II.9.5. The IPF's Disciplinary Committee will understand there to have been possible mistakes committed by the Umpires when either voluntarily or unknowingly:

1. They have ignored the Rules.
2. They have made errors in the draw.
3. They have falsified the results.
4. They have favoured or prejudiced, clearly and unjustifiably, a player with their decisions.
5. They have falsified the competition report.
6. They have allowed an unregistered player to participate, or substitute a third party acting in the stead of a registered player, or one who has not paid the inscription.
7. And, in general, they have not respected the duties of their position.

II.9.6. The decisions of the Umpires are without appeal with regard to technical rules of the game, without prejudicing possible recall to the IPF Sports Discipline Committee. The Umpire is also capacitated to take decisions concerning any incidence that may arise during the competition, even in the case that it was not covered by the Rules and Regulations.

II.9.7. Report, reports of incidences and match results. The report of the draws and the results of the matches in which the name and licence number of the players must appear, the umpiring report and incidences reports, should be sent to the IPF in a period of three (3) days from the end of the competition. In the team competitions they will also send the reports of the knock out matches, duly completed and signed by the team captains.

II.9.8. In the case of inclement weather, the Umpire will be responsible for taking the appropriate decisions, but under no circumstances can the competition continue later than 12 p.m. of the day specified as being as the last day of the competition if the players do not agree. If, by this time, the competition has not finished and the players are not ready to continue, the competition will be delayed until the IPF decides whether to suspend it indefinitely or notifies of the dates of its continuation.

II.9.9. The Umpire is responsible, unless they themselves consider that there is a case of force majeure, for declaring W.O. partners or a team that do not present themselves in the court, ready to play, once ten (10) minutes after the time set for the match to start have passed.

II.9.10. The following are the duties of the Auxiliary Umpire: from those assigned to the Umpire the following: 1, 5, 6, 12, 13 and 14 in the case of incidences to send the written report to the Umpire.

II.9.11. The following are the duties of the Deputy Umpire: from those assigned to the Umpire the following: 1, 4 (in what concerns the match court conditions), 13, 14, 16 and 17 and in the case of incidences to send the written report to the Umpire.

II.9.12. The Chair Umpires duties are: out of those assigned to the Umpire the following: 1, 5, 7, 11, 13 and 14 and also to:

1. Determine whether the players are correctly dressed.
2. Give each player the necessary information.
3. Draw courts and service.
4. Give the public relevant information during the match.
5. Apply the Game Rules actively or passively as corresponds.

6. Resolve conflicts that arise concerning the application of padel rules, accepting the player's right to consult the Umpire.
7. Announce the score in accordance with set conditions.
8. Control the public, halting play if necessary, until order has been re-established.
9. Fill the score and behaviour sheet.
10. Inform in writing the Referee of all the incidences that occur during the match.

II.9.13. The following are the duties of the Assistant Umpires. Collaborating with the Chair Umpire in the conditions fixed in these rules for the type of active or passive umpiring to be applied.

II.9.14. The passive umpiring the Chair Umpire intervenes at the request of the players, but should stop play when one of the following infractions has occurred:

- Service faults (those produced in the servers side of the court)
- Let (player who touches the net)
- Double bounce
- Through ball (ball that goes through a hole in the net)
- Shot against the rules (double hit, handball, etc.)
- Let
- Hindrance

In the event of discussion between players who have not requested the intervention of the Chair Umpire, the latter will be responsible for ensuring that the discussion does not last for longer than the twenty (20) seconds indicated in the rules as the maximum delay to serve. After these twenty (20) seconds without agreement the Chair Umpire will decide and play will continue.

In opaque courts the Chair Umpire can be helped by an Assistant Umpire, in this case they will be situated one on each side of the court at net height.

II.9.15. In Active Umpiring all rule infractions that occur are called. If the match is played on opaque walled courts the Umpiring crew will consist of a Chair Umpire and an Assistant Umpire who will occupy the positions indicated in the previous point.

If the transparent courts are used, the Umpiring Crew will be formed by a Chair Umpire and one or two Assistant Umpires. The role of the Assistant Umpires is to check the bounce of the ball on the wall opposite that occupied by the Chair Umpire, and the service line on the receiver's side of the net.

II.9.16. The IPF's Disciplinary Committee will hear all the possible intentional faults or those due to lack of awareness committed by the Umpires when exercising their duties:

1. Having falsified the Rules.
2. Having falsified the Results.
3. Having clearly and unjustifiably favoured or prejudiced a player with their decisions.
4. Having falsified the match report.
5. Having permitted a player to compete who is not registered or being registered has replaced a third party.
6. And, in general, has not met the duties related to their position.

II.10. THE FEDERAL DELEGATE WITH SUPERVISION FUNCTIONS

II.10.1. This person is an official representative of the IPF during a Competition. They are named by the corresponding Committee itself or by the Board of Directors at the request of the IPF President. Their role is to act as observer and supervisor, without any power to intervene in any kind of technical decision, this corresponding solely to the Umpiring Team. At the end of the Competition they will present a report of the event which will be considered to be an official document.

- II.10.2.** Any party interested in a Competition can request from the President of the IPF the presence of a Federal Delegate, with at least thirty (30) days notice. Should any travel/lodging costs be incurred they will be borne by the applicant.
- II.10.3.** The name of the Federal Delegate with Supervisor functions will be sent in writing to the Referee, who in turn will inform all the participants, or otherwise, will place an Information Note next to the Competition match draws.

II.11. THE PLAYERS

- II.11.1.** In order to take part in an Official Competition the player must be in possession of a player's licence issued by the National Federation or Association of an Associated Member recognised by the IPF. In addition, they should be covered by a Sports Insurance Policy that covers the possibility of an accident during the Competition. In the cases that the licence the player holds does not cover the possibility of an accident when doing sport, the IPF or in the event the National Federation or Association of the Affiliated Member in whose country the event is taking place, will have the right to demand that this risk be covered.
- II.11.2.** In the case the represented National Federation or Association has not performed the entry payment, the player must pay the inscription set for the Official Competition for National Doubles or Open in advance. Should they not do so the Organiser will inform the Referee in writing so they can stop the player from taking part, the match being lost by W.O.. For the purposes of sanctions, this will be considered to be an unjustified W.O..
- II.11.3.** Registration payment should be made even when the player declares W.O., not being able to play in another competition until it has been paid. The Organiser will therefore send a list of players that declared W.O. and have not paid to the IPF who will inform the players concerned sending a copy to the represented Association/Federation who issued the player's licence, warning them that they cannot enter any competition until the situation has been dealt with.
- II.11.4.** If a team, doubles pair, or player unjustifiably leaves a competition, the team in the first case, the doubles pair in two others, will lose any rights to the prize they might have won so far. The player/s can appeal against this sanction in writing within a fifteen (15) day delay, without prejudice to any eventual disciplinary responsibility that might be incurred.
- II.11.5.** The trophies and prizes must be collected during the closing ceremony. Should the players absence been unjustified the player will lose all rights to the prizes. The trophies will be relayed to the IPF, where the player can recuperate them.
- II.11.6.** During the rest periods of the match, the players can receive instructions and technical advice relating to the game from their trainer or captain that has been duly registered with the umpire prior to the start of the match. The selected trainer and/or captain should present themselves to the Chair Umpire or Referee before the beginning of the match. They will remain in one place outside the court, next to the players' chairs. They can only have verbal contact with the players during the rest and for the time permitted, not during the change of sides without rest. They can not have verbal contact with the players along the medical or physiotherapist assistance. This rule is applicable both the doubles and team matches.

II.11.7. Rest between matches. When necessary if the schedule programs more than one match in a day for the same double players, the Umpire will allow a period of rest to affected players in the event that the previous match is up next to the upcoming match, unless both players accept to start before.

If the previous match last less than one (1) hour	One (1) hour of rest
If the previous match last between one (1) hour and one (1) hour and half (½)	One (1) hour and half (½) of rest
If the previous match last more than one (1) hour and half (½)	Two (2) hours of rest

Apart from exceptional cases, the players cannot play more than two (2) matches a day. In the World, Continental and Regional Championships, and irrespective of their being two (2) parallel competitions, this rule will be upheld and the exceptions will be determined by the Umpire, who will inform the IPF's Supervisor and the Tournament Director before give notice about the programme changes.

II.11.8. The players must be correctly attired, the Chair Umpire or Referee being responsible for this point. In team competitions the players are obligated to wear the same clothes.

II.11.9. The players can use the shoes and rackets they wish as long as they respect the rules, also with clothes, with the exception for the team competitions indicated in the article II.11.8..

II.11.10. If any of the players registered in one of the competitions included in the Official IPF Calendar is declared W.O., or once the draw has been made decides not to take part in the Competition, they must justify of their absence within fifteen (15) days. Should they not do so, or should the Discipline Committee consider that the given reasons are insufficient, the Disciplinary Rules and Regulations will be applied.

II.11.11. A player who is obviously not fit to play, as the consequence of an accident or injury that occurred prior to the warming up of the first match of the draw, will not be able to start the match, losing by W.O., without the right to any points. If the affected player has classified to play at a specific level, by playing the previous level, even though they lose by W.O. they will have the right to points.

II.11.12. Participants have, in any official Competition, to prove when requested to do so by to the Referee, their identity, nationality, age or any other circumstance directly related to the Competition, by means of the presentation of the appropriate documentation.

II.11.13. Player Eligibility

In order to represent a Country in Official Competitions, the players must:

- have the nationality of that country, confirmed through a valid document. If the document presented is not their passport, they need to clearly indicate their nationality;
- be in good standing with the affiliation of the Associate Member of the country, and also be free of penalties of any other Associate Member from which has a valid licence;
- and have not represented another country in the last thirty-six (36) months previous to the event.

II.11.13.1. All those players who have not competed in an Official Absolute Competition representing their country can compete in Official Competitions representing another country whose nationality they have acquired there being any time limit.

II.11.13.2. All players who have competed in an Official Competition for a country can represent another country whose nationality they have legitimately acquired once thirty-six (36) months have passed since the date on which they officially represented the first country.

If a player complies with the above indicated requirements and could represent more than one country, and the Associate Member of one of them would like to select him, the Associate Member has to send a communication to the IPF at least three (3) months before the entry deadline, who will send a communication to all others engaged Associated Members, and they have to reply in the following fifteen (15) days.

Also, it will be automatically accepted in the following situations:

- A player who has represented or has been eligible to represent a country, and this country is now divided in two or more countries, it will be immediately eligible to represent one of these new countries.
- A player who has represented or has been eligible to represent a country, and this country is now included in part or totally in another country, it will be immediately eligible to represent this country.

An Associate Member could appeal to the IPF's Board of Directors to nominate a player who is not eligible following the indicated rules of the present technical rules book, and the Board of Directors could accept it if the general circumstances guarantee that the requested exception could be acceptable. The request shall be received by IPF at least five (5) months before the entry deadline. The Board of Directors will inform the corresponding Committee about the adopted decision.

The IPF's corresponding Committee and the Board of Directors have the right to ask to an Associate Member to demonstrate in clear manner the used method to select one or all players who are their representing in an official competition.

II.12. ECONOMIC CONDITIONS FOR THE ORGANIZATION OF COMPETITIONS

II.12.1. In each case the IPF will agree with the corresponding Organiser on the conditions on which the organisation of a World Championships is granted, including the amounts that can be charged for registration, both in Doubles and Team Competitions, and the amounts that must be paid to the IPF as a levy. If available a Potential Organiser and the agreement has been made for two or more Championships, it will be signed an agreement between the IPF and the Potential Organiser but it will be requested also for each championships the acceptance of the Associate Member from the country where it will held.

The Organiser must submit to the IPF, a signed agreement to show their acceptance, the document indicating the Technical Conditions and Specifications that will be satisfied for the organisation of World Championships. In that document it will be indicated the imposed IPF conditions and requirements to ensure the competitions are of the required level, taking into account as guideline the document: "Necessities Indications to organise a World Padel Championships" (see Annex A).

II.12.2. The Organiser is liable to the IPF for the economic repercussions that could arise from the organisation of the Competition, and bear all the costs arising from it. They are also responsible for compliance with the conditions agreed upon with the IPF, clubs, installations, etc.. They are also responsible for obtaining and benefiting from sponsorship or advertising income, without affecting that which corresponds to the IPF.

II.12.3. The Organiser will reach an agreement with all the other interested parties (promoters, sponsors, clubs, and sports installations) about all the necessary conditions to ensure the Competition runs smoothly.

II.12.4. The following benefits for the Official Delegations of the competing Countries are included within the conditions mentioned in point II.12.1 to grant a World Padel Championships for National Teams and National Doubles.

Male or Female delegation made up of eight (8) players, two (2) coach and two (2) federation representative.

The costs the Organiser has to bear are:

Nine day stay.

- First day: Lunch and Dinners.
 - Days 2 a 8: Breakfast, lunch and dinner.
 - Day 9: Breakfast. If there is any sporting activity on day 8, lunch must also be included.
- Seven nights at the hotel.

Transport to and from the airport or station in the city where the Championships is held.

Transport to and from the hotel and sport facilities.

Only in the case of absence of properly candidates presented, the Board of Directors could analyse other formats and present them to the Associate Members for approval using the Extraordinary Voting.

II.12.5. The Organiser will be responsible for ensuring that the players, Organisers and IPF members have free access to the Padel installations. Right to access the remainder of the installations can be restricted in accordance with the internal rules of the venue. Competitors should be notified of these restrictions.

II.12.6. The IPF reserves the right to supervise the organisation of all the competitions included in the Official Calendar and will require all the conditions agreed upon and covered by the form "Technical Conditions and Specifications to be satisfied for the Organisation of the World Championships" and those included in the documents mentioned in point II.12.1. are to be met.

CHAPTER III: TECHNICAL SPECIFICATIONS

III.1. GENERAL TECHNICAL REGULATIONS

III.1.1. All competitions should adopt specific IPF Rules and Regulations. In the event of any irregularity or infraction being uncovered, the Competition could be declared null and void for the classification purposes.

III.1.2. Competitions included in the Official Calendar will be played with the ball chosen by the organisation as long as the ball meets all the necessary technical conditions. In the eventual case there exists a published and valid list of IPF approved balls, a ball included in the list must be used.

III.1.3. In the World, Continental and Regional Championships, the men's and women's tournaments have to be held.

III.1.4. On receiving the adjudication of a Competition, the Organiser must immediately propose the name of the person responsible for it, called the Competition Manager, who will liaise with the IPF for everything relating to the technical / sports organisation.

III.1.5. In the case of a tie between three doubles pairs or teams in a ranked competitions the solution is as shown in the rules and regulations in relation to that particular competition. Should there be no established regulation the following process will be followed:

In the case of a tie in doubles competitions:

- 1.- use the difference between sets won and lost, only taking into account the result of the players in the tie, and if the tie persists;
- 2.- use the difference between games won and lost, only taking into account the result of the players in the tie, and if the tie persists;
- 3.- a coin will be flipped.

Once solved the tie between three doubles pairs and in case remain the tie between two doubles pairs, win the winner of their direct match.

In case of tie in team competitions:

- 1.- use the difference between matches won or lost between teams only taking into account the result of the teams in the tie, and if the tie persists;
- 2.- the difference between sets won or lost between teams only taking into account the result of the teams in the tie, and if the tie persists;
- 3.- the difference between games won or lost between teams only taking into account the result of the teams in the tie, and if the tie persists;
- 4.- a coin will be flipped.

Once solved the tie between three teams and in case remain the tie between two teams, win the winner of their direct match series.

For the single purpose of elucidating that a tie can take place during doubles pairs or team competitions, the result of the matches in which one of the contenders does not show up will be 6/0-6/0.

Also, in case of W.O. in the second or third match in the Round-Robin group, and if are excluded major force reasons, the double pair or team shall be disqualified, and will occupy the last position in the group.

In case of two or more double pairs or teams are disqualified, the last position in the group will be decided taking into account the indications written at the beginning of this current article.

In the case that a match is not finished due to player injury, the final result will be defined supposing that as of the moment of injury the loser has not won a point. Example: the match is stopped when the injured player was winning 6/4-5/1, final result 6/4-5/7-0/6.

- III.1.6.** In ranked competitions the winning doubles pair or team will get two (2) points, the loser gets one (1) and zero (0) points for a no show.
- III.1.7.** Unless the needs of the Competition state otherwise, all matches will be played over the best of three (3) sets. In the case of tie at six (6) games a “Tie-Break” or “sudden death” will be held to decide the winner of the set.
- III.1.8.** It is the duty of the Organizer to assure that the semi-finals and finals are played on time and on the courts they designate, always with the intention of attracting the greatest sports coverage, public and commercial interest.
- III.1.9.** The organiser should provide to the players one or more courts for training free of charge, and the Tournament Manager -or his designed assistant- will be in charge to regulate the access to them and give notice in a schedule-plan sheet, taking into account the received requests:
- Since the morning of two (2) days before competition starts and until the time of its official start, allowing also to the last minute arrived teams to have time to test the court before their first match;
 - Along the competition, taking into account the matches schedule, and giving priority of time for the rounds of participating National Teams.
- III.1.10.** The corresponding Committee has jurisdiction to interpret the present Technical Regulations. If within this interpretation the existence of unregulated issues arises, necessary actions must be started to amend these Regulations

III.2. REGISTRATIONS

- III.2.1.** In order to register for an IPF World Championships the player must hold a federative official licence in effect issued by a National Federation/Association that is an Associated Member and would like to represent. Should the organisation so decide the players have to pay the set amount of the registration fee to the Organiser before the first match. The Referee will not let any player take part until they have made the payment.

Should the Competition be a National Team one, the registration will be paid by the National Federation/Association.

- III.2.2.** Registration in the World, Continental and Regional Championships, both teams and doubles, will respect the conditions that have been agreed upon by the IPF and the Organising Association/Federation or, in the case, with the Potential Organiser, at the time of the adjudication. In any case, registration will close on the day and at the time previously indicated by the IPF, as long as it will be the IPF who will communicate the date and time of the draw.

- III.2.3.** Registrations for the World, Continental and Regional Championships, for National Teams or Doubles pairs, will be done through the National Federation/Association.

The registrations can be made via any means that leaves written evidence of receipt, containing the following data:

- Championship or Tournament name.
- Event date.
- First and surnames of players as they appear on their federation licence.
- Players' nationality.
- Licence number.
- Event in which they wish to take part: National Teams and/or National Doubles.
- Doubles pairing in case of application to National Doubles Championships.

- Date of birth.

The registration to the National Doubles Championships will be done by formalised pairs. The formation of the doubles pairs can only be changed up to the moment of the final close of registration.

III.2.4. In the World Championships the agreement reached between the IPF and the Federation/Association of the Member Country where it is held and the Organiser will be respected. In principle, the amount raised through registration fees will correspond entirely to the Organiser, who will pay to the IPF and to the National Federation or Association the agreed fee, and in absence of a written related agreement, the tournament fee will be “zero” (0).

III.2.5. The signed on participants to World Championships will be published in the IPF web page. A period of forty-eight (48) hours will be given from the time of the publication for implicated parties to present any appropriate complaints should they consider there are errors or omissions. Once this period has passed, no changes can be made and the draw could proceed, when the IPF decides.

III.2.6. The IPF will communicate the deadline date for the National Federations or

Associations from Associate Members to declare their participation with their National Teams to the next World Championships, which will be approximately one (1) year and eight (8) months before the World Championships starts.

III.3. COMPETITION DRAWS, BOXES AND DRAW SHEETS.

III.3.1. World and Continental Championships draws must be public and the Organisations responsible for them is the IPF, in the date, time and place that the IPF itself will decide and communicate.

III.3.2. In Official National Doubles Competitions, no player can enter the draw who:

- Has an unpaid registration.
- Does not have a current licence in effect.
- Has been disqualified or has received a sanction.
- Whose age or nationality does not correspond to the event category.
- Whose registration arrives once the deadline has passed.

In Official National Team Competitions, teams will not be allowed to enter the draw if they represent an Associated Members that:

- Have debts with the IPF or do not have an accepted payment-plan from the IPF.
- Are not up to date with the payment of quotas of current year.
- Have been disqualified or received sanctions.
- Whose registration has not arrived by the deadline set by the IPF or who have not made the prior registration in the set manner.

III.3.3. Types of draw sheets and their characteristics will depend on the Official Competition in question.

III.3.4. The IPF is the only entity that can grant in exceptional and particular cases a “Wild Card” (W.C.) to be able to participate in an Official Competition.

III.3.5. As a general rule, the choice of the World, Continental and Regional Championships seeds should be based on the IPF Ranking, for National Teams or Individual as corresponds, in effect of the day of the draw.

The number of seeds will be always $\frac{1}{4}$ of the registrations (rounded to the nearest whole number), except where other numbers or percentages are specified.

III.3.6. In order to calculate a doubles couples points, the points of both players are added up and if neither of them appear in the Ranking they are considered to have zero (0) points. The order of the seeds will be based on the sum of points. Should two (2) or more doubles pairs have the same number of points the order will be drawn between them.

III.3.7. The draw sheets corresponding to World Championships will be published on the IPF web system. No amendments to the published draw sheets will be made unless the IPF's corresponding Committee consider it necessary.

III.3.8. Once published the Entry list, it will be not allowed any change or substitution of players in the teams and in the doubles.

The IPF will accept a change or substitution of player in the teams and in the doubles pairs until five (5) days prior to the date of draw, only when the change is motivated by major force cause or medical problem, properly justified.

Once the draw is made, the formation of the teams and of the doubles pair will remain the same throughout the Competition. Non observance of this rule means immediate disqualification of the doubles pair as soon as the irregularity is detected, without affecting the actions that the Discipline Committee might consider opportune.

III.3.9. A doubles pair must withdraw from the competition if either of the players pulls out or does not turn up to play in the set period.

III.3.10. When the number of couples making up a draw are not a power of two (2), the system of "byes" will be applied which enables having this power in the second round. Those players who do not need to play the first round will be called "byes". In the draw will appear as "BYE".

In order to calculate the number of byes, the total number of registrations is taken away from the power of two (2) immediately above. The first bye will be the number one seed; second bye, number two seed; third bye, number three seed; etc.. If, once all the seeds have been placed, there are more byes, they will be divided into two parts, one half being placed in the upper half of the draw sheet, the other half in the lower, filling in the upper part the highest empty slots and in the lower part, those that are the lowest alternatively. When the numbers are odd, one more will be placed in the draw sheet part where the number one seed is positioned.

III.3.11 Seeded players will be put into the draw as follows:

The number one seed will be placed on the first line of the draw sheet and **the number two seed** will be placed on the last line of the draw sheet.

Third and fourth seeds position will be drawn, they must not come up against the first and second seeds until the semi final, nor play each other until the final.

Fifth and sixth seeds will be drawn; they must not come up against the 3rd or 4th seeds until the quarter-finals, against the 1st or 2nd seeds until the semi-finals, nor play against each other until the final.

Seventh and eighth seeds will be drawn, they must not come up against 1st or 2nd seeds until the quarter finals, against 3rd or 4th seeds until the semi finals, nor play each other until the final.

Seeds nine to sixteen, when relevant will be put into a draw for their position on the draw sheet as they must not come up against any other seeded player until the eight of finals, nor with each other until the quarter finals.

The positioning of the rest of the couples will be done by draw, avoiding the possibility that two pairs of players from the same country come face to face in the first round. In case this occurs with the last line it will be changed with the immediate previous position.

III.3.12. When an error is detected in the draw of any of the events before they have started the draw must be repeated. Any challenge or claim concerning the draw must be put in writing and sent to the Umpire before the event. Once begun no changes may be made to the draw corresponding this event, even if the claim was justified.

III.3.13. The obligation to organise the consolation competition depends on the Competition in question. In case of competitions with an initial phase of groups, it will be not necessary to organize a consolation round. Should it exist, first round losers of the respective draws will have the right to take part. No doubles pair that has lost the first round by W.O. or have won the first match W.O. and lost the second will be able to compete. Neither doubles pair that has obtained a "BYE" in the draw and then lost the match will be able to compete. In the eventual case exists enough court availability and time to complete the consolation competition without influence to the normal development of main draws, the Umpire could accept in the consolation competition a double pair who won the first match W.O. and lost the second, and whom have obtained a "BYE" and then lost.

III.3.14. In competitions in which there is a plate phase, the doubles pairs who have the right to play in it and desire to do so, should inform the Referee within thirty (30) minutes of the end of their match.

III.3.15. A new draw will be made with the doubles pairs that go through to the consolation, following the article III.3.5 the number of seeds being obtained by dividing by four the number of competing doubles pairs, rounding upwards or downwards to the closest power of two. In the case of identical standings, the lowest will be chosen.

The Umpire has the right and could decide to organise the consolation competition with "mirror-exit" method from the main draw, without the necessity to identify the new seeds of consolation phase and new draw. This decision shall be communicated before the competition starts.

III.3.16. Any challenge or complaint related to the plate draw should be made in writing to the Referee before the start of the event. Once an event has been started, no change at all can be made to the draw for that event, even if the complaint is justified.

III.4. WORLD NATIONAL DOUBLES CHAMPIONSHIPS, MALE AND FEMALE.

III.4.1. The World National Doubles Championships and the World National Teams Championships, male and female, will be held together every two (2) years, coinciding with the even-numbered years.

III.4.2. Players must be made up of couples of the same nationality and who are in possession of a current players license issued by the represented Associate Member and recognized by the IPF.

III.4.3. Each National Federation or Association classified to the final phase may sign on a maximum of four (4) pairs of men's players and four (4) pairs of women's players. The organising country will be entitled to sign

on a maximum of six (6) pairs per category if some national federation/association does not sign on four (4) pairs.

III.4.4. The seeds will be determined according to the corresponding IPF Individual Ranking, and in its absence, according to the IPF Ranking for National Teams.

III.4.5. At the “groups” stage matches won will accumulate two (2) points, matches lost one (1) point and no shows (W.O.) with zero (0) points.

III.4.6. The World National Doubles Championships could use: a) the system of successive elimination, or b) Round-Robin firstly followed by successive elimination system.

The indication about the selected method to be used in the next World Championships will be done in the final call moment, taking into account the registered applications.

a) System of successive elimination

(Option voted but need to be better specified, with qality and main draw, it will be applied only after the World Championships of Cascais 2016)

When a successive system of elimination through competition has been used and the quantity of entries are sufficient, the draw will be made up of a maximum of onehundred-twenty-eight (128) pairs in men and in women doubles players.

Men's and women's draw of one-hundred-twenty-eight (128) pairs:

- sixty (60) pairs will be directly selected by the Associate Members participating in the World National Team Championship, four (4) pairs for each one of them (15 countries);
- four (4) pairs reserved for the Associate Member of organizing country, with the possibility to extend up to six (6) if free places are available at the sign-ups definitive deadline.
- rest to complete the draw-sheet, included the possibility to organise a qualifying round, of pairs directly selected by the Associate Members not participating in the World National Team Championship, four (4) pairs for each one of them (these players will have not covered board, accommodation and transportation).

Seeds.

Article III.3.5., will be applied and always avoiding the possibility that two pairs of players from the same country come face to face in the first round. In case this occurs with the last line will be changed with the immediate previous position.

Pre-Qualifying/Preliminary round.

The pre-qualifying round is reserved for players holding the nationality of the organizing country, or players holding residence in the organising country as indicated in II.11.13, as per the regulation in force to which it applies.

The qualified players or able to participate to the Pre-Qualifying round shall be apply the entry registration with the rest of participants.

b) Round-Robin or Groups phase, followed by successive elimination system

Competitions will be held using the groups system in the first round and qualifying rounds in the second. Groups be drawn up in the form of an inverted "C" for the first two (2) doubles of each group,

and their number will depend on amount of double players competing, it could be two (2), four (4), eight (8) or sixteen (16) groups, ensuring that each group has no less than three (3) double pairs of players.

III.4.6.1. The seeds of each group will be determined according to the position in the IPF Ranking for National Teams. If there are more groups than National Teams including in the IPF Ranking for National Teams, it will start a second rotation following the same order, until all groups have a seed. In any case the second rotation will be completed with the assignment of the second double pair in the group following the seeding order. The rest of pairs of players each country signs on will occupy the group assigned to it according to the draw, taking into account that they should try to make sure that players of the same nationality are not integrated in the same group.

III.4.6.2. The top two (2) pairs classified in each group will go into the second round. Those classified in first place in the first four (4) groups will be considered seeds and in the same order. All other places will be decided by draw, done by the Head Umpire at the end of the first round. Two (2) representatives from each country may take part in the draw if desired. Two (2) pairs of players who played against each other in the same group should not face each other in the first match of the second round.

III.5. WORLD NATIONAL TEAMS CHAMPIONSHIPS, MALE AND FEMALE.

III.5.1. The World National Doubles Championships and the World National Teams Championships, male and female, will be held together every two years, coinciding with the even-numbered years.

III.5.2. Each team is made up of a maximum of eight (8) players. All players must hold the nationality of the country they represent. Any player who has not turned fifteen (15) years old on the 1st of January of the year competition takes place will not be allowed to sign on or play.

III.5.3. In order to participate in the National Teams Championships it is absolutely necessary present a minimum team of at least six (6) players. If it is not possible to make up a minimum National Team, the participants to the National Doubles Championships will not have access to the benefits indicated in the point II.12.4. reserved for the participants to the National Teams Championships.

III.5.4. At the time of entry registration as well as the names of all the team players, their passport numbers, the federation membership number and the birth date (see III.2.3) must be shown.

The substitute coach's name will also be available who may be substituted if, in the case of force majeure, is unable to attend the tournament. The reserve coach must be authorised by the Organisation upon arrival. If the coach is also one of the players, they could be also named "captain".

III.5.5. The coach is responsible for:

- Being in contact with Umpire.
- Communicate the match times, instructions etc. to their players.
- Monitor punctuality and sportsmanship of their players.
- Enforce and ensure their players comply with everything stipulated in these regulations.

III.5.6. Each team encounter will be played over the best of three (3) matches, without any player being able to participate in more than one. It is obligatory to present the required three (3) doubles pairs except in the case of injury which occurs during the duration of the said competition.

III.5.7. Thirty minutes prior to the start of each qualifying round, the coaches or captains must hand in the details of their team in duplicate. The Umpire will submit a copy of the teams to each coach or captain. Coaches or captains will have fifteen (15) minutes to present any challenge of the rival teams. If an objection concerning the makeup of the opposing teams is accepted by Umpire or an abnormality is found, the team will be requested to rearrange the team order, without infringing on any actions that the disciplinary Committee may take.

III.5.8. Any challenge must be submitted in writing before the start of the round.

III.5.9. The coach or captain may vary the formation of their teams in each round.

III.5.10. The eight (8) players can be combined freely to compose the corresponding three (3) pairs in each round.

III.5.11. Once the relationship of players playing in the qualifying has been submitted no player may be substituted unless due to error or challenge, and is requested to do so by the Umpire.

III.5.12. The three (3) matches may be held in the following way:

- Simultaneously: playing the round in three (3) courts. If the matches are played simultaneously another qualifying round may not be started until those matches started have finished or at least are in progress.
- Mixed: playing the round in one (1) court initially, with the match of indicated Pairs in the number 3 position and when this match is completed, continuing the round in two (2) courts simultaneously, with the matches of Pairs indicated the numbers 1 and 2 positions.
- Consecutively, playing in one (1) court only in the following order: Pairs n.3, Pairs n.2 and Pairs n.1 last.

In case of major force or climatic conditions and for the benefit of competition development, the Umpire could modify, giving previous notice to the coaches or captains, the way of round playing.

III.5.13. Once the round has started, each match won will give one (1) point, if one pair, or either a player from the pair is not present or defeat due to injury, the team loses the point of this pair.

The W.O. will be considered as lost match with result 6/0-6/0 when necessary to define tie, and the match leaving due to injury will be considered as no any other game was won until the match finish. (i.e. leaving the match due to injury losing the first set 6/3 and partial score 2/5 in the second set ... it will be signed 6/3-7/5).

When playing the group phase and a triple tie occurs, the following criteria will be applied to break the tie:

- first criteria: use the difference between matches won or lost between teams only taking into account the result of the three teams in the tie, will classify first the higher result from won less lost matches, and if the tie persists;
- second criteria: use the difference between sets won or lost between teams only taking into account the result of the teams in the tie, will classify first the higher result from won less lost sets, and if the tie persists;
- third criteria: use the difference between games won or lost between teams only taking into account the result of the three teams in the tie, will classify first the higher result from won less lost games.

The criteria will be successively applied in the order (1st, 2nd and 3rd criteria) along the triple tie is maintained. Once solved the tie between three (3) teams and in case remain the tie between two (2) teams, win the winner of their direct match series.

If after apply the above criteria to break the tie between the three (3) teams the results was not reached, a coin will be flipped. Once solved the tie between three (3) teams by coin flipped, will remain the tie between two (2) teams, and win the winner of their direct match series.

III.5.14. (Option voted, it will be applied only after the World Championships of Cascais 2016)

The final phase of the World National Team Championships will have a maximum of sixteen (16) men's and sixteen (16) women's teams. If the number of teams signed on is higher a preliminary or qualifying round should be played. If the number of teams signed on is lower, the Groups compositions will depends of the number of participating Teams.

When the number of National Teams signed on will be twelve (12), four (4) Groups of three (3) National Teams will be composed.

When the number of National Teams signed on will be five (5) or less, a Round-Robin unique Group will be composed, playing all Teams against each other, and without second phase draw sheet.

When the number of National Teams signed on will be less than three (3), the Championships will be not organised.

III.5.15. If in the Final Phase there is less than twelve (12) and more than five (5) National Teams, the IPF and the Organising Committee will decide the National Team competition system. If it is decided to maintain the groups formation in the first stage, the quantity of groups and the quantity of teams per group will corresponds to the following table:

Registered Teams	Groups	Teams per Group
16	4	4 + 4 + 4 + 4
15	4	3 + 4 + 4 + 4
14	4	3 + 3 + 4 + 4
13	4	3 + 3 + 3 + 4
12	4	3 + 3 + 3 + 3
11	3	3 + 4 + 4
10	3	3 + 3 + 4
9	3	3 + 3 + 3
8	2	4 + 4
7	2	3 + 4
6	2	3 + 3
5	1	5
4	1	4
3	1	3

III.5.16. If any of the teams who have participated in an absolute World Championship for National Teams do not register for the following one they will lose their corresponding rights as qualifiers.

III.5.17. Teams that have not competed in the previous World Championship will occupy the last places and their order will be determined by the IPF Official Ranking for National Teams; or for the results of the Qualifying Round in case it is only one organised; and if there are more than one qualifying rounds, at a complete IPF full decision; or finally by a draw if no qualifying round was organised and no position occupied in the IPF Official Ranking for National Teams.

III.5.18. Preliminary or Qualifying Round.

(Option voted, it will be applied only after the World Championships of Cascais 2016)

In the case of more than sixteen (16) men's teams and more than sixteen (16) women's teams signing on, a preliminary round will be played taking the following into consideration:

Automatically classified:

- the National Men's and Women's Teams of the Associate Member who are hosting the World Championships;
- the National Men's and Women's Teams who placed in the first nine (9) positions in the last World National Teams Championships and excluding the National Men's Team of the Associate Member who is hosting the World Championships.

Teams that did not qualify directly will be grouped as:

- one single group if there are seven (7) teams;
- two (2) groups if there are from eight (8) to fifteen (15); or four (4) groups if there are sixteen (16) or more; that will compete for all places towards the Final Phase.

During the intermediate time period between the last World Championships and the next World Championship, in the event that "all" Continental Championships have been played, they may be used to define the available places and could be considered as valid instead of having to play in any preliminary or qualifying competitions. This decision will be communicated by the IPF in the pre-registration call.

The number of places available and their distribution as well as the tournament draw will be decided and done by the IPF.

III.5.19. As it is impossible to predict the number of possible different situations which could occur in the Organization of the qualifying round, once closed the pre-registration, the IPF will decide about the qualification system.

III.5.20. The IPF and the Associate Member who presented the candidacy to host the Preliminary or Qualifying Round will define and agree about the participation conditions.

III.5.21. In any case the Qualifying Round has to be finished at least within thirty (30) days in advance referred to the Final Phase starts date.

III.5.22. Final Phase.

The World National Teams Championships Final Phase is divided in two parts: one groups phase and a direct successive eliminatory phase.

In the first part all teams in the group play against other (Round-Robin).

Signed on National Teams: from thirteen (13) to sixteen (16)

First part.

Teams will be allocated in four (4) groups.

Group A, with seed the National Team who occupy the position number one (1) of the IPF Ranking for National Teams

Group B, with seed the National Team who occupy the position number two (2) of the IPF Ranking for National Teams

Group C, with seed the National Team who occupy the position number three (3) of the IPF Ranking for National Teams

Group D, with seed the National Team who occupy the position number four (4) of the IPF Ranking for National Teams

The National Teams names who occupy the position numbers n° 5, n° 6, n° 7 and n° 8 of the IPF Ranking for National Teams, or those that have reached the Final Phase due to Qualifying, will be put in a draw to define the second National Team of each Group A, B, C and D.

The National Teams names who occupy the position numbers n° 9, n° 10, n° 11 and n° 12 of the IPF Ranking for National Teams, or because is the National Team of the Associate Member Organiser of the country where the Championships held, or those that have reached the Final Phase due to Qualifying, will be put in a draw to define the third National Team of each Group A, B, C and D.

In the event that more than twelve (12) National Teams have signed up, the National Teams members who occupy the IPF ranking numbers n° 13, n° 14, n° 15 and n° 16 or those that have reached the Final Phase due to Qualifying, will be put in a draw to define the third National Team of each Group A, B, C and D, taking into account the signed up applications. If there are less than sixteen (16) Teams signed on, the first name drawn will be allocated in Group D, the second name drawn in the Group C and the third name drawn in the Group B, in consideration of the teams registered.

Second part.

Winners against winners, losers against losers, define all positions, as indicated in the following schemes.

If the signed on National Teams are less than sixteen (16) the same exit to draw sheet will be maintained, with all necessary "BYE" in the draw sheet part where are defined the positions 13° to 16°.

16 TEAMS

LEAGUE

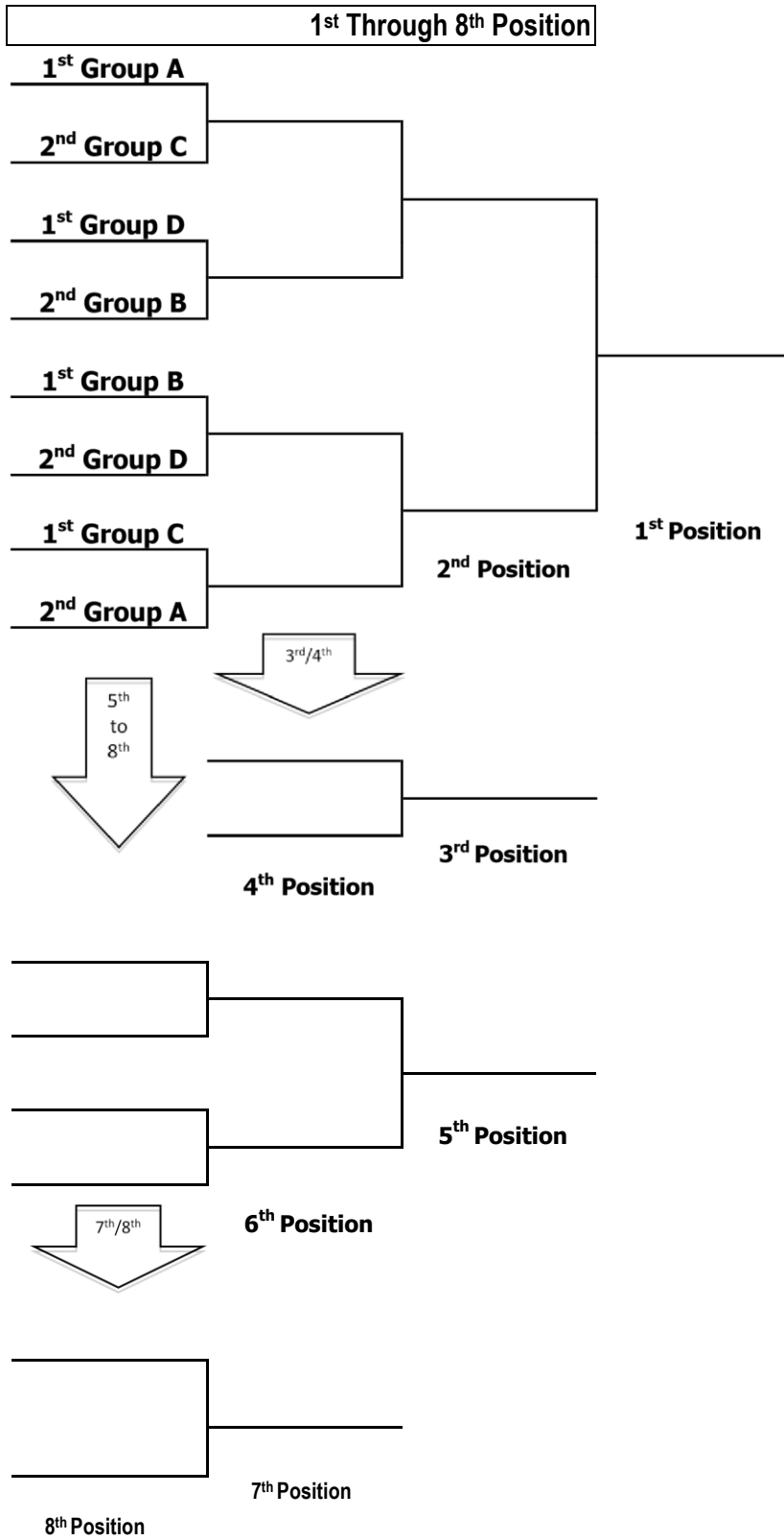
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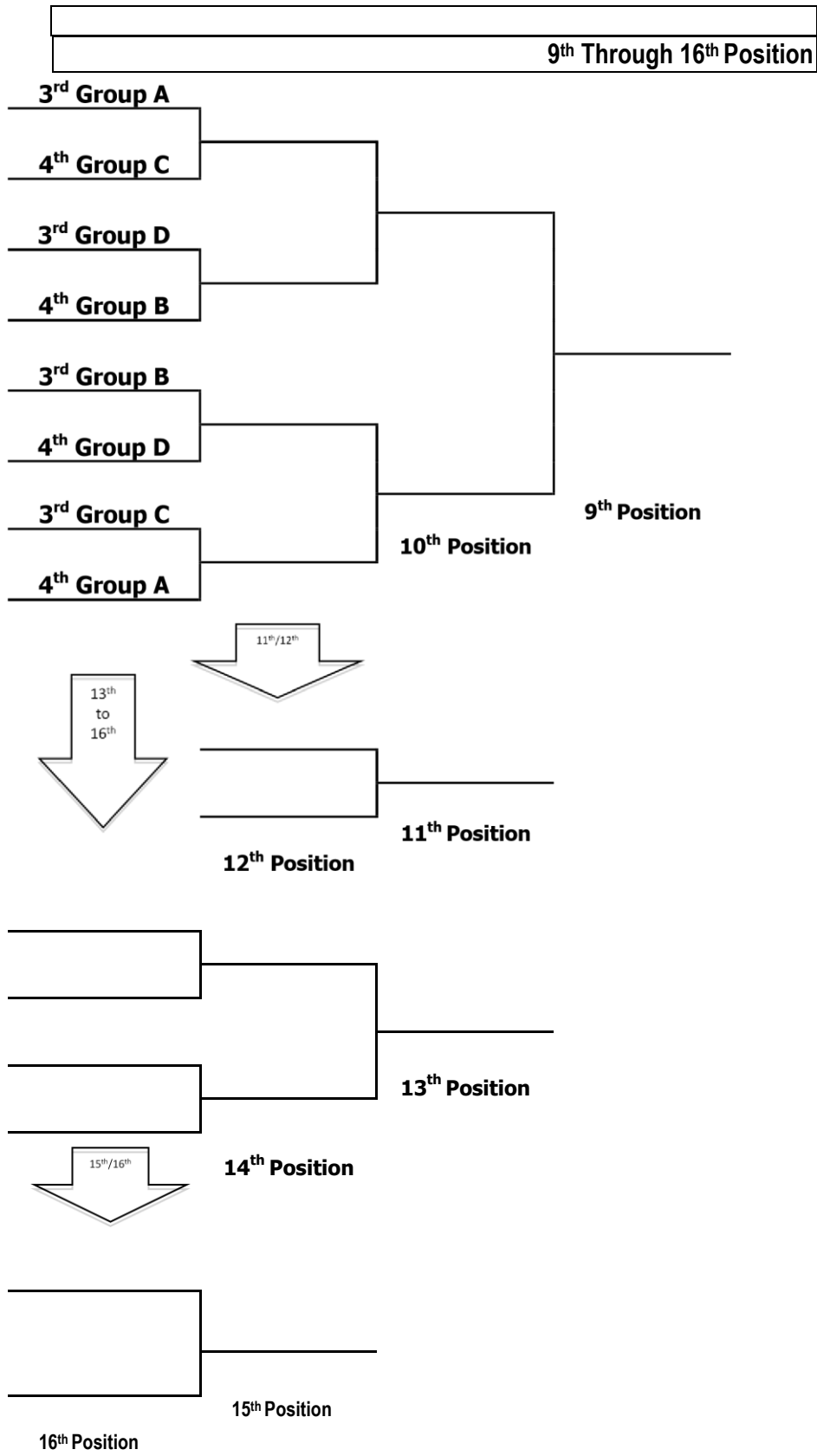
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GROUP C				
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GROUP D				
	X			
		X		
			X	
				X

16 TEAMS





Signed on National Teams: twelve (12)

First part.

Teams will be allocated in four (4) groups.

Group A, with seed the National Team who occupy the position number one (1) of the IPF Ranking for National Teams

Group B, with seed the National Team who occupy the position number two (2) of the IPF Ranking for National Teams

Group C, with seed the National Team who occupy the position number three (3) of the IPF Ranking for National Teams

Group D, with seed the National Team who occupy the position number four (4) of the IPF Ranking for National Teams

The National Teams names who occupy the position numbers n° 5, n° 6, n° 7 and n° 8 of the IPF Ranking for National Teams, or have reached the Final Phase due to Qualifying, will be put in a draw to define the second National Team of each Group A, B, C and D.

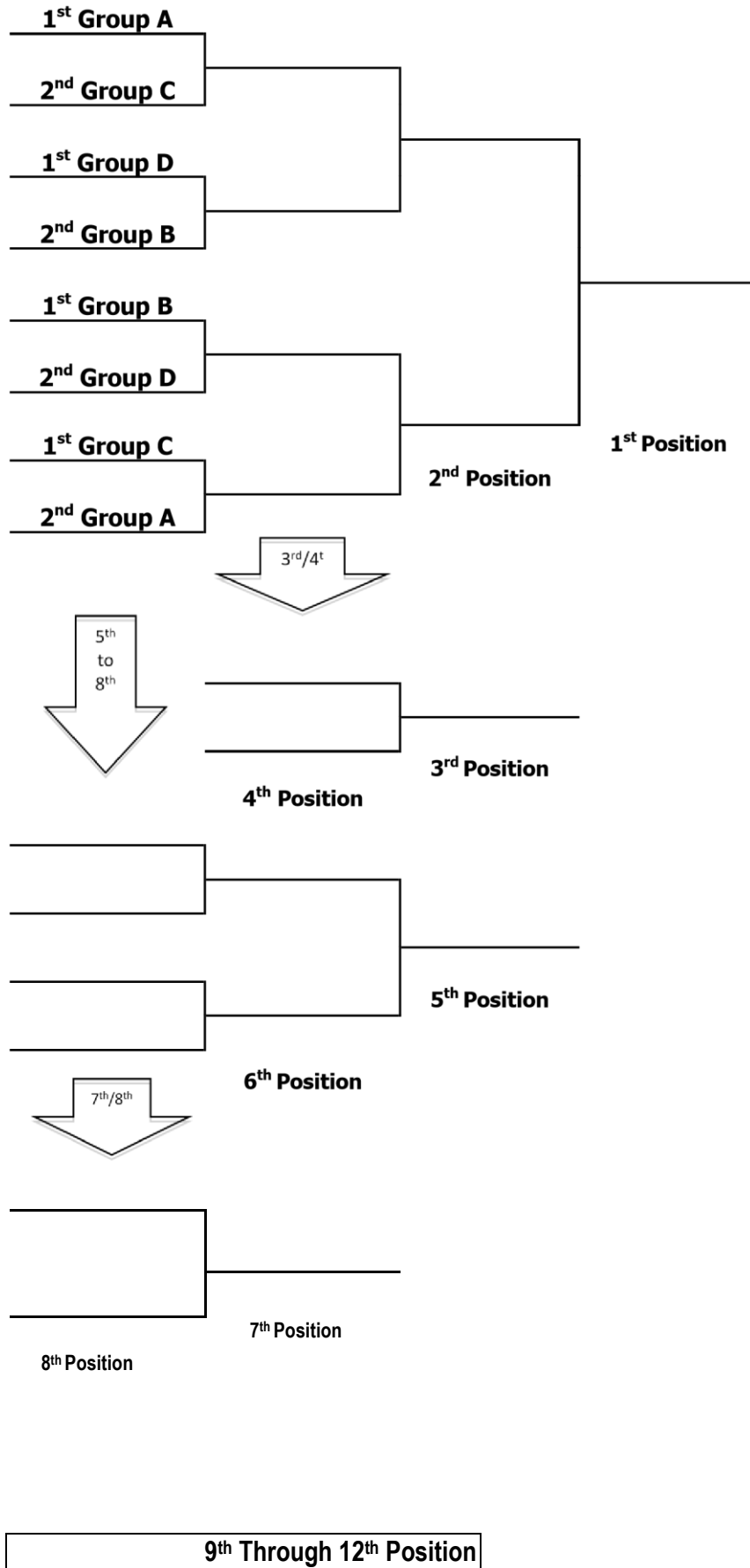
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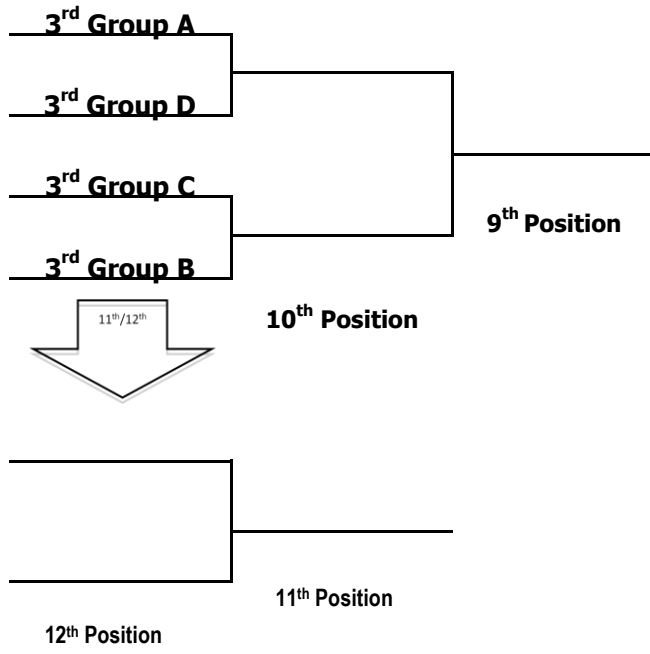
Second part.

Winners against winners, losers against losers, define all positions, as indicated in the following schemes.

12 TEAMS

1st Through 8th Position





Signed on National Teams: from nine (9) to eleven (11)

First part.

Teams will be allocated in three (3) groups.

Group A, with seed the National Team who occupy the position number one (1) of the IPF Ranking for National Teams

Group B, with seed the National Team who occupy the position number two (2) of the IPF Ranking for National Teams

Group C, with seed the National Team who occupy the position number three (3) of the IPF Ranking for National Teams

The National Teams names who occupy the position numbers n° 4, n° 5 and n° 6 of the IPF Ranking for National Teams, or have reached the Final Phase due to Qualifying, will be put in a draw to define the second National Team of each Group A, B and C.

In continuation, the National Teams names who occupy the position numbers n° 7, n° 8 and n° 9 of the IPF Ranking for National Teams, or due to the team being that of host Member, or have reached the Final Phase due to Qualifying, will be put in a draw to define the third National Team of each Group A, B and C.

In continuation, if more than nine (9) National Teams have signed up, the National Teams names who occupy the position numbers n° 10 and n° 11 of the IPF Ranking for National Teams, or have reached the Final Phase due to Qualifying, they will be put in a draw to define the fourth National Team of each Group A, B, C and D, taking into account the registered members. If there are less than eleven (11) teams signed up, Team n° 10 will be allocated to Group C.

Second part.

The Teams classified in the second place in the groups A, B and C, will play a RoundRobin in order to define "the best second".

The Teams classified in the first place in the groups A, B and C, and "the best second" will define the first four positions, as indicated in the following schemes.

The Teams classified in the second place in the groups A, B and C, except "the best second", will define the 5° and 6° places, taking into account their result in the league.

The Teams classified in the third place in the groups A, B and C, will play a RoundRobin in order to define the 7°, 8° and 9° places.

The Teams classified in the fourth place in the groups B and C, will play against each other to define the 10° and 11° places.

9 - 11 TEAMS

1st PHASE

GROUP A			
	X		
		X	
			X

GROUP B				
	X			
		X		
			X	
				X

GROUP C				
	X			
		X		
			X	
				X

2nd PHASE

**LEAGUE INCLUDING THE CLASSIFIED SECOND OF EACH GROUP
DEFINE THE BEST SECOND AND THE FINAL POSITIONS 5th. AND 6th.**

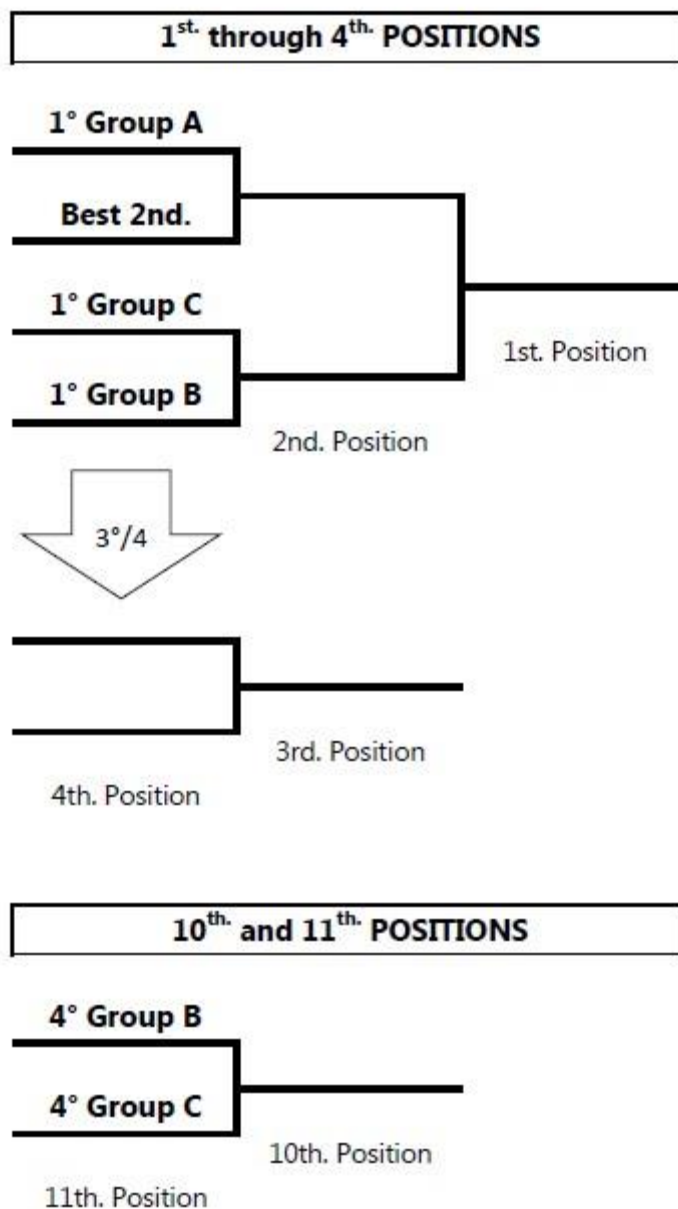
	X		
		X	
			X

**LEAGUE INCLUDING THE CLASSIFIED THIRD OF EACH GROUP
DEFINE THE FINAL POSITIONS 7th., 8th. AND 9th.**

	X		
		X	
			X

9 - 11 TEAMS

3rd PHASE



Signed on National Teams: six (6) to eight (8)

First part.

Teams will be allocated in two (2) groups.

Group A, with seed the National Team who occupy the position number one (1) of the IPF Ranking for National Teams

Group B, with seed the National Team who occupy the position number two (2) of the IPF Ranking for National Teams

The National Teams names who occupy the position numbers n° 3 and 4 of the IPF Ranking for National Teams, will be put in a draw to define the second National Team of each Group A and B.

The National Teams names who occupy the position numbers n° 5 and 6 of the IPF Ranking for National Teams, or have reached the Final Phase due to Qualifying, will be put in a draw to define the third National Team of each Group A and B.

In continuation, if signed on seven (7) National Teams, the National Teams name who occupy the position numbers n° 7 of the IPF Ranking for National Teams, or have reached the Final Phase due to Qualifying, or due to the team being that of host Member, will be allocated in the Group B.

In the case were signed on eight (8) National Teams, the National Teams names who occupy the position numbers n° 7 and n° 8 of the IPF Ranking for National Teams, or have reached the Final Phase due to Qualifying, or due to the team being that of host Member, will be put in a draw to define the fourth National Team of each Group A and B.

Second part.

Winners against winners, losers against losers, define all positions, as indicated in the following schemes.

If the signed on National Teams are less than eight (8) the same exit to draw sheet will be maintained, with all necessary "BYE" in the draw sheet part where are defined the positions 5° to 8°, or will be organised a Round-Robin group.

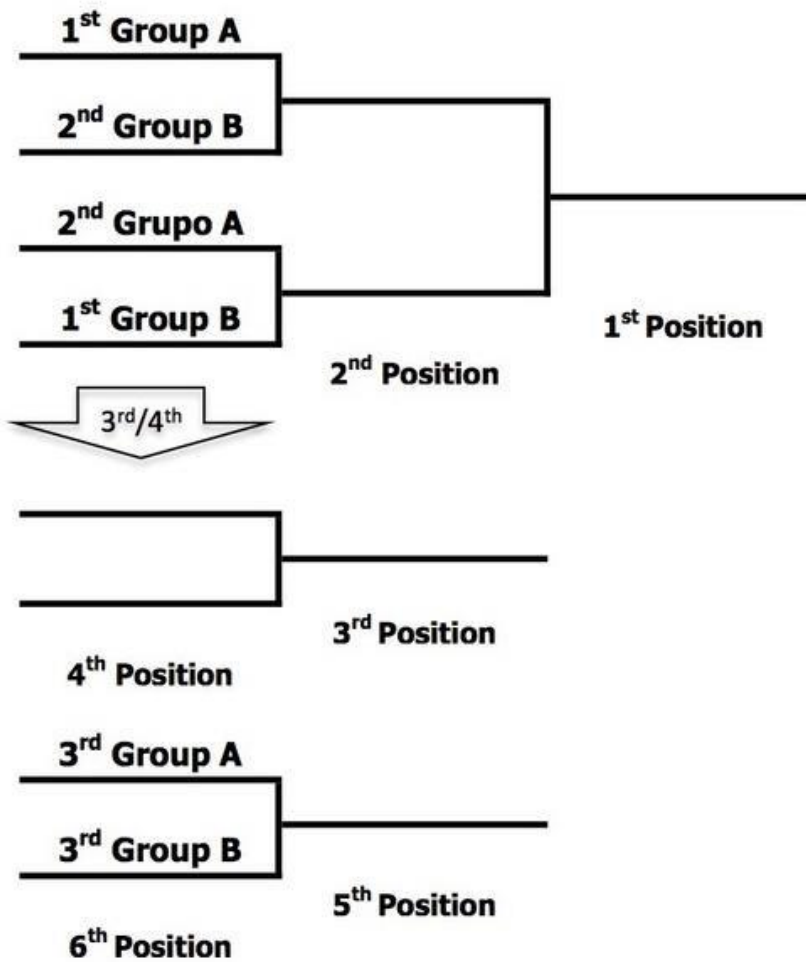
6 TEAMS

LEAGUE

GROUP A			
	X		
		X	
			X

GROUP B			
	X		
		X	
			X

1st. Through 6th. Position



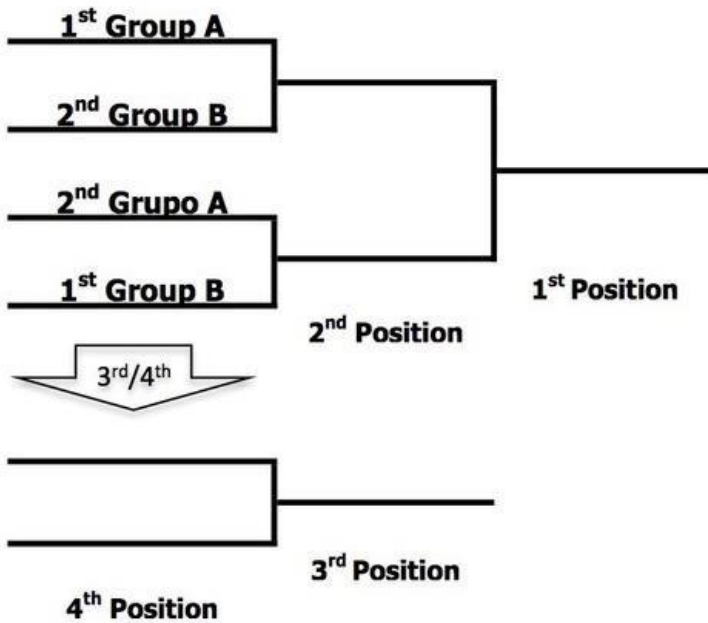
7 TEAMS

LEAGUE

GROUP A			
	X		
		X	
			X

GROUP B				
	X			
		X		
			X	
				X

1st. Through 7th. Position



5th to 7th	3 th group A	3 th group B	4 th group B
3 th group A	X		
3 th group B		X	
4 th group B			X

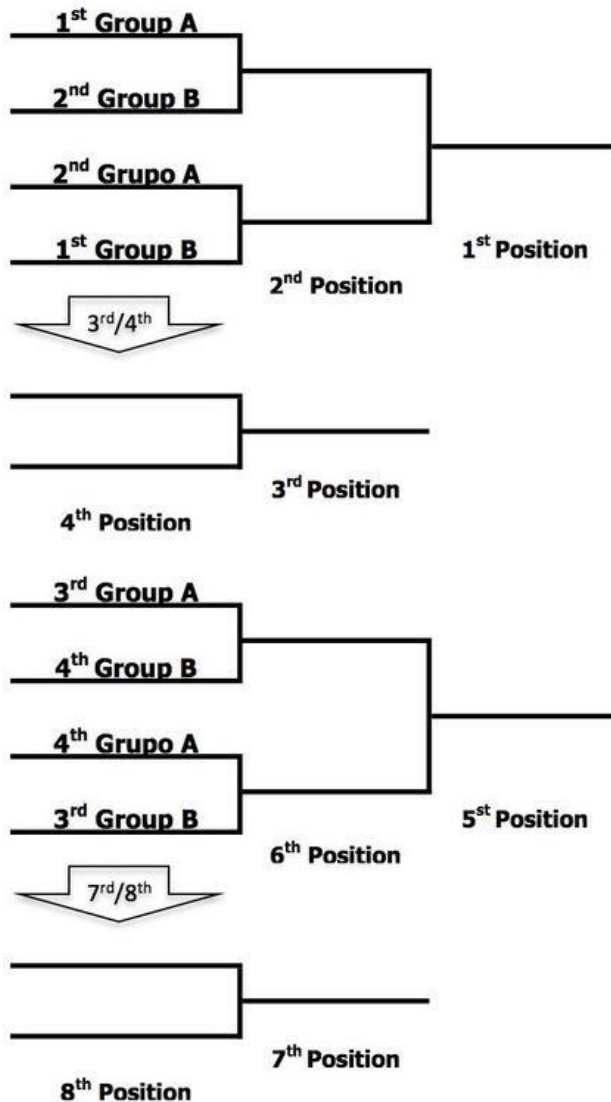
8 TEAMS

LEAGUE

GROUP A				
	X			
		X		
			X	
				X

GROUP B				
	X			
		X		
			X	
				X

1st. Through 8th. Position



III.6. CONTINENTALE CHAMPIONSHIPS AND REGIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS

Specific regulations corresponding will be prepared once the Continental and Regional Federations have been created and recognised by the IPF, until then the Continental and Regional Championships will be governed by the present regulations.

CHAPTER IV: REGULATIONS FOR THE I.P.F. CLASSIFICATION

IV.1. GENERAL PRINCIPLES

- IV.1.1.** Rank: Is to place the names of each player in their corresponding order, based on the results obtained in the twelve (12) months prior to publication of the classification.
- IV.1.2.** The World Open Championships and the International Tournaments included the IPF official calendar will apply to official international IPF Individual Ranking.
- IV.1.3.** Ranking will be done monthly, but only in case of tournaments celebrated in the last month and includes in the Official Tournaments Schedule, and will be reflected in the official IPF web page.
- IV.1.4.** International ranking will be established using the "best of" System. The best results obtained in a maximum of twenty-five (25) tournaments, of the tournaments included in the official IPF calendar for the 365 days beforehand will be taken into account. For players who play more than twenty-five (25) tournaments, their worst results will be eliminated, as many as necessary to get to the stipulated twenty-five (25). Those who play the exact number or less than twenty-five (25) tournaments will rank by the sum of points obtained in the tournaments they have played.
- IV.1.5.** The IPF Ranking for National Teams will take into account firstly the international classification in the last World Championships, secondly the previous World Championships, and if decided by the corresponding IPF's Committee, could also take into consideration the international classification of last Continental Championships.

IV.2. POINTS SYSTEM

- IV.2.1.** The points awarded by players will be based on the evaluation of each competition category.
- IV.2.2.** For the points system of IPF Individual Ranking, please refer to the Technical Rules of IPF Tournaments. The IPF reserves the right to annually review the tournaments categories and related points table.

CHAPTER V. FINAL REGULATION

V.1. INTO FORCE VALIDITY

The present Technical Regulations shall come into force the day following their approval by the Board of Directors of the IPF, and has to be ratified by the first available Annual General Meeting.

ANNEX A

REQUIREMENTS FOR ORGANISING A WORLD PADEL CHAMPIONSHIP

1. FACILITIES

1.1. COURTS

- 1.1.1. Seven (7) courts plus one (1) Central Court. All in the same place, if there are two (2) venues (never more than two (2)) they should have excellent communication between them and be geographically very close.
- 1.1.2. All courts should have a safety area to allow to play out of court.
- 1.1.3. Both Central Court and No. 1 Court must have stands for the public.
- 1.1.4. Lighting on all courts.
- 1.1.5. Same type of surface for all courts. The only permitted difference will be for mobile courts set up for the championships or when some courts are open air while others are in-door.
- 1.1.6. Practice courts for the players

1.2. STANDS

- 1.2.1. The central court grandstand must have a capacity to seat at least 2.500 people.
- 1.2.2. Court No.1 must have a capacity to seat at least 800 people.

1.3. CHANGE ROOMS

- 1.3.1. Women's and men's.
- 1.3.2. Should there be two venues both must have men's and women's changing rooms.
- 1.3.3. Availability of towels.
- 1.3.4. Minimum 8 showers per changing room.

1.4. RESTAURANT / CAFÉ

- 1.4.1. Sports Menu
- 1.4.2. Food corner with different kind of food for the public and visitors.
- 1.4.3. Room for players where to have lunch and dinners.
- 1.4.4. VIP's area with access control for guests of the organiser and the IPF , VIP's and Affiliate Presidents.

1.5. PLAYERS LOUNGE

- 1.5.1. Capacity for 60 - 50 people.
- 1.5.2. IT prepared and with Wi-Fi connection availability.

1.6. PHYSIOTHERAPY ROOM

- 1.6.1. Minimum 2 Physios for male teams
- 1.6.2. Minimum 2 physios for female teams
- 1.6.3. 1 Doctor

1.7. STAFF/SERVICE FACILITIES MAINTENANCE

- 1.7.1. Personnel available for maintenance and cleaning during the time of competition, with capability to replace broken glass, net repairs, cable tightening or fastening service for the courts, when necessary.

1.8. OPERATIONS AREA FOR THE REFEREE TEAM

- 1.8.1. Gazebo or office with available tables, chairs, Wi-Fi connection or via-cable Internet, printer, communications panel, various office instruments and materials.

1.9. MEDIA ROOM

- 1.9.1. Gazebo or office with available tables, chairs.
- 1.9.2. Wi-Fi connection or via-cable Internet
- 1.9.3. Printer.
- 1.9.4. Communications panel, monitors, various office instruments and materials.

1.10. IPF'S OFFICE

- 1.10.1. Gazebo or office with available tables and chairs for 8 persons
- 1.10.2. In addition, the Organization shall ensure that a meeting room is available where President may prepare and host IPF meetings.
- 1.10.3. Wi-Fi connection or via-cable Internet
- 1.10.4. Printer.
- 1.10.5. Communications panel, monitors, various office instruments and materials.

1.11. VILLAGE

- 1.11.1. With institutional, commercial and food booth.
- 1.11.2. Seating area to rest
- 1.11.3. Score panels to follow the competition

1.12. MEGAPHONE

- 1.12.1. For Centre Court and N°.1 court as a minimum
- 1.12.2. Speakers to put the National anthems before the first match.

1.13. RESULTS / SCORE BOARD

- 1.13.1. Big LED screen on Central Court.
- 1.13.2. There should be score boards kept up to date showing results for both National Teams prominently displayed in the venues.
- 1.13.3. There should be notice boards kept up to date in the hotels where players are staying

1.14. ANTHEMS AND FLAGS

- 1.14.1. Anthems of all participating countries.
- 1.14.2. Flags of all participating countries.

2. OBLIGATIONS AND RESPONSABILITIES

2.1. IPF FEE

- 2.1.1. To negotiate with the IPF

2.2. TEAMS

- 2.2.1. 16 National teams delegations
- 2.2.2. Each delegation is formed by:
 - 8 male players and 2 coaches
 - 8 female players and 2 coaches
 - 2 Federative Member

2.3. IPF STAFF

- 2.3.1. The Organizer will be responsible of the following IPF staff members: flight tickets, meals and hotel expenses)
 - President
 - General Secretary
 - IPF supervisor
 - Sports Director
 - Media Manager
- 2.3.2. Should be picked up at the airport upon arrival and dropped off on departure.
- 2.3.3. Transport between the hotel and facilities should be provided.

2.4. DISCIPLINARY COMMITTEE MEMBER

- 2.4.1. The Organizer will be responsible for the member of the Disciplinary Committee (1 person) flight tickets, meals and hotel expenses.
- 2.4.2. Should be picked up at the airport upon arrival and dropped off on departure.
- 2.4.3. Transport between the hotel and facilities should be provided.

2.5. REFEREE TEAM – 2 per court

- 2.5.1. The Organizer will be responsible for the referee team fees (see annex) and flight tickets, meals and hotel expenses.
- 2.5.2. Should be picked up at the airport upon arrival and dropped off on departure.
- 2.5.3. Transport between the hotel and facilities should be provided.

2.6. TRANSPORTATION

- 2.6.1. Transport between the airport/railway station and the hotel should be arranged for each National Team Delegations at their arrival.
- 2.6.2. Transfers between the hotel and the facilities in several shifts should be made daily.
- 2.6.3. Transfer of National Team delegations to airports/stations on their departure.

2.7. ACCOMMODATION

- 2.7.1. Accommodation for all members of each National Team Delegations registered in the Championships:
 - Eight (8) nights and nine (9) days.
 - Hotel with minimum four (4) stars category.
 - Breakfast included in the hotel.
- 2.7.2. Assist in the reservation of accommodation for accompanying persons and visitors.

2.8. MEALS

- 2.8.1. Starting the first lunch the National Teams Delegation arrives to the Hotel.
- 2.8.2. Lunch and dinner for all members of each National Team Delegations registered in the Championships.
- 2.8.3. Lunch and dinner for all members of each Referee and Organizing committee of the Championships.
- 2.8.4. Timetable:
 - Lunch: From 12h30 to 15h
 - Dinner: From 19h00 to 22h30

2.9. TOWELS

- 2.9.1. Towels will be available to both the team and doubles national players from the final phase onwards.

2.10. DRINKS & FRUITS

- 2.10.1. Players must have water and isotonic drinks available at the courts.
- 2.10.2. It is suggested the availability of fruit (at least banana).

2.11. COMPLIMENTARY GIFTS

2.11.1. Gifts should be given to doubles national pairs on inscription for a Championships.

2.11.2. Gifts should be given to national teams on inscription for a Championships.

3. ORGANISATION

3.1. ORGANISATION OF PERSONAL

3.1.1. The manager of the World Championship will be named by the organizing National Federation/ Association and if the IPF accepts him/her, they will be nominated. If no person is nominated then the IPF will propose and nominate them directly.

3.1.2. Chief Umpire. Should be bilingual in English and Spanish (IPF will verify by an interview). They will be proposed by the organizing National Federation/ Association and if IPF accept him/her, they will be nominated. If no person is nominated then the IPF will propose and nominate them directly.

3.1.3. Umpire Team: in addition to the Head Umpire, it will be composed of at least nine (9) Umpires, who could act as Deputy Umpire, Auxiliary Umpire and Chair Umpire. Proposed by the host country and approved by the IPF.

3.1.4. Medical service and ambulances. There must be medical coverage on the premises.

3.1.5. A Physiotherapist.

3.1.6. The organizer shall take the necessary security measures to assist in the proper running of the event.

3.2. OFFICIAL ACTS and EVENTS

3.2.1. Presentation to the media. Press, TV, radio, web, etc.

3.2.2. Inauguration ceremony.

3.2.3. National Team parade and loyalty oath ceremony.

3.2.4. Closing ceremony and awarding of prizes.

3.2.5. Players Party.

3.2.6. The protocol for all these acts must be subjected to the approval of the IPF. The President of the IPF will always participate in both the male and female champions prize award ceremonies.

4. GRAPHIC MATERIAL

IPF logo should be prominently displayed in all graphic material and at least equal in size to that of the most important sponsors.

4.1. POSTERS

4.1.1. Design by FIP.

4.1.2. Shipping/distribution to all affiliated members.

4.2. INVITATIONS AND TICKETS

- 4.2.1. If ticket sales are planned the Organizers shall reserve an agreed number of free tickets available for the IPF to distribute to Federation personnel and participating Federations/ Associations. The Organizer should deliver the free tickets before the competition starts, as follows:
- 4.2.2. Two (2) tickets or credentials for any participating player and for any registered coach or captain;
- 4.2.3. Four (4) tickets or credentials for any registered National Team Delegation;
- 4.2.4. The IPF President or his representative will have available all the tickets or credentials that they need.
- 4.2.5. Design.
- 4.2.6. Shipping/distribution to all affiliated members.

4.3. CREDENTIALS

- 4.3.1. Types: Player, Coach, Umpire, Federative official, Press, Organization and VIPs.
- 4.3.2. It is recommended that credentials contain name, country and a photo.
- 4.3.3. To authenticate the credentials it will be necessary to present a current valid passport.

5. TV- RIGHTS AND ADVERTISING MATERIAL

- 5.1. The shall arrange for the production of the live feed with English commentary of all the matches of the Tournament played in at least Central Court and number one court.
- 5.2. Television rights for the World Championships are owned by the IPF except the territory of the country organizing the event.
 - 5.2.1. All matches should be streaming in the IPF's Youtube Channel.
- 5.3. Adhesive vinyl for sticking onto a glass courts must be silk-screened on both sides and attached to the outer side of the lateral or back walls, up to a maximum height of 50 centimeters from the ground and with the same color background.
- 5.4. There may be all kinds of advertising placed between the courts and the spectators seating area, provided that it does not prevent or impede vision, the game itself, or invade the safety area for out of court play.
- 5.5. Banners may be attached to the outside of the courts, except for the central and no. 1, provided that they do not hinder vision or the game.
- 5.6. Printed posters, silk-screens or stickers placed on the ground, between the net and the service line will be permitted provided that do not alter the bounce of the ball, nor change the surface uniformity or cause physical danger to the players.
- 5.7. Advertising on the opaque walls of the court. Banners may be attached on the outside of the lateral or rear mesh, as long as they do not prevent or impede the vision or the game.
- 5.8. Merchandising products of World Championships will be free to sell but subject to a IPF 5% royalty of sales, and delivery of 5% or manufactured items to IPF for its distribution and institutional needs.

6. SPONSORS

- 6.1. The organizer should respect the global partners of the IPF and grant the assets dealt with them.(Annex 1)
- 6.2. All the other categories are free to deal directly between organizers and brands
- 6.3. IPF stays at the disposal of the organizer to help to find other sponsors

7. TROPHIES AND AWARDS.

- 7.1. Teams Championships:
 - 7.1.1. Absolute:
 - 22 gold medals for players (8+8), the Captains (4) and federative members (2). Male and Female.
 - 22 silver medals for players (8+8), the Captains (4) and federative members (2). Male and Female.
 - 22 bronze medals for players (8+8), the Captains (4) and federative members (2). Male and Female.

7.2. Pairs Championships:

7.2.1. Absolute:

- Two trophies for each pair of champions. Male and Female.
- Two trophies for each pair of runners up. Male and Female.
- Two trophies for each third qualifying pair. Male and Female.
- A diploma, plate or trophy for the participation could also be given.

8. COMMITTEES

- 8.1. Honorary Committee. Shall include the IPF President.
- 8.2. Organizing Committee. Shall include the IPF President and the Sport Director. The IPF shall nominate and approve a Principal Referee.

ANNEX B

REQUIREMENTS FOR ORGANISING A QUALIFICATION ROUND OF THE WORLD PADEL CHAMPIONSHIP

All those National Federations/Associations of affiliated countries wishing to organize a Qualification Round of the World Padel Championships may make a bid request to the International Padel Federation, fixing the conditions they are prepared to meet which must meet the ideal situations as indicated below.

A- FACILITIES.

A.1 – COURTS

- Two (2) regulatory courts. All in the same place.
- Courts must be glass wall.
- Courts must have stands for the public.
- Lighting on all courts.
- Same surface type for all courts. The only permitted difference will be; for mobile courts set up or when some courts are open air while others are in-door.

A.2 - STANDS

- The centre court grandstand must have a capacity to seat at least 80 people.

A.3 – CHANGE ROOMS

- Women's and men's.
- Availability of towels.
- Minimum 6 showers per changing room.

A.4 – RESTAURANT / CAFÉ

- Sports Menu.
- Bars on the premises.

A.5 – PLAYERS LOUNGE

- Capacity for 15-30 people.
- IT prepared and with Wi-Fi connection availability.

A.6 – PHYSIOTHERAPY ROOM

A.7 – STAFF/SERVICE FACILITIES MAINTENANCE

- Personnel available for maintenance and cleaning during the time of competition, with capability to replace broken glass, net repairs, cable tightening or fastening service for the courts, when necessary.

A.8 - OPERATIVE AREA FOR UMPIRE TEAM

- Gazebo or office with tables, chairs, Wi-Fi connection or via-cable Internet, printer, communications panel, various office instruments and materials.

A.9 – MEDIA ROOM

- Gazebo or office tables, chairs, Wi-Fi connection or via-cable Internet, printer, communications panel, monitors, various office instruments and materials.

A.10 – VILLAGE

- With institutional and or commercial stands.

B – SERVICE INFRASTRUCTURE

B.1 – MEGAPHONE

- At least for the Centre court.

B.2 – NOTICE BOARD RESULTS

- There should be notice boards kept up to date showing results for Qualification Round of World National Teams Championships, prominently displayed in the venues.

B.4 – ANTHEMS AND FLAGS

- Anthems of all participating countries. ○ Flags of all participating countries.

C - SERVICES

C.1 - FIP PRESIDENT, FIP SUPERVISOR

- The Organizer will be responsible for IPF President's and Supervisor's tickets, meals and board and lodging.
- Should be picked up at the airport upon arrival and dropped off on departure. ○ Transport between the hotel and facilities should be provided.
- In addition, the Organization shall ensure that a meeting room is available where President may prepare and celebrate IPF meetings.

C.2 – TRANSPORTATION

- Transport between the airport/railway station and the hotel should be arranged for the delegations at their arrival.
- Transfers between the hotel and the facilities in several shifts should be made daily, if necessary.
- Transfer of delegations to airports/stations on their departure.

C.3 ACCOMMODATION

- Provide information on the distance between the hotel and facilities, estimating the time required to get from one to the other.
- Accommodation at convenient rate for all members of official delegations registered in the Qualification Round for the World National Teams Championships during three (3) or four (4) nights.
- Collaborate in the reservation of accommodation for accompanying persons and visitors.

C.4 – MEALS

- Breakfast and lunch for all members of official delegations registered in the Qualification Rounds of the World National Teams Championships during three (3) days.
- Ample timetable for meals.
- It is preferable that breakfast could be at the hotel and lunches in the club or places very close to them. ○ Dinner free.

C.5 – TOWELS

- Towels will be facilitated to the players.

C.6 – DRINKS and FRUITS

- Players must have water and isotonic drinks available at the courts.
- It is suggested the availability of fruit (at least banana).

C.7 – COMPLIMENTARY GIFTS

- Gifts could be given on inscription.

D - ORGANISATION

D.1 – ORGANISATION OF PERSONAL

- The manager of the Qualification Round of the World Championship will be proposed and nominated directly by the IPF.
- Head Umpire. Should be bilingual in English and Spanish (IPF will verify by an interview). If the organizing National Federation/Association is not participating to the Qualification Round, will issue the proposal and if IPF will accept him/her, and be nominated. If no one is nominated the IPF will directly appoint the head umpire.
- Umpire Team: in addition to the Head Umpire, it will be composed at least for two (2) Umpires, who could act as Deputy Umpire, Auxiliary Umpire and Chair Umpire. Proposed by the host country and approved by the IPF.
- Medical service and ambulances. There must be medical coverage on the premises.
- A Physiotherapist.
- The organizer shall take the necessary security measures to assist in the proper running of the event.

D.2 - OFFICIAL ACTS and EVENTS

- Presentation to the media. Press, TV, radio, web, etc. ○ Inauguration ceremony. National Team parade and loyalty oath ceremony. ○ Closing ceremony and prize giving, if predicted.
- Players Party.

The protocol for all these acts must be subjected to the approval of the IPF. The President of the IPF will always participate in both the male and female prize giving ceremonies.

E - GRAPHIC MATERIAL

IPF logo should be prominently displayed in all graphic material and at least equal in size to that of the most important sponsors.

E.1 – POSTERS

- Design.
- Shipping/distribution to all affiliated members.

E.2 – INVITATIONS AND TICKETS

- If ticket sales are planned the Organizers shall reserve an agreed number of free tickets for the IPF for distribution to Federation personnel and participating Federations/ Associations. The Organizer would provide free of charge tickets before the competition starts, as follows:
 - Two (2) tickets or credentials for any participating player and for any registered coach or captain;
 - Four (4) tickets or credentials for any registered federative official;
 - The IPF President or his representative will have available all free of charge tickets or credentials as they need.
 - Design.
 - Shipping/distribution to all affiliated members.

E.3 - CREDENTIALS

- Types: Player, Coach, Umpire, Federative officials, Press and VIPs.
- It is recommended that credentials contain name, country and a photo.
- To authenticate the credentials it will be necessary to present a current valid passport.

F - ADVERTISING MATERIAL

- Television rights for the World Championships, included Qualification Rounds, are owned by the IPF, who will negotiate the assignation thereof with the Organizer and the conditions under which such assignation will occur.
- Adhesive vinyl for sticking onto a glass courts must be silk-screened on both sides and attached to the outer side of the lateral or back walls, up to a maximum height of 50 centimeters from the ground and with the same color background.
- There may be all kinds of advertising placed between the courts and the spectators seating area, provided that it does not prevent or impede vision, the game itself, or invade the safety area for out of court play.
- Banners may be attached to the outside of the courts, except for the central and no. 1, provided that they do not hinder vision or the game.

- Printed posters, silk-screens or stickers placed on the ground, between the net and the service line will be permitted provided that do not alter the bounce of the ball, nor change the surface uniformity or cause physical danger to the players.
- Advertising on the opaque walls of the court. Banners may be attached on the outside of the lateral or rear mesh, as long as they do not prevent or impede the vision or the game.
- Merchandising products of Qualification Round for World Championships will be free to sell but subject to an IPF 5% royalty of sales, and delivery of 5% or manufactured items to IPF for its distribution and institutional needs.

G – TROPHIES AND AWARDS.

- They are not needed for the Qualification Round for the World National Teams Championships.
- A diploma, plate or trophy for the participation could be given.

H - COMMITTEES

- Honorary Committee. Shall include the IPF President.
- Organizing Committee. The IPF shall nominate a member or officer.