



NORTHERN CYPRUS TENNIS FEDERATION
PADEL COMPETITION INSTRUCTIONS
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CHAPTER ONE

Initial Provisions

ARTICLE 1- Purpose

The purpose of this Instruction is to regulate the procedures and principles to be applied in official and private padel sports competitions organized or permitted by the Northern Cyprus Tennis Federation.

ARTICLE 2- Scope

This instruction; It covers sports clubs, sports joint stock companies, athletes, referees, coaches, representatives and officials participating in official and private padel sports competitions organized or permitted by the Northern Cyprus Tennis Federation.

ARTICLE 3- Instruction

It is carried out under Article 69 of the statute of the Northern Cyprus Tennis Federation (Authority to Issue Circulars, Regulations and Instructions).

ARTICLE 4- Definitions

- Coach: Refers to the person who has a coaching certificate obtained from the Northern Cyprus Tennis Federation and international licensing institutions.
- Doubles competition: A padel competition in which two athletes play against two athletes.
- Referee: A licensed person who manages the competition according to the rules.
- Draw: Official table showing the matches and round progress.
- Central Referee Board: Refers to the Central Referee Board of the Northern Cyprus Tennis Federation.
- Exempt (Bye): An athlete passes the first round without a match.
- Competition: A padel match held in a certain category and format,
- Play-in: The knockout stage for participation in the main draw.
- Special invitation (Wild Card): Exceptional participation right given regardless of ranking criteria.
- Padel Board: The Padel Board of the Northern Cyprus Tennis Federation,
- Season: The period between the dates announced by the Board of Directors of the Northern Cyprus Tennis Federation
- Season Ranking: The ranking created according to the results obtained in a certain season,
- Sports Federation: Northern Cyprus Tennis Federation
- Sports Club: Padel and or tennis clubs registered with the Northern Cyprus Tennis Federation
- Athlete: A person who has obtained a padel license from the Northern Cyprus Tennis Federation,
- Team: The group of athletes who represent the same club in team competitions and participate in the matches through doubles,
- Super Tie-Break: A tie-break that reaches 10 points and is won by 2 points.
- Lucky Loser: Athlete/pair who was eliminated in the preliminary round and included due to a gap in the main draw.
- Consolation Draw: An additional draw for athletes who are eliminated in the main draw.
- Tournament Chief Referee: The referee responsible for the conduct of the competitions in accordance with the rules.
- Tournament: An organization in which athletes meet within a certain system.
- National ranking: The official ranking list determined by the Northern Cyprus Tennis Federation.

- Board of Directors: Refers to the board of directors of the Northern Cyprus Tennis Federation.
- FIP: Refers to the International Padel Federation.
- The field describes the area where padel will be played.
- Equipment refers to the equipment used in the game of padel, such as balls, nets, rackets and so on

CHAPTER TWO

Court-Ball-Racket Principles

Article 5 - Fields

- a) Padel Courts must be in the dimensions and standards determined by the (FIP) International Padel Federation.
- b) As a result of the inspections to be carried out by the padel committee, the Federation will not approve tournaments with or without points on padel courts that do not meet the standards determined by FIP.
- c) As a result of the inspections, tournaments will be allowed to be held on courts approved by the Federation.
- d) Clubs are responsible for bodily and/or material compensation claims that may be made by 3rd parties as a result of an incident that may occur regarding the courts despite the approval.

Article 6 - Equipment

The equipment determined by FIP is used on the playgrounds and while playing the game.

CHAPTER THREE

Main Provisions

ARTICLE 7 - Competition season

- (1) The padel competition season is carried out between the dates determined by the Board of Directors of the Northern Cyprus Tennis Federation. Tournaments that are not approved or outside the dates determined by the federation are not considered official and no points are awarded for these tournaments.
- (2) No other tournaments can be held on the dates of the tournaments with points determined by the Federation and published in the calendar.
- (3) The federation does not organize more than 12 tournaments with points per year.
- (4) The federation opens the tournaments in the tournament calendar to the clubs and distributes the tournaments to be held equally to the clubs that request them at the beginning of the year.

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ARTICLE 8 – Participation in competitions

The participation conditions of sports clubs and athletes who will participate in padel competitions are determined in line with the decisions of the Board of Directors of the Northern Cyprus Tennis Federation.

ARTICLE 9 - Conditions of participation of athletes

- (1) Must have a valid license issued by the Northern Cyprus Tennis Federation.
- (2) Must not be banned from participating in matches for any reason.

- (3) There should be no disciplinary action.
- (4) The health declaration form must be signed before each tournament.
- (5) Athletes can only operate on behalf of one club in a season.
- (6) Athletes can also participate in tournaments individually.

ARTICLE 10 - Health condition

All athletes sign the health declaration form declaring their health status and declaring that they are aware of the risks that may arise during sports, that they are responsible for the problems that may arise as a result of these risks and that they will not hold the Federation responsible in any way.

ARTICLE 11 - Category and age classification / eligibility

- (1) Athletes must meet the age and performance criteria of the category they participate in.
- (2) Categories such as juniors, juniors, stars, juniors, seniors, veterans, beginners, intermediate players and advanced/masters are determined by the Federation.
- (3) The federation is authorized to merge categories and/or open new categories.
- (4) The federation may hold competitions that do not require age eligibility or exceptional age conditions, if any, may be added to the tournament status.

ARTICLE 12 - Discipline, ethics and doping rules

Athletes must comply with the Disciplinary Instruction of the Northern Cyprus Tennis Federation and the International Doping Instruction.

Application and registration procedures

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Athletes must register within the announced period.

ARTICLE 14 - Participation of sports clubs or athletes

- (1) Athletes can participate in tournaments on behalf of the club or as an individual couple.
- (2) If the clubs are going to operate in the Padel branch, they must notify the federation and register.
- (3) Transfers are made in accordance with the transfer regulations of the Northern Cyprus Tennis Federation.
- (4) The rules regarding foreign players are determined by the instruction to be prepared by the Northern Cyprus Tennis Federation.

ARTICLE 25 - Coaches

Coaches and assistant coaches must have a valid coach certificate and have a visa for that season.

What is meant by valid Coach certificate:

- a- To have successfully completed the coaching courses opened by the federation
- b- To have a coaching certificate approved by the federation
- c- To have an internationally recognized coaching certificate

ARTICLE 26- (1) - Types of competitions

- (1) Official competitions: These are the competitions that are held within the annual planning of the Northern Cyprus Tennis Federation and give points.
- (2) Special competitions: These are competitions that are held with the necessary permissions from the Northern Cyprus Tennis Federation but do not give points.

ARTICLE 27- Competition methods and rules

- (1) Competitions are played according to the FIP Padel Game Rules.

- (2) The competitions are mainly played as Male Doubles and Female Doubles. If the federation organizes, competitions can also be held in the mixed doubles category.
- (3) In order for the tournament to be held, there must be at least 2 (two) courts in the sports facility in accordance with the rules.
- (4) Age and/or level is not required in Mixed Pairs categories, it is played as a single category.

ARTICLE 28 – Lottery and competition systems

Applicable systems:

- a- Open draw
- b- Closed draw
- c- League system

The padel board decides which draw and competition system will be applied.

ARTICLE 29- Scoring and categories

- 1- Scoring is done according to FIP rules.
- 2- In tournaments held in facilities with a court spacing of less than 3 meters, points are awarded if the ball goes out in accordance with the rules.
- 3- The federation may apply any of the competition systems specified below according to the number of participants.

System 1:

Main Draw: Tie break is applied in all sets out of 3 sets.

Teselli (Consolation)

Tie break is applied in all sets out of the final 3 sets.

Other Matches: Played over 2 Sets; In case of a tie, a "Super Tie Break" is played, which is won with 10 points and a difference of 2 points.

System 2:

OYUNDA SKOR (RULE 1. SCORE IN A GAME)

(A) Advantage

1. The first point earned is called "15", the second point is called "30", the third point is called "40", and the fourth point is called "game". However, if both pairs win three points each, it is called a "deuce" (tie).
2. The first point earned after a draw is an "advantage". If the same pair wins the next point, they win the game. If the point is lost, the score is "deuce" again. A pair must score two points in a row to win the game.
3. To win a set, a pair must win 6 games with a difference of at least 2 games.
4. If the score is 5–5, two more games are played to win the set and the set ends with 7–5.
5. If the score is 6–6, a tie-break is played.
6. Matches are played over 3 sets. 2 sets must be won to win the match.
7. If agreed in advance, the third set can be played without a tie-break in a 1–1 set tie. In this case, it takes a difference of two games to win the set.

(B) Star Point

1. The first score is 15, the second score is 30, the third score is 40, and the fourth point is the game. When the score is 40–40, it is called "deuce 1".
2. The pair that wins the next point is called "advantage 1". If the same pair wins the next point, they win the game. If he loses, the score is "deuce 2".
3. Then "Star Point" is played.
4. In Star Points:

- The couple who will receive the service chooses whether to receive the service from the right or left.
 - Receiving players cannot change places.
 - The couple who wins this point wins the game.
5. In mixed matches, the player receiving the serve in Star Points must be the same gender as the server.

(C) Golden Point

1. An unadvantageous system is applied. The score is announced based on the server's score:
 - 0 points : Love
 - 1 point : 15
 - 2 points : 30
 - 3 points : 40
 - 4 points : Game
2. If the score is 40–40, Golden Points are played. The receiving couple chooses to receive the serve on the right or left.
3. The receiving couple cannot change places.
4. The couple who wins the Golden Point wins the game.
5. In mixed matches, the receiver must be of the same gender as the server in the Golden Point.

TIE-BREAK

1. During the tie-break, the points are 0, 1, 2, 3... It is counted as such.
2. To win the tie-break, 7 points must be won with a difference of at least 2 points.
3. The player who serves first serves a single serve from the right.
4. The opponent scores the next two points with a double (starting from the left).
5. After that, the service continues as two points in accordance with the order.
6. The tie-break set is won with a score of 7–6.
7. The next set is started by the pair that did not serve first in the tie-break.

ALTERNATIVE SCORING METHODS

- a) Set of Four Games (Mini Set)
 - It takes 4 games, at least 2 game differences, to win the set.
 - If the score is 4–4, a tie-break is played.
- b) Match-Deciding Tie-Break (Up to 7 Points)
 - If the sets are 1–1, a single tie-break is played to determine the match.
 - Whoever wins 7 points by at least 2 points wins the match.
- c) Super Tie-Break (Up to 10 Points)
 - If the sets are 1–1, a super tie-break is played instead of the last set.
 - Whoever wins 10 points by at least 2 points wins the match.

SEEDING:

If the number of players participating in the competition is 16 or less, 4 players, 64 or less, 8 seeded and 64 seeded if more than 16 (seed).

a) If the number of seeds is 4; (16-32 tournament) 1st seeded to the top of the fixture, Seeded number 2 to the bottom of the fixture, Seeds 3 and 4 are determined by drawing lots and the first one is placed in the 5th place from the top, and the second is placed in the 12th place from the top.

b) If the number of seeds is 8; (32-64 tournament)

After the first 4 seeds are placed as specified in subparagraph (a) above, the 5 and 8 seeds are determined by lot to the bottom of the first quarter of the first fixture, to the bottom of the second quarter of the second fixture (from top to 16th place in 32), to the top of the third

quarter of the third fixture (17th place at the top in 32), to the top of the fourth quarter of the fourth fixture, (from top to 25th row at 32).

c) If the number of seeds is 16; (Tournament with 64 or more participants) After the first 8 seeds are placed as specified in subparagraphs (a) and (b) above, the 9th to 16th seeds are determined by lot, and placed in the top and bottom of every 1/8 of the fixture from top to bottom.

If the number of players participating in the competition is not twice the number of four, such as 16, 32, 64, some players advance to the round without playing a match in the first round as follows.

- In case of one lap skip, the number 1 seed advances.
- In case of two lap skips, the 1st and 2nd seeds advance.
- In three types of jumps, seeds 1 and 2 advance.
- In the case of four skips, the winner of the draw between the seeds 1,2,3,4 and the seeds 5,6,7,8 is awarded the round and in case of more skips, it is also distributed by lot and to all parts of the fixture as equally as possible.

In this way, after the seeds and qualifiers are determined, the other players participating in the competition (and those from the "qualification" competitions, if any) are placed.

The number of players in qualifying competitions is the number of players in the main competition fixture

cannot pass. Coming from the qualifying competitions, a maximum of 4 and

In fixtures below 32, a maximum of 2 places are allocated.

Mixed Competitions can be included in tournaments if at least 3 Pairs register.

In case it is decided that the Age Categories will be as follows:

Beginners (Beginner) 13+

Intermediate 13+

Advanced 13+

ARTICLE 30- General technical concepts

All National competitions must comply with the instructions of the Northern Cyprus Tennis Federation.

ARTICLE 31- Age categories

The categories are as follows; The federation has the authority to combine or separate categories and to determine categories in tournaments.

Age categories: 12–14–16–18–Seniors–Veterans, Beginners, Intermediate and Advanced.

The ages of the athletes who can take part in the categories are determined on the basis of the year of birth. Month and day are not taken into account.

12 Age (10-11-12)

14 Age (12-13-14)

16 Years (15-16)

18 Age (13-14-15-16-17-18)

Seniors (18-30 years old)

Veterans (30-40, 41-50, 51-60, 61-70, 71-80)

Beginners 13+

Intermediate 13+

Advanced 13+

Veteran age categories are determined separately in line with FIP Seniors.

"2026 FIP Seniors age groups 40+ • 45+ • 50+ • 55+ • 60+"

ARTICLE 32- Tournament Format, Categories and Points System

1-Tournament Format

- A. The Tournament Format to be applied is the Group format.
- B. The padel committee has the authority to change the tournament format.
- C. The format to be applied is reviewed by the padel committee every year before the tournament calendar is announced and the format to be applied is announced.

2-Categories

There are 3 official categories.

- a) Advanced (ADV),
- b) Intermediate (INT),
- c) Beginner (BEG).
- d)

3- Scoring System

★ 1 = 25 points.

Every year, when the tournament calendar is announced ★, the Padel Committee announces how many points 1 will make and the scoring is made accordingly.

★ 1 = 25 points

Fixed percentage distribution per round:

- **Champion = 100%**
- **Finalist = %60**
- **Semi-finalist = 36%**
- **Quarter-finals = 20%**
- **Round of 16 (R16) = 12%**
- **Round of 32 = 5%**
- **Consolation Champion = 4% (if applicable)**
- **Consolation Second Place = 2%**

1) Upper Level – ADVANCED (ADV)

- **Stars: 20★ (fixed)**
- **Champion points: $20 \times 25 = 500$ points**
- The percentage table above applies to all rounds.
- Advanced/Upper Level is the highest category. Star value is not dependent on participation. The value announced ★ at the beginning of the year is used in all tournaments.

Master Sample (20★)

Tour	%	Ratings
Champion	100%	500
Finalist	60%	300
Semi-finals	36%	180
Quarter-finals	20%	100
<u>R16</u>	<u>12%</u>	<u>60</u>
<u>R32</u>	<u>5%</u>	<u>25</u>

Consolation Champion	10%	50
The Second After Consolation	5%	25

2) Intermediate (INT) ve Beginner (BEG)

The star levels to be applied according to the number of participants are determined by the Padel Committee and published every year when the tournament calendar is announced, and no changes are made during the year.

1. In the INT and BEG categories, the star value varies according to participation (decreases if enrollment is low).
2. The federation opens a preliminary INT and BEG category in the calendar.
3. The final star value is confirmed after the registration deadline and always before the start of the tournament.

Star levels to be applied for INT and BEG based on the number of entries

Participation (couples)	Stars (INT)	Stars (BEG)	Champion Points (INT x 25)	Champion Points (BEG x 25)
≥ 32 pairs	Art. 15★	Art. 10★	375	250
21 – 31 pairs	Art. 13★	★ 8	325	200
13 – 20 pairs	Art. 11★	★ 6	275	150
9 – 12 pairs	★ 9	★ 4	225	100
≤ 8 pairs	★ 7	★ 2	175	50

Examples of INT and BEG

Example A — 28 pairs → 13★(INT)-8★(BEG) pairs

Champion (INT) = $13 \times 25 = 325$ points – Champion (BEG) $8 \times 25 = 200$ points

Tour	%	Points (INT)	Points (BEG)
Champion	100%	325	200
Finalist	60%	195	120
Semi-finals	36%	117	72
Quarter-finals	20%	65	40
R16	12%	39	24
R32 (if	5%	17	10

equipped)			
Consolation Champion	4%	13	8
The Second After Consolation	2%	7	4

Example B — 10 pairs with low participation →9★(INT)-4★(BEG) pairs

Champion = $9 \times 25 = 225$ points Champion (BEG) $4 \times 25 = 100$ points

Tour	%	Points (INT)	Points (BEG)
Champion	100%	225	100
Finalist	60%	135	60
Semi-finals	36%	81	36
Quarter-finals	20%	45	20
R16 (if equipped)	12%	27	12
R32 (if not applicable)	5%	11	5
Group Third Place	4%	9	4
Group Fourth Place	2%	5	2

3) Operational Rules and Notes

- **Star confirmation:** The federation announces the final star value of each event after registration closes (e.g., 48 hours before the start of the tournament) and before broadcasting the final draw. This value determines the points awarded.
- **Percentage application:** All round points are calculated using fixed percentages applied to the champion's points (based on the final star value). Values are rounded to the nearest whole number.

- **Consolation Giving:** The consolation champion receives 4% of the champion's points (when there is a consolation tie). It maintains this hierarchy: winning the main draw round (R32 or R16) earns more points than winning consolation points.
- **Publication:** The federation will update the official standings no more than 5 working days after the end of the tournament.

Article 33 - Ranking

- The best results from tournaments, which account for 80% of the number of tournaments announced annually, will be used to rank players individually and points will be awarded as listed in the ranking table per category.
- The ranking system will be used to seeded players in tournaments:
- In INT and BEG tournaments: There will be 8 seeds for 32 pairs, 4 seeds for 16 pairs and 2 seeds for 8 pairs.
- Masters Tournament: There will be 2 seeds for 8 pairs.
For new pairs of two players, their total points ranking will determine the ranking.
- The Ranking/Points System will be adopted annually with a 12-month cyclical system widely used internationally. Points earned in tournaments remain valid for 12 months and then expire automatically.

A player earns points from tournaments played in the last 52 weeks. After 12 months, points from the same tournament expire. New results replace old ones.

For example, if a player earns 200 points in May 2024, those points will remain in the ranking until May 2025. If the player competes again in May 2025 and earns 150 points, the 200 points expire and the new 150 points are added to the ranking.

Article 34 – Category Change

- 1- Those who win at least 60% of the last 10 matches will advance to the next category
- 2- Those who play in the semi-finals / finals in at least 3 Tournaments advance to the next category
- 3- A player who loses 8 matches in a row in the same category is relegated to a lower category
- 4- A player who is eliminated in the first round (3rd or 4th in the Group) in at least 3 Tournaments is relegated to a lower category
- 5- Players who take a long break and return (6 months – 1 year) start again at a level below their current level before taking a break.

Article 35 – Penalties

- 1- Clubs that employ coaches without a license and/or with a license that is not visaed by the Federation are fined 5 minimum wages and 1 year of not organizing tournaments by the Federation.
- 2- As a result of an injury that may occur to 3rd parties due to the failure to carry out the necessary maintenance of the courts, the Federation does not allow the relevant club to hold a tournament until the necessary maintenance is done. Cancels and/or postpones scheduled tournaments to a later date.
- 3- In case of disciplinary violations, the Disciplinary Instruction of the Northern Cyprus Tennis Federation is applied.

ARTICLE 36 - Statutes and organization

Competitions are played according to the announced status.

ARTICLE 37- Right of registration and representation

The registration of the results is made by the Northern Cyprus Tennis Federation and all representation rights belong to the Federation.

ARTICLE 38- Postponement and change of location

No postponement can be made except for force majeure.

ARTICLE 39- Appointment of arbitrators

Referees are appointed by the Northern Cyprus Tennis Federation.

ARTICLE 40- Clothing

Athletes must compete in appropriate clothing.

ARTICLE 41- Objections

Objections are made within 1 hour from the end of the competition.

ARTICLE 42- Foreign athletes

Foreign athletes can participate with the approval of the Northern Cyprus Tennis Federation.

ARTICLE 43 - Matters not included in the instruction

In cases where there is no provision, the Board of Directors takes a decision.

ARTICLE 44- Enforcement

The instruction enters into force on the date of its publication.

ARTICLE 45- Execution

The provisions of the instruction are executed by the President of the Northern Cyprus Tennis Federation.