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1. SCOPE AND FUNCTIONAL STRUCTURE

1.1 Scope of Regulation

These regulations govern the organization and execution of all competitions included in the APPT official calendar. By voluntarily participating in an APPT competition, players, teams, coaches, and other stakeholders explicitly agree to comply with these regulations and commit to maintaining the principles of fair play, sportsmanship and ethics.

1.2 Competencies and Functional Bodies of APPT

The APPT holds complete authority over all competitions in its official calendar, with responsibilities that include:

- Selection and inclusion of events in the official calendar.
- Confirmation or modification of competition dates.
- Resolution of disputes arising during competitions.
- Evaluation and implementation of rule changes when required.
- Communication of updates or changes to players and organizers, always before the registration deadline of affected tournaments.

2. COMPETITIONS AND CALENDAR

2.1 Naming of Competitions

APPT competitions must be named with the following nomenclature criteria:
The following phrase must be included:

1. **"APPT"**
2. **"CHALLENGER", "OPEN", "GRAND SLAM", "MASTERS" or "MASTERS FINALS"**
3. **"by BRAND"** if Title Partner / Naming Partner
4. **"in CITY or TOWN"** where the Competition is held.
5. and **"Year"**.

APPT reserves the right to include the name of a Title or Naming sponsor as part of the tournament name.

These terms may be reviewed and modified if new Tournaments of different categories and economic endowment become possible as a result of the new collaboration framework.

2.2 Calendar

The APPT Calendar is developed and published in all official APPT channels after Board approval. The APPT Board reserves the right to adjust the calendar as necessary for operational or scheduling needs.

2.3 Tournament Management and Tournament Director

APPT may designate a Tournament Director to oversee competition logistics. Their primary responsibilities include:

- Ensuring all tournament obligations and facility standards are met.
- Managing the draw and schedule in coordination with referees.
- Decision-making regarding suspensions or delays (e.g., adverse weather).
- Verifying the availability of trophies, balls, and other equipment.
- Coordinating registrations and the flow of information among players, facilities, and officials.

2.4 Referee Functions

Controls and regulates everything related to the normal development of the Competition, with the following functions:

- Player list and registration, drawing, order of play.
- Conduct and control the initial draw for each match.
- Intervene if required (deciding if they saw the play or situation or indicating a replay of the point if deemed appropriate).
- Application of the regulations, code of conduct and discipline.
- Management of results and updates.
- Rankings.

2.5 Categories of Tournaments, Levels/Categories, Modalities and Restrictions

Tournament Categories	Levels / Categories	Modalities	Restrictions
Challenger	Profesional/Ama.	Male/Female/Mix	Not pairing: Pro M:Top 30 Pro F:Top 20
Open	Profesional/Ama.	Male/Female/Mix	No Restrictions
Grand Slam	Profesional/Ama.	Male/Female/Mix	No Restrictions
Masters	Profesional/Ama.	Male/Female/Mix	No Restrictions
Masters Finals	Profesional/Ama.	Male/Female/Mix	TBC
APP Cup	Profesional	Male/Female	Selected Players
APP League	TBC	TBC	TBC

2.6 Tournament Week

Tournament Category	Clinic Day	Live Drawing	Press Conference	Starting Day	Ending Day	Total Days
Challenger	Thursday	Tuesday	Friday	Friday	Sunday	3 days
Open	Thursday	Tuesday	Friday	Friday	Sunday	3 days
Grand Slam	Wednesday	Tuesday	Thursday	Thursday	Sunday	4 days
Masters	Wednesday	Tuesday	Thursday	Thursday	Sunday	4 days
Masters Finals	Wednesday	Tuesday	Thursday	Thursday	Sunday	4 days
Cup	-	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Sunday	4 days
League	-	-	Tuesday	Wednesday	Sunday	5 days

2.7 Prizes

Prize money table (the amount distributed in each round can be modified if the Competition Management considers it so to make it a fairer distribution):

Male

	CHALLENGER 2.5K	OPEN 5K	GRAND SLAM 10K	MASTERS 15K	MASTERS FINALS 15K	MASTERS FINALS 20K
WINNER	\$ 1000	\$ 2000	\$ 4000	\$ 6000	\$ 6000	\$ 8000
RUNNER UP	\$ 500	\$ 1000	\$ 2000	\$ 3000	2nd: \$ 3000	2nd: \$ 4000
SEMIFINAL	\$ 250	\$ 500	\$ 1000	\$ 1500	3rd: \$ 2000	3rd: \$ 2500
QUARTER FINAL	\$ 125	\$ 250	\$ 500	\$ 750	4th: \$ 1200	4th: \$ 1750
ROUND 16		-	-		5th: \$ 950	5th: \$ 1500
ROUND 8 (QUALY)		-	-		6th: \$ 750	6th: \$ 1000
ROUND 16 (QUALY)		-	-		7th: \$ 600	7th: \$ 750
ROUND 32 (QUALY)		-	-		8th: \$ 500	8th: \$ 500

Female

	CHALLENGER 0.75K	OPEN 1.5K	GRAND SLAM 3K	MASTERS 5K	MASTERS FINALS 5K	MASTERS FINALS 10K
WINNER	\$ 500	\$ 700	\$ 1500	\$ 2000	\$ 2200	\$ 4000
RUNNER UP	\$ 250	\$ 400	\$ 800	\$ 1000	2nd: \$ 1100	2nd: \$ 2000
SEMIFINAL		\$ 200	\$ 350	\$ 500	3rd: \$ 750	3rd: \$ 1500
QUARTER FINAL				\$ 250	4th: \$ 400	4th: \$ 1000
ROUND 16					5th: \$ 300	5th: \$ 700
ROUND 8 (QUALY)					6th: \$ 250	6th: \$ 500
ROUND 16 (QUALY)						7th: \$ 200
ROUND 32 (QUALY)						8th: \$ 100

Invoicing

Invoices for any of the prizes must be sent to the organization to the Administrative Department: marketing@asiapacificpadeltour.com.

3. TECHNICAL PROVISIONS

3.1 Draw

The first fundamental rule governing the draws in APPT tournaments organized under the APPT regulations is the impartiality of the draw and the protection of seeded players, ensuring that the top-ranked players do not face each other in the early rounds. This distribution promotes a fair and balanced tournament.

The primary rule of the APPT regulations is that draws must be designed to be fair and transparent, with the proper placement of seeds in strategic positions and an impartial draw for the remaining players.

Process:

Draws are generated using the APPT Management System, with seeding based on the Official APPT Ranking.

The draw will be public and conducted on the specified date listed in the tournament's technical sheet.

Players will be located into the draw as follows:

1. First step: To draw and place the seeds in the corresponding brackets.
2. Second step: To place the BYE's.
3. Third step:
 - a. The rest of the pairs following the players list from top to bottom. (the team after the last seed will be the first drawn: the team "X" will be in bracket number "Y").

- b. Positions for the “qualifiers” will be drawn and located in the empty brackets of the main draw by Q1, Q2, Q3 and Q4.
- c. Qualifiers will be ordered by Q1, Q2, Q3 and Q4 from the top to the bottom of the qualifying draw.

Seed Criteria**Number:**

- Draw of 8: 4 Seeded
- Draw of 16: 8 Seeded
- Draw of 32: 8 Seeded
- Draw of 64: 16 Seeded
- Draw of 128: 32 Seeded

Positions:**Draw of 8 Teams (4 Seeds)**

- Seed 1 and 2: (1) and (8)
- Seed 3 and 4: (4) and (5) via draw
- Seeds 5, 6, 7, and 8: Not applicable

Draw of 16 Teams (8 Seeds)

- Seed 1 and 2: (1) and (16)
- Seed 3 and 4: (8) and (9) via draw
- Seed 5, 6, 7, and 8: (4), (5), (12), and (13) via draw
- Seeds 9, 10, 11, and 12: Not applicable

Draw of 32 Teams (8 Seeds)

- Seed 1 and 2: (1) and (32)
- Seed 3 and 4: (16) and (17) via draw
- Seed 5, 6, 7, and 8: (8), (9), (24), and (25) via draw
- Seeds 9, 10, 11, and 12: Not applicable
- Seeds 13, 14, 15, and 16: Not applicable

Draw of 64 Teams (16 Seeds)

- Seed 1 and 2: (1) and (64)
- Seed 3 and 4: (32) and (33) via draw
- Seed 5, 6, 7, and 8: (16), (17), (48), and (49) via draw
- Seed 9, 10, 11, and 12: (9), (24), (41), and (56) via draw
- Seed 13, 14, 15, and 16: (8), (25), (40), and (57) via draw

Draw of 128 Teams (32 Seeds)

- Seed 1 and 2: (1) and (128)
- Seed 3 and 4: (64) and (65) via draw
- Seeds 5, 6, 7, and 8: (32), (97), (33), and (96) via draw
- Seeds 9, 10, 11, and 12: (17), (81), (48), and (112) via draw
- Seeds 13, 14, 15, and 16: (16), (80), (49), and (113) via draw
- Seeds 17, 18, 19, and 20: (9), (73), (56), and (120) via draw
- Seeds 21, 22, 23, and 24: (24), (88), (41), and (105) via draw
- Seeds 25, 26, 27, and 28: (25), (89), (40), and (104) via draw
- Seeds 29, 30, 31, and 32: (8), (72), (57), and (121) via draw

Note: The seeding structure ensures that higher-ranked teams meet later in the competition.

Restrictions:

Players who are disqualified, suspended, or not correctly registered are excluded from the draw.

3.2 Wild Cards

Wildcards allow entry to players or teams who would not otherwise qualify based on ranking. The APPT Sports Department is responsible for assigning Wild Cards and must approve them before the draw.

- 1-2 WC Draw of 8: 4 Seeded
- 2-4 WC Draw of 16: 8 Seeded
- 2-6 WC Draw of 32: 8 Seeded
- 2-6 WC Draw of 64: 16 Seeded
- 2-8 WC Draw of 128: 32 Seeded

Special Wildcards (SWC): The APPT organization reserves the right to grant special wildcards in exceptional or unforeseen circumstances.

3.3 Score

- Matches will be the best of three sets with a tiebreak at six-all.
- Double Deuce + Golden Point: At the second deuce in each game, a Golden Point will decide the winner of the game, with the receiving team choosing the side. In mix modality the server will serve to same sex opponents: Female to Female and Male to Male.

Due to exceptional circumstances if determined by the Tournament Director and Referee. The organization can change the system to:

- The third set may be replaced by a Super Tiebreak
- Matches to 9 games
- Sets to 4 games
- Games with golden point at the first deuce

3.4 Time Schedule Published

The time schedule will be published in the Tournament's Technical Sheet, taking into account the characteristics, category, and format of each Tournament.

The type and size of the draws will be determined depending on the number of teams registered in each category. Categories options:

- Pro Male Qualy
- Pro Male
- Pro Female Qualy
- Pro Female
- Pro Mix Qualy
- Pro Mix
- Amateur Male Qualy
- Amateur Male
- Amateur Female Qualy
- Amateur Female
- Amateur Mix Qualy
- Amateur Mix

3.5 Order of Play

The order of play must at least include the day and time or turn of each match. Alternatively, terms such as "following" and/or "not before" can be used.

General Principles, Schedules and Court Assignment

- In clubs with courts with and without exits where several matches are played simultaneously, APPT will decide and inform players if all matches will be played under the same conditions (without outdoor play).
- The court assignment criteria will be at the organization's discretion.
- The APPT Sports Department (or Tournament Director, if applicable) may change the order of play if deemed necessary for the proper development of the competition or for reasons considered convenient and necessary.
- These changes must be publicly announced with sufficient notice so that affected players can be informed and adjust their plans.
- The organization reserves the right to change match times, the order of play, initially set courts, and even venues in these cases. Matches may need to be played on courts without outdoor play simultaneously (force majeure, weather, etc.).

Player's Responsibility: It is the player's responsibility to check the match schedule through the official APPT page, WhatsApp Group, Instagram Channel, the organization, or other means without requiring APPT to communicate this schedule or other circumstances.

4. CODE OF CONDUCT

4.1 General Principles

All participants must uphold high standards of behavior and demonstrate respect towards opponents, officials, and spectators. Misconduct that discredits the sport will not be tolerated.

4.2 Violations and Sanctions

Minor Violations:

- Disrespect towards opponents or officials.
- Delays in starting matches without a valid reason.
- Wearing inappropriate attire not in compliance with APPT rules.

Serious Violations:

- Physical aggression towards others.
- Severe cases of verbal abuse or match disruptions.
- Doping offenses or attempts to manipulate results.

Very Serious Violations:

- Repeated serious violations.
- Actions damaging the integrity of the sport.
- Illegal behavior during or around competition events.

Sanctions:

Minor: Verbal warning or small fines.

Serious: Suspension or exclusion from multiple events.

Very Serious: Long-term bans or legal action.

Sanctions will be communicated in writing to the player and their team, and the decision will be final and binding. Players have the right to appeal sanctions according to the procedures established by APPT.

Appeal

Players have the right to appeal any sanction imposed by the APPT Disciplinary Committee. Appeals must be submitted in writing within 15 days of receiving the sanction notification. The appeal should clearly state the grounds for contesting the decision.

Procedure

1. Submission of the appeal to the APPT Competition Department competition@asiapacificpadeltour.com.
2. Review of the case by the Competition Department, which may request additional evidence or statements from involved parties.
3. Decision by the Competition Department within 30 days of receiving the appeal.
4. The decision of the Competition Department is final and cannot be contested further within APPT. Players may seek recourse through external legal channels if they believe their rights have been infringed.

Warnings and Pre Warning:

- **Warning:** applied by team
- **Pre Warning:** decision of the referee if applied to an individual or team.
- **First Warning**
- **Second Warning:** sanctioned and lose the next point.
- **Third Warning:** disqualified and lost the match.

Additional Information:

APPT will not use the live stream or any cameras around the court to help decide in/out calls. Spectators should also not be asked to help decide these outcomes.

4.3 Responsibility of Players

- **Compliance:** Players must comply with all APPT regulations and directives, including those relating to competition rules, conduct, and sportsmanship.
- **Disclosure:** Players are required to disclose any potential conflicts of interest or incidents that may affect their participation in APPT competitions.
- **Training and Fitness:** Players must maintain appropriate levels of fitness and training to ensure their readiness for competition. They are responsible for their physical and mental well-being, and for seeking medical advice when necessary.

4.4 Ethical Standards

- **Fair play:** Players must adhere to the principles of fair play, which include honesty, respect, and integrity. Cheating, gamesmanship, and other forms of dishonesty are strictly prohibited.
- **Respect for officials:** Players must show respect for match officials and their decisions. Disputing decisions in an aggressive or disrespectful manner is unacceptable and subject to sanction.
- **Respect for opponents:** Players must always treat their opponents with respect. This includes respecting their right to compete fairly and not engaging in actions that could harm or intimidate them.

5. MATCH PROCEDURES AND REGULATIONS

5.1 Entry

- 1.Registration: Players must register for competitions via the official APPT website by the specified deadline.
- 2.Confirmation: Entries will be confirmed by APPT, and players will receive notification of their acceptance or rejection.
- 3.Fees: Entry fees must be paid in full before the competition begins.

5.2 Withdrawal Process

- 1.Notification: Players wishing to withdraw must notify APPT as soon as possible.
- 2.Refund Policy: Refunds for entry fees will only be provided if the withdrawal occurs before a specified date, typically one week before the competition starts.
- 3.Penalties: Late withdrawals may result in fines or suspension from future competitions.

5.3 Match Rules

- **Warm-Up:** a five-minute warm-up is allowed before matches.
- **Toss:** a coin toss determines the first server and the choice of sides.
- **Timekeeping:** matches must start on time; late arrivals may face penalties.
- **Walk Over:**
 - Without prior notice, the referee will call three times, with spaces of 5 minutes in between. This is then followed by disqualification. The referee will wait a maximum of 20 minutes.
 - With prior notice the referee will have the right to decide and communicate the opponents final decision.
- **Rest between breaks:** 90 seconds
- **Rest between sets:** 120 seconds
- **Time between points:** 20 seconds

5.4 Coaching

- Coaches must register before the tournament and communicate to the tournament desk.
- Coaching is only allowed during 90-second changeovers and 120-second set breaks. Coaches must remain outside the court during play and refrain from interfering.

5.5 Officials and Referee

- Referees ensure the proper conduct of matches and enforce all rules. Their decisions are final unless formally appealed within one hour of a match's conclusion.
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5.6 Post Match Procedures

Report Results

- **Score Submission:** Winning team must report their match scores to the tournament desk immediately after the match together with the game balls.
- **Verification:** Scores will be verified by the match officials before being recorded in the official tournament results.

Appeals and Disputes

- **Filing an Appeal:** Appeals must be filed within one hour of the match's conclusion.
- **Dispute Resolution:** The APPT Competition Committee will review disputes and make a final decision within 24 hours.

5.7 Equipment Regulations

Racket

- Approval: All padel rackets must meet the specifications set by the FIP.
- Inspection: Rackets may be inspected by officials before and during matches to ensure compliance.

Ball

- Type: Only APPT-approved balls will be used in competitions.
- Replacement: Balls will be replaced when determined by the tournament rules.

Note: Players are not allowed to play shirtless or short-less.

5.8 Facility Requirements

Court

- Dimensions: Courts must adhere to the standard dimensions specified by the FIP.
- Surface: The surface of the courts must be approved by APPT and maintained in good condition.

Lighting and Safety

- Lighting: Adequate lighting must be provided for all matches, especially those played in the evening.
- Safety Measures: Safety measures, including appropriate fencing and netting, must be in place to protect players and spectators.

6. RANKING AND POINTS SYSTEM

6.1 Purpose

The APPT ranking system is designed to objectively determine the best players based on their performance in APPT competitions. The ranking serves as a basis for seeding in tournaments and for qualification in various events.

6.2 Points Allocation and Ranking

- **Points Allocation:** Points are allocated based on the round reached in each competition. The higher the round, the more points are awarded.
- **Tournament Category:** Points awarded will also vary depending on the category of the tournament (e.g., Master, Open, Challenger).
- **Consolation Winner Points:** The winner of the consolation draw will get extra points but never exceeding the points won in the second round. In situations where the winning team of the consolation started in the second round because BYE it will be given the higher points won position (second round points).

PROFESSIONAL					
	CHALLENGER	OPEN	GRAND SLAM	MASTER	MASTER FINAL
WINNER	500	1000	2000	3000	4000
R 1 (FINALIST)	300	600	1200	1800	2400
R 2 (SEMI FINALIST)	150	300	600	900	1200
R 4 (QUARTER FINALIST)	90	180	360	540	720
R 16	50	100	200	300	400
R 32 OR (QUALY QUARTERS)	25	60	120	180	240
R 64 OR (QUALY R16)	13	30	60	90	120
QUALY R32	5	18	36	54	72
WINNER CONSOLATION MAIN DRAW	75	150	300	450	600
WINNER CONSOLATION QUALY	38	90	180	270	360

AMATEUR					
	CHALLENGER	OPEN	GRAND SLAM	MASTER	MASTER FINAL
WINNER	75	150	300	450	600
RUNNER UP	45	90	180	270	360
SEMIFINAL	23	45	90	135	180
QUARTER FINAL	14	27	54	81	108
ROUND 16	8	15	30	45	60
R 32 OR (QUALY QUARTERS)	4	9	18	27	36
R 64 OR (QUALY R16)	2	5	9	14	18
R 128 OR (QUALY R32)	1	3	5	8	11
WINNER CONSOLATION MAIN DRAW	11	23	45	68	90
WINNER CONSOLATION QUALY	6	14	27	41	54

Note: The APPT organization reserves the right to adjust the point system while maintaining proportionality and safeguarding players' rights.

Updating ranking

- **Weekly Updates:** The APPT ranking is updated based on the results of completed tournaments.

6.3 Tie-Break Rules

- **Total Points:** The player with the highest total points will be ranked higher.
- **Number of Tournaments:** If tied, the player who participated in fewer tournaments will be ranked higher.
- **Head-to-Head Record:** If still tied, the head-to-head record in APPT competitions will be considered.
- **Recent Performance:** If all else is equal, recent performance in the last 52 weeks will be used to break ties.

6.4 Special Consideration

- **Injuries:** Players who miss competitions due to verified medical reasons may apply for a Protected Ranking, allowing them to retain their ranking points for a specified period.
- **Wildcard Entries:** Players granted wildcard entries may earn ranking points just like other competitors.

7. AWARDS AND RECOGNITIONS

7.1 Annual Awards

- **Player of the Year:** Awarded to the highest-ranked player at the end of the calendar year.
- **Most Improved Player:** Awarded to the player who has made the most significant climb in the rankings over the year.

8. MISCELLANEOUS

8.1 Hotel Rights for seeded players

- Hotel accommodation will be provided to the top seeded teams in Male and Female categories for each tournament.
- Top 4 Male teams and Top 2 Female teams
- To qualify, players must be in the top 30 of the Male APPT rankings or top 20 of the Female APPT Rankings.
- A deadline will be given for registering for each tournament on the APPT website.
- Upon that deadline, the top 4 male seeded teams who qualify, and top 2 female teams will secure the right to the hotel accommodation.
- Should a higher seeded team enter after the registration deadline, they will not claim the rights to the hotel above the lower seeded team.
- All players eligible will be contacted via whatsapp to ensure they are aware of the deadline and will be given at least one communication of this deadline, 14 days prior to the deadline.
- If a seeded team has one player from top 30 (male) or top 20 (female), and the other from outside top 30/20, or is unranked, they can still qualify for hotel rights.