



# Luxembourg Padel Championship 2026 - Rules & Format

## Tournament Seeding & Qualification Rules

### **1. Entry Limit & Acceptance**

- Each category is **limited to 24 teams**
- Players may register in **at most two categories**: their official category and one category above
  - The **24 teams** with the **highest combined ranking points** will be **accepted**
  - **Remaining teams** will be placed on a **waiting list**
- Registration Fee: **35€ per player** - payable at check-in **before your first match**  
*(Each player must complete check-in at least 15 minutes before their first match)*

### **2. Seeding**

- **Seeds 1-24** are determined based on the **combined ranking points of both partners**
  - **Seeds 1-8** qualify **directly for the main draw**
  - Teams seeded **9-24** must participate in the **qualification phase**
- For seeding purposes, a player in their **official category** is always ranked ahead of two players from **the category below**

### **3. Qualification Phase**

- The qualification phase consists of **one single-elimination match** per team
  - **Seeds 9-16** play against **Seeds 17-24** in the qualification phase
  - The **8 winners** qualify for **the main draw**; the **8 losers** are **eliminated**

### **4. Main Draw**

- The **main draw consists of 16 teams** (Seeds 1-8 direct entries + 8 qualifiers from the qualification phase)
- **All main draw teams** are guaranteed a **minimum of three matches** through classification (placement) matches
  - **All positions** (1-16) are played out

### **6. Match Format**

#### **Exception: Category P100**

- In Category P100, group matches are played as **one set to 9 games**
- Matches **from the quarterfinals** onwards are played best of three sets; if the score is 1-1, a **Champions Tie-Break** is played instead of the third set
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#### **Consolation**

- Consolation matches are played as **one set to 9 games**; a tie-break is played at 8-8
  - **Silver point** scoring is used
- Teams that **do not play their placement matches** will receive **0 ranking points**

### **7. Additional Categories**

#### **Kids Category (U18)**

- The Tournament includes a **U18 category**  
*(Eligible players: 12-17 years old)*
- Participation is **limited to a maximum of 8 players** (4 Teams)
  - Each player is guaranteed **two matches**
  - **No ranking points** will be awarded
- Matches are played **best of three sets**; if the score is 1-1, a **Champions Tie-Break** is played instead of the third set
  - **Silver point** scoring is used
- Each participant will receive a **participation prize** provided by the organizer

#### **Women's Category**

- The tournament include a **women's category**  
*(if there is sufficient interest at the previous try-out days)*
- Participation is **limited to maximum of 24 players** (12 Teams)
- Teams must have a combined category of 600 or lower (sum of both players category)
- The tournament is played in a **single-elimination (knockout)** format - the winner advances to the next round
  - **No ranking points** will be awarded
- Matches are played **best of three sets**; if the score is 1-1, a **Champions Tie-Break** is played instead of the third set
  - **Silver point** scoring is used