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# RULE BOOK

Global Padel Series — the open padel calendar and ranking

0.62 Winner · Challenger Phuket

2.39 Winner · Grand Slam Karachi

Del 0,62 del Challenger al 2,39 del Grand Slam.

GPS

GPA: the association · GPS: the open calendar · OWPR: the open ranking

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# 1. SCOPE AND STRUCTURE

## 1.1 Scope

This Rule Book governs the sporting organisation and conduct of all competitions listed on the **Global Padel Series (GPS) calendar**. By entering a GPS event, players, teams, coaches and other participants agree to comply with it and to uphold fair play, sportsmanship and integrity.

## 1.2 The GPS model (what is different)

GPS is an **open, aggregated series**, not a single promoter. Each adhered circuit, club or organiser **keeps its own event, brand, entries and community**. GPS does not take entries, charge for them, or keep a parallel list of players. What GPS adds is a **common Rule Book** for ranked events and a **single, open ranking (OWPR)** into which every result feeds under one published rule.

## 1.3 Governance

- **GPA** (Global Padel Association) owns the GPS format and the OWPR brand, and holds the authority to set and change the rules, under its statutes (where no single bloc holds half the vote). GPA **regulates inward and cooperates outward**; it does not homologate, sanction or guarantee third-party competitions.
- **GPS** maintains the calendar and this Rule Book, and coordinates adhered events through its regional contractors and country franchises.
- **OWPR** publishes the ranking method and reads every event under it.
- Rule changes are communicated to organisers and players **before the registration deadline** of affected tournaments.

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# 2. COMPETITIONS AND CALENDAR

## 2.1 Naming

A GPS event keeps the organiser's own name and may add the GPS tier. Recommended nomenclature:

1. the organiser's / circuit's name,
2. the GPS category — **CHALLENGER · OPEN · GRAND SLAM · MASTER · MASTER FINALS**,
3. "by BRAND" if there is a title/naming partner,
4. "in CITY", and
5. the year.

GPS does not require an organiser to drop its own identity; it adds a shared category label so the event reads consistently across the series.

## 2.2 Calendar

Events are listed on the GPS calendar once the organiser adheres and **declares, before the event is played, its category and the points it will carry** (see §6). The GPS calendar is published on official GPS channels. Dates and listings follow the organiser's schedule; GPS coordinates to avoid clashes where possible but does not override the organiser.

## 2.3 Tournament management

Each event is run by the **organiser**, who may appoint a **Tournament Director** responsible for: meeting facility standards and tournament obligations; managing draw and schedule with the referees; decisions on suspensions/delays (adverse weather — main-draw matches prioritised, all categories completed where possible); equipment (trophies, balls); and coordinating registrations and information between players, venue and officials.

## 2.4 Referee functions

The referee controls the normal development of the competition: player list and registration, draw, order of play; conducting the initial draw of each match; intervening and applying the regulations and code of conduct; managing and publishing results; and reporting results for ranking.

## 2.5 Categories, levels, modalities and restrictions

| Category            | Levels                 | Modalities            | Restrictions                                             |
|---------------------|------------------------|-----------------------|----------------------------------------------------------|
| Challenger          | Professional / Amateur | Male / Female / Mixed | No pairing: Pro M Top 30 · Pro F Top 20 · Pro Mix Top 20 |
| Open                | Professional / Amateur | Male / Female / Mixed | None                                                     |
| Grand Slam          | Professional / Amateur | Male / Female / Mixed | None                                                     |
| Master              | Professional / Amateur | Male / Female / Mixed | None                                                     |
| Master Finals       | Professional / Amateur | Male / Female / Mixed | TBC                                                      |
| Series Cup / League | Professional / Amateur | Male / Female         | Selected players / TBC                                   |

Amateur sub-levels (A/B/C) may apply per organiser, with proportionally lower point scales (see §6).

## 2.6 Prizes

Prize money and trophies are set and paid by the **organiser**. GPS does not intermediate prize money. The declared prize pool is one of the inputs OWPR uses to read the weight of the event (see §6 and the OWPR regulation).

# 3. MATCH FORMAT AND DRAW

## 3.1 Draw

Draws are seeded using the player's position and, where relevant, the GPS/OWPR ranking at the registration deadline. Byes and qualification rounds follow standard bracket rules. The referee conducts and controls the draw.

## 3.2 Wild cards

Organisers may grant wild-card entries. Wild-card players earn ranking points on the same basis as other competitors.

## 3.3 Score (default)

- Best of three sets, tie-break at six-all.
- **Double deuce + Golden Point**: at the second deuce a Golden Point decides the game; the receiving team chooses the side. In mixed, serve is to same-sex opponents.
- Exceptionally, and only if set from the start by the Tournament Director and Referee, a category may use: third set as Super Tie-break; matches to 9 games; sets to 4 games; Golden Point at first deuce; or traditional deuce. **The format is announced before play and held for the whole category.**

## 3.4–3.5 Schedule and order of play

The time schedule is published in advance; order of play is set by the referee in coordination with the Tournament Director.

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## 4. CODE OF CONDUCT

### 4.1 Principles

Participants compete with honesty, respect and self-control toward opponents, officials, organisers and the public.

### 4.2 Violations and sanctions

Point penalties, game penalties, defaults and fines apply, escalating with severity and repetition, for conduct such as: audible/visible obscenity, racket or ball abuse, verbal or physical abuse, unsportsmanlike conduct, coaching outside permitted windows, and leaving the court without permission. Sanctions are applied by the referee and may be reviewed by the organiser; serious cases are reported to GPS.

### 4.3 Responsibility of players

Players are responsible for knowing and following this Rule Book, being fit and ready to play at the scheduled time, and the conduct of their team and guests.

### 4.4 Ethical standards

Participants avoid any conduct that damages the integrity or image of the game.

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## 5. ENTRY, WITHDRAWAL AND PLAY

- **5.1 Entry** — through the **organiser**, by the published deadline. GPS does not collect or charge entries.
  - **5.2 Withdrawal** — notified to the organiser; late withdrawals and no-shows may carry sanctions set by the organiser.
  - **5.3 Match rules** — current padel rules apply, with the format of §3.
  - **5.4 Coaching** — only in permitted windows as defined by the organiser/referee.
  - **5.5 Officials** — the referee's on-court decisions are final for facts of play.
  - **5.6 Post-match** — results signed/confirmed and reported for ranking.
  - **5.7 Equipment** — approved rackets and balls; the organiser states the match ball.
  - **5.8 Facilities** — courts, lighting and safety meet the category's minimum standards.
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## 6. RANKING AND POINTS — HOW A GPS RESULT COUNTS

### 6.1 Two layers, kept separate

1. **The event's own points** (optional): a circuit or organiser may keep its internal points table. GPS does not remove it.
2. **The open ranking (OWPR)**: every GPS result also enters **OWPR**, the open world ranking, under one **published** rule — the same window, plateau and decay for every event, whatever its origin. This is what makes results across different circuits comparable.

### 6.2 Declare before play

The core GPS rule: **every GPS event declares, before it is played, its category and the points/weight it carries**. Players know what is at stake in advance, and the value cannot be renegotiated after the result.

### 6.3 Reference points matrix (per round and category)

This is the GPS reference scale (aligned with APPT's), which an organiser's event may use directly or map onto. OWPR then reads the event under its own published method (prize pool, category, field and date), so the final ranking weight is governed by the OWPR regulation, not fixed here.

### Professional category

| Round            | Challenger                                            | Open | Grand Slam / GS Platinum | Master / Master Platinum | Master Final |
|------------------|-------------------------------------------------------|------|--------------------------|--------------------------|--------------|
| Winner           | 500                                                   | 1000 | 2000                     | 3000                     | 4000         |
| Runner-up        | 300                                                   | 600  | 1200                     | 1800                     | 2400         |
| Semifinal        | 150                                                   | 300  | 600                      | 900                      | 1200         |
| Quarterfinal     | 90                                                    | 180  | 360                      | 540                      | 720          |
| R16              | 50                                                    | 100  | 200                      | 300                      | 400          |
| R32 / Qualy QF   | 25                                                    | 60   | 120                      | 180                      | 240          |
| R64 / Qualy R16  | 13                                                    | 30   | 60                       | 90                       | 120          |
| R128 / Qualy R32 | 5                                                     | 18   | 36                       | 54                       | 72           |
| Consolation      | first-round points +<br>(first-round points<br>× 0.5) |      |                          |                          |              |

Amateur scales (A/B/C) follow the same structure at proportionally lower values (see the APPT reference tables; to be confirmed per GPS category).

### 6.4 OWPR reading (governs the ranking)

In OWPR the result is weighted by a **published** method: a two-year window, a 13-week plateau, a linear decay to zero, and a minimum divisor — the same for every circuit. GPS does not alter a player's OWPR position by hand; the method does. Full detail: the OWPR ranking regulation (OWPR\_Reg l a m e n t o), at owpr.org.

### 6.5 Tie-breaks and special cases

Where an internal GPS standing is needed: total points, then fewer tournaments played, then head-to-head, then recent performance (last 52 weeks). **Protected ranking** for verified injury; wild-card players earn points normally. OWPR applies its own rules for its ranking.

## 7. AWARDS AND RECOGNITION

Annual GPS recognitions (e.g., player and newcomer of the year) may be awarded on published criteria.

## 8. GAMBLING AND INTEGRITY

Participants shall not, directly or indirectly: seek to influence a result for an improper purpose; offer or receive any benefit to under-perform or influence a match; bet on any GPS match or on padel matters they have privileged information about; or share confidential, non-public information for betting. Breaches are investigated and sanctioned, and may be referred to competent bodies. Advertising and media conduct follow the organiser's and GPS's guidelines.

## 9. MISCELLANEOUS

Seeding privileges, hotel rights and similar operational matters are set by the organiser per category. GPS may update this Rule Book while maintaining proportionality and safeguarding players' acquired rights; changes are published and communicated before affected registration deadlines.

\*Sources adapted: APPT Official Rule Book 2026–2027; OWPR ranking regulation; GPA statutes. Legal review: del Valle. No CIF/registration/address in distributed copies.\*

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