

## **RULES FOR PARTICIPATION IN THE OPEN DOUBLES PADEL TOURNAMENT**

### **RULES OF THE GAME**

#### **ART. 1\_ Organisation of the tournament**

**All players must have a valid Basic membership and a valid non-competitive sports medical certificate for the duration of the tournament.**

The doubles padel tournament is open; there are no gender restrictions of any kind in the formation of the team, it can be male-only, female-only or mixed.

The calendars, results, possible sanctions and measures and all useful information during the course of the tournament shall be published and updated on the dedicated page on the [sports website](#).

In the pool stage, the ranking of each individual pool is established according to the following scores:

- 3 points for each match won;
- 2 points for each match won 2 sets to 1;
- 0 points for each match lost 0 sets to 2;
- 1 point for each match lost 1 set to 2.

In case of tied leader board scores, the ranking will follow this order:

- a. Head-to-head;
- b. set difference;
- c. game difference;
- d. draw.

A team shall lose the game by forfeit if it fails to appear on the court within 10 minutes of the official starting time. Teams that fail to show up shall be declared losers by and shall lose the right to the return of the game deposit, unless they have notified the Organising Committee by 5 pm on the day before the match by sending an e-mail to [tornei@polimi.it](mailto:tornei@polimi.it) or by sending a message on WhatsApp to +39 338 4955185.

For the open doubles padel tournament, each team may consist of between **2 players** and **3 players (players cannot be substituted during a match)**.

No players may be added after the close of registration, with the exception of specific cases and/or needs (e.g. injury of a player).

Each player may participate with only one team; if a player is listed on the roster of one team, they cannot be listed on the roster of another team.

**It should be noted that the matches for the padel tournament shall be played at the same time as the matches for other sports (e.g., volleyball, 5-a-side football, 3x3 basketball); players who choose to participate simultaneously in the tournaments for more than one sport shall acknowledge in advance the possibility that these different matches may overlap. In this case, players shall have the sole right of choosing the match in which they wish to take part; the Organising Committee shall bear no responsibility for such an occurrence and any request by the teams to reschedule the games shall be declined.**

The duration of the match shall be: the best of three sets of 4 games. In each game, at 40–40, the Killer point is played, and the couple receiving the serve choose the end at which to receive the serve. The set is won by the first couple to reach one of the following scores: 4-0 / 4-1 / 4-2 or 5-3 (in the event of 3 games all). If the couples reach **four games** all, a **tie-break** shall be played to 7 points.

During the match, the teams shall **self-referee** and count the scores independently; in case of dispute over a point, the point must be repeated. The teams shall change ends at the end of each set. At the end of the match, the captains of both teams shall sign the match report indicating the scores of each set, and hand the report to the secretary.

The matches shall be played at the Giuriati Sports Centre on Wednesday and Friday from 1 pm to 5.30 pm.

The start time and dates of the tournament may be changed at the discretion of the Organising Committee. In the event of any changes, the captain(s) of the team(s) shall be notified promptly by the Organising Committee.

Once scheduled and designated, matches may not be rescheduled, except in the case of organisational problems on the part of the Organising Committee. Any requests to reschedule a match shall NOT be accepted.

For anything not covered in the above rules, the technical and disciplinary regulations of the Italian Tennis Federation shall apply. Participants are referred to the regulations of the Italian Padel Federation, at the following [link](#).

## **ART. 2\_ Sanctions and additional provisions with respect to the GENERAL RULES OF TOURNAMENTS OF POLITECNICO DI MILANO**

### **Deposit**

Each team must deposit a **€50** fee as a tournament deposit and undertake to participate in all matches as per the schedule published on sport.polimi.it.

In the event that the team fails to turn up in time to play the match and has not notified the Organising

Committee by 5 pm on the day before the match (by sending an e-mail to [tornei@polimi.it](mailto:tornei@polimi.it) or by sending a message on WhatsApp to +39 338 4955185), the deposit shall not be returned and shall be retained as a supplement to the registration fee.

The deposit must be paid in **cash** at the Giuriati Sports Centre on the day the team kit is handed out (the captain shall be notified by e-mail) and can be reclaimed from the day after the last match played by the team and no later than **20 December**, also at the Giuriati Sports Centre.

## GAME FORMULA

The tournament can include a maximum of 32 teams. The teams shall be divided into 8 pools of 4 teams each.

During the first stage, each team will play a single match against all the other teams in its pool.

At the end of the pool stage, the teams ranked first and second in each pool enter the knockout stage.

Once the 16 teams have been decided, the tournament shall continue according to the following knockout schedule:

